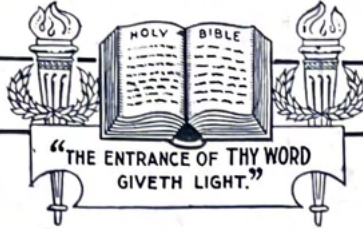


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The Mood of Modern Man

THE tower of Babel is a symbol of human pride. When the ancients thought they could make their future secure, they planned this huge tower which, they believed, would enable them escape the judgments of God. The only way by which men can reach security is on the path of divine righteousness. Men thought they could ignore that way and, by their own efforts, still keep themselves secure from the consequences of evil living. Thus, to the sin of disobedience, they added the sin of human pride.

If education enables a man to appreciate the facts of life, to unfold the beauty and glory of nature, and, at the same time,



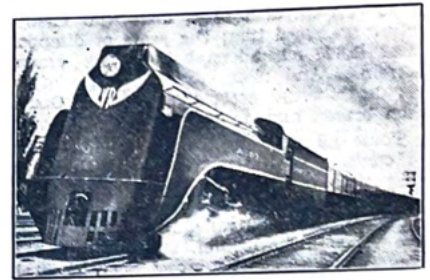
An artist's conception of the building of the tower of Babel.

to realise the need of walking humbly before God, it is something we all ought to cultivate. There are men who have enjoyed the advantages of the best education the schools and universities can provide, and yet delight to walk in fellowship with God. Like Moses, who learned Egyptian art and skill in the courts of Pharaoh and yet kept his faith in God, so to-day these men of great learning rejoice to serve their Lord. They have not given human knowledge a greater place in life than it ought to have. Simple faith in God

has saved them from falling into errors that human pride encourages. There is no appearance in their attitude of that snobbery or superiority that is displayed by many who have allowed an education to rob them of divine humility. There is a tendency for many to make their education a kind of tower of Babel in which they hope they will gain security. They make education a kind of compensation for their denial of God.

KNOWLEDGE that is not centred around God can be merely theoretical. By building theory upon theory, men can erect easily some flimsy tower of Babel in which they will seek to escape from the realities of life. The present irreligious mood of modern man can be accounted for in part by this denial of God and by this endeavor to find refuge in these human theories of life. The work of divine creation and the spiritual origin of man are denied in the materialistic evolutionary theory men teach. Those who seek to ignore the spiritual nature of man and the universe try to find some satisfaction in

this theory that other men of learning only accept as a temporary means of understanding life and not as the final explanation of reality such a materialistic evolutionary theory becomes a flimsy refuge for those who are determined to escape from God.



Men have become enslaved by the machines they made to serve them.

UPON that unstable foundation another story has been built. To the theory claiming that man is only material in origin, there has been added the economic theory of man. Karl Marx has taught that the only things that satisfy man are the material values found in nature, and the improvements of those materials by physical labor. He taught that man lives by bread alone; religion is only pie in the sky.

There is no need for us to more than point to that nation where such a view of life was applied thoroughly, to show how inadequate it is. The bitter experiences of war have revealed that many Russians have a strong belief in God; the material theory of life has not met all their needs. That men love spiritual values such as freedom more than material security has been manifested also by the struggle of underground armies in Europe during the past four years.

Within the last forty years, the new psychology has built another story on to modern man's tower of Babel. Basing his view of man's behaviour upon several assumptions that cannot be proved, Freud formed a theory of man that has given satisfaction to those who seek to deny the reality of man's spiritual dependence upon God. By trying to explain

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Beauty cannot be weighed or measured by a mathematical formula.



IN the life of every man and woman there is one hour in which he is the centre of his world, and justly so, because in it he has done something which has contributed to his world or to himself, something of surpassing value. The long line of life's benefactors were men and women who, in some hour of their life, felt a world within themselves, because of what they had to bring to the larger world of humanity. When Lincoln stood on the banks of the Ohio and cried, "If ever I get a chance to hit this thing, I will hit it hard." In that hour, Lincoln's hour, the slave question was in the balance. As Edison grappled in those last few minutes with the perfection of his machine for harnessing electricity, in that hour, his hour, a dawn was breaking upon the world, a dawn of discovery. As Joshua faced Israel in the far-off day and challenged them with serving God or not, that was their hour, and in it Israel chose the Almighty, and went on in conquest. When Jesus went into Gethsemane, there to bare his soul, it was his hour, and in it all the anguish of a man who knew his future possessed him; the years of disappointment and misunderstanding were crammed therein. And more, the knowledge of what his death would accomplish between God and man braced him, in that hour.

These all were to their recipients an hour of crisis. To the man in camp there comes that time of decision, when he must determine for himself if his course of life, his standards of life, shall remain the same as before the Army claimed him, or whether the easy way of following the crowd shall claim him. In that hour he shapes his own destiny. And the same applies when each person is faced with the fact of Jesus Christ, whether he be Saviour or simply a good man. In that hour a man shapes his eternal destiny.

Five years ago it was the hour of those we call enemies. In that day they rose up and shattered the innocent and destroyed the work of centuries. His hour lasted for three years. Then as the hours of time passed on, another found that his hour was upon him. To-day the hour belongs to the Allied nations, as those who abused their hour find themselves overwhelmed by the reaction of the things they did when time was theirs. Grimly and inexorably, with patience and suffering, the hour which shall see it all cease, is coming upon us.

And we rejoice amid it all, in our separation here, for we know that the hour of the end prefaces the hour of the beginning—the beginning of a new day.

That hour shall belong to you and to me. That is the hour for which we have been spared to live. The heart of my talk is summed up in the question, What shall we do in it? That will probably be one of the greatest questions we'll ever have to face. In other words, what will you and I determine to do with the peace which shall be ours?

The five years of war have forced us to see that we spent our lives in a somewhat useless pursuit, and the waste of our time caught up with us. I know, we are all longing for the day to come when we shall shed our khaki, pull the brakes off and make civvy streets ring with the sound of our hopes and release from monotony. But that isn't enough. Is there one man who will be honest and say, "I'm just longing to get back to the old days"? Very few will say it, for we are all convinced that those old paths are trodden deep, and have become a rut which may swallow us again—a rut too deep for our children to climb out of.

Let us be more definite now. When the hour comes, what will be your attitude in three directions?



**“The
Hour
is Come”**

*Chaplain E. P. C. Hollard, in a broad-
cast address over a national station to
members of the Services, emphasised
what must be achieved to reconstruct
the foundation of social life.*

TO LIFE GENERALLY?

There is a pseudo-philosophy to which the majority give allegiance, without any undue sense of conscience. It is, "Eat, drink and be merry." As a philosophy it has failed, for it had no cognisance of the future. We dare not return to it. We must face the fact that in a previous hour we condoned many evils by our complete indifference to them and their effect upon us and our children. The line of least resistance ultimately leads to the despairing defence of the few moral standards which remain to us.

A new philosophy must possess us; not what can we get out of life, but what can we put into it? that the best dividends be paid. The defence of the peace is in the manner of approach to life. Keep in mind that this coming hour is ours to serve our children.

Many a fellow will go home feeling spoilt in life by Army routine and monotony, and in consequence tend to become neglectful of finer things. Being under orders may even develop the attitude of looking for some form of regimentation. That means disaster. Conscience and character and God will be our masters to order us into the duty line.

TO THE CHURCH?

I've met fellows who say they cannot go to church in the Army. Many causes may militate against them, and we accept many of these causes. But what are we going to do about the church when the hour comes? Let us admit that we have neglected God and his house, because of some foolish pre-conceived idea. We've joined the crowd and voiced our criticism, never realising that the church is God's leashed or unleashed power on earth, and by our attitude to it we determine whether it be leashed or not. We have smugly said that we have been fighting for the freedom to worship—yes, freedom of the other fellow's worship! We want to remain free to ignore the rights of the eternal God. This may sound hard, but it is so true.

The church is no stronger than the humanity of which it is composed. If it deserved

your criticism in the past, then in your hour it demands that you strengthen it. Through 1900 years it has remained, and will continue so; the things it stands for are eternal and good. Any man who is aware of the opportunity life presents and demands, will be on the side of eternal things, of good things, for they alone are the ultimate.

Think not of any strictures you feel the church may place upon life and conduct; think only of the greatness of its task, the values it stands for, and the fact that it needs you as much as you need it. Anything the church asks a man to give up is only because it can and does give him something better.

Some have said that Christianity has been tried for 1900 years and has proved vain. That is incorrect, for Christianity has not been tried; it has tried our way of life and we have been found wanting.

Let me appeal to every manly man to stand in behind the manliest of all men, who, in his hour, thought not of himself, only of the world of men.

AND, TO GOD

When Christ was crowded out of the inn at his birth that became a symbol of the ages—God has been crowded out.

We must determine our attitude towards God when, nay, before the hour comes. In the final assessment our appreciation of God determines, not only our destiny, but our character also.

Is it enough to say, "I know there's a God, for there must be some creative agent"? If that is enough, then why bother to believe it at all? It does not make better men. Is it sufficient to think of him as our Father, and then get on with the business of being prodigal sons? Oh, no, God is the beginning and ending of all life, the Sustainer, Provider and Guide. You and I are life, therefore we cannot but define our attitude towards him. His attitude to us is plain enough.

"One ship sails east, another sails west,
With the self-same breeze that blows.
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
Which determine the way she goes."

In the hour a heartfelt and a sincere belief that this is God's world and it must be run his way, will outlaw evil and the things which now are. As individuals let each day be judgment day, as we assess ourselves by what we have done and by what we are. Enoch "walked with God," he was one with God, and like Paul he could claim to be a citizen of two worlds. Their way was determined by God. In the day of peace we'll want God directed lives and God directioned lives, else we shall not be worthy of the hour.

I pray that future generations shall look back upon us and say "that was their hour, his hour, and he failed not in himself, and he did not fail us."

This is your hour! What will you do with it—shirk its challenge, or rise up and with a greater courage than warfare can call, tread a path that will demand all you have and are, taking the knocks with a smile, knowing the glow of accomplishment, and honoring the God who made you? In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus found that his hour had come, and he faced it in the power of God, and even though in his death he appeared to be defeated, we know that he conquered. He calls us to the same confident, "Rise, let us be going!"

"If I knew that a word of mine,
A word not kind and true,
Might leave its trace
On a loved one's face,
I'd never speak harshly;
Would you?"

ROBOTS and RELIGION

P. E. Thomas, of Marrickville, N.S.W., in this interesting article, shows the need of bringing all life under the influence of Christian truth.

THE robot flying bomb is an ingenious device of diabolical origin. Launched from a site far removed from the target, it is directed with just enough accuracy to make it a devilish instrument of destruction and death. As a boasted improvement upon this dreadful machine is the German V2—reported to be a robot rocket plane, capable of doing enormous damage, and operating from a base more distant than that of the flying bomb.

Most Allied authorities maintain—and it seems that even Nazi spokesmen are in agreement with them—that these weapons are not war-winning inventions. They are much more devastating than sporadic bombs, but on account of their lack of real precision, have little or no military value.

NO one will doubt the inventive genius of the German people, nor their implementary power, but surely here is an effort sadly misdirected. Absolute desperation may have called for something to be done, and certainly the cry for revenge for the heavy Allied bombings of German cities has been loud and insistent, but to launch an attack that rains death and destruction upon civilians when such an attack could in no way serve any useful military purpose, is cruel and criminal foolishness of the first magnitude. Brain and industrial power can be an asset to any people, but its use in this way reveals need for control and direction.

For the sake of the world at large, there should be some power that could and would curb all unsocial and unethical actions of individual nations. External force applied by a League of Nations may accomplish much, but external force has its limitations, as we discovered after the last war, and will probably rediscover after this one. The only kind of force that is really and permanently effective is that which comes from within, the restraint imposed by a good conscience, a sense of honor, a love of justice and fair play.

THUS character, both national and individual, is of paramount importance, far and away above other things. It is that which determines, controls and directs our outlooks, at-

titudes and all that we say and do. With character of high standing there is no limit to a nation's usefulness; but without it, all power, be it brain, industrial, military or any other kind, is but a menace to world peace, security and happiness, as evidenced not only by the robot attacks, but in the outbreak of the war itself. Calvin Coolidge was right when, in an address on American Independence Day, 1926, he said, "We live in an age of science and an abounding accumulation of material things. These did not create our Declaration; our Declaration created them. Things of the spirit come first. Unless we cling to that, all our material prosperity, overwhelming though it may be, will turn to a barren sceptre in our grasp."

Because God is the source and fulfilment of all things of the spirit, we need him constantly. He it is who inspires and helps to nobility of character all those who give him place. Religion should pervade our affairs, and not be treated, as it frequently is, as something apart from our ordinary every-day life, that we can take up and put down at will without any very great consequence. Religion is so basic that the Creator in his wisdom has implanted within us a spiritual disposition and made us essentially religious. To follow this bent is to reap good; to do otherwise is to invite ultimate disaster.

JESUS claimed to possess the spirit of God. He said, "I and my Father are one." For three years he performed a public ministry. The Gospels bear this simple testimony of him, "He went about doing good." That is always the fruit of the spirit. Therefore, if we honor religion and cultivate the spiritual, good citizenship, high and purposeful living and helpfulness will result; but if we neglect it, selfishness, waywardness and evil will inevitably follow. The law is inexorable. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

Christian Order Week at Wellington, N.Z.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., has just passed through a busy period. After months of preparation, special subjects and sermon material were issued to all ministers, twelve studies in evangelism were prepared for week-nights, seventeen visiting speakers were selected from all parts of the Dominion, and no less than one hundred and thirty meetings were planned so that the message of Christian Order could be brought before the public. Hundreds of people were addressed each day in chapels, theatres, parliament, at the wharf, in schools, colleges, workshops, factories, business houses, clubs, over the radio, and wherever people could be gathered together.

The basic message of the "week" was that men were individuals who were face to face with their Maker, were members of families in which God had placed them, and were citizens responsible for the quality of life in city and nation. Man is beaten. Mankind has mastered the world of nature, but the individual is as powerless as ever to overcome in the world or himself. Actually his sense of honesty and standard of life's value and purpose have been still further weakened by the war. His family life is threatened by the

increase of disloyal sex conduct, in illegal promiscuity and abortion. His desire for a better world is frustrated by groups in all classes grasping at their own advantage and denying the brotherhood of man (exorbitant rents, distrust, intolerance, curtailment of civil liberty).

Greed, lust and lack of responsibility will not end with the war. They are as a creeping rot in the life of New Zealand, spreading quickly among men and women who do not know who they are, why they are here, or where they are going.

Man Needs God

Whether we know it or not, we are the children of God. We were made for fellowship with him; and lacking it our lives are meaningless. Our deepest needs are: A conviction of love at the heart of things, a power in our lives from beyond ourselves, and a cause in which to find fulfilment. These are all found in conscious daily dependence upon God, and in fellowship with those who love him.

The key to the way the universe is found in the life and teaching, the death and resur-

rection of Jesus Christ. From him we learn that God is a spirit, available to us, within us, eagerly waiting as a Father for our trust. Apart from this trust we cannot be whole and happy men and women. Apart from this trust and the way of life which springs from it (which is religion), there is no hope in righting the ills in Wellington or the world. But God will respond to our trust by giving us the will and the power to follow in the way of Jesus, to serve our fellows, and build a Christian order in all our relationships.

Without exception the speakers were well received both by employer and employee, and already many groups have been formed, and many requests have been received for further visits from the speakers. The whole city has been stirred, and a greater interest in, and respect for, the church has been created. —H. C. Bischoff.

The Mood of Modern Man

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religion as a means of escape from reality, and to suggest that the hopes of eternity are but wishful thinking, Freud has contributed to the irreligious mood of modern society. Other psychologists, like James and Jung, were as skilled as Freud in interpreting human behaviour, but they did not deny the reality of the truth of religion. Because of that their views have not been so acceptable to the men who want to build a tower of Babel. The psychology taught by Freud is not the most satisfactory view of the facts, but it is a type of theory that proud men desire to build into their tower, and that is why it has become so popular in some quarters.

Human pride has been encouraged by the amazing mechanical advances that have been made possible by man's mathematical skill. But because the mathematical view of life is not the final interpretation of the universe, for beauty in sight and sound, etc., cannot be measured, modern men have found themselves imprisoned in the tower they have built. Since more and more of life has become mechanised, more and more men and women have been compelled to work as machines in factories, etc. The joy of creative craftsmanship has been displaced by the drudgery of toil at the side of machines. Many of the instruments men slave to make bring terror and destruction to human communities. Many who have sought refuge in their tower of Babel have found slavery instead, and have now begun to experience a feeling of frustration. Because of this feeling of frustration there is some hope for man in the future.

Here and there signs appear that suggest that the present mood of despair is yielding to a new confidence based on a new faith in God. There is a glimmer of hope; for men are coming to believe that only God can restore the joys lost in the mad rush of modern life. This hope is based on the belief of many national leaders in Christ. Then the change of view of a philosopher like Joad, who has turned from materialism to a code of truth more in harmony with New Testament teachings, will help many to yield up their belief in materialism. While there is so much discontent and evidence of human frustration, Christians have the opportunity of showing in word and deed, the assurance and certainty Christ can give to all who believe in God. While unbelievers grope, let disciples show they have a more excellent way of meeting human needs. Such Christian witness can be very effective at such a time as this, so let us not delay to seize this opportunity to preach Christ and him crucified.

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The Next Day's Reckoning

Our N.S.W. correspondent, Ethelbert Davis, reports on the tragedy of the gambling evil and how State Governments encourage it.

SOME statements from an article by J. H. Schofield, sports editor of the "Sydney Morning Herald," should give us pause to think.

"Spring racing fever is approaching. Oct. 14 is Derby day at Randwick, and the public purse that day, when invested and re-invested, will account for at least £1,000,000. There can be no reliable estimate of the total to be spent on off-the-course betting." That, in bold type, was the first thing to hit the eye.

For the year ending June 30 last £28,000,000 was bet with bookmakers and £4,660,000 through the totalisator, creating records for the State.

In 1942-43 the money spent with bookmakers totalled £14,760,000, and totalisator investments were £2,370,000. An ordinary day at Randwick is responsible for £850,000 being invested in this way by the public.

We are further told that "attempts by the Federal Government to stifle by war-time regulation betting on horse races probably has helped, rather than hindered, an orgy of punting. Denied the information helpful to them for off-the-course betting, thousands of people have gone to the race tracks where it was available. They have found entertainment, and so they have stayed, with money to burn, giving the sport the impetus it regularly needs—a new generation of race-minded people." The liquor interests have also told us that they need to create in our youth a desire for drink if their trade is to successfully carry on. Mr. Schofield told us that, "The philosophy of the amateur gambler does not permit consideration of losing bets—at all events while the fever has him in its grip. Next day's reckoning may be another matter."

"Next day's reckoning may be another matter." That's the rub! Back awhile I called at a home in one of Sydney's fashionable suburbs, and saw a broken-hearted woman closing the door as she walked out of an empty house. She told me her story. Her husband was a gambler; spent his money on the race-course. He had gambled a large sum of money he had inherited; he had gambled his

wages, and lost his job; he had mortgaged his house and gambled the money; he had sold his furniture a room at a time and gambled the money. That day a penniless and homeless woman, she was walking from the house which, twenty odd years before, she had entered as a bride, and where her children had been born. That was "the next day's reckoning."

In another suburb I saw a woman holding in her arms an eight-year-old child. The child was a miserable cripple. And the story—it was a gambler's home. When they started out prospects were bright. The husband became "race-minded," and his money began to vanish. He pawned his wife's jewellery. He gambled the money his wife and children should have had for food and clothing. Then, money his wife earned was forcibly taken from her. Forcing money from her when she was in a delicate condition he permanently injured her, and the child born was deformed because of prenatal injuries. That was "the next day's reckoning." The government, we are assured by Mr. Schofield, has a finger in the pie. "In New South Wales the Australian Jockey Club holds its charter under an Act of Parliament. Governments, too, keep a finger in the pie. From time to time the clubs are called into consultation on racing matters.

"The much-talked-about Sydney Turf Club Act was designed by the present Government to eliminate proprietary clubs by the formation of a new club to take over Sydney's race-courses, not already controlled by the Australian Jockey Club, which, it is claimed, will permit of greater progress." Question: To what extent does the racing fraternity and the liquor interests control the government? Question: What reforms can the people expect when "Governments keep a finger in the pie"? Question: Does not the fact that "Governments keep a finger in the pie" account for the concessions granted to gambling and liquor interests? Question: When will the people, for the welfare of the nation, be concerned enough to tell the government to keep its fingers out of such pies?

C.E. Interests and Activities

R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. Youth Director.

MR. WILL CAMPBELL, National Union secretary, notifies that order forms for 1945 topic supplies will be forwarded to all societies this year. He urges societies to order early and to allow for new members. This year many societies found themselves short through ordering insufficient copies. He asks that the order include sufficient to allow one copy to be sent to each member absent on national service. Reports indicate that Endeavorers in the Services have greatly valued the topic books with their notes and daily Bible readings.

Next National Convention

The South Australian Union has issued a unanimous invitation for the next National Convention, to be held in Adelaide at the earliest possible date after travelling conditions make interstate conventions practicable again.

South Australia is making a determined effort to contact all Endeavorers in the Forces who belong to that State. This is an excellent way in which Endeavor can help to rehabilitate our boys when they are discharged. To be acceptable and of use for rehabilitation purposes, the church must contact whilst still

in the Forces. Confidence must first be established. There must be the fellowship of suffering and service before we can claim any right to guidance in peace.

We would like to hear of other efforts in this way and the means adopted. South Australia asks to be put into contact with S.A. Endeavorers in the Forces.

LOOK-OUT COMMITTEE HINTS

This committee has four duties: (a) To "look up" for strength; (b) to "look in" at the condition of the society; (c) to "look out" on the youth of the district for prospective members; (d) to "look after" the new members who join the society.

The committee should meet at least once a month—after Sunday school, after church, before Endeavor, or before or after club; any time that is most convenient for your members, but be regular.

See that each member prays a great deal about the work, and have committee prayer meetings from time to time.

Watch for any new families that have moved into the district, and if there are no intermediates in the family, there may be some who are available for the Junior society, the C.E. nursery, or the Sunday school.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

"MAN proposes,
God disposes,
So my heart
In him reposes,
Who in war-time
Still makes roses."

—J. Oxenham.

THANKS BE TO GOD

"THANKS be to God for a life full-packed, with never a minute in waste, with things that matter crying to be done—a life, thank God, of never-ending strife against odds. . . . Just time enough to do one's best, and then to pass on—leaving the rest to him."—J. Oxenham.

A GOLDEN PILL

WHEN Thackeray, the great author, called on one occasion to see an invalid in needy circumstances, he placed a pill-box on the table as he was leaving. It had on it the familiar label, "One to be taken occasionally." When he had gone, the patient, curious to find out the nature of the new medicine, pulled off the lid, and found the pill-box full of golden sovereigns. It was the generous donor's delightful way of making his charity less obvious. It nullified the idea of the sufferer being under an obligation, and was a truly tactful and kind-hearted action.—E.M.M.

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Boy.—"Have your chickens got wishbones?"
Farmer.—"No, lad; they're so happy they've nothing to wish for!"

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"WHICH THINGS ANGELS DESIRE TO LOOK INTO"

Oct. 16—Eph. 1: 1-14.
" 17—Eph. 1: 15-23.
" 18—Col. 1: 1-23.
" 19—Col. 1: 24-29.
" 20—James 1: 19-27.
" 21—1 Pet. 1: 1-12.
" 22—Psalm 103; 1 Peter 1: 13-25.

TO prophets of old God revealed his wondrous scheme of redemption; and they, in turn, predicted the suffering and glorification of the Messiah. Thus they ministered, not unto themselves, but to those who, under grace, should enjoy the promised blessings. And not only the prophets of old, and a countless host of Christians since, but even the angels of heaven, are deeply interested. They desire to "look into" these things. It surely befits us to be in line with the angels, constantly desiring to ponder over the wonders of redemption; searching the scriptures daily, finding delight in every text which helps us to understand the fulness of the blessings which are ours; but never forgetting that, unlike the angels, we who have sinned are now saved by the gospel sent forth from heaven.

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An Indian Pilgrimage

H. R. Coventry tells the story of how several Indian tailors set out on a tour to their native villages to tell relatives of the love of

Christ.

THIS is the month of Ashadh in the Hindu year. It is a time of pilgrimage for Hindus. The great festival at Pandharpur to which thousands of pilgrims walk on foot for hundreds of miles, is held this month. Their great day is the 11th, when their enthusiasm reaches its peak. Christians have not yet generally begun the practice of pilgrimage in India, but it is a factor in Indian life, and may well be sublimated to Christian use.

This idea impressed me last week when a group of Christian tailors told me that they had decided to go on a preaching tour for a week and visit their friends and relatives in distant villages. I decided I would go with them part of the way. I wanted to visit Wadgaon and some other villages. I started out on Friday, July 7, in the bullock-drawn caravan. Our bullock tonga carried a couple of preachers and a cook. The volunteer band of nine men went on foot. We reached Wadgaon about 4 p.m., and drew up near the houses of the Takaris. After meeting friends and having an evening meal, we held a bhajan in the Takari wada, with good attendance. Next morning, Vishwanath, the preacher there, and two local men joined us, and we set off for Morgaon about sixteen miles away to the north-west, by cart track. We had our midday meal by a stream near the villages of Murti and Modhwa, and then went on to Morgaon by 3.30. Some of the volunteers had turns riding in the tonga. We were met by Vishwanath Morgoankar and Yellappa, from Baburdi nearby, two Christian men, and they entertained the whole party of sixteen of us. After a short service in front of the Takaris houses next morning (Sunday), we started on our return journey via Karanje, which we reached about 6 p.m. Here we stayed in Mohanla's big wada. We held a meeting in his home, when eighteen of us partook of the Lord's Supper and P. Kamble preached. There were a number of visitors, non-Christians present, as well as the local Christians.

To the south stretched miles of irrigated land, and to the north fertile, dry land. Villages and hamlets were dotted about. In a brief prayer we claimed the area for Christ. We decided that a small chapel should be erected there as soon as possible. Several small gifts of money were promised for this project. Others will give later, and stones and labor will be provided. At night we held a well-attended bhajan which continued on till 1 a.m. The men were up early after a short rest, and by 8 a.m. we said good-bye to 15 pilgrims who were going on to the Satara District. It was a thrilling sight to see eleven Christian men and four non-Christian friends going off on a preaching tour to their friends and relatives in those distant villages. Only two were paid preachers on our staff—the others had left their work for a week or more to witness to Christ's saving power. The party went about fifty miles by train to Umbraj where they spent two days. On the return journey they spent two more days at Rui. They were well received and entertained by friends. May their witness bear much fruit! Please pray for them that their faith be made strong, and that they may be encouraged by seeing

fruit for their labor of love. We feel that an annual pilgrimage to some important villages will be a very helpful development in the years ahead. Our Baramati work started from that direction, and we should remember



Pilgrims Through the Street.

Notes on Various Topics

Pierre and Marie Curie

RECENTLY I was charmed by a reading of Eve Curie's book "Madame Curie," with its story of the discovery of radium, and the devotion of husband and wife, both great scientists, to one another and their life work. There are stimulating passages in the book, and also some sad records. The jealousy of those who should have been helpers, the belated recognition of the Curies' great work, reveal the poorer side of human nature. By contrast, the unselfishness of Madame Curie and her life which resolved itself "into a kind of perpetual giving" are inspiring. She "refused wealth and endured her honors with indifference." Of such as her husband and herself, Marie Curie wrote that, while "humanity certainly needs practical men," "humanity also needs dreamers, for whom the disinterested development of an enterprise is so captivating that it becomes impossible for them to devote their care to their own material profit." The world owes much to dreamers who renounced earthly rewards and spent themselves and their means in the service of humanity. Our Lord has taught us the comparative values of treasure upon earth and treasure in heaven.

I was struck by a remark attributed to Pierre Curie. Others would become heated in their wrangling over politics and questions of the day, while he would sometimes answer gently, as if to excuse himself, "I am not much good at getting angry." But few are "good" at it.

The Religious Press

In an article in the "A.C. World" entitled "The Religious Press: Yesterday and To-day," Mr. W. Henry Aitken says that the fact that "The British Weekly" had recently attained its three thousandth number set him think-

ing in some such way. We want to see a chapel in Karanje within the next few years as a centre from which more may be done for Christ. Will you join us in prayer?

Marvellous early rains have greatly cheered our hearts. We have never seen grass about in July in all our 28 years here as we see it this year. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!—H. R. Coventry.

HOW MIRAN HOSPITAL BEGAN

TO Dr. Wanless, as a young doctor in America, one day a child was brought, and on her death-bed the child handed to Dr. Wanless a purse containing 40 Canadian cents (Rs. 1-8)—her life's saving—with a request that he would go to India and start a hospital for children. "With a lump in my throat," wrote Dr. Wanless, "I accepted the gift, and later on decided to make that forty cents the nucleus of a fund for mission work, and by the time I reached India the fund had grown to eight hundred dollars." The ailing child was Elizabeth Wanless, the only sister of the late Sir William Wanless. Dr. and Mrs. Wanless arrived in India on Nov. 25, 1889. Sir William passed to his reward in March, 1933, having performed 96,000 operations in India. His deep life-secret was in prayer. His intimate friends many times saw him praying in his office, sometimes on his knees, sometimes prostrate.

(It was to Miraj that Dr. Oldfield sent our missionary, T. Escott, for treatment. He is slowly recovering.)

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ing of some religious periodicals which flourished in bygone days. He mentions, amongst others, the following which in earlier days I read for a time with interest: "The Christian Commonwealth," ably edited by one of our notable American brethren, Dr. W. T. Moore, "The Sunday at Home" (published by the Religious Tract Society, which has issued many excellent books), "Good Words," edited by Dr. Donald McLean, and "The Young Man," edited by F. A. Atkin.

Mr. Aitken has some closing sentences, which are worthy of the attention of all members as they consider the claims of "The Australian Christian": "Religious journalism has always suffered from handicaps peculiar to itself. Such periodicals, newspapers or magazines do not, of course, make their appeal to the crowd. Unless they are supported heartily and consistently by religious or church people their chances of success (and of increasing in circulation, which, after all, is vital to a successful newspaper of any kind) are small indeed."

A By-product of Nazi Oppression

Preaching at Manly Presbyterian church on Oct. 1, Mr. Frank Hanlin said that one significant result of Nazi oppression had been to draw Christians together in defence of liberty and decency. In many countries this had been the case. He also referred in his address to the World Council of Churches, which, he said, would be a means whereby Christian teachings can be interpreted anew in their bearing on our life, ensuring that these teachings will be regarded in the rebuilding and readjustment which will take place after the war.

A. P. Main

Here and There

D. E. Pittman is making good progress after his recent operation.

The following telegram reached us on Oct. 9: "Petersham, N.S.W., received eight into fellowship, Sunday; splendid messages Bren. Greenwood and Hibbert.—Hinrichsen."

A fine tribute was paid to the memory of the late A. G. Saunders in "The Northern Champion," the district paper for Taree, N.S.W. We are arranging for a fitting obituary notice to appear in a later issue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas, of North Williamstown, Vic., wish to thank numerous friends throughout the Australian churches for their letters of cheer to Mr. Thomas during his present illness. Prayers on his behalf are still sought.

Eastern suburban youth fellowship conducted a rally and tea at Mont Albert, Vic., on Oct. 8. 145 were present. Mr. Dewey gave an inspiring talk at rally on his ministry in India. Mr. Smith gave helpful messages at both church services. Sunday school is preparing for anniversary.

There was a large attendance at Bible class fellowship tea on Oct. 1, at Marrickville, N.S.W. Miss Roxburgh, of Norseman, W.A., was guest of honor, and gave an interesting account of her work amongst the aborigines. There were good services all day; fellowship with Ralph Legg, R.A.N., from Montrose, Vic.; Pte. Ellis Peake, Fremantle, and Pte. Roy Bain, Bunbury, W.A., was enjoyed.

Principal T. H. Scambler is now delivering a series of lectures at the Central Bible Class, Nicholas Hall, Lonsdale-st., Melbourne. The lectures are on the Corinthian letters, and the subjects are: (1) The Gospel Before the Gospels; (2) The Gospel at Work in a Gentile Community; (3) Lights and Shades of an Apostles' Life. The dates are Oct. 11, 18 and 25—Wednesday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

Education Week for Victoria commences on Oct. 25. Sunday, Oct. 29, will be Education Sunday, and a big public meeting is to be held in the Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, between 2.45 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. Accommodation of hall is limited. Tickets of admission for bearer and friend may be secured from secretary, Council for Christian Education in Schools, 31 Queen-st., Melbourne.

Brooklyn Park, S.A., celebrated twentieth church anniversary on Oct. 1. K. Jones, of Maylands, addressed morning service, while Mr. Baker, of Henley Beach, addressed a fine gathering in evening. Vocal items were rendered by members of church. Fellowship with R. Skinner and A. Philp, of Navy, and Lin. Manning, of Army, has been enjoyed. Harold Steward, of A.A.M.C., is home on leave. He is now restored in health.

C. J. Robinson has completed first year of his second term with church at Hartwell, Vic. At a combined junior and Y.P.S.C.E. consecration meeting, 37 Endeavorers were present. At W.M. Band on Oct. 3, Mrs. Nance-Kivell was speaker. College offering stands at £9/5/9. Cricket club held a church parade on Oct. 8. Choir sang an anthem, and C. J. Robinson preached. At conclusion of address a scholar from Bible school took her stand for Christ.

Fifty ladies were present at musical afternoon on Sept. 28, at Oakleigh, Vic., when over £5 was received for Guest Home hospital fund. H. M. Long was speaker at morning service on Oct. 1, and, at close of S. Neighbour's gospel address, two young people made the good confession. Mrs. Jeffrey was present at quarterly meeting of girls' fellowship on Oct. 3.

Attendance at worship service on Oct. 8 was 142. Hearing aids, the gift of a member, have been installed in chapel.

Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 1 and 8, at Thornbury, Vic. Visiting speakers were Dr. Hinrichsen, R. Muller, B. J. Combridge and A. Withers. Mr. Searle spoke at final service. Singing was led by F. Lee. Two senior girls made their decision on Oct. 1. Offering for College of Bible, including duplex envelope contributions, has passed £17. Mutual fund has passed £6000. This fund is a vital factor in financing the church debt, which will be reduced to £700 by end of year.

In our next issue, we shall present the report of the proceedings of Federal Conference held in Sydney, Oct. 3-8, under chairmanship of C. F. Adermann, M.H.R. It was decided to hold next Federal Conference at Adelaide, in 1946, the Federal Executive being: President, Chas. Schwab; vice-president, Dr. P. S. Messent; secretary, H. B. Taylor; assistant secretary, D. G. Hammer; treasurer, S. P. Langlois; committee, A. Anderson, S. Butler, W. C. Brooker, W. S. Harris, K. A. Jones and C. M. Verco.

Meetings during September were above average at Echuca, Vic. Members of men's training class again presided at Lord's Table. Mission Band, W.C.T.U. and Ladies' Auxiliary held usual meetings. The latter were guests of Presbyterian ladies on Sept. 19. A happy social evening was held on Sept. 28. At half-yearly business meeting, it was revealed that church showed definite improvement, and all auxiliaries were in good heart, particularly the S.S., with an average for September of 87.

At Perth, W.A., last Lord's day, "The Bulletin" had its first birthday. For this ministry of information and inspiration the typewriter and duplicator were provided by A. M. Bell and A. B. Povey, secretary and treasurer, respectively. J. Keith Robinson, on Oct. 1, at 11 a.m., gave an instructive message. At 3 p.m. Bible school began anniversary celebrations; there was a crowded gathering. An excellent programme was given by school on the theme, Jesus the King of kings. The cradle roll was called by Mrs. Robinson, who gave each child a bouquet. A talk was given by Allen G. Elliott. At 7.30 p.m., the service was broadcast over station 6KY. Cyril Cook, Bible school superintendent, spoke of the past year's success and plans for future. Mr. Robinson preached.

By cable from America news has been received that W. B. Blakemore, B.A., has passed away. About 35 years ago, Mr. Blakemore came from America to minister at Lake-st., Perth, W.A. During his ministry there, the chapel was crowded often on Sunday evenings. He was invited to take up the work at Swanston-st., Melbourne. For several years he led the work well in that historic centre. Our brother was always interested in youth activities, and was appointed first full-time youth director for the Victorian Young People's Department. After three years of service he returned to America in 1924. He settled in St. Louis, U.S.A., and entered business, but continued to preach part-time for two small churches, and at the time of his death was just completing his 20th year with them. Mrs. Blakemore died a few years ago. Sympathy is felt for Miss E. Blakemore, New York; Dr. W. B. Blakemore, Chicago; and Frank, Washington.

At North Fitzroy, Vic., the P.S.A. on Oct. 1 was attended by members of Victorian Christian Union committee, and by Albert Anderson, Federal F.M. secretary. Brunswick City Band rendered excellent selections. Songs by Jack Clinton were much enjoyed. Principal A. H. Wood, M.A., B.D., dealt well with the question, "Should the Churches Federate?" Tracing through history the great divisions of the church, all seemingly justifiable at the time, the speaker pointed out that the causes

of such divisions no longer exist. He thought uniformity neither possible nor necessary. Religious bodies could federate in respect of such work as training of ministers, youth activities, evangelism, missions and social problems. This could be done, and the domestic affairs of churches remain under local control. All present were interested in an able presentation of a very vital question.

Under leadership of W. Easton, children excelled in singing at S.S. anniversary services on Oct. 8, at Footscray, Vic. Solos were rendered by Pamela Mullins and Ethel Clark, and a duet by Jean and Margery Lambert. Speakers for day were N. Gavros, D. E. Reeves and T. Turriff. There were excellent attendances at all meetings; about 300 were present both afternoon and evening. Over 100 stayed for fellowship tea at 5 p.m.

At Box Hill, Vic., successful Bible school anniversary services were held in the town hall on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. Speakers were W. G. Graham, A. E. White, Dr. Scholefield, of Baptist church, and F. T. Morgan. Anniversary concert was also held in town hall. On Aug. 26, Colin Handcock and Shirley Rogerson were married in chapel, Mr. Morgan officiating. Fellowship has been enjoyed with several brethren home on leave, including H. A. G. Clark, former minister of church. Mrs. Jackson, an old member of church, received the home-call on September 25. Sympathy of church is with her family, most of them active in church. Mr. Macfarlane is sick in Alfred Hospital. Young people are enthusiastic in their efforts to raise funds for structural alterations to school hall. On Oct. 8, Mr. Morgan exchanged with A. E. Hurren, of Balwyn, when the annual consecration service of Bible school teachers was held.

The women of Tasmanian brotherhood enjoyed a State day of fellowship and prayer. Large gatherings of women enjoyed happy fellowship on Sept. 27, in the Collins-st. chapel, Hobart. At morning session, 11 a.m., Mrs. C. P. Hughes was in chair. Mrs. Hill, W.A., led devotions. A stirring address was given by Miss Kelson, of the Egyptian Sudan Mission. A basket luncheon was partaken of at 12.30 p.m. The State president read greetings from other churches in State and welcomed visitors. Afternoon session was presided over by State president, Mrs. Madel-Cole. Mrs. Golley, of Hobart, led in devotions; Mrs. McGosh rendered organ recitals at both morning and afternoon sessions. Mr. Grimwade (Memorial Congregational Church) was speaker. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames McTosh, M. McDermott, Overline, M. Stranger; elocutionary item by Mrs. M. Staples. At the close of a very spiritual service visitors were entertained at afternoon tea.

September proved a month of considerable activity in church at Burnley, Vic. Special addresses were given both morning and evening on stewardship. Large numbers attended gospel services, when a lantern was used, and illustrated solos were well received. At a concert arranged by men of church, 250 were present. Good Companions held a variety sale and raised over £32. The ladies' social was a success; an amount of £22/10/- was handed to treasurer. Home-coming day brought celebrations of month to a happy conclusion, when a pleasant day of re-union was enjoyed. E. L. Williams, conference president, was preacher in morning. W. McDowell preached at afternoon session, and Mr. Crisp at night. E. McIlhagger brought greetings from former preachers and J. Nichols from former members. The responses were given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Conry, who have served church from its inception some 39 years ago, and who still render consecrated and devoted service. Over 100 signed the visitors book for day. Money and plans are now in hand to renovate completely the chapel; a full-time minister has been appointed, to take up duties as from first Sunday in February.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Monkland.—There were good attendances and a splendid monthly prayer meeting on Sept. 28. On Oct. 1 the College of the Bible offering (included in Gympie) exceeded last year. At night the Children's Day foreign missionary service was held, and the offering and boxes totalled £2/9/5.

Gympie.—On Sept. 24 a successful Children's Day missionary service was conducted, resulting in £7/6/1 per boxes and offering. The children were trained by Mrs. R. Turner. A. J. Fisher has completed a series of exhortations on personal evangelism in preparation for the mission. Mr. Fisher has been invited to conduct a mission at Toowoomba in October. Successful cottage prayer meetings are being held. On Oct. 1 the offering for College of the Bible totalled £8—an increase on last year. E. Trudgian preached the gospel on Oct. 1. The C.E. Society has sent greetings to about 170 in the Forces.

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Meetings continue to be very good, the average attendances for September being, 11 a.m., 118; 7 p.m., 148; communicants, 132. Extensive alterations have been made to kinder room of Bible school, enlarging and modernising it. T. J. Wilmet met with a painful injury to his right hand, and is confined to hospital for a while. Mrs. P. Byard and Mrs. Riley are also in hospital. The Intermediate C.E. again maintained high attendances throughout September, 28 being present on Sept. 17.

South Australia

Forestville.—There was a large attendance at a young people's gospel service held on Sept. 24, at which Mr. Nicholls, of the China Inland Mission, was speaker. Following Bible school that day, combined societies of Christian Endeavor held their anniversary meeting, which was addressed by Mrs. Nicholls. More than eighty people remained for tea in the kindergarten hall.

Prospect.—Services on Lord's day, morning and afternoon, Oct. 1, were conducted by Mr. Allbright (S.A. Alliance). The monthly fellowship tea was held; good fellowship was enjoyed. A. E. Brown led church in worship at evening session. Fellowship with G. Lawrie, M. Bunyon, R. Fax (R.A.A.F., on leave) has been enjoyed. M. Burton has been transferred to Katherine. Miss Whitfield is not enjoying best of health.

Murray Bridge.—On Sept. 24 a fine Bible school anniversary was held with choir singing under baton of L. C. Fitzgerald. Challenging messages were given by Keith A. Jones, of Maylands. N. G. Noble addressed another inspiring session on Sept. 25. Commemorations closed with a picnic in Murray Park on Sept. 30. Cottage meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Talbot. Mr. Talbot is improving slowly. Harold N. Page (A.I.F.) is invalided to 121 A.M.H., Northfield.

Strathalbyn.—On Aug. 27, S. Riches was speaker; at night a lady was baptised. Church appreciates the help of Messrs. Magor, Grosvenor, Filmer and Jackling as speakers, and the solos of Mrs. Willing and Mrs. Garwood. On Sept. 10 R. Durdin addressed the morning meeting; at night D. Swincer was speaker. C. Schwab spoke helpfully at both meetings on Sept. 17. Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 1 with B. Wharton as visiting preacher. Bright singing by the scholars was enjoyed, conducted by Mrs. S. Bartlett, with Mrs. Manning as organist; Mr. Grosvenor, pianist; and Mr. Dix, violinist. A large meeting enjoyed the birthday party on Oct. 2.

York.—60th anniversary services of Bible school were held Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. There were excellent meetings, chapel being filled on each occasion. G. Rootes was morning speaker on both Sundays. In afternoon of Sept. 24, D. G. Hammer held attention of scholars with an illustrated address. J. E. Shipway gave a splendid object lesson at evening service. On Lord's day, Oct. 1, anniversary services were continued. G. Rootes gave an interesting address to children at closing service. Mrs. L. V. Mathews, L.A.B., conducted singing; Miss G. Mossop was pianist; Mrs. E. J. Harding, organist; Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, violinists.

Hindmarsh.—Children's Day exercises were given at evening service on Sept. 17; £3/12/1 was received in offering. Doug. Pickering, from H.M.A.S. Shopshire, is in hospital in America. Mrs. L. E. Pearce, of Gladstone, was with the church recently. On Oct. 1, feeling reference was made to passing of A. G. Saunders. Mr. Saunders was baptised at Hindmarsh, and as a young man, assisted greatly the work. Sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. Saunders and Clair. Boys of Explorer Club visited Brooker's factory on Sept. 29. After an inspection, they were entertained at supper. Mrs. Field has had to return to hospital. At last meeting of the Dorcas Society, Mrs. McGregor, of Melbourne, gave a most interesting report on the work of the Christian Guest Home, Victoria.

Semaphore.—Monthly meeting of Mission Band was addressed by Mrs. Searle. A successful Bible school anniversary was held on Sept. 24. Splendid singing was given by school, under baton of N. Bray. Helpful messages were given by W. L. Ewers (morning and evening), and L. J. Samuels (afternoon). Sunday school superintendent, A. Samuels, was present after recent operation. Anniversary services were concluded on Sept. 26. Singing by school and travel films by P. W. Brooker were enjoyed by a large audience. Offering for Christmas cheer for orphans in India and New Hebrides amounted to over £6. A social to provide funds for Christmas parcels for Service personnel was held on Oct. 3; over £8 was raised. Cpl. Keith Ewers has been home on leave.

Queenstown.—During September, appreciated messages have been given by W. C. Brooker, S. Scudds, G. Cox, and J. Hall at the morning meetings, and W. C. Brooker and S. E. Matthews at gospel services. Duff Forbes, of Biblical Research Society, also delivered an illustrated lecture at a week night meeting. The Girls' Wattle Club entertained members and friends at a concert and social, when gifts suitable for the Navy League's Christmas appeal were given to club. Offering for aborigines amounted to £6/2/-. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews (Whyalla), Mrs. Bowd (Mundalla), W. Turner, and A. Martin, while home on leave. Mrs. F. Cox and Mrs. E. Martin have been removed to hospital. Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mrs. Ferguson, who passed away on Sept. 29.

Croydon.—The progress of work for September has been well maintained. Average attendances have been 85 in morning and 80 in evening. The number of young people at evening meetings is very encouraging. A. E. Brown and F. Hollams assisted with addresses on Sept. 3. Other visitors for month have been Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lawrence, of Lenswood, and Mrs. Frost, of Sydney. Funds have been raised to provide Christmas comforts for about 48 members of church, who are away serving in the Forces. The church has sustained a loss in the passing of Mrs. Lunn from this life. Our sister had been in ill-health for some time. A father's day ser-

vice was held in kindergarten department on Sept. 3, when fellowship was enjoyed with parents of scholars. A good work is being done by Dorcas sisters for the "Mareeba" hospital.

New South Wales

Mosman.—T. P. Dale, W. Donaldson, H. C. Gowans, W. K. Hunter and J. L. Stimson have been appointed trustees of property and directed to purchase a residence for preacher. Evening service was broadcast over 2CH on Sept. 10, when Miss Evans made good confession in response to Roy Acland's address. Mrs. Stimson was soloist, and choir rendered an anthem. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. Earl, of Box Hill, Vic., and Mr. Gray, of Coburg, Vic. Mr. Acland spoke morning and evening on Sept. 17. Miss Evans was baptised and Miriam Acland made the good confession. Visitors were Mrs. Watkins, from Hobart; Miss Mowser, Wagga Wagga; Ian Burns, R.A.A.F.; and Lieut. Rob Burns. C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., Federal conference president, exhorted church on 24th, when Miss Evans received the right hand of fellowship. Visitors included Sgt. and Mrs. Rossiter, Lismore, and Sgt. and Mrs. Carlton. At night Mr. Acland's message was supported by Mrs. Rossiter's solo and a choir anthem. On Oct. 1 Miss Evans was soloist at evening service. A harbor outing on Oct. 3 was enjoyed by young and old.

Victoria

Dunolly.—Interest is maintained in meetings. Mr. Hindman is giving helpful addresses. Bible school is practising for anniversary. Ladies' guild has held meetings in homes of Mrs. Beasy and Mrs. Scott. Good work is being done.

Chelsea.—J. C. F. Pittman continues to give inspirational addresses. On Sept. 24, a young people's tea, held in vestry, was followed by a united meeting of Congregational church and church of Christ. Mr. Sharp, of Congregational church, preached; about 70 were present.

East Kew.—At annual business meeting, all auxiliaries showed splendid activity. On Sept. 15, at a united men's meeting, F. L. Edmunds addressed meeting on liquor question. Mr. Boundy (East Kew Methodist) exchanged with Mr. Candy on Oct. 8. Mrs. E. Snibson was also received into church from Maylands, W.A. Great interest is shown among scholars in "Faithful Fishermen" campaign. Ray McDougall, R.A.A.F., who recently crashed over England, is reported off danger list.

Doncaster.—Closing meeting of anniversary services was held on Sept. 26; chapel was full. C. Candy gave the address; Mr. Smith, local Church of England minister, sent a greeting. Under baton of A. Tully, the choir rendered anthems, quartette party sang, Mrs. L. Tully recited, Mrs. R. Miller and Miss M. Miller sang a duet, and solos were rendered by M. McIntyre and R. Tully. Don Petty was organist. Supper was provided by ladies. Mrs. A. Taylor has suffered a broken leg caused by a fall, and is in hospital.

Frankston.—On Sept. 17, the evening congregation was largest since Mr. Hagger commenced his ministry. Two adults were baptised. The Emmanuel quartette sang. On Sept. 22, special spring campaign was brought to a close. Miss F. Cowper sang. Mr. Hagger preached at all services. Mr. Hagger was guest speaker at Methodist Men's Brotherhood. On Sept. 26 Mr. Hagger conducted a meeting in home of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, at Mornington. C.E. had a happy meeting in home of Mr. and Mrs. Hagger. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of J. McKenzie.

Reservoir.—Bible school anniversary services were concluded on Oct. 8, with well-attended meetings at 3 and 7. Afternoon speaker was T. Turiff, and in evening C. Page. A large number of visitors were present at both meetings. A boys' cricket club has been formed.

Silvan South.—Happy fellowship is enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who have recently come from N.S.W. to take charge of Monbulk young people's camp site. H. B. Robbins assisted in song service, and delivered the sermon on evening of Sept. 24. College offering, Oct. 1, amounted to £8/3/-. Co-operation with Methodist communion in conduct of Sunday services remains a noteworthy feature.

Stawell.—On Sept. 16, at a farewell social evening, V. Quayle was given a token of appreciation; he has rendered faithful service in past 19 months. Mr. Randall gave splendid addresses on Oct. 1. On Sept. 21, a combined ladies' meeting was held in chapel; visiting friends sang. On Oct. 5 a birthday party was given Mrs. Jenkinson and Mrs. Chapman, who are the oldest members of church. On Sept. 25, a successful concert, in aid of church funds, was arranged by Mr. Tromph.

Moreland.—Visiting speaker during last month was D. Stewart, of Middle Park. Soloists have been Fred Lang, Miss V. Barnden and Miss G. Potts. The I.C.E. choir, led by John Skinner, assisted at an evening service. Miss May Payne, who, for many years has been an active worker, has now transferred to S.A. Sympathy is felt for relatives of Pilot Officer Jack Lindquist, R.A.A.F., who is reported missing in air operations over Germany. Five Bible school girls made their confession of faith recently.

Warracknabeal.—51st anniversary celebrations were held on Oct. 1. Although wet weather prevailed, there were excellent attendances at all services, when A. A. Hughes was special speaker. Services were held at chapel in morning and evening, and in Town Hall in afternoon. A P.S.A. service was held, and an offering was taken for hospital. Visitors were present from surrounding districts—Brim, Minyip, Horsham. Mrs. Short, of Horsham, was soloist for day. Mr. Hughes delivered messages that were an inspiration. Offering for hospital amounted to £10.

Boronia.—The Young Worshippers' League, which has been the mainstay of evening services during winter, held a social and an evening service rally. Thelma Goodkin, of Y.W.L., made good confession at close of address by E. L. Williams. Christian sympathy is felt for H. Finger and family in passing of his aged mother. College offering reached record at £24. Ladies' auxiliaries are report-good meetings, and an increased effort for charity. Among the sick are Miss Kitty Chandler, who is in Fern Tree Gully Bush Nursing Hospital, and Harold Page, R.A.A.F., in Heidelberg Military Hospital. Sunday school is still maintaining splendid performance with 100 per cent. attendance on Oct. 8.

Black Rock.—Attendances have been well maintained at worship service. Addresses from Messrs. Wallington, Edmonds, Holloway, Elliott, and Hobson, of South Richmond, have been appreciated, in addition to Mr. Burns' messages. On Sept. 3, at 7 p.m., a united service was held in Congregational chapel, which was filled to capacity; combined choir rendered several anthems, and A. W. Stephenson delivered a stirring address. On Sept. 10, at gospel meeting, a company of 13 from Gardiner were present, when A. Thomas preached. Y.P.S.C.E. paid a visit to Guest Home at Oakleigh on Sept. 9. A hike to Belgrave and a visit to college were also enjoyed. On Oct. 1 J. Anderson, of Gardenvale, gave a very instructive chart address. Church was saddened by sudden home-call, on Oct. 5, of Mrs. Morey; sympathy is extended to friends and relatives.

Dandenong.—On Sept. 16, the girls' and boys' clubs combined to hold a jumble sale, proceeds being for temple day offering. A very successful afternoon raised approximately £25. Preparations are in hand for a two-weeks' mission, to be held early in November.

Sunshine.—Anniversary services, held on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, were most successful; attendances were very good. Speakers were Messrs. White (Brighton), Jackel (Essendon), Turriff (Kew), and Bennett (Sunshine). Singing of children, under leadership of J. I. Wright, was excellent. Social and prize-giving night was held on Oct. 4.

Emerald.—On Sept. 30, annual meeting was held, under chairmanship of G. E. Murray. Members stood in silence for two minutes at commencement, in respect of treasurer, John Morton, who died that morning; Mr. Berry led in prayer, thanking God for our brother's long and faithful stewardship. Church mem-



The Chapel at Emerald.

bership has increased by 50 per cent., and offerings by 120 per cent. over previous year. Arrangements were announced at meeting, which will permit erection of a manse for a resident minister, on chapel grounds; erection is being delayed until war is over. Election of officers resulted in G. E. Murray being elected to official board. Officials now are: Sisters M. Berry, E. Daff, M. Daff, and Messrs. R. A. Berry (secretary) and G. E. Murray (treasurer).

Croydon.—Fellowship and message of W. Gale were enjoyed at morning service on Oct. 8. Mr. Page, who has terminated his ministry with church, and his wife were farewelled, and Mr. Quayle, of college, was welcomed at a social held in chapel on Oct. 5. Attendances at worship services are keeping up, and all members are working in harmony.

Surrey Hills.—At 5 p.m., on Oct. 1, men's and boys' tea and discussion were enjoyed; also lantern gospel service at night by G. J. Andrews. At 11 a.m. on 8th inst., a large congregation greatly appreciated sermon by G. Brice, Baptist minister of Castlemaine; G. J. Andrews presided. College offering has reached £14. At 7 p.m., youth conducted service, W. F. Newham being speaker.

Essendon.—At morning service on Oct. 8, H. Hillbrick, of North Essendon, was president. At conclusion of a stirring gospel message at evening meeting, W. E. Jackel took confession of Mrs. Vine. Sympathy and prayers of church are extended to relatives and family of Mrs. Green, who passed away; to Mr. and Mrs. H. Brideson, on death of their little son; and to Mrs. R. Muir, on home-call of her mother. A Young Explorers' Club has been commenced, under leadership of C. Neal. Congratulations were extended to church secretary, B. J. Kemp, who recently celebrated forty years active service for the Lord, thirty of which have been spent at Essendon.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—On Sept. 23 and 24, Church's 75th anniversary celebrations were enjoyed. About 78 attended tea, at which Mr. Wilkie and Doug. Nicholls spoke. On Sunday morning Mr. Nicholls gave an inspiring message. The P.S.A. will be remembered be-

cause of the beautiful musical items by Bunni-yong men's choir and Mr. Nicholl's vital message. Offering of £5/10/- for aborigine work was received. At gospel service Mr. Nicholls gave another stirring message, at close of which one senior scholar, Arthur Coad, made the good confession. Over 120 were present. R. Halberts and Miss L. Tresize were soloists. Telegrams and letters were received from a number of past members. On Sunday, Oct. 1, after stirring addresses by Mr. Graham, three young ladies confessed Christ.

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DEATH

McDONALD.—On Sept. 30, at Auckland, N.Z., Alex., only son of late W. McDonald and Mrs. Clissold, dearly loved brother of Bessie (Mrs. Sindre), brother-in-law of Jim, uncle of Arthur (A.I.F., deceased), and Vera (Mrs. Hall), step-brother of Annie (Mrs. Wines). In God's care.

TUNBRIDGE.—On Oct. 3, at his residence, 26 Locksley-rd., Ivanhoe, Percy Henry, beloved husband of Amy Mary and loving father of Amy (Mrs. Floyd). After a long and painful illness. "Good night beloved."

IN MEMORIAM

AUSTIN.—On Oct. 28, 1918, died of wounds, Tincourt, France, Clifton O. Austin, loved son of S. R. Austin, Hampton; aged 22 years. "Ever remembered."

BANKS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, called home Oct. 2, 1939; also my dear sister (Jessie), July 3, 1929.

Not now, but in the coming years—

It may be in the better land—

We'll read the meaning of our tears,

And there, some time, we'll understand.

—Inserted by her loving daughter and sister, Annie McHattie.

BURROWS.—In loving memory of my devoted wife and companion, Mary, whom Christ took home on Oct. 8, 1943, and who left behind the sweet fragrance of a life made beautiful by kindly deeds.

There is no death, what seems so is transition.

This life of mortal breath

Is but a suburb of that great elysian

Whose portals we call death.

—W. W. Burrows, 49 Beach-rd., Hampton.

COCKROFT.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, who passed away on Oct. 13, 1943. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

—Inserted by loving husband and son and daughter-in-law.

COCKROFT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who departed from this life, Oct. 13, 1943. "Always unselfish, so gentle and kind."
—Inserted by her loving daughters, Ruth, Edna and Betty.

GREEN.—A tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. Green, who passed away on Sept. 27, 1944. "She hath done what she could."

—Inserted by the members of the Ladies' Aid and Mission Band, Latrobe-terr., Geelong.

KEMP.—In loving memory of our dear Joan, who left us on Oct. 15, 1940.

Death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light,
Wherein the blinded child can stray,
Beyond the Father's sight.

THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Ellen Sewell desire to express thanks to the many relatives and friends for personal expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, floral tributes and telegrams, in their bereavement. Will all please accept this as our personal acknowledgment of thanks and appreciation?

Mrs. S. Thomson and family desire to express their thanks for the very many letters, telegrams, cards, personal expressions, sympathy and floral tributes received in the recent loss of husband and father. Also to the many friends who showed their love and devotion in personal service, and to Chas. Hunt for his faithful ministrations. Thank you!

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OCTOBER 18 (Wednesday).—The Victorian General Dorcas will meet in the Swanston-st. Lecture Hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters interested in this work are invited to attend.

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.

NOVEMBER 11.—Collingwood Church of Christ Reunion, Saturday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

BROADCAST SERVICE

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All members are invited.

R. L. Williams will outline policy and discussion will follow.

—Will. H. Clay, secretary.

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OCTOBER 22, 25 and 29.

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Oct. 29, 11 a.m., Mr. W. Atkin, 3 p.m., Mr. S. Neighbour. 7 p.m., Mr. R. E Burns.

Social and Prize-giving, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

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OCTOBER 22—

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Afternoon—Mr. G. J. Andrews.

Evening—Mr. Muller.

OCTOBER 29—

Morning—Mr. R. L. Williams.

Afternoon—Kindergarten Service.

Evening—Mr. C. J. Robinson.

Anniversary Concert—Tuesday Oct. 31.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29.

11 a.m., Russell S. Baker.

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Speaker, Principal T. H. Scambler.

Soloist, Mr. Ron Atkinson, Baritone.

7 p.m., S. C. Prentice, A. E. White, B.A.

Past members and friends welcome.

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BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29.

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NOVEMBER 15—

Bible school concert and presentation of prizes.

Past members cordially invited to attend all services and enjoy fellowship with us.

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The Federal Conference and Social Service

W. H. Clay discusses, in his notes and comments, the need of presenting the Christian viewpoint on national and international problems. He refers also to the work of the Christian Guest Home.

It is to be regretted that the Federal committee did not consider the relative importance of social questions in their planning of the evening meetings or public demonstrations of conference. It is not often that such an opportunity occurs for our churches to express themselves on matters of international importance. Surely we have a message for the times which should be heard! Newspapers are not concerned with our internal affairs—our statistical figures are not flattering—and are not prepared to give space to them. These matters may well occupy our time in business sessions, but newspapers are ready and waiting to hear what we have to say on the major problems affecting the peoples of the world. Rehabilitation of the Forces, housing, employment, the food problem, the racial problem, our empty spaces, the problems of peace, Pacific relations, international agreements and their effect upon enduring peace, the religious complex of the world, and many other vital subjects, surely, are the concern of the Christian church. The conference offered us our opportunity, and perhaps our only opportunity, of stating what we considered to be the basis of the new order; next conference will be too late. The pope, directly, and through his agents all over the world, professes to speak for Christendom, and Protestants are virtually silent. The supremacy of the papacy is being tacitly acknowledged. Unless this is repudiated, the powers will accept it as being conceded by the whole church. The recently reported visits of our king, Mr. Churchill, Marshal Montgomery, and other international leaders to the Vatican are not without significance.

The Federal Social Questions and Services Board

Motions on immigration, national and social reconstruction, the ravages of liquor, and Christian Fellowship Associations have been submitted to conference, and should lead to some far-reaching decisions. R. L. Williams, associate secretary of the Victorian committee, will lead the discussions.

Christian Guest Home

Matron acknowledges gifts of oranges and violets from C.E. societies at Northcote, Balwyn, Gardiner, East Kew and Oakleigh district, also potatoes and carrots from S. Bowerman. Thanks to all! Following upon the recent passing of Miss Wither, who had been a guest of the home from almost its opening, and Miss Seibert, who spent two years with us. Both were much loved, thus their passing is felt keenly by staff, guests and a host of friends. We have lost Miss McNabb, a dear soul who was with us for only two weeks. Her frailty was so marked that her loved ones had her removed to hospital where she survived only a brief period. Our sympathy is extended to all the bereaved. Mrs. Pratt, who had been with us for over three years, has been taken to the home of her daughter. Her failing memory made her removal necessary. Staff, guests and visitors to the home will miss her greatly—her second childhood made her a

lovable personality. Friends will be glad to learn of Miss Campbell's improved condition. She has held an important place on our staff for a long time, and all will be ready to welcome her return.

The Women's Auxiliary is already at work to ensure a record Christmas offering for the home. The women of churches have given magnificent support in the past, and are now striving to raise £1000 for the proposed hospital.

Christian Fellowship Association

Representations have been made at Federal conference with a view to the adoption of C.F.A. principles, particularly with regard to social services. Messrs. R. L. Williams, Ferguson and J. Wiltshire, representing Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, will tell of success in their own States. The churches must look to this association as a factor in helping us to meet the post-war problems. Miss May Payne, of Moreland, one of our most successful agents, has removed to South Australia. C.F.A. members wish her every success in her new sphere of labor. Miss Grace Potts succeeds Miss Payne, and we have every confidence in the future of the work.

C.F.A. annual meeting will take place in the Swanston-st. lecture hall, on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to be present. R. L. Williams will outline his policy, and a discussion will follow. A dedication service will take place in Swanston-st. chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Social Service Special Appeal

The total offering so far received from churches, and that which we know to have been raised but not yet to hand, enables us to say with confidence that we shall net between £400 and £500. A complete list will be published in due course. The committee desires to express its sincere appreciation for such a worthy response, and accepts it as an expression of confidence in its progressive policy.

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Obituary

Mark Andrews

THE passing of Mark Andrews severs a link with the church at Lidcombe, N.S.W., that has continued for the space of sixty years. Our brother passed to his reward on Aug. 24 at the age of 76. Like a shock of ripened corn he has been garnered by the great Husbandman. At the Lord's day service (the last of his earthly sojourn), he read the New Testament lesson, and gave thanks for the cup. He has served the church as an elder for twelve years, and was also secretary for many years. His loyalty to the services was an outstanding feature of his long Christian life. He loved the church, and all for which it stands. Of three sons and one daughter, two sons remain, together with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His wife pre-deceased him by seven years. The representative gathering at the services, both at chapel and graveside, was indicative of the esteem in which he was held. The writer, assisted by J. Clydesdale, officiated at both services. We thank God for every remembrance of our brother and express loving sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and relations, and commend them to the God of all comfort.—J.R.L.

Henry Berry

ON August 31, at the age of 84 years, at Perth, W.A., Henry Berry died. For nearly fifty years this good brother had served the churches in W.A., and for some years before that he had labored in the Word in Queensland. Coming to the West he immediately placed his preaching ability at the disposal of the brotherhood. First as a servant of the Public Works Department, he found opportunity to carry the message to some remote parts of the State. Later he took up his residence in Leederville, and in his own home set up the Lord's Table; and in 1902, with the help of brethren from Subiaco and Perth, organised a church, of which he was elder and preacher for some years. Removing to Bassendean, he became a leader of the cause there, and served the church in various offices, including elder and secretary. He was unfortunately struck down with ill-health a few years back, and had to surrender the more active part of church work, and went to reside with his daughter at Narembeen, where he often attended, and spoke to the church while seated in a chair. He had a profound knowledge of the Word, and had much of it stored in his wonderful memory. It was his great desire to remain unto the coming of the Lord, and believed to the end that he would do so. Mrs. Berry passed away a few years since, and so also had their son Henry. Three daughters survive, all of whom are faithful church members: Olive (Mrs. J. Hall), Narembeen; Hilda (Mrs. A. J. Bradshaw), Mt. Lawley; and Ruth (Mrs. E. W. Jackson), Narembeen; to whom go the consolation of the whole brotherhood. The funeral rites were conducted by the writer at the Karrakatta Crematorium, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.—C.H.H., Fremantle, W.A.

Colin MacClure

THE home-call of Colin MacClure took place at his home, 21 Church-st., Mitcham, Victoria, on July 11, 1944, at the age of 82. He was identified with the brotherhood in his early years in Kyneton-Drummond-Taradale district, and later at Berwick and Mitcham. In pioneering days he heard the debate between Stephen Cheek and B. Butchers, at Malmesbury, Feb. 1-3, 1882, on the subject of Christian baptism. Mr. MacClure was a man of high Christian principles. Owing to a fall in which he broke his leg, for many months he was confined to his home. During that time his niece, Miss I. McKay, tended to him, and, later on, Nurse Miss E. Stewart. Besides his

Bible, the writings of Robert Burns interested him. Mrs. MacClure pre-deceased him some years ago. He lost his son, Alexander, in the Great War, 1914-18. To his daughter, Mrs. Dyerson, and family, and to his sisters, Mrs. Gerrand, Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. McKay, and their families, the church extends deepest Christian sympathy.

Mrs. Emily McKinnon

FULL of years and good works, Mrs. Emily McKinnon passed to be with her Lord on Aug. 25, 1944, at the age of 81 years. Deceased was a daughter of late James and Sarah Horley, who were early pioneers of the church of Christ, Homebush, Vic. (in the early sixties of last century). The late Mrs. McKinnon was immersed in the Maryborough church when a girl, and entered into membership with the Homebush church. She transferred later to the church wherein she put on Christ in baptism, being in membership at Maryborough for 20 years. Later still she was, for a time, associated with the church at Woorinen. Since her removal from that district in 1928, she had been an isolated member at Elmhurst, but by means of the "Australian Christian," had an intimate knowledge of brotherhood activities and personalities. Deceased is survived by her husband and three daughters, Mr. McKinnon being in his 83rd year. Their married life has been a choice portrayal of true Christian marriage, and our aged brother will have many beautiful and cherished memories to brighten the waiting period ere he, too, answers the summons home and passes through "the gate of life," to be with her he "has loved long since and lost awhile." The mortal remains of our late sister were laid to rest in the Avoca cemetery near those of her parents. To all who remain, many throughout the brotherhood, who knew and deeply respected their loved one, tender loving Christian sympathy.—W.W.S., Ballarat.

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