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The Restoration Movement and Puritanism

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WHO are Christians? Thomas Campbell provided an interesting answer to the question. He said, "All those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things according to the scriptures, and that manifest the same by their tempers and conduct" may be "properly called Christians."

The basis of the Christian life is not belief in certain statements made about Christ, but in the complete surrender of the self to him as Lord and Master; it is faith in Christ, which is expressed in those actions that are approved by the teachings of scripture.

ONE of the most disastrous errors to become popular is the view that faith in Christ is a mere private feeling of the heart. Such a view of faith is not supported by a sound interpretation of the scriptures nor by a correct understanding of the psychological view of man; it has encouraged the notion that religion is concerned only with man's private life. It has popularised the thought that religion is bound up with what we do on Sundays only. When we accept such an idea of faith, we are tempted to measure the Christian standard of a nation by the number in attendance at church services on Sunday. We are not under-estimating the importance of church attendance, but we may suggest that it is possible for services to be crowded on Sundays by people who find pleasure in the exercise of private faith; and yet such services will not raise the Christian standard of the community, unless the faith of the individuals in attendance is being expressed in daily actions that are approved by the scriptures. No one denies that the Pharisees were fervent in their worship, but because religion was restricted to the feelings and responses of the heart, and not expressed in moral action, then that pharisaical show did not raise the spiritual tone of Jerusalem.

We ought to check up on the type of religion we practise, because we might, unwittingly, be acting just like the Pharisees. We might be victims of a false doctrine inherited

from the past, and not be aware of the error. The Pharisees condemned certain conventional sins, but passed over evils that were eating away the foundation of the national life of Israel.

PURITANISM condemned bear-baiting, but allowed the evils of child labor in factories and mines to develop. Professor R. H. Tawney said, "Puritanism was the school-master of the English middle classes." While in the early stages of development, Puritanism condemned economic and social licence; nevertheless its strong emphasis on religious individualism and independency permitted Puritans to allow the growth of the teaching that religion was a private concern, and must not interfere with business. Instead of Christian morality moulding the shape of commerce, unbridled self-interest began to dominate economic and national life. "In emphasising that God's kingdom is not of this world, Puritanism did not always escape the suggestion that this world is not part of God's kingdom." Professor Dacey has commented on the manner in which "the appeal of the Evangelicals to personal religion corresponds with the appeal of Benthamite Liberals to individual energy." "Individualism in religion," R. H. Tawney wrote, "led insensibly, if not quite logically, to an individualist morality, and an individualist morality to a disparagement of the social fabric as compared with personal character."



Thomas Campbell.

WE can see clearly now how false teaching can destroy the effective ministry of the church in social life and permit evil principles to rob men of justice and freedom. Only as we return to New Testament truth and practice shall we help to restore, not only the true life of the church, but also that of society and nation.

One of the early pioneers of the Restoration Movement in Great Britain was David Dale, father-in-law of Robert Owen. Mr. Dale established, in 1761, at Glasgow, a prosperous business

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Wise Fools

C. B. Nance-Kitell,
B.D., B.S.Litt., preacher
of Swanston-st. Church,
Melbourne, Vic., writes
of the satisfaction that
can be gained by serv-
ing Christ.



Mr. Yocums, of American Disciples
of Christ, and Dr. Kagawa of In-
ternational Missionary Council at
Tambayam, Madras.

WE want to be fools; that's strange! The majority of people desire to be the very opposite—wise. "Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other." We do not want to be that kind of fool, but we rejoice when we are called fools because we follow Christ. Kagawa, you remember, who visited Australia some years ago, was welcomed at Shanghai by Dr. Kall, who said, "We welcome Kagawa because he is the world's greatest fool for Jesus." Schweitzer is another," added the doctor. Why fools? Because they give their all to Jesus Christ and humanity. Surely we long to be the same! They are Christian fools—wise fools. Who would not gladly give ten years of his life to be able to influence the world like Kagawa or Schweitzer for one year? I would! Here are reasons we do well to consider.

★ Lives Truly Creative are Named Fools

Prophets were called fools. Hosea declared: "The prophet is a fool and the spiritual man is mad." Galileo was a kind of fool when he first made known his new theory of the solar system. To which someone adds, "Garrison was almost every kind of a fool that men could think of when he envisaged the day when slaves would be free. Garibaldi, in exile, dreaming of a free Italy, was thought weak. Watts, dreaming over his mother's kettle; Edison, working in his little room through the long hours of the night; and Pasteur, in his laboratory, were regarded as unusual and defective by others." Even Jesus Christ was called mad (John 10: 20), as was the prince of apostles, Paul (Acts 22: 24). Were they?

★ "You Christians Miss the Thrill of Life"

That is what an unbeliever said to me. He added stronger words, too! The narrow way that Christ mentioned is very broad. He went that way—must not his disciples? A young lady told us the other night that the girls at her office regard her as silly to walk Christ's way. Why not roam the streets with us? Is such all joy? Thousands of young lives, blighted to-day, are sorry they did not endure the confines of the Christian path. True, there are many things we pass by on the other side; many pleasures we taste not, and many acts we shun because we are learners of Jesus. Remember, it is the path of the just that leads to the portals of eternal life and peace. Some day the worldly-wise (as many have done already), at the end of the way of the flesh, will learn how wise we fools have been. Christianity is the sublimest philosophy of life. Try it and you will know.

★ "Why Waste Twenty-four Hours?"

"How utterly ridiculous to sacrifice a jolly week-end in the hills or beside the blue sea, sport, dancing and all-night parties, in order to attend church and listen to a dry sermon preached by a narrow-minded preacher," they say. Nevertheless, it is wise. The Bible says so, and it is a book of wisdom. A London journalist in "Why Sunday?" advocated it. Wise men and women attend. Divine worship to them is a well in the arid desert of life. On Monday they are wide awake when the so-called wise are half asleep. They are fresh, the others are tired. Their conscience is at ease. Their hearts have been sharing that rapture that comes from true adoration. Were those twenty-four hours wasted? Our peace, as Dante said, is in his will. Church attendance is desired by the Lord, and our duty. Yes, it is heavenly delight!

★ "Fools to Support the Church!"

So we are told. It is not foolish to attend the theatre for a little sentimental amusement, yet it is to maintain the church which deals with the great realities of life, and ministers in mercy. Some business men laugh at those who give their thousands and at the widows who donate their mites; but they forget the attitude of our Lord when he saw the widow casting in all she had. Judge the church by her products for a moment! With what a stream of consecrated manhood and womanhood the church has supplied the world! What of their influence in history and in all walks of life! Think! Doctors, lawyers, ministers, politicians, press-men, statesmen, evangelists, nurses and missionaries have gone out from the church. What a galaxy! I am positive we should rather see our money, big or small, help some poor lad secure an education and become a brilliant surgeon to relieve those who suffer, than advance movements or concerns that lead the young to destruction. Who are the real fools? We must not be bitter toward them, nor harbor ill-feeling; but plead with love in our hearts that they may see Christ's way of life; the path of enlightenment, service and peace.

Why Some Go to Church

*SOME go to church, whatever weather
It pleases God to send.
There his children meet together,
Their prayers and praises blend.*

*Some go to church, not just to show
What clothes they have to wear,
They go to church because they know
That God himself is there.*

*For he has said, "Where two or three
Are gathered in my name,
There in the midst, myself, I'll be,"
His presence there, they claim.*

*They go to church, for he has said,
"Remember me, this do."
In feasting on the wine, the bread,
They refresh souls anew.*

*Some go to church, not that they're "good"—
They're sinners, saved by grace;
They go to give God, as they should,
Pre-eminence of place.*

*They go to church, God's house of prayer,
And there are truly blest.
The King of kings himself is there,
Each child of his, his guest.*



—J. Schofield.

The Australian Christian



Twentieth Federal Conference

Australian churches of Christ held this war-time conference at Sydney, Oct. 3-8.

1944. We are indebted to Ethelbert Davis for the following outline of proceedings.

CONFERENCE was held in Sydney, Oct. 3-8, 1944. Many features of former conferences were absent—the enthusiasm of meeting large numbers of delegates from all States, the welcoming of visitors into homes of many members, and the inspiration of large gatherings at meetings.

Several features were outstanding, viz. the marked ability with which the president, C. P. Adermann, M.H.R., directed business; the devotional atmosphere pervading sessions; the high standard of contributions to discussions; and the challenging nature of set addresses.

Conference Day by Day

Tuesday

The President's Reception was the first meeting. "The church's place in the affairs of the future will not come to it easily, but will have to be fought for; and the peace that comes can only be lasting if broadly based in the spiritual," was the note struck by the president in his welcome to the delegates. Welcome was given by the Hon. Clive Evatt, on behalf of State Government; by Dr. Bernard Crockett, on behalf of Federal Council of Churches; by A. C. McLean, State Council of Churches; and by R. H. Wakeley, president of Churches of Christ Executive, on behalf of churches of New South Wales.

The reception was followed by a largely attended Home Mission Tea at Enmore. The Home Mission Rally brought together the largest gathering of conference. Two phases of evangelism were presented. A. B. Clark, Queensland, spoke of the renewed challenge that is coming to the church in the post-war world. Every phase of church activity must be evangelistic. E. C. Hinrichsen, New South Wales, discussed the need of conserving those who are won to Christ, and suggested methods for holding them in membership. Special emphasis was placed upon necessity for an educated church membership.

Wednesday

Conference reassembled, and after a period of devotions which set the standard for the day, a resolution of loyalty was carried.

The President's Address, on "Vision and Victory," was one that caught the imagination of hearers, and stimulated in everyone a desire to catch the vision glorious, and to labor on till victory is achieved.

The report of Federal Conference Committee expressed gratitude to God for guidance and help to carry on during a period beset with great difficulties. From missionaries on Indian field, there came a suggestion that a special evangelist might be sent to conduct missions and to plead the cause of Christian unity in India. After prayerful consideration, it was felt that the time was not opportune for such a deputation to be sent.

It was reported that the Federal Government had requested that churches of Christ be represented at a meeting held in Sydney to consider post-war rehabilitation and overseas relief. R. H. Wakeley was appointed, and had rendered splendid service. Reference was made to loyalty of men and women in Services to Christ and church, and pleasure

was expressed at the news often received, of the positive witness for Christ, given amidst difficult circumstances. In adopting the report, conference recorded its gratitude to between twenty and thirty chaplains serving under the United Board, and to Chaplain-General Allen Brooke, whose leadership and enterprise are recognised by those in authority.

The present membership of churches of Christ in Australia, as reported by State conferences, is as follows: New South Wales, 6294; Western Australia, 2328; Queensland, 2332; Victoria, 12,189; Tasmania, 852; South Australia, 6544—a total of 30,239.

Preachers' Provident Fund.—It was reported that cash receipts from all sources, including contributions by preachers to the Endowment Fund, amounted to £7927/11/9. "In order to keep intact our present reserves," the committee reported, "we propose asking churches to contribute sixpence per member per annum to the Endowment Fund. To fulfil the resolution of Federal conference, 1941, "That the Preachers' Provident Fund Committee be asked to investigate the pension fund of our American churches, and endeavor to develop a comparable scheme for our Australian churches and preachers," investigations had been made, and the committee reported as follows: "Having considered particulars supplied, your committee cannot recommend the establishment of a similar fund for Australia, as they consider it would be impracticable."

Reference was made to the resignation of W. H. Hall, who had served for so many years as secretary-treasurer. F. B. Steer had been appointed to joint positions.

Bible School and Young People's Department.—For the fifth successive period the Victorian Young People's Department had served as Federal Young People's Department. The department reported that there are now in six States 313 schools, 3631 teachers and 23,222 scholars. Christian Endeavor Societies: Junior, 116, with 2185 members; Intermediate, 62, with 961 members; Young People's Societies, 111, with 1506 members. Clubs, 156; members, 2366. Five proposals were submitted for consideration and for implementation:—

(1) That Young People's Departments should be viewed as departments of religious education, and concerned with school efficiency and organisation, lesson material, methods, teacher training and adequate literature for all phases of youth work, direction of through-the-week activities, camps, conferences, conventions, and a co-ordinating of all activities with the church.

(2) That the evangelism of youth should be more purposeful, subscribing to the full Christian development of Luke 2: 52.

(3) That in order for the brotherhood to prove equal to the task of the new day it must major youth work and commence by making financial provisions for an advance in Federal work.

(4) That an effort be made to promote a vital Federal Bible Class Movement, and graded through-the-week activities uniform in all States.

(5) That a publication fund of at least £1000 be created to reach the mind of youth with truths vital to their spiritual growth, and the appreciation of truths concerning the restoration of New Testament Christianity.

College of the Bible.—The Board of Management reported two changes in personnel: Mr. Robert Lyall, who had served on board for 36 years, and 29 years of that time as chair-

man, passed away on July 12, 1943; and H. J. Patterson, M.A., who had retired from the board, having accepted a position on the staff of the New South Wales college, of which he is now principal.

The present enrolment of the Federal college is 45, the States being represented as follow: Victoria, 19; South Australia, 8; New South Wales, 6; Tasmania, 7; Queensland, 4; Western Australia, 1.

Federal conference of 1941 gave direction to college Board to make an effort to extinguish debt of college which was £3937. Gratification was expressed at fact that on June 30 last the debt stood at £672.

In every aspect of the college work there is evidence of satisfactory progress; likewise evidences of complete confidence in future of institution.

The evening session took the form of an Overseas Mission Rally. Dr. P. S. Messent presided over a splendid meeting. As was expected, the speakers carried the audience to great heights of enthusiasm. Miss Edna Vawser, missionary on furlough, spoke of the church triumphing through the redeeming love of Christ. Albert Anderson made clear the relevancy of the great commission to needs of to-day.

Thursday

A brief report by the Cusberra Committee revealed that at present there is no information as to the number of members now resident in the Federal Capital. Conference urged that an effort be made to contact members now resident, and arrange meetings at the earliest opportunity.

Social Questions and Services Board.—The activities of Board as reported were along following lines: letters to members of Parliament on questions of vital interest to the community; strong protests against evils of liquor traffic; consideration of housing problem, both now and in immediate post-war period; investigation of part church may have to play in plans for immigration; survey of problems that are inherent in programme of national and social reconstruction; and the further development of Christian Fellowship Association. Stress was placed upon need for more institutions such as homes for children and for aged.

Foreign Mission Board.—Report embodied a great deal of information given in reports to State conferences. The chief concern of conference centred in the problems of missions in light of changing world conditions. However, cause for rejoicing was found in increasing interest in overseas work reflected in record offerings received in answer to appeals of Board.

Federal Aborigines Mission Board.—If one were asked to single out the matter that was the highlight of conference business, the vote would go in favor of work among aborigines. This is a new work undertaken by churches of Christ, and is yet in its initial stages. The only station in existence at present is at Norseman, Western Australia. Although the work has been in existence only two years, the progress has been gratifying, and other fields are opening up. The response to appeals for

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Our Young People

W. R. Hibbert

The beginnings of life are claiming the attention of Christian teachers. An awareness of God can begin with the early weeks and years. Attitudes of delight or disgust with the house of the Lord are set up in the early experiences.

Nursery Classes

are due to find a place within the interest of those who teach religion to youth. A number of schools already have set aside leaders to care for young children while parents attend the church services. A nursery class aims to convert this service into an understanding ministry.

The Purpose of a Nursery Class

The nursery class seeks to provide for the youngest members of the church family a happy introduction to the church school; the joy of finding friends there with whom they may play, and work, and share good times. Some of these are adult friends who are skilful teachers of little children.

The nursery class seeks to provide opportunities for the three-year-olds to learn to share, take turns, and play together. The nursery class leader attempts to find that way of leading little children that will best introduce them to a Christian way of living and of playing together, and then to interpret it for them.

There must be a homelike atmosphere that will lead to a sense of security and happiness for the child as he finds himself for the first time in a larger world.

The nursery class leader will try to interpret religiously everything that comes into the life of each child in her group. This religious interpretation will be in the light of the teachings of Jesus, who placed a little child in the midst. The Master faced their problems and taught in the light of the questions that troubled them. Nursery leaders must

meet the simple, every-day needs of the three-year-olds in their groups if they would adequately minister to these little children. The child is in the midst. The leader will be watched by him. Her interpretation of Christian living, as evidenced by her words, her actions, the way she plays and helps others to play, her relations with individual children, and with their parents, her attitude to the natural world and its wonders, will teach religion.

It is hoped that each child in the nursery class will find his part of the church a happy place, and that he will enjoy being in it. Frequently there will be short prayers. He will hear the name God mentioned in the prayer. Occasionally there will be a story. A very few carefully selected stories about Jesus will be introduced and repeated throughout the year. There will be songs for the child to sing, and songs that will be sung to him, but he will spend most of the time that he is in the group in informal play. In this way he will be guided to take his place as one member in a group who are learning to live the Christian life as the three-year-old naturally lives it.

Helpful Literature

Those interested in ministering to the three-year-olds will find "Religious Nurture in Nursery Class and Home," by Mary Edna Lloyd, a helpful guide. The text book is supplemented by four beautifully illustrated pupil's books. Those desiring copies should communicate direct with Methodist Book Depot, 288 Little Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I. Copies of books are now included in Victorian Department library, and are obtainable for short term loan.

At conclusion of service the new president was introduced, and that brought to a close the 20th Federal Conference.

Place and Date of Next Federal Conference.—It was decided to hold next conference in Adelaide in 1946.

Officers of Conference.—Federal Executive: President, Chas. Schwab; vice-president, Dr. P. S. Messent; secretary, H. R. Taylor; asst. secretary, D. G. Hammer; treasurer, S. P. Langlois. Committee, A. Anderson, T. Butler, W. C. Brooker, W. S. Harris, K. A. Jones, C. M. Verco.

College of the Bible.—Chairman, Dr. W. A. Kemp; secretary, P. T. Saunders; treasurer, R. L. Lense; W. T. Atkin, A. W. Cleland, Thos. Hagger, P. N. Lee, G. W. Murray, E. M. Price, A. W. Stephenson.

Preachers Provident Fund.—Chairman, T. E. Rofe; hon. secretary-treasurer, F. S. Steer; H. E. Bell, J. Crawford, C. M. Graham, W. H. Hall, Dr. C. A. Verco.

Foreign Mission Committee.—Chairman, Dr. P. S. Messent; secretary, A. Anderson; treasurer, O. V. Mann; Chas. Schwab, K. A. Jones, R. J. Finlayson, T. P. Richardson.

Aborigines Mission Board.—Chairman, C. R. Burdeu; vice-chairman, Albany Bell; secretary, J. Wiltshire; treasurer, J. J. Collingwood; A. M. Bell, W. S. Brown, R. Raymond.

Christian Unity Committee.—Victorian Christian Union Committee.

Bible School and Young People's Department.—Victorian Young People's Committee.

Social Questions Services Board.—Victorian Social Service Committee.

Federal Conference

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funds has also been gratifying. The evening of Thursday saw the first Mission to Aborigines Rally held in history of Federal conference. At that meeting two informative and inspiring addresses were given, one by J. Wiltshire, and the other by Miss Elsie Roxburgh, one of the missionaries at Norseman.

Friday

The whole of day was devoted to Sectional Group Conferences—Bible School and Youth Workers, led by W. R. Hibbert; Foreign Mission Committees, led by A. Anderson; College of the Bible, led by P. T. Saunders; Aborigines Board, led by J. Wiltshire; and Social Service, led by R. L. Williams. At Youth Rally items of programme were given by young people, with the exception of short messages from youth leaders of Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales.

Saturday

Two meetings were held on Saturday; the first was confined to members of Advisory Boards, and the second was the Preachers' Session, which was addressed by J. Wiltshire.

The Harbor Trip in afternoon, with a boat crowded to its limit, gave an opportunity for happy social fellowship. The final meeting, in connection with conference, was the service of witness to Christian Unity, held in the Central Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. The conference sermon was delivered by R. L. Williams, and was broadcast by station 2CH.

The Restoration Movement and Puritanism

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in the linen-yarn trade. Later he became sole proprietor of the cotton mills at New Lanark. Moved by a sense of social justice, "he erected neat houses, with garden attached to each, for the workmen, and put in force regulations to promote their health and morals, and secure the education of their children. His system proved so effective that the 'Lanark Mills' became an object of curiosity to travellers." Mr. Dale carried out practical Christian living in other ways, and won the name of the "Benevolent Magistrate." (See R. Richardson's "Memoirs of Alexander Campbell," page 184.)

The truths of the Restoration Movement, based as they are on New Testament teaching, are a corrective of the false theology that flourished under the guidance of a weary Puritanism. In its teachings, instead of private religion being exalted, the practical application of New Testament truths to daily life are urged. We ought to give serious thought to the implications of Thomas Campbell's statement that only as men manifest "by their tempers and conduct" faith in Christ, and are "obedient to him in all things according to the scriptures," can they be "truly and properly called Christians."

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

FREEDOM

BETTER to sit in Freedom's hall,
With cold, damp feet, and mouldering wall,
Than bend the neck, and bow the knee,
In the proudest palace of slavery."

THAT EXPLAINS IT

A good story is being told by a prominent Scot. It is a sly hit at his compatriots' carelessness in money matters. Asked to explain the falling death rate in Scotland, an Aberdeen economist attributed it to the greatly increased cost of funerals.

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—FREE YET BOUND

- Oct. 23—John 8: 31-36.
- " 24—1 Cor. 7: 20-24
- " 25—2 Cor. 3: 12-18.
- " 26—Gal. 4: 28-31; 5: 1.
- " 27—Gal. 5: 13-26.
- " 28—1 Pet. 2: 1-10.
- " 29—Psalm 118; 1 Pet. 2: 11-25.

THE priceless blessing of Christian freedom can be possessed by all; yet it is neither obtained or even desired by multitudes of slaves to sin, who wish to do as they please, instead of being pleased to do as they should. Their conception of freedom is lawlessness; the direct opposite to Christian liberty, which consists in absolute surrender to divine authority. As Augustine wrote, "He that is good is free, though he be a slave; and he that is evil is a slave, though he be a king." Disconnected with Christ, there is no true liberty; but, instead, the worst of slavery. "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." "If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." And, being free, we delight to be Christ's bond-servants.

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On China's Vast Battlefield

How the church is facing the crisis in China
is told in the following interesting

article.

RATHER it is among the glories of the Christian church in our time that missions did not simply fold up and quit when China was invaded, as so many of the worldly wise and the financially reluctant were quick to urge. With the active help of Christians in this and other lands, supplied and expressed through missionaries who shared the full experiences of Chinese Christians and of all the plain people, as they passed through the valley of violence, the entire Christian enterprise rose to new levels of faith and love and service. A fourth of the Christian hospitals, and more than half the schools, were put out of action by bombing and burning and the shocks of the invasion. Yet with inadequate staffs, with remnants of equipment, they were replaced in service amid continuing destruction and impoverishment. Many a town knew for months, even for years in its most abject need, only the Christian hospital and the Christian school, for all others failed.

Christians Multiply Their Service

Crippled as they were, the Christian forces in China reached out to others more needy than themselves. Shelter and care for refugees numbered in the millions, relief enterprises aiding other millions in hunger and distress, the organisation of many thousands of persons to care for China's three million wounded soldiers: all these represent uncounted days of devoted effort by tens of thousands of men and women ministering "unto the least of these, my brethren." The myriad acts of mercy have been to the previously untouched and the sceptical a colossal demonstration of the Word. "Now we know what you have been talking about all the years," is the manifold saying of multitudes. The same acts have been a magnificent project of "religious education" for all who took part in them, Christians and non-Christians alike. Co-operative service and purposeful fellowship, under Christian inspiration and leadership, experienced through crisis of bombardment and assault, through the greater, continuing damage of poverty and the dislocation of society, build character that can confront this present world.

Congregational Life Renewed

Scattered congregations restored, lost leaders replaced by earnest lay members, new life in the western centres that received the cream of the migration, and overwhelming eagerness of the young for spiritual direction and for the conviction of the way: these are the characteristics of the Chinese church in its inner activities. Tens of thousands of students have thronged evangelistic meetings and Bible classes in universities and schools that before the war forbade any religious service or instruction upon their campuses. Well over 200,000 Bibles and Testaments are sold each year, with more than 4,000,000 gospels and portions, even while there is no transportation to many regions, and while paper has risen to twenty and forty times the old prices. During the war period, the total sales of the new union hymnal have reached 300,000 under similar difficulties. Such are the outreaches from a membership of Protestant communicants numbering only 600,000, almost all of whom are poor and some of whom cannot read.



China's Hope.

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity." This advance through slaughter and devastation is joy to those who have shared in it. Those who willfully or indifferently stand aside are defrauding themselves even as those whom they might help.

The Price is Gladly Paid

One may estimate that two or three hundred Chinese Christian workers have met death at their posts of duty. Twelve Protestant missionaries (and as many Catholics) have been killed by bombs or soldiers' bullets. Within

Notes on Various Topics

Need of Education

WE are hearing much of the need of higher education. We have improved considerably. It would be unlikely that the following conversation reported in Percy Fitzgerald's "Sir Henry Irving" could be repeated to-day. Toole and Irving, it is said, visited Stratford-on-Avon. Toole accosted an aged rustic who was sitting on a fence. "That's Shakespeare's house, isn't it?" "Ees." "Ever been there?" "Noa." "How long has he been dead?" "Dunno." "What did he do?" "Dunno." "Did he not write?" "Oh, yes, he did summat." "What was it?" "Well, I think he wrote Boible." But we want not only more and higher education, we want better—the education which will fit a person for life and be culturally helpful, and will also make him a better man, mentally, morally and spiritually. Character must be cultivated, and for that at its best the knowledge of God and his Son Jesus Christ is essential.

Liquor Reform

In New South Wales there is an agitation for the extension of hotel trading hours beyond 6 p.m. This is advocated by some as a "hotel reform." The evil effects of the trade have become so great as to be a scandal of the first magnitude. Advocacy of evening drinking by the trade is doubtless made from other than reforming motives. The president of the Methodist Conference bluntly (and I think truthfully) said the other night that the chief motive was not the public interest but further profits. "The liquor trade," he declared, "has never been known to suggest any reform except for profit-making." In reply to the claim that altered hours would

a few months' time, three missionaries from the China colleges took their own lives in the collapse of nervous disease. But who has lost life and who has gained it in the total story of that Christian service in wartime? Would any sane person want to buy the prolonged physical existence of those three hundred comrades at the price of the courage of the Christian effort in China? Let millions of refugees and starvelings, hundreds of thousands of wounded, hundreds of thousands of those who hunger and thirst in spirit, make answer. Christ's answer was given long ago, against these hours in China, and not less against the days of spiritual and bodily need in the other lands wrecked by war. The real dead are those who stife in pettiness and selfishness. The real living are those who give themselves for their brethren.—"N.M.C. Bulletin."

POST-WAR SERVICE

CHINA is changing faster than ever before, and post-war China will develop faster still. Missionaries, like Alice, must run their hardest even to keep up with the scenery. Chinese Christians and educators have come of age, and they claim their inheritance. Missionaries will be needed less and less as administrators or as jacks-of-all-trades. They will be needed more and more in special capacities, as teachers, as consultants, as ambassadors from the people of England to China. They will be co-workers by invitation, missionaries by vocation—called as well as sent. As I look forward to work in China in future, the academic contribution, the witness to and work for Christian ideals in social, national and international life, and the conversation of individuals, are its three phases, fitting together as parts of one plan under the control of God.—Report from Yenching University, Chengtu.

prevent the disorderly rush which produces a maximum of drunkenness, Mr. Walker asked, "If this is so, why are all the bars crowded more on Saturday evening, when men have had all the afternoon to obtain their drinks?" I walked along Circular Quay last Saturday evening towards closing time. The sights I then saw of drunken men, a woman worst of all reeling along, Service men sitting along the kerb, pavement in front of hotel filthy with the vomit of drinkers, were enough to sicken the hearts of decent folk and certainly to enforce the need of reform. The public press, magistrates, judges, and police officers have told us of the sad story of debauchery in association with liquor trade abuses. The existing laws might at least be enforced.

The N.R.M.A. wishes hotel reform. The general secretary said a few days ago that at many N.S.W. hotels complete indifference is shown to the travelling public. "The offending class of publican is anxious to get rich quickly with his bar trade, and lets the service to travellers go hang." He added that "it would appear that the breweries, who were landlords of about 80 per cent. of country licences, made no attempt to see that their tenants catered for the travelling public, except in the sale of liquor." I note that in some districts police and licensing magistrates have warned hotel keepers to improve their meal and accommodation services. I trust that in the agitation for changes in the trading practices, the need of genuine reform will not be overlooked. Never has the liquor trade shown up worse than in these war years.

A. R. Main

Here and There

The following telegram reached us on Oct. 16: "Splendid meetings, Petersham, N.S.W., Sunday; four decisions.—Morris."

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. C. R. Burdeau, of Maylands, W.A., who had been so seriously ill some months ago, was discharged from hospital on Oct. 10, "a cured woman."

R. Ennis terminates his ministry with North Fitzroy, Vic., church, on Nov. 12, after two years of splendid service, and arrangements have been concluded whereby John Turner, B.A., will take up work on release from his chaplaincy position.

At Mont Albert, Vic., on Oct. 8, the Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held a fellowship tea. Fred Elliot once again led singing of choruses before the main service, at which Ken Sturges presided. The speaker was H. Dewey, an American missionary with many years' experience on the Indian field.

The quarterly men's fellowship of south-central conference, Vic., was held in Prahran chapel on Oct. 6. President of conference, Mr. Hunt, presided over meeting; items by Preston tramway workshop male choir were appreciated. A lantern lecture by Mr. and Mrs. Nance-Kivell proved very interesting. An enjoyable time of fellowship was brought to a close by supper served by Prahran brethren.

We announced some weeks ago that T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., had written a book entitled "The Art of Sermon Construction." Supplies of the book are now available at bookroom of Austral Printing and Publishing Co. We have already recommended this fine study on sermon building. The book is well bound and contains 144 pages. Price, 5/-; posted, 5/3d.

W. H. Clay, secretary Department of Social Service, Vic., writes: "May I express my sincere appreciation of the recent issues of 'The Australian Christian' in which have been featured 'Housing' and 'Home.' The 'Christian' is becoming increasingly interesting, and I may say valuable to me. You are to be congratulated on the improved standard to which you have brought the journal." We appreciate this kind word from our brother.

A very happy time of fellowship was spent with E. L. Williams on occasion of S.S. anniversary on Oct. 8 at Maryborough, Vic. In morning there was a teachers' recognition service, when 25 answered to roll call. In afternoon and evening, special singing was rendered by scholars. On Oct. 10, scholars presented an enjoyable concert. Half-yearly business meeting was held on Sept. 26, when reports from all auxiliaries showed the work in good heart under leadership of Mr. Chivell.

The Victorian Young People's Department aim to enlist 1000 boys in the Explorer Movement and 1000 girls in the Good Companions. The health of this work was evident on Friday, Oct. 13, when 307 boys and girls, with their leaders, travelled long distances to share in the annual devotional rally. Miss R. Roberts led the meeting, W. Newham the singing, and G. J. Andrews delivered an illustrated message. The Moreland boys rendered choir items. The presence of E. L. Williams (conference president), and Mrs. E. Jeffery (women's conference), linked the gathering to the brotherhood.

C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., writing as president of Federal conference, says: "The government's appeal for support for Second Victory Loan is an issue upon which we should have only one mind, and that is to support it to the utmost of our ability. Undoubtedly the tragedy of war has been a curse to the

world, but we have enjoyed, in our glorious country, that freedom of choice of life and of living, and freedom of worship, that we are desirous of the day when a victorious peace shall be ours, thus assuring us of the continuance of the freedoms pertaining to a democratic country. Our sons and daughters are there in the cause. Our prayers are daily being offered on their behalf for their protection and safe return, and for a speedy ending to these inglorious hostilities. But there's a practical support necessary as well, and in part that is given through the Red Cross and Comforts Fund, and part in supplies, and yet another in food production, but we cannot escape the other vital necessity of finance to provide for the backing up of our forces."

On Oct. 8, there were good meetings at Rockdale, N.S.W. C. P. Hughes, of Tas., brought a good message and at night Mr. Ferguson, of Queensland, preached. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Allen and Mr. Stewart, of W.A. Fellowship was enjoyed with a number of visitors and members of Forces on leave. The Women's Fellowship entertained a number of Mosman sisters at their meeting and afterwards at lunch.

At Albion, Qld., special meetings, conducted by E. Hart, of Boonah, were very successful. Attendances increased from 78 to 150, and as a result of the campaign, there were four decisions. Average attendances for last month were: breaking of bread, 101; gospel service, 89. Visitors have included Chaplains Melhven, Wakeley, Moore and Turner. College of Bible annual offering is now over £22.

A recent visit and a gospel address by Dr. E. R. Killmer was appreciated greatly at Mills End, S.A. A young man has been received into membership by transfer from Unley Park Baptist church. At recent State conference, Y.P. society obtained State shield for best report of work accomplished. Bible school anniversary held on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, was a great success. The school, assisted by an orchestra, under leadership of Miss Olive Moore, delighted large congregations with their singing. The speakers were, Chaplain H. G. Norris, F. Collins, Mr. Betteridge (Parkside Baptist church), and Jas. E. Webb. By payments from mutual fund and offerings in excess of expenses, the mortgage on building debt has been reduced by £1625 since last December. On Sunday evening, Sept. 17, a civic service was held, the mayor, aldermen and councillors being in attendance. Jas. E. Webb addressed a large congregation. In connection with recent Bible school examinations, Miss Laurel Lewis obtained first prize, both State and Federal, obtaining 100 per cent. in Grade VI. On Sept. 16 Bert Brice was married to Miss Gene Ellis. J. E. Webb officiated. An anthem by choir, and a solo by Miss D. Lawrie, of Tumby Bay, were enjoyed.

ADDRESS

A. C. Friece, 3 "The Avenue," Surrey Hills, E.10.

"FAITHFUL FISHERMEN" CAMPAIGN VICTORIA



4th Haul: 65 New Scholars, 9 New Teachers.

Total Haul: 213 New Scholars, 23 New Teachers.

AIM: 500 New Scholars, 50 New Teachers.

MISSIONS IN VICTORIA

ENCOURAGING RESULTS; SUPPORT NEEDED

IN preparation for what is hoped will soon be here—the post-war period—the Victorian Home Missionary Committee has been divided into sub-committees who, after consultation with the full committee, each meet separately and carry out entrusted duties or devote themselves to specific investigations. Each member serves on one or more sub-committees as well as on the full committee. Separate bodies thus devote themselves to evangelism, finance, new sites, radio investigations, new approaches to the masses, and circuits. One of these has done a really big task, having divided the metropolitan area into 17 separate groups and visited each with a view to their conduct of a public preaching mission using the preachers in the area. Some of these missions are now in progress, and the dates of others are fixed. The committee is very grateful to the churches who have loaned their preachers to conduct special missions to help our country churches. Amongst them is that very fine piece of "preaching evangelism" conducted by Keith Macnaughton (Geelong) at Shepparton, during which ten made the noble decision and the church was greatly encouraged. Another was the visit of Arthur Withers (West Preston) to Red Cliffs, for a week of pastoral visitation amongst a people who have been without a resident preacher for a considerable time, culminating in four decisions for Christ. To this should be added the visit of a country preacher to Melbourne—a week of witness at North Richmond by Howard Earle, of Kaniva. We look forward now to the preaching mission form of evangelism to be conducted shortly at Wangaratta by G. M. Mathieson, of Bendigo. You will, of course, at your own centre, clear the course for the dedication of the largest amount ever to home missions on the day set apart by our conference for this task—Sunday, Dec. 3.—W. Gale.

EASTERN WHEATBELT (W.A.) CONFERENCE

EASTERN Wheatbelt (W.A.) churches held an annual conference at Bruce Rock on Oct. 1. Delegates were present from circuit churches, Bruce Rock, Mukinbudin and Narembeen, and from State conference committees. All Mukinbudin delegates had to travel well over one hundred miles to be present. The meetings were chaired by circuit evangelist, T. D. Maiden. Visiting speaker for day was R. J. Duckett, of Victoria Park. Attendances at all meetings were excellent. Other church bodies in town showed a commendable spirit by closing evening meetings so that all might attend, and 130 were present at evening meeting.

The gathering at Lord's Supper was helped greatly by Mr. Duckett's sermon. At this session an item was given by Bruce Rock Sunday school, the majority of members being aboriginal children. At gospel rally a duet by Fay and Lois Gabrielson, and a solo by Mrs. Maiden were enjoyed. Mr. Duckett spoke well.

The business session of conference occupied most of afternoon. The treasurer presented a financial statement which showed a credit balance of £224. Encouraging church reports revealed consecrated effort during year. The circuit had been under direct supervision of Home Missionary Committee until this year when circuit churches took over control, electing a committee of deacons to oversee circuit affairs. With consecrated zeal and evident success, the members have undertaken the added responsibility. Concern was felt at conference for needs of other and larger towns within circuit, and it was proposed to approach the Home Missionary Committee with a view to co-operating in these places. Representatives of State conference committees outlined their work and aims during afternoon. The arduous and painstaking task of providing luncheon and tea for the day was successfully undertaken by Bruce Rock church.

News of the Churches

Victoria

Middle Park.—Messrs. Stewart and Whiting were speakers on Oct. 8. A youth tea was held, and scholars took part in gospel service. A temple day appeal to reduce debt on building raised £60. T. Gaisford has been discharged from Army, and was welcomed back into fellowship.

Coburg.—At close of Mr. Wakefield's address in morning service, on Oct. 15, Ted Kelly, of A.I.F., made the good confession. He was baptised at evening service, and received into fellowship. Chas. Hollett, of Northam, W.A., and Miss Elsie Somers, of Subiaco, W.A., were welcome visitors.

South Richmond.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 1 and 8. Excellent singing was given by scholars, under leadership of P. Whitmore. Good messages were given by D. Ritchie, R. Burns, R. Goldby and A. Cremin. On Oct. 10, scholars enjoyed a social evening, when prizes were distributed.

Ballarat (York-st.).—C. Jackel was speaker on Sept. 3, being church anniversary. Meetings were well attended and enjoyed by all. A successful competition has been run in Bible school; winners of competition were senior girls. Each was presented with a beautifully bound Bible. A tea was held for teachers and senior members of Sunday school on Oct. 8; forty-five were seated for tea and discussion.

Preston.—Gospel service on Oct. 1 was conducted by Dr. Killmer, Mr. Combridge speaking at morning service. J. Baker, of college, addressed church at morning service on Oct. 8, and also conducted gospel service, his messages being much appreciated. Mr. Combridge was absent at Warragul by arrangement with Home Missionary Committee. Mrs. Dean, of Northcote, rendered two solos at evening service.

NEW VENTURE

PLANS TO ENGAGE FULL-TIME PREACHER
NORTH ESSENDON.—J. K. Bond has preached at all services during last few weeks. D. Moncur (Ascot Vale) presided, Oct. 8, when Mervyn Walsh, Les Walsh and Syd Rose, home on leave, were welcomed. At church business meeting recently, members decided to launch out into full-time work; a man has not yet been found to commence in this work. At Sunday school annual meeting, H. Hillbrick was re-elected secretary, and F. Funston, treasurer. Superintendent of Bible school will probably be incoming preacher. Miss D. Medhurst has been re-elected superintendent of kindergarten. Sunday school attendance on Oct. 8 was a record, 132 being present.

Gardenvale.—Speakers assisting Mr. Anderson during past weeks have been Messrs. Arnott, Kenelly, R. Morris, Luke, Long, Burns and Sumpton, whose messages have been appreciated. On Sept. 3 two Bible school girls were baptised, and on following Sunday were welcomed into fellowship. Reg. Andrew has been home on leave. Fifteen attended bi-monthly young people's tea at Brighton on Oct. 1. Mrs. Trivett and Mrs. Andrew are still sick.

Drumcondra.—Mr. and Mrs. Symes and their son have been received by transfer from Latrobe-terr. On Sept. 24, Merv. Symes addressed morning service, while Ralph Moore, of B. & F. Bible Society, spoke at night. A lantern address followed. On Oct. 1, Mr. Wilkie, of Dawson-st., Ballarat, was special speaker at church anniversary services. Young People's Fellowship held a parade at evening service. Attendances have been good at all meetings, and auxiliaries are functioning well.

Ascot Vale.—Anniversary services, held on Oct. 8, were very helpful. School sang, under leadership of Bruce Thomsen. Hall was almost full. J. Burns gave an illustrated talk which was enjoyed. Mr. White addressed scholars and friends; his illustrated talk was appreciated. Oct. 15 was held as a P.S.A., when scholars were presented with prizes and with awards for Sunday school examination.

Red Hill.—On Sept. 10, N. Kingston was invited to continue next year as preacher, with an increase in his allowance. Twenty-four of C.E. Society held its meeting with Mrs. O. E.



The Chapel at Red Hill.

Holmes on Sept. 24. Cheltenham C.E. Society visited church on Sept. 30, for a meeting and social, afternoon and evening. Church has been saddened by death of Mrs. V. C. Holmes.

Geelong.—K. A. Macnaughtan has returned from conducting a mission at Shepparton, and preached on Oct. 1 and 8. Members regret passing of Mrs. Green, who came to Geelong three years ago by transfer from Essendon. She gave valuable service to Ladies' Aid and Mission Band. Ladies' Aid birthday was celebrated on Sept. 18; the members have assisted church in a practical manner throughout year. Miss Emma Dew is now organist. Church expressed appreciation to Mrs. J. Drayton, who has helped since resignation of Mrs. Lenane.

South Yarra.—At fellowship tea and gospel service on Sept. 17, E. L. Williams, conference president, was speaker, and Miss Wright, from Coburg, soloist. An afternoon at home of Mrs. Linton raised £5/5/- for Comforts Fund. Wives, mothers and friends of boys on Service were entertained at musical evening arranged by F/Lt. Searle, during which he showed moving pictures of lads. Supper was served by ladies. At Sunday school anniversary services on Oct. 1 and 8, children sang well under leadership of A. Reed. Speakers were J. G. Brown, A. E. Hurren, C. Cole and E. W. Roffey.

North Fitzroy.—Good attendance at morning service on Oct. 10. Being Bible school anniversary, readings and prayers, etc., were taken by young men, most of whom have been added to church during past two years. V. Foster presided, and R. Enniss gave an inspiring address. Tom Williams was present after a serious operation. In afternoon and evening Bible school anniversary services were held, A. W. C. Candy and R. P. Morris being speakers. The attendance at both services was a tribute to work of Bible school. There was fine singing by scholars. About 120 scholars were entertained at tea, together with a number of visitors. On Wednesday, Oct. 11, Women's Mission Band met. There was a fine attendance of 41 members. Mr. Enniss addressed meeting, and Mrs. H. Swain presented Mrs. Enniss with a wall mirror as a token of appreciation of her services during past two years. A happy gathering terminated

with afternoon tea being served. On Oct. 15, V. Foster addressed church at morning service, and R. Enniss preached at night; one young woman confessed Christ. Bible school scholars received prizes in afternoon. Offering for College of the Bible amounted to £5/1/3.

Surrey Hills.—Sunday school anniversary services were successfully held on 15th inst, when three splendid addresses were delivered to appreciative congregation; at 11 a.m. by G. J. Andrews; at 3 p.m. by L. E. Brocker; and at 7 p.m. by F. T. Morgan, of Box Hill. Scholars, capably trained and led by W. F. Newham, sang delightfully. Reg. Fletcher rendered faithful and efficient service at piano. Sunday school teachers' prayer service at 10 a.m. set standard high for day. The Mayor of Camberwell, Cr. W. A. Fordham, was a welcome visitor at afternoon session.

Cheltenham.—On Sept. 30, a group of young people joined in an outing to Red Hill, joining with Red Hill young people in a happy session. Red Hill's hospitality proved warmhearted and kindly. V. Stafford had a major dental operation on Oct. 3. On Oct. 8, appreciated messages were given by W. F. White, 11 a.m., and J. I. Muddart at night. On Oct. 1, the choir rendered the cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," at evening service. Sympathy is extended to relatives of Mrs. Bruton and Mrs. Morey, who passed away during the week. £5/16/6 has been received for relief of British bombed-out sufferers.

Ivanhoe.—At annual business meeting, the following were elected: deacons, C. Bain, J. Carnie, A. Harris, T. Pettigrove and R. Swales; treasurer, J. T. Hamilton; secretary, E. Anderson; S.S. superintendent, A. Reed. Average attendances for year per Sunday were: Worship service, 35; gospel service, 38; attending Lord's supper, morning and evening, 45. Membership at present is 82. Mrs. Peacock, Miss E. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Launder, and Miss Trimmick, by transfer from North Carlton, were welcomed recently into fellowship. Two faithful and highly esteemed members, Mrs. Ada Shaw and P. Tunbridge, have passed to be with their Lord. F. B. Burt is rendering good service Fordham, 95 Dryburgh-st., North Melbourne.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, PARKDALE

Nov. 19—11 a.m. and 7 p.m., R. L. Williams.
Nov. 20—23.—Special Services each evening at 8 p.m., with R. L. Williams,
Nov. 26.—"Home-Coming" Day. R. L. Williams, Speaker.

Pray! Come!

Some Second-hand Sets

Watson's Theological Institute. View of the evidences, doctrines, morals and institutions of our fathers, who renewed fellowship at dinner and tea, and in three grand services in chapel, where 145 broke bread. At morning meeting S. Neighbour preached. In afternoon Les. Hollins, M.L.A., examined the individual's approach to Jesus. Miss Amelia Searce sang delightfully, and beautiful music was contributed by Malvern Orchestral Society. J. E. Allan spoke at gospel service, and was supported by J. Binney as soloist.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Oct. 4 the women's Mission Band held its monthly meeting at home of Mrs. Gower, Ivanhoe, and held a sale of gifts. £5 was raised for Dhand Hospital. There were good gatherings at all services on Oct. 8, when Bible school held its anniversary. Singing of scholars, under leadership of N. Maddow, was much enjoyed. Allan Swain, of A.I.F., was welcomed back on leave; he read lesson at afternoon session. T. A. Fitzgerald, of Collingwood, was speaker at 3 p.m. and C. G. Taylor at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. There were

good congregations at all services on Oct. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett were received by transfer from Northcote. Bible school anniversary was continued at evening service. At close of C. G. Taylor's address, three young women made the good confession.

Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of Oct. 8, service was broadcast. Address by J. Keith Robinson stirred hearers. At 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Fletcher Thrum rendered a solo. L. Cornwell, Director of the Malayan Evangelical Mission, was preacher. Afterwards, in church hall, speakers gave much appreciated lantern talks on work of Christian missions in Malaya. A sing-song preceded the messages. Supper was also served.

Maylands.—The 40th anniversary celebrations commenced on Oct. 8. At morning service C. F. W. Smith, past member and chairman youth department, presided. E. H. Sherman, of Inglewood, a past member, addressed church. Two youths of present generation helped. The building was unable to hold crowd at afternoon session. A. McRoberts impressed children with an appropriate story. At evening service A. McRoberts preached to filled building and a record number of children. W. Harris was musical director; Miss V. Dean trained the kindergarten, in which there are over 70 children. Mrs. Humphreys conducted cradle roll session.

New South Wales

Hornsby.—Fellowship with interstate members has been enjoyed recently, including Mr. Campbell Edwards, of Victoria; and Mr. Uren, of Adelaide, who gave a message at morning service on Oct. 8. Sister Mary, who has spent many years in missionary work, particularly in North-west of Australia, is residing in Hornsby temporarily; her fellowship has been helpful. At gospel service S. Hallop gave message, and a young man confessed Christ.

say valuable to me. You are to be congratulated on the improved standard to which you have brought the journal. We appreciate this kind word from our brother.

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Taree.—Help of R. B. McIntyre (aborigines mission), who spoke at all services on Sept. 24, was appreciated. F. T. Saunders, brother of late A. G. Saunders, addressed worship service at Taree and Wingham on morning of Oct. 1. In evening he conducted a baptismal service, when two (mother and daughter), who had been influenced in spiritual matters during the ministry of A. G. Saunders, were immersed. F. T. Saunders' help was appreciated, especially under sad circumstances surrounding our former preacher's death. On Oct. 8, P. E. Thomas, B.A., spoke. In evening he conducted a memorial service for late A. G. Saunders, and brought an appropriate and helpful message to a large audience. During meeting, congregation stood as a mark of respect to one who faithfully preached the gospel of the kingdom, and whose life and work honored the Christian cause. Church is grateful to Marrickville congregation for releasing Mr. Thomas for week-end and for other courtesies extended.

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Queensland

Maryborough.—Attendances during last month were not up to average. Sickness is prevalent. Mr. and Mrs. Dallinger have returned from holidays; during their absence, speakers were Messrs. Wiltshire, Ingham and O'Hanlon. There were fair attendances recently at Brooweena and North Aramara. Church was sorry to farewell Mrs. Alan Price and Miss Abbott, of Baptist church, who was regular in her attendance during stay in district.



MISSION COMMENCED

THIRTEEN DECISIONS IN RECENT WEEKS

TOOWOOMBA.—A mission conducted by A. J. Fisher commenced, Oct. 8, with well-attended meetings. There was a confession at morning service, and a baptism at night, making 13 decisions in recent weeks. Mission meetings are being held nightly. Men's Brotherhood welcomed Mr. Fisher at tea on Oct. 7. A helpful table discussion followed. Mission Band's social afternoon for missionaries' Christmas cheer brought in £5. Central Bible school received 26/7/6 for Children's Day offering. A feature of Y.P.F. meetings are letters received from members in Services in reply to those sent monthly. A group of temperance workers had tea with young people recently, and provided an enjoyable evening's programme. Mr. Boettcher's work has been extended to take in oversight of Ma Ma Creek church till arrival of Mr. Glezendanner in December. Services were commenced at West Haldon, on Sept. 17, with an attendance of 20.

Roma.—On Oct. 8, Bible school anniversary was held, with record attendances. Mr. Davidson, of Wynnum, addressed morning and afternoon services. Kinders gave an interesting programme in afternoon, after which each kinder received a prize. Children's Day boxes were returned. Offering for afternoon was devoted to Children's Day fund, total to date amounting to £4/11/-. Special items by school and teachers were a special feature of evening service, Mr. Davidson again being speaker. On evening of 9th school demonstration was held, building was well filled, varied and interesting items were rendered, and prizes were presented to scholars. Mrs. L. R. Pitman, who has been ill in local hospital, has now returned home.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Attendances at Endeavor meetings are well maintained. On Sept. 19 a visit was made to Albert-st. Methodist church society. Programme was given by Ann-st. members. Owing to indisposition, A. H. Berlin (secretary-treasurer) has had to take a rest. At close of Mr. Hunting's address on morning of Oct. 1, a senior Bible school scholar, Pearl Schulz, made the good confession. On Oct. 8, fellowship with Chaplain D. Wakeley, who spoke at morning service, was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Burwood, N.S.W., and Mrs. Hunt, Rockhampton, Qld., were present. College of Bible offering has so far reached £37. Average attendances at morning and evening services for past month were 185 and 150 respectively. G. H. Thackray, a member of many years' standing, died recently.

South Australia

Nallsworth.—Meetings continue to be well attended. Morning meetings are very encouraging. On Oct. 8 R. Raymond, of W.A., was speaker at gospel service. Bruce Bristows, home on leave, was present at morning service. On Sept. 24 church officers led Endeavor meeting; a very helpful address was given by Mr. Mauger. John Lambert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Lambert, is in Children's Hospital, Nth. Adel-

aide, suffering from meningitis. We regret death of G. Clothier, returned soldier of 2nd A.I.F., at Keswick Hospital. Mr. King is very ill.

Murray Bridge.—Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brand have removed to Merbein, Victoria. Appreciation was expressed for Mrs. Brand's help in school and guild. Executive's centenary fund proposals were accepted, and a local sub-committee was appointed to organise collecting. On Oct. 8, N. G. Noble opened "Boy Week" with appropriate messages. Albertson and Colonel Light Gardens basket ball team attended evening service. "Boy Week" continued in men's fellowship father and son basket-tee on Oct. 10. Fine gospel solo was rendered by Doug. Butler. Colin Mitchell, discharged from Forces, has resumed helpful fellowship. Bible school was good on "Promotion Day," Oct. 8.

Balaklava.—Bible school anniversary services, held on Sept. 24 and 25, were excellent. M. T. Lawrie was speaker. Bible school choir was trained by E. Long. Special songs were sung by male quartette: Messrs. Long, Shrubsole, May and Webb. A. S. Shepherd has been elected to H.M. committee, as representative of northern churches. Guild held a juvenile concert recently, funds benefiting by £11. Guild and Triangle clubs held a social evening on Oct. 3 to honor 21st birthday of Gloria Veitch; about 100 friends attending. A presentation was made by president of guild, Mrs. A. Hutson. Annual meeting of B. and F. B. society was held after representative had spoken at gospel service, on a recent Sunday. A. Hutson visited Moolta and Kadina on Sept. 24, as president of the N.D. conference. Meetings of church and auxiliaries have been well sustained.

TO LET

Bon Beach, accom. 5, 3 furn, rooms and use of kitchen, 4 doors from beach. Gas, E.L. Near station. Vacant from Nov. 11 to Dec. 16, also Jan. 27 to Feb. 2.—Mrs. Bristow, 11 Shenfield-ave., Bon Beach.

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.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. and Mr. C. R. Burden gratefully acknowledge God's goodness in preserving Mrs. Burden's life during her serious illness over five months. We also acknowledge the skill and devotion of the surgeon, Mr. J. P. Ainslie; the physician, Dr. Troop; the nursing staffs of "Bethesda" and "Mount" Hospitals, the churches and Christians for their diligence in prayer and profusion of flowers; to Matron B. G. Hill, of Bethesda, for her kindly and sacrificial services, and the Smetherham family for their many attentions.

THANKS

Mrs. Ploog and family desire to express their deep appreciation to all who sent greetings and assurances of prayers to them during their recent sad bereavement. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

SUDAN UNITED MISSION

The Sudan United Mission invites applications for the following positions.

- (1) A male Deputation Secretary for New South Wales and Queensland.
- (2) A female Deputation Secretary for South Australia, part of Victoria and Tasmania.

The above positions involve the organising and carrying out of City and Country deputation activities. Salaries to be agreed upon, and, in addition, all expenses for hospitality and travelling incurred will be provided.

Enquiries and applications should be addressed to The General Secretary, Sudan United Mission, 174 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I, Victoria.

IN MEMORIAM

BURROWS.—In memory of my beloved wife, Louisa Chambers who, at Surrey Hills, fell asleep in Jesus on Oct. 22, 1934. "Memories."
—T. W. Burrows, Bon Beach.

LEGG.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away on Oct. 22, 1941. "In the sweet bye and bye we shall meet on that beautiful shore."
—Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. T. Legg.

LONG.—In loving memory of our dear ones, who passed on to Glory—father, Oct. 23, 1942; mother, Feb. 17, 1939; and sister Jean, Feb. 20, 1902. In our garden of memory we meet every day.
—Inserted by their loving family, Sth. Yarra and North Richmond (late of Bendigo).

MELDRUM.—In loving remembrance of Andrew Mackenzie Meldrum, who passed away at Mosman, N.S.W., on Oct. 20, 1943, late of Spokane, Washington, U.S.A.

Swift as the setting sun, man fades away!
Each generation moves with frenzied zest,
Each lives its little fretful, fevered day,
Then, to the great unknown it passes on,
Like all our fathers through the ages gone!
So shall this generation surely flee,
Our schemes and dreams shall cease at time's behest.

And we shall sleep unknown by men to be!
But if on earth a manly part we've played,
Been upright, honest, generous, full of grace;
And by the spirit of God's love essayed
To ease the burdens of the human race:
We've filled the niche predestined for us here.
Let's face the judgment bar of God without a fear!
(A.M.M.)

—Inserted by L.M.

COMING EVENTS

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Obituary

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

ALBERT GEORGE SAUNDERS, B.A., preacher in charge of churches of Christ in Taree district for the past five years, died on Sept. 26, in M.R.D. Hospital, Taree, N.S.W. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders, he was born at Hindmarsh, S.A., 61 years ago. He went to America to study at the Bethany Col-



A. G. Saunders, B.A.

lege, West Virginia, and during his early term at this college, he boarded with a daughter of its founder, Alex. Campbell. In 1911 he graduated with his B.A. degree, and later took a post-graduate course at the College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Completing these studies, he proceeded as a missionary to the Philippine Islands, and after serving six years, he returned to South Australia consequent upon the serious illness of his mother, and he remained on the mainland until her death. During this interval, he filled the office of secretary of the Federal Foreign Mission Board, and was also the preacher at Semaphore, S.A. Following the death of his mother, he returned to the Philippines, being finally stationed at Manila. He then went across to China to be married to Miss A. C. Masters, of New Zealand, who was then a missionary at Yunnanfu. Immediately after his marriage he returned to Australia, and for five years had charge of the Lygon-st. church, Melbourne, followed by a similar period as preacher at Subiaco, W.A. He then went across to New Zealand, and for seven years preached at Vivian-st., Wellington. In 1939, he went to Taree, N.S.W. This, in brief, outlines the different centres in which the late Mr. Saunders labored, but in actual fact, his work and influence extended beyond the spheres referred to, for he was prominent as a teacher and leader in Christian activities outside the confines of his duties as a pastor of any particular congregation. Apart from his special study of the problems of the mission field, he attained a high reputation as one who was always ready, and fully capable, of defending the basic truths of the Bible, which was the rule and guide by which he measured all things, and on which he based, in such a firm fashion, the framework of the devoted and influential service he was able to render to his fellows. Whilst stationed at Manila, his services were utilised as a teacher at the Theological Seminary there, and during the period he was living in Melbourne, he did special lecture work for training classes. He was president of State conferences in Victoria, Western Australia and New Zealand, and in addition he had the distinction of preaching conference sermons in every State of the Commonwealth, with the exception of Tasmania, and also in New Zealand. To Mrs. Saunders and her daughter, Clair, to F. T. Saunders, a brother, and to all who mourn the loss of a friend, deepest sympathy is extended.

Mrs. V. Holmes

THE church at Red Hill, Vic., suffered a great loss, and all members were deeply saddened, by the death of Mrs. V. Holmes, who fell asleep in Jesus on Oct. 1, aged 53 years. Nearly two years ago, our sister suffered a stroke while in Sydney, when visiting her sick mother, from which she never fully recovered. During those long, weary months, she suffered courageously. Her cheery smile and uncomplaining manner were proof of her steadfast faith in her Master. Our sister accepted Christ, and was baptised at the age of 14 by J. E. Thomas, at Stirling East church of Christ, S.A., in the year 1905. Later she married and moved to Red Hill, where she had been a faithful member for the past 23 years. She always took an active part in church work, and held the position of secretary of ladies' guild for a number of years, and was also organist of church for many years. Mrs. Holmes was a member of a well-known Christian family, and a sister of Chap. H. A. G. Clarke. She leaves behind to mourn her loss, a husband and family of three—Ron, Betty and Phyllis. A large crowd gathered to pay their last respects to a faithful citizen and disciple of Christ, at short services in chapel and at graveside, conducted by the writer. Her body was laid to rest in the Drumana cemetery. God has called a good woman to her reward, and we who are left behind have been inspired by a splendid life. To those who mourn the loss of a true wife, a loving mother, and fond sister, we pray God's comfort and strength, and commend them to the One who knows and understands the pain of human grief.—N.K.

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Mary K. Pedersen

ON Lord's day, Sept. 17, Mary K. Pedersen fell asleep in Jesus at home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bramstedt, 232 Hope-st., West Brunswick. She was born at Government House, Tasmania, in 1856, and has now gone to "The palace of the King." Our sister was brought to Victoria by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foy, and as a girl attended services in St. Georges Hall, Bourke-st. She was baptised by M. Wood Green at Lygon-st., where she attended for some years, also teaching in the Bible school at Langridge-st. On her marriage, she went to live at Warragul, where she and her husband became foundation members of the church in that town. Fifty-three years ago our sister lost her sight, but through the long years of darkness she never lost sight of Jesus. It was my joy to minister to her at Warragul and Newport, and I learned to love her for her wonderful faith and sterling Christian life. All who came in contact with her were blessed: in the words of a brother preacher, "We did not minister to her, she ministered to us." Her husband was called home seven years ago. Two sons survive her, both prominent in church and business circles at Warragul, also a daughter, Mrs. Bramstedt, of Moreland church. Since the death of her husband she had loving care in home of her daughter. Her sister, Mrs. Beal, was her constant companion during her latter years. We laid her body to rest in Warragul cemetery, after services in chapel and at graveside, conducted by the writer and W. G. Graham, of Moreland.—W.E.Q.

Mrs. Ada Shaw

ON Sept. 5, at age of 58 years, Mrs. Ada Shaw died. For many years our sister had lived a life worthy of the gospel of Christ. She came into membership with the church at Collingwood, in August, 1896. All who knew her were struck by her gracious and cheerful Christian character. On the fly-leaf of the New Testament presented to her on the occasion of her baptism 48 years ago, I read these words: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him," and those of us who were numbered amongst her friends can testify of her faithfulness to her Master. After a brief service, conducted in the mortuary chapel, her mortal remains were laid to rest in Heidelberg Cemetery. Services were conducted in chapel, and at the graveside by E. L. Williams, assisted by the writer. To her family, and her many friends, the church at Ivanhoe extends its deepest sympathy, and commends all to the loving care of our heavenly Father.—F.B.B.

Walter Thomas Tidd

AT his home, 63 Carween-ave., Mitcham, Vic., on July 11, Walter Thomas Tidd, late of Hawthorn and Elsternwick, passed to his reward at age of 73. Mr. Tidd was baptised 42 years ago by Mr. Bardwell, sen., in Glenferrie chapel, where he served for some years as an officer. The family moved to Brighton, and from there went to Elsternwick and attended Gardenvale and also Bambra-rd., Caulfield, finally settling at Mitcham. For the past eight years Mr. Tidd had very indifferent health, and was unable to attend services. He bore his suffering with patience and Christian fortitude, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. H. M. Clipstone conducted the services at the home and at Springvale. To Mrs. Tidd, her four daughters and son Jim (now in New Guinea), and their families, loving Christian sympathy is extended.—A.H.P.

Mrs. Wheat

ON Sept. 15, the church at Oakleigh, Vic., sustained a loss in the passing of Mrs. Wheat, who was a foundation member. Mrs. Wheat's

early associations with the church were at Berwick, later at Windsor, and Prahran, coming to Oakleigh with her husband and family 28 years ago, our sister, with her husband and family, was a regular supporter of church. For 18 years she was a deaconess at Oakleigh. Though a quiet, unobtrusive Christian, Mrs. Wheat inspired others by her confidence in God. Her health gave increasing concern for the last three months of her life. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in Oakleigh Cemetery, after services conducted by the writer at home and graveside. The sympathy of Oakleigh church is extended to relatives in their sorrow.—Stan. Neighbour.

Mrs. Annie Wiseman

ON Aug. 13, at Tunstall, Vic., in the home of Mrs. McClelland, Mrs. Annie Wiseman received the home call at age of 86. She was born in Inverness, Scotland, and with her parents came to Victoria in infancy. Our sister and her husband served in Queensberry-st. mission about 50 years ago. She was also connected with Ascot Vale, Essendon, and Red Hill church. A short service was held at Le Pine's parlor, Box Hill, and at the Springvale Crematorium. To her sister, Mrs. Watson, and brother, Donald Campbell, and her stepson, S. Wiseman, and niece, Miss E. Wiseman, and relatives, deep Christian sympathy is extended.—A.H.P.

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20: 12)." . . . "Second: know that God has
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gether, saith the Lord: though your sins be as
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