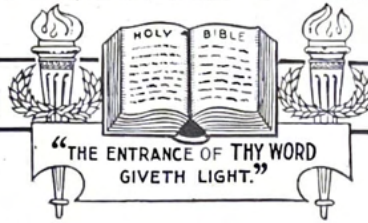


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Christianity and Churchanity

"MEN want Christianity and not churchanity," is a cry being applauded these days. It is a statement that is indefinite, and is, therefore, dangerous.

The term "churchanity" is of modern coinage. The word "Christianity" has become dignified by ancient usage, but it does not go back to the days when the New Testament was being written. Neither word has a New Testament origin. If we were to follow the principle of speaking in the language of the scriptures when referring to divine truth, we should not use either the word "Christianity" nor the term "churchanity." However, common use of such terms compels us to employ them at times.

This word "churchanity" refers, I believe, to the activities of the church. Are men suggesting that, while being interested in Christianity, they are not concerned about the work of the church? If that is what is suggested, then we can see a grave error and danger in this cry: "Men want Christianity and not churchanity."

WHEN we use the word "Christianity," we are thinking of Christ, his disciples' work, the church, and all its ministry. In other words, we cannot separate the church from the realm of activity designated by the term "Christianity."

If we were to try to set the activities of the church apart from Christianity, what would we have left?

Someone may suggest that we can distinguish between Christ and the church. If that is so, we ought to be able to change the cry: "Men want Christianity and not churchanity" into: "Men want Christ and not the church." If a man were to say, "Bring me a cup of water, but not in a cup," you would think he had gone crazy. We cannot have a cup of water without a cup, neither can we have Christ apart from the church.

To speak of wanting Christ and not the church is to reveal a lack of understanding of the facts. The difficulty arises because we have not always used the word "church" in the sense it is employed in the New Testament. If we want a correct definition of this word, we must refer to the writings of the New Testament.

WHEN Peter said to the Lord, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my-Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."



Men Surrendered to Christ Make Up This Fellowship—the Church.

WHAT is this church? In the Greek New Testament the word we translate "church" has a history. There is a story behind it. Each Greek state had an assembly of free men over the age of thirty years, to govern the affairs of the city. A town-crier would go through the city, calling men from their businesses to gather apart in the place of assembly. It was a calling-out of men to undertake a

special duty. Those who gathered in the assembly were spoken of as those who were "called out"—the *ekklesia*. That Greek word is made up of two smaller words; one meaning *out*, and the other *call*. We translate the Greek term by the word "church." Those who are "called out" from the world to follow Christ make up the church. If a man loves Christ and prefers him above all else, he will go out from the world and follow Christ in the way of truth. That man will not be alone; he will find others of like mind and faith in that way. All of these together are the "called-out," or the

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A Victory That Brings Peace



Wilkie J. Thomson, of Long Plains, S.A., tells of nature's struggle to create a scene of peace, and indicates how we must strive to preserve world-peace.

ONCE upon a time I wrote an article about D Day and the necessity of attack—not, of course, thinking about the opening of a second front in Europe, but of attack with the sword of the Spirit. Some day, perhaps, that article will be brought forth from the recesses of obscurity, where it now lies, and will be screwed up and thrown into the fire (where I suppose it rightly belongs) by someone who, glancing at it, will wonder what it's all about.

But now the war has moved on, I cannot help but make some comment upon the approaching peace-day.

There is a little spot a long way from where I write, which I think is the most peaceful scene I know. It is a grassy field which rises slightly, and then slopes down gently to the heavily-gummed bank of the Preston River. My picture always took in the corner of an old, shingled barn over which the gnarled apple trees spread their branches. I have been privileged to see many wonderful places and sights, but none which so spelled peace to me. I saw it many times, but strangely enough, never with the wind blowing and the leaves beating each other, or the rain pouring down. But I know these things must have happened sometimes to keep the field green and the trees strong. If it were like the imaginary lotus-land, with eternal sunshine and nothing to disturb the scene at times, it would soon be nothing but a memory. In other words, peace does not mean deadness. Water that has become stag-

nant is unhealthy and unlovely. What matters it if we sit in seclusion, and think the most beautiful thoughts, unless we can make them known to those whom they will help? Many a "holy" man of the East has attained his Nirvana of uselessness, whilst the rest of the world has gone by—much of it pain-wracked, morally wicked, and wholly miserable.

The victorious Romans had a nasty habit of sowing the fields and habitations of their conquered foes with salt, so that Tacitus wrote: "Rome makes waste the land and calls it peace."

Rather is peace to be found in virility. A child who kicks and beats the air is growing strong. You see what I mean; real peace is found in pursuit of good ends and in noble achievements. Supposing we were to say to ourselves, "Well, now, the war's finished, we'll settle down in peace." And folding our hands in contentment, we would rock ourselves out of the world of realities. Believe me, there would soon be another war if we all did that. Peace is something positive. Peace calls for effort, and continued effort, because it is the fruit of the vigorous, intelligent application of every way of truth and righteousness. We must live peaceably, teach the ways of peace, and be peacemakers. When the lights go on all over the world, there must be that richer, fuller light—"the Light of the world"—out-shining all because we who are his will bear the torches of loving service.

Sanctified Wholly

Only as the Spirit of God is permitted to work within a man will there be development of character. Thomas Hagger, of Frankston, Vic., discusses this truth in the following article.

SANCTIFICATION is the setting apart of either persons or things for sacred purposes. And it is the making holy of those so set apart. It is, therefore, a state into which we enter instantaneously, and it is a progressive experience; it is a crisis and it is a process. And so in the New Testament Christians are spoken of as sanctified people as in such passages as 1 Cor 6: 2, while in other passages it is presented as something to be attained as in 1 Thess. 5: 23, and Heb. 12: 14.

God set us apart for his service when we accepted Christ as our Saviour, and now he desires to develop in us the holy character, and he would develop that character in us wholly and so make us like he is. That word "wholly" is a strong word; it conveys the idea of "in every part of us perfectly," "through and through." To sanctify us wholly would complete the work begun in us at conversion.

It is important, however, for us to learn that holiness is not merely negative; it does

not only consist of abstaining from this or that. It is said that Dr. Crane once asked a man who was the best man he ever knew. Immediately the reply came, "My father." When the doctor asked why, the man replied, "Because he never used profane language, he never desecrated the Lord's day, he never drank intoxicants or used tobacco, and to the best of my knowledge, he never created or told a lie." Dr. Crane said, "That is a very good description of a fence-post. What I would like to know is, what did he do?" It is not fence-post holiness or sanctification the Lord desires us to have; it is the real thing; it is the holiness that does something.

In the New Testament, our sanctification is ascribed to God, to the Lord Jesus, to the Holy Spirit, and to truth. But there is a part for man to do, and that part is to surrender ourselves completely to the influence of the Holy Spirit so that he can work in us and through us. This will call for the emptying from our hearts of all self-will, and selfishness, and impurity; and we must be characterised by undivided loyalty to Christ. In other words, we must be willing to be altogether his, and then just "lie still and let him mould" us.

The result of being sanctified wholly will not necessarily be a surge of wonderful joy nor great success in service; but there will be freedom from burdening anxiety, the doing of things that appeared to be impossible will become possible, there will be times of blessed communion with the Lord, prayer will become more real to us, the Lord's Supper will become a wonderful means of grace, our witness for Christ will be more true, and there will be the satisfaction of knowing that we are in line with the Master's will for us.

Surely our prayer for each other should be—"And the very God of peace sanctify you through and through."

Christianity and Churcharity

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church. So the church is not a building nor an organisation, but a fellowship—a company—of men and women who are bound to Christ in simple obedience.

To speak of men wanting Christ, but not the church, is to utter nonsense. It is as foolish as saying, "I want to fly in an aeroplane, but I do not want to leave the ground." One cannot fly and remain on the ground; neither can one follow Christ and not be in the church. If we follow Christ we become a part of him; we make up his body, even the church. The church is the body of Christ, Paul used to say.

If the cry: "Give me Christ, not the church," is an effort to express disgust for the man-made traditions and organisations that have divided the church and separated the children of God into sects, then we are ready to join in the cry, but ask that the wording be changed so that we may cry: "Give us the pure church of Christ without the dividing organisations of human invention." We believe that men want to see the church in the seamless robe of Christ, but not in the coat of many colors.

The impatience of men at home and in the Services with the traditional and human additions that hide the fellowship of the saints is a warning to us not to imitate those who have departed from the truth of the New Testament, and it is a challenge to press forward with the plea of the Restoration Movement to meet the prevailing mood of thinking people.

If we were asked to sum up in three words the essences of the teachings of the Restoration Movement and thus of the New Testament, we should say: Faith in action. At conversion, Christian faith is expressed in Christian baptism; in worship, in acts associated with the observance of the Lord's Supper; and in daily life, in moral and social deeds that help others and raise the moral standard of the community.

It may be that it is against the false notion that religious impulses are satisfied completely by church services that men cry, "Give us Christianity, not churcharity." The early Christians would never have created such a reaction. For them, membership in the church meant a definite way of life. "Behold how they love one another," the pagans used to cry. In times of sickness they were ready to help, and in times of famine to share.

It is only right to point out that the church, despite failings, is very active: more active than people are aware. The strain of the activity is being borne by a faithful few in many centres. It falls heaviest, quite often, upon preachers. Perhaps much effort is being misdirected. Only the activity of a church free from the traditions of men can be sufficient to meet the demands of the present situation. We must press on with the task of urging a return to the authority of Christ and to the life and practices of the New Testament church.

The power of a book is measured by its length of life and width of influence.



Various Topics

"The Art of Sermon Construction"

AT no time in history has the art of public speech manifested its power over men more than during the present world crisis. Although the press has improved its methods of presenting news and views, and the film industry has elaborated its technique to capture the multitude, it has been the spoken word of leading personalities that has turned the current of history, first this way and then that. Adolf Hitler captured the lead in Germany, chiefly by his peculiar oratorical powers. When the flood of invasion was about to cover Britain, the speeches of that brilliant orator, Winston Churchill, rallied an unarmed nation to repel a formidable foe. Then the sympathies of millions of Americans were moved by the eloquence of President Roosevelt. Not every person can lay claim to be able to use the art of public speech with success. It makes demands upon the body, mind and spirit. The public speaker must be creative, imaginative, pleasing and forceful, if he is to succeed.

The preacher of the gospel is called upon to exercise all these powers in the preparation and delivery of a sermon. Some preachers do not reach the height of their powers because they do not prepare their sermons well enough; others make satisfactory preparations, but neglect the art of delivery or ignore the rules on the way to win the sympathy of a congregation. Principal T. H. Scambler, after many years of teaching and preaching, has gathered into a small and valuable book the results of his own experiences in the preparation and delivery of sermons. The chief aim of the book is to assist young men to fit themselves for the difficult task of preaching the gospel. However, it will also stimulate those who are engaged in regular preaching to give greater attention to the rules of sermon construction. Many who listen to addresses may like to read this book that explains the way in which a good sermon is constructed. Text-books are not easy to read as a rule, but Mr. Scambler has written this book in an easy, flowing style, and thus captures the interest of readers. Many will join with me in congratulating Principal Scambler on the writing of this able treatise on a vital subject.

"The Art of Sermon Construction" by T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., Principal of College of the Bible, Glen Iris. The book contains 142 pages in a cloth binding with an attractive jacket. Price, 5/-; posted, 5/3d. Order from Austral Co.

"WHAT IT TAKES!"

HOW the Christian faith is able to help men facing perils on land and sea, in peace and war, and in the rounds of daily life, has been set out in a series of articles written by men and women who have tasted, either in World War I. or World War II., the trials and fears of battle. This book contains the testimony of sailor, soldier, airman, queen, general and chaplain. All tell of the effectiveness of the Christian message to meet the demands of human life.

This series of epistles by living Christians will help many to find Christ. If you have a friend in the Services, send a copy of this book to him. It confirms the faith of the believer and shows the way of life to those who doubt. The publishers are Oxford University Press, 96 pages in a heavy paper cover, price 1/9, posted. Order from the Austral Co.

"BRITAIN TO-DAY"

THOSE who desire to learn what the people of Britain are thinking, planning and doing will find a great deal of help in a small monthly magazine entitled "Britain To-day." The August number has an article dealing with the plans to conquer unemployment. Another interesting article tells of the work of Toynbee Hall. English literature and the education of men in the British Army are also discussed. The marked price of journal is sixpence, and is on sale at book stalls. Do not send orders to Austral Co.

"THE SHANE QUARTERLY"

THE April-July number contains the life-story of Vachel Lindsay, a Disciple poet in America, whose verse is much appreciated by critics. One poem, given attention in this number, was inspired by the life and ministry of Alexander Campbell.

"SHOULD GERMANY BE FORGIVEN?"

By F. Brompton Harvey.

THIS is a footnote to Lord Vansittart's "Black Record." While it is an interesting statement, it seems to fail in seeking too much support for its argument from some passages of scripture. 24 pages, price 9d., posted 10½d.

Roosevelt on World Peace

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S address at a Foreign Policy Association dinner was an outstanding utterance. He spoke against isolationism, and declared his belief that "enduring world peace hasn't a chance unless the American nation is willing to co-operate in winning it and maintaining it, and to back words with deeds." The president referred once more to the "good neighbor" policy of the United States, and also to "a very practical expression of common purpose on the part of the four great nations now united to wage the war" as having been achieved. These nations, with all the peace-loving nations of the world, would embark together after the war on a great and more difficult task—that of waging peace. While declaring that there would be no bargaining with Nazi conspirators and no leaving them a shred of control, and that there would be punishment for all in Germany directly responsible for the agony of mankind, Mr. Roosevelt stated: "We bring no charge against the German race as such, for we cannot believe God eternally condemned any race of humanity, and we know in our own land how many good men and women of German ancestry have proved loyal, freedom-loving, peace-loving citizens." He further said that it would be needful for German people to "earn their way back into the fellowship of peace-loving, law-abiding nations."

The Problem of Divorce

The increasing number of divorces is causing much alarm amongst many people, who see in the violation of the sanctity of marriage and the disruption of home life evils which gravely threaten the well-being of the nation. In N.S. Wales, where there is a long waiting list of divorce cases, judges of the Supreme Court recently proposed new divorce rules to speed up trials and relieve congestion. These included a proposal to permit undefended cases to be decided by a judge in chambers on simple affidavits. The Council of the N.S.W. Bar Association published an opinion that "departure from the present practice of requiring parties and witnesses in matrimonial proceedings to take an oath and give evidence thereon orally in open court is not conducive to the public interest and the proper administration of justice." In a letter to the press, the Anglican archbishop said that the proposal mentioned above would "open the door wide to collusion between interested parties" and "increase largely the all too prevalent habit of launching unproved charges." When the proposed new divorce rules came before parliament, the Legislative Assembly rejected them on the voices. It was urged by some members that additional judges should be appointed in divorce, and the Premier (Mr. McKell) has promised to consider this recommendation with a view to dealing with congestion. The great desirability of uniform divorce laws throughout the Commonwealth has again been stressed; but in securing this the helpful method will not be to adopt the standards of the loosest State divorce acts. It is a tragedy that of some countries it can be written, "We look upon marriage as a more or less impermanent contract which can be cut short if it is found unsatisfactory in the carrying out." Were all professing Christians to uphold the standards of Christ, they would make a great contribution to their country's welfare.

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Life and Song

—Richard E. Burton.



LIFE is the seed one soweth,
Song is the springing
flower;
Life is the tear that floweth,
Song is the happy hour.

And as the tear prepareth
Hearts for the coming bliss,
And by the pain it beareth
Widens the soul for this;

For as the seed must
tarry
Under the chilly mould,
Only to swell and carry
Savor in every fold;

So will a seed of sorrow
Blossom my life along;
So will a tearful morrow
Write me a deeper song.

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

EDUCATION WEEK

EDUCATION Week in Victoria has received the attention it merits. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne presided over a gathering organised by Council for Christian Education in Schools, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27. Important pronouncements were made by N. H. MacNeil, headmaster of Wesley College, concerning, "The Objective in Education"; A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., "Education for Community Living," and Miss H. Gilbert, past president of Victorian Teachers' Union, "Teaching as a Social Service."

ESSENTIALS FOR TRUE EDUCATION

THE following public utterance by Principal Frank Rolland (Geelong College) was reported in the Melbourne Herald:—

Sometimes we might despair of the sanity of a community in which each taxpayer (despite a number of total abstainers) paid £8 a year in excise, and where many men spent at least £200 a year to train a horse, but which gave about £2 a head to child training.

Why could not every citizen enthusiastically co-operate with the schools to help the boys and girls of Australia grow up sturdy in physique, athletic in mind, charitable in judgment, efficient in work and generous in service?

Thus, by co-operation could be achieved that magnificent Old Testament ideal of education which was to learn to love God with all that we were and our neighbors as ourselves. Three questions on which Education Week would try to enlighten the public were:—

What is the aim of education?

What sort of teachers do we want to guide youth towards harmonious development?

How can we compel governments to give the children the chance they deserve?

One of the chief aims of education was to teach children to enjoy themselves thoroughly, rejoicing in difficulties overcome in acquiring knowledge as did a mountaineer in ascending some high peak. True education would produce a well balanced personality—one that would not be knocked down by the first adverse wind nor yield to the first temptation,

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CAMPS

SEASONAL camp fixtures are being finalised in the various States. Queensland are jubilant in securing a suitable site. New South Wales are already receiving registrations for their camp at Deep Creek, Narrabeen Lakes. Western Australian camps will take place at the permanent camp site at North Beach. Principal T. H. Scambler has been invited to assist in the Tasmanian camp. Victoria makes history in holding its first camp on the permanent site—Waterman Memorial camp site, Monbulk. Since accommodation is limited to 100, two five-day camps are being held in order to extend the opportunity to the greatest number. Christmas camp is from Dec. 23 to 28, and New Year camp, Dec. 28 to Jan. 2. Hall's Gap camp is planned for Feb. 14 to 21. Registration forms will be available in the churches on Sunday, Oct. 29.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

"I ALWAYS THINK OF HIM"

SPEAKING recently on Psa. 23, a well-known Methodist minister related the following incident: Many years ago (he said) I was visiting a dying woman, who resided in a poor little house in a back street. She lay in the room off the kitchen, just waiting for God to call her home. I spoke to her a little, and then began to read the twenty-third Psalm to her. When I came to the words, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me," she suddenly interjected in a weak, quavering voice, "I never think of it; I always think of him." Though many years have passed since (concluded the minister), I often seem to hear the victory over death that rang out through her weak voice: "I never think of the dark valley; I always think of him!"—Selected.

PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING

A QUANT old proverb says: "One can not have omelet without breaking eggs." If we would really do anything really worth while, that will be a blessing to the world, we must put into it thought, time, patience, self-denial, sleepless nights, exhausting toll. There is a legend of an artist who had found the secret of a wonderful red which no other artist could imitate. The secret of his color died with him. But after his death an old wound was discovered over his heart. This revealed the source of the matchless hue in his pictures. No great achievement can be made, no lofty attainment reached, nothing of much value to the world, save at the cost of hearts' blood.—"Current Anecdotes."

Beech.—"Why did you break your engagement with that school teacher?" Ash.—"If I failed to show up every night, she expected me to bring a written excuse signed by my mother."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"THEY THINK IT STRANGE"

Nov. 6—John 16: 25-33.

" 7-1 Cor. 1: 18-31.

" 8-1 Cor. 2.

" 9-1 Cor 3: 18-23.

" 10-2 Cor. 11: 16-33.

" 11-1 Peter 4: 1-11.

" 12—Dan. 3: 19-30; 1 Peter 4: 12-19.

THUS wrote Peter of the Gentle unbelievers I who, witnessing in their fellow-citizens the stupendous change wrought by conversion, thought it strange. No doubt the converts were quite prepared for that; their old-time companions think it strange because their present conduct is so contrary to their former way of living; because they have accepted doctrine which necessitates the renunciation of idolatry; because they have entered a new world and begun to live a new life, with new aims, sympathies and antipathies. So, in our day, with too many it seems quite the usual thing not only to think it strange, but to ridicule all whose views and aims and way of life are different from their own. But what matters it? Even during our Lord's ministry, not only did men think it strange, but even said, "He is beside himself," whilst the Pharisees asserted that he was Beelzebub, the prince of the demons. And, of course, "the disciple is not above his teacher."

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

PENSIONS FUND

A MATTER which I feel requires immediate attention is that of retiring our aged preachers. The small salaries paid to so many of our preachers give them no chance to save up for their old age. If our churches are not going to look after their faithful and aged servants, I am sure God cannot give us his richest blessing. There should be a definite retiring age and a definite pension paid to retired preachers. This should be quite apart from the Preachers' Provident Fund or the C.F.A. Some people will say I am wrong in advocating this, and will quote as their excuse, "The Lord will provide." The Lord does provide, but he does it through his people here on earth. For obvious reasons, the matter should be dealt with by a Federal board, and it should not depend for its funds on an annual offering.—(Mrs.) M. G. Sherman, W.A.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE SERMON

THE sermon preached by our brother, R. L. Williams, at the Central Baptist church, Sydney, on Oct. 8, contained some very true and beautiful things, but it contained also things which saddened brethren who have, for years, been constrained of the Spirit of God to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. By correspondence we have re-assured ourselves that our hearing and understanding were not defective. With Mr. Williams' desire for Christian unity we have every sympathy, and that we must exercise Christian charity to maintain unity with diversity is generally agreed. But when the miraculous birth of our Lord, the atonement and the ordinances are to be reduced to matters of opinion in order to union, the price is beyond our power to pay. Indeed, if these vital matters are lost we have no gospel left. Moreover, it might be seriously questioned whether our fellowship would be desired by many with whom we seek union if our conviction on these vital truths is no deeper than doubtful opinions.

The union for which churches of Christ have pleaded throughout my 35 years' ministry has been the union of Christians upon the basis defined by the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. And this basis is indisputably clear. From it I am not prepared to recede. Such a plea does not whittle away the deity and authority of our Lord, nor does it bypass the atoning blood. It requires a renunciation of godlessness, and a crucifixion and burial with the Christ. It honors the two great ordinances as inseparable tokens of the great essentials of the gospel, and requires that they who participate in these ordinances will strive by well-doing to make their calling and their election sure.

It is far from my desire to write one word that will, in any degree, cause schism among my brethren, or to hurt the feelings of any; but fidelity to our Lord constrains me to pen my dissent from an utterance made so publicly, which both misrepresents the churches of Christ and doubtfully honors our one Lord and Master.—J. Wiltshire, Western Australia.

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Here and There

F. A. Kemp, who is the sole remaining foundation member of Swanston-st. church (Melbourne, Vic.), is seriously ill.

We regret the following telegram reached us too late for last issue:—"Two confessions last Sunday, Oct. 22.—Matthews, Whyalla, S.A."

P. R. Thickins, formerly preacher of North Perth, W.A., has been appointed a chaplain in the R.A.A.F. He was in Melbourne during last week on his way to N.S.W.

To catch interstate mails, we must go to press on Monday afternoon. Telegrams ought to reach us by Monday midday, otherwise they may be too late for that week's issue.

This telegram reached us on Oct. 30: "E. C. Hinrichsen had eleven adult confessions; six at Fairfield, N.S.W., five at Petersham, N.S.W.; over sixty during brief Petersham ministry.—Morris."

We received the following telegram too late for inclusion in last week's issue: "Three inspiring anniversary services, Sunday, Oct. 22; tabernacle filled each occasion; incomplete thankoffering almost £120; campaign closed with three decisions.—Boettcher."

News of the death of Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, on Oct. 27, caused sorrow among Christians of many communions. His wide sympathies, revealed by his activities in the World Council of Churches, and in efforts to secure justice for all classes of society, had won for him a world-wide response of appreciation.



R. L. Williams, B.A., BD., the newly-appointed associate secretary of the Victorian Social Service Department, plans to take up his new duties immediately following a service in which he will be set apart for his special work. Mr. Williams was trained at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and at Butler University, U.S.A. He has served in helpful ministries with churches at Camberwell, Vic., and Ann-st., Brisbane. His interest in social problems and his preaching ability fit him for this ministry in the kingdom of God.

J. E. Thomas, of North Williamstown, Vic., after six years of fruitful service, has resigned as preacher because of failing health. Not only did our brother build up the local work, but he urged that united meetings of churches in district be held from time to time. These meetings have been very successful. We regret that Mr. Thomas found it necessary to resign. Reports indicate that our brother is

still seriously ill, and prayers are sought on his behalf. J. E. Searle, who served successfully at Thornbury, Vic., has accepted the invitation to labor at North Williamstown, and is planned to commence his ministry early in December.

Recent attendances at Ballarat (Dawson-st.) are very encouraging. Four who had previously confessed faith in Christ have been immersed and received into fellowship. A Bible school scholar, John Blackie, has accepted Jesus as Saviour. The offering from S.S. for Children's day exceeded £8. Scholars are practising hymns under leadership of W. W. Saunders. Sister L. Franklin is training children for midweek demonstration.

At Brighton, Vic., Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 29, speakers for three services being B. F. Huntsman, A. E. White and P. Foster. H. Plummer conducted singing by scholars. A successful concert to raise funds to send Christmas parcels to men in Forces realised £28. W. S. Lowe, M.A., B.Com., of Auckland, N.Z., has accepted a call to serve as preacher, and will commence his ministry in new year.

Federal College of the Bible closing exercises this year are being held a week earlier to enable students sitting for degree examinations to complete their work. A service to set students apart for the Lord's work will be held at Swanston-st. chapel, at 3 p.m., and the demonstration, at Lygon-st., at 8 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 16. In connection with demonstration, a brotherhood farewell will be tendered to Misses E. and A. Jermyn, who are retiring at end of year.

Mission and revival campaign conducted at Toowoomba, Qld., by A. J. Fisher, of Gympie, concluded with 62nd anniversary celebrations of church. Since mission commenced on Oct. 9, there have been three decisions, two baptisms, and one added by transfer. Church is very grateful to Gympie brethren for releasing Mr. Fisher for special services. On Oct. 21, annual fellowship tea and thanksgiving service were held. Mr. Boettcher presided; Mr. Fisher delivered a powerful address. Members' thankoffering exceeded £100. On Sunday there were large gatherings at services. Mr. Fisher inspired all with his messages. In afternoon sacred music was provided by combined choir. With tragic suddenness, the death occurred on Oct. 19 of W. E. Cox. Deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Cox and family in their time of great sorrow.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

OVER 50 years ago, in the U.S.A., this international and inter denominational day of prayer came into being, organised and arranged by some women who decided to form groups in town and country to keep one day in the year as Women's World Day of Prayer. Each year they follow a concerted theme, and thus have linked themselves into a world fellowship of praying women. On Feb. 16, 1945, the day will be observed in over fifty countries. The order of service, based on the theme, "The Church Universal," is translated into the various languages, and has been arranged by four church women in London. Twice the office which the British representatives had been occupying was destroyed, and their present quarters overlook the bombed area surrounding St. Paul's Cathedral. Still these gallant women had the courage and vision to choose as their theme, "The Church Universal." Coming out of such circumstances, the service is sure to challenge us to renewed faith and consecration. The world day of prayer grows in observance and significance each year, and our need for it seems to deepen. It is encouraging amid all the vicissitudes of days like

these, to feel that members of the church universal are linked together by a tie which no outward circumstances can shake. As we prepare for another world day of prayer, may we find ourselves constantly reminded of our essential unity in the family of God.

GREETINGS FROM MISSIONARIES

THE following message was received from H. R. Coventry, mission secretary in India, too late to be read at Federal conference, held in Sydney during October; but being of



Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coventry.

general interest, we present it with pleasure to readers: "Your brethren in India greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and pray God's richest blessing upon you all as you think and plan and worship together in these great days in Sydney. May the Holy Spirit himself bring you illumination in the dark places, and guide you into right paths and wise decisions. We praise God for the magnificent response of the brethren throughout the Commonwealth in supporting and maintaining the work during these years. We thank you for sending reinforcements and additions, so that the work may be expanded. Our emphasis to-day is upon the church of Christ in India. We wish her to grow, to become independent, to be able to manage her affairs and to be united with other great groups in this land for the more effective proclamation of the gospel. Our vision reaches out beyond 'Our India,' to the unsaved multitudes, to other churches of Christ with whom we hope to have a Federal conference in India, and to other groups with whom we hope ultimately to bring this great church into vital contact."

SERVICES AT BOONAH, QLD.

CHURCH at Boonah, Qld., held its golden jubilee services on Oct. 21 and 22. On Saturday evening 236 people, including A. G. Muller, M.L.A., and H. Richter, chairman of Council, were present at anniversary tea, when Mrs. W. Alcorn, sen., aged 85, and a foundation member, was guest of honor. Over 300 people gathered in chapel for rally, when Chaplain D. Wakeley delivered a stirring message on personal evangelism. Worship service on Sunday morning was an every-member-present service; over 200 gathered for breaking of bread, when P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., presented a fine message. At this service the thankoffering was received, reaching £530, some of which is to help provide a manse. C. F. Aderman, M.H.R., of Kingaroy, preached on Sunday afternoon; his message interested a fine audience. Chaplain D. Wakeley brought a wonderful jubilee to a conclusion with a fine message at gospel service. Jubilee services provided a wonderful opportunity for making new contacts.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Roma.—Christian Endeavor held anniversary on Oct. 11. On 13th a social evening was held in Presbyterian hall as part of services. Church anniversary tea was held in same hall on 14th, when 80 were present, including ministers of local churches. Mr. Wylie presided, each visiting minister gave a greeting, and Mr. Davidson a short address. Thankoffering amounted to £45. Ladies' guild catered for tea. On Oct. 15, 56th church anniversary services were held, and Mr. Davidson conducted meetings, evening service being broadcast. Church building fund now stands at over £100. Before leaving Roma, Mr. Davidson was presented with a book from auxiliaries in appreciation for his assistance at services.

Tasmania

Hobart.—C. P. Hughes has resumed his ministry after visit to Sydney for conference. Evening service on Oct. 22 was broadcast. Lieut. Cooper was soloist; attendance was good. It was also Promotion Sunday in Bible school. Mr. Wiltshire's visit was greatly enjoyed. He addressed a united church mid-week service on Oct. 11, and Dorcas meeting on 12th. Mrs. Madel-Cole is visiting Melbourne for a few weeks.

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Evening address on Oct. 15 was delivered by J. Wiltshire, of Federal Aborigines Board, who gave a lantern lecture in hall, after service, in interests of Aborigines Board. There were 160 present at gospel service. J. Robson, travelling representative of Postal Sunday School Movement, was a visitor on 22nd. He spoke at morning meeting, also to Bible school, and delivered lantern address in school hall after gospel service. Portable communion set has been purchased for use among sick. Geoff. J. Foot has been discharged from Army, and has returned to Launceston. 140 attended gospel service on 22nd, and 137 broke bread for day.

Western Australia

Inglewood.—A successful concert, arranged by ladies' guild, was held on Sept. 26, proceeds being £8, for Services hamper fund. 25 associated with church are in the Services. Several are back on sick leave. L. Peacock has represented W.A. churches at Federal conference. There have been good addresses from Mr. Sherman and visiting speakers, during month.

Perth.—On morning of Oct. 15, visitors included Miss East (Balking) and F/O P. R. Thickins (Toomwal, N.S.W.). J. Keith Robinson gave an appreciated message. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. D. Ewers and Miss Tilbee rendered a duet. Mr. Robinson preached. S.S. had a larger attendance on Oct. 15. On 17th the C.E. society had an evening. On morning of 22nd, visitors included Mrs. Huxley. S. G. Taylor (Fremantle) gave a stirring talk. At 7.30 p.m., J. Keith Robinson preached. During service he gave a cameo comment on State's recent youth pageantry.

Harvey.—A large number of members and friends enjoyed a concert given by men of church, which raised £4/10/- for church building fund. At S.S. anniversary, on Oct. 15, meetings were crowded. Mr. Livingstone conducted singing; M. Higgins and N. Ottrey assisted with cornet. Mrs. Marlow was organist. Mr. Bamford was speaker. At afternoon session, kinders rendered special items, under Sisters Rowley (superintendent), Robinson and Ottrey. Cradle roll cards were distributed. At evening service a mother of two scholars confessed Christ. On Tuesday, after tea, children retired to R.S.L. hall and presented a concert to about 200.

Subiaco.—R. Raymond arrived home on Oct. 11 and conducted both services on Oct. 15. During his absence, valuable help at Lord's day services and prayer meetings was given by J. K. Robinson, L. Peacock, R. J. Duckett, A. McRoberts, Chaplain E. J. Miles, and W/O A. Ware, in addition to local brethren. A men's outing was enjoyed on Oct. 14. Bible school did well at scripture examinations; all 49 entrants passed, 30 with credit, and there were four prize-winners, two firsts and two seconds. School anniversary on Oct. 22 was very successful, church being crowded at afternoon session. Singing was led by W. Samuel. At night two scholars confessed Christ after an excellent message from Mr. Raymond.

Cottesloe.—Bible school anniversary was held in first week of October. Good congregations gathered in afternoon and evening on Oct. 1, when scholars sang well under baton of T. Russell. E. R. Sherman addressed children



The Chapel at Cottesloe.

in afternoon and H. E. R. Steele in evening. On Oct. 3, a fine demonstration was held and prizes were presented for year. On Oct. 7, there was a programme of games, followed by annual tea, at which winning house of school, Sinai, was presented with a shield. At annual business meeting, V. Cousins was elected acting superintendent in place of Mr. Steele, who leaves shortly for Tasmania. Miss D. Kerrison has joined staff of kindergarten. May Holliday and D. Carlyle were married on Oct. 14. Chap. Miles officiating. Mrs. Jaffe, at age of 80, died on Oct. 10.

New South Wales

Hurstville.—At conclusion of 90 days loyalty campaign, on Oct. 14, a fellowship tea was followed by an inspirational rally, at which H. J. Patterson spoke helpfully. Greatly increased attendances marked church's 37th anniversary on Oct. 15, when A. W. Ladbroke called roll of members. Mission with R. Greenhalgh commenced with gospel service, when two girls from the Bible school, Robin French and Val Cunningham, made the good confession.

Bexley North.—L. Dewberry spoke at communion and J. Henderson at night on Oct. 8. J. Henderson took both services on Oct. 15. Increased attendance at gospel meetings is encouraging. On Oct. 22 Mr. and Mrs. Laney renewed fellowship after time in South Australia. 44 scholars passed in examination; B grade shield was obtained by school, and one State prize. A cradle roll afternoon was held, when babies were registered. Sympathy is expressed to Mr. Cook and family, in death of his father.

Bankstown.—Since coming of Mr. Latimer, work in all departments has gone ahead. Mid-week prayer meetings have shown marked improvement. Mr. Parsons continues to do

excellent work with sports club. The club was opened on Oct. 14 with a field day. On Sunday a church parade was held, and three members made their decision. Dorcas class had a very successful annual meeting on 11th. Mrs. Long spoke. Prayers were offered on behalf of Len. Pearson, who is ill in the 113th A.G.H.

Canterbury-Earlwood.—Speakers on conference Sunday were W. R. Hibbert, Victorian Youth Director, and A. B. Clark, preacher of Bundaberg church. Several strangers were present on Oct. 22 to hear A. Hinrichsen's message; there were two more decisions. Building was crowded out for women's fellowship anniversary on 17th, when Mrs. Gee Wah, Chinese missionary, was speaker. Mrs. W. Thomson was re-elected president. Average attendance at Bible school was 110, result of Faithful Fishermen campaign being 17 new scholars.

Taree.—On Oct. 15, Chaplain E. Bate (previously Methodist minister in district) was speaker at morning service, also visiting Wingham congregation, giving appreciated messages. In evening, local Baptist minister, J. W. Brookes, helped church by his address. On Oct. 22, D. G. Meyers, of Newcastle, addressed meetings at Taree and Wingham; all three services were well attended, and messages were enjoyed. Church appreciates deeply the kind Christian messages sent in connection with death of A. G. Saunders, B.A., whose life and memory are cherished by the congregation.

Belmore.—Progress continues in all departments, and excellent attendances have been maintained. During Federal conference, fellowship with several interstate delegates was enjoyed. On Oct. 1, conference secretary, Mr. Greenwood, of Queensland, addressed church in morning, and Mr. Corlett preached at night. On Oct. 8, L. C. Peacock, of W.A., spoke in morning and A. Anderson, of S.A., at night. All messages were enjoyed. Oct. 15 was anniversary of death of Mrs. Corlett, and sisters had church decorated beautifully with roses; Mr. Corlett spoke at morning and evening services. On 22nd, George Morton spoke in morning and Mr. Corlett at night.

Inverell.—Since last report there have been three more additions by faith and baptism. In a ten-days' tour, L. G. Burgin travelled six hundred miles, visiting isolated brethren. He was given a warm welcome by these loyal members who are regular in their support of church. Aged Sisters Cosh and Schroder, who have been seriously ill for some weeks, are much improved. During absence of preacher at Federal conference, services on Oct. 8 were taken by Messrs. Hall and Goode. W. Uren, of Adelaide, was speaker at both services on Oct. 15. Mr. Uren was first preacher of Inverell church. Offerings have maintained a steady level, enabling church to increase preacher's salary.

North Sydney.—On Oct. 8, fellowship was enjoyed with A. Anderson and J. Wiltshire, representing overseas missions and aborigines' interests. Their messages were much appreciated. Mrs. Pollard, from Subiaco, W.A., was again welcomed. Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 15, when kinders, under leadership of Mrs. Lindsay, gave items. Mr. Thomas' object talk was instructive. Mr. Pater-noster, at gospel service, drew lessons from the rose; scholars rendered special singing. On 16th, examination certificates and prizes were distributed. First and third prizes in their respective divisions were gained by Misses Ivy Fleetwood and Jean Robertson. A feature was presentation of Children's Day exercises by a group of young people.

South Australia

Prospect.—Services on Lord's day were addressed by A. E. Brown. Fellowship with G. Baker (R.A.A.F.) and Miss Betty Dixon, returned from Rendelsham, was enjoyed. Bible school is working well. C.E. societies are doing good work amongst sick by visiting and holding cottage meetings. Members on sick list include Miss Whitfield and Mrs. Goodwin. K.S.P. and P.B.P. chapters are keeping in touch with their members in Services.

Moorook.—A combined circuit picnic was held at Lake Bonney on Labor Day. Lionel Swanbury had a few days embarkation leave. Les. Johnston took charge of gospel and communion service on Oct. 22, when he brought Mrs. Simonds and daughter Jean (isolated members) from Barmera. In an endeavor to clear off church debt, a brother has drawn up model of a church at so much for brick. One family has started by purchasing foundation. Mr. Liddicoat expects to leave the district early next year.

Cottonville.—Meetings continue to be well supported, and all auxiliaries are in good heart. At youth service on Oct. 15, youth took part; Don Mortimer was soloist. Mrs. J. Coventry rendered a solo at following gospel service. Because Mr. Brooke contracted influenza, Chaplain H. Norris gave messages on Oct. 22. Fellowship was enjoyed with J. Coventry and D. Miller, both from Navy, and with Mr. Hollitt, of Western Australia. A large number of ladies were present at annual meeting. Mrs. Nicholls, from China, was speaker.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On Oct. 15, Mr. Beiler spoke at both services. In morning, a thanksgiving service was held in connection with success of temple day and anniversary, and clearing of building debt. On Oct. 25, half-yearly business meeting of church was held. Encouraging reports were received. A. R. Paterson has been added to diaconate. Mrs. DeLaine, Mrs. Paterson, Miss Leedham and Miss Matthews were appointed deaconesses. Miss E. A. Fletcher and Colin Douglas died recently. Sympathy is extended to their relatives, and to the Misses Matthews in death of a dear one. At evening service on Oct. 22, Miss Roxburgh, of Norseman mission, gave a greeting.

Bordertown.—To commence youth week, a youth meeting was held at gospel service, when W. A. Russell was speaker, and a parade of Scouts, with their leader, Detective Schlein, contributed to helpfulness of service. In same week a successful youth social was held; young people from other churches were invited and Scouts were guests of honor. At a much enjoyed Children's Day service, Mrs. Russell spoke. Items were given by children. Mrs. Radley is convalescent after long illness. Kath Verco, A.A.M.W.S.; Joyce Marthlew, W.A.A.A.F., Pts. Jack and Bob Martlew, Don Verco, Ray Smith, Sgt. Roy Fisher, Lieut. Max Dodd, and A.C.2 Don Macdonald have been home on leave.

Flinders Park.—All services are being well maintained, and church has been pleased to have had fellowship with R. Young, of Mount Hill, and Pat Kirby, of Whyalla, also Ron Hubbard and A. Shire on leave. On Sept. 30, in afternoon, Endeavorers visited Sunset Lodge and held a service with old folk, and in evening, with other young people, gave a concert at the Magill old people's home. On Oct. 8 Mr. Houston and some Endeavorers visited Mount Compass and assisted in services. Bible school anniversary services were held on October 15, morning speaker being G. Wilson. In afternoon J. E. Shipway addressed children, and in evening P. Baker was preacher. On October 18, prize-giving social was held, when certificates won at the recent scripture examination were presented, also honor

cards for attendance. Services were repeated on Oct. 22, when H. Francis brought message; this was a teachers' recognition service. In evening R. E. Mossop, first Bible school superintendent, was speaker. At all services, large congregations were present. School is making steady progress with a consecrated teaching staff, under leadership of H. Francis. Fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwab on morning of Oct. 22 was enjoyed.

Maylands.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 8 and 15; morning services were well attended, while afternoon and evening meetings were crowded. The rendering of hymns, under leadership of Mr. Skurray, was of a high standard. At first morning service, teachers and officers were dedicated. Principal Keik was speaker on following Sunday. A. H. Wilson gave a fine message. Other speakers were, in afternoon, Mr. Vogt and Mr. Brown, while Keith Jones spoke at both evening services. A delightful picnic was spent at "Brookside" on Oct. 9. About 150 visitors were present, beside a school of 300. School concerts were given on Oct. 16 and 18 to crowded houses. Special items were rendered by various grades, finishing with a Bible dramatisation of Joseph and his brethren. Church is preparing for its third temple day.

Berri.—A kitchen evening was tendered Miss Gwen Clark, prior to her marriage with Pte. Doug Eglinton. L. G. Johnson conducted service in chapel on Sept. 23. Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 15. Bright singing by scholars, accompanied by Mrs. Alan Clark (piano), Miss Daphne Hunt (organ), J. Irving (violin), A. Wilkinson (string bass) was under leadership of Alan Clark. Mr. Hutson, of Balaklava, was speaker at afternoon and evening services. Despite inclement weather, there were over 200 present in afternoon and 120 at night. On Monday night scholars were given prizes. A presentation of a Bible dictionary was made to Charlie Williams in appreciation of his work for Bible school. On Sunday morning, when Mr. Johnson addressed church, Mrs. Watkins, of Gardiner, Vic., was present.

Victoria

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—All branches of work are progressing steadily. At close of H. M. Clipstone's gospel message on Oct. 15, there was one confession. Church is supporting mission effort at Ormond. Mrs. Kershaw ad-



The Caulfield Chapel.

dressed ladies' guild on Oct. 19, and Explorers had an informative temperance lecture on Oct. 16. Hospital offering has reached £14; college offering £11. Sympathy is extended to W. Wheat in passing of his mother.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Work continues to progress in all departments. There have been 7 decisions over past month, and meetings have been well attended. Number at Sunday school reached 82 last week. Messrs. Reid, Pfeifer, and Feary have assisted in services and have given helpful messages. Mr. Graham's ministry is much appreciated and is bearing fruit.

Balwyn.—There were inspiring meetings on Oct. 22, when 119 broke bread. Hospital collection amounted to £35/5/6, being the largest for some years.

Collingwood.—Two young ladies from junior Bible class accepted Christ on Oct. 15. The Explorer club is growing; 24 boys are on roll. A girls' club has been started and shows promise. The cricket club commenced season well. A choir has been started under leadership of Miss Symons.

Ormond.—Mission continued during week, Messrs. McDowell, Clipstone and Snow giving very good messages. Meetings were well attended, soloists and choirs giving good messages in song. Mission closed on Oct. 29, when Mr. McDowell delivered a good message. Bible school is doing well, and C.E. society is having good meetings. Work is progressing well.

Hartwell.—C. J. Robinson spoke at both services on Oct. 15. On morning of Oct. 22, A. E. Hurren, of Balwyn, was speaker. Bible school anniversary was commenced in afternoon. School sang under leadership of L. Piper; G. J. Andrews was speaker. R. Muller spoke in evening. L. Macdonald is laid aside with illness, but Mrs. L. Piper is making a good recovery.

Emerald.—Last Lord's day splendid congregations assembled at both services for F. B. Alcorn's series of farewell addresses. Visitors included Mrs. H. M. and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Keatch, of Mile End, S.A., and Miss M. Best, of Launceston, Tas., and others from Footscray, St. Kilda, Moreland, and Malvern. Solos by Mrs. and Miss Workman, of Moreland, were appreciated.

Bayswater.—On Oct. 1, Lorna Hansen and Gwen Rees were baptised after confession of faith by A. G. McCullough, and on following Sunday were welcomed into fellowship. Combined service was held in civic hall that evening, when L. H. Hollins, M.H.R., was speaker, and Miss Norma Langley and Mr. Karran were the soloists, and an augmented choir, under conductorship of Chas. Barton, rendered an anthem; the hall was full.

Ascot Vale.—Church was pleased to welcome Don Petrie and Phil Brown, who are home on leave. Two men were baptised on Oct. 22; one was received in on Oct. 29. S.S. concert was a success, being well attended. S.S. donated £5 towards Hospital Sunday appeal. Annual business meeting of school was held on Oct. 29. Prayer meetings are proving helpful. Hospital collection amounted to £15/9/-. Mrs. Greenwood was back again after her illness.

North Fitzroy.—R. Enniss addressed church on morning of Oct. 22. At night a special service was held, in which eight young men, members of church cricket club, and all members of church, took part; the captain, L. Warren, gave a short address. R. Enniss preached gospel; Mr. Arnot and Miss Dummet rendered appropriate solos. There was a very large attendance. Offering for Lord Mayor's Hospital Fund was £20/2/10, of which Bible school contributed £3/17/- and Junior C.E. society 5/-.

South Melbourne.—A steady interest has been maintained throughout month of October, D. D. Stewart and Geoff Whiting preaching faithfully. There was a confession during month when Mr. Whiting was preacher. Bible school anniversary celebrations on Oct. 29 were successful, speakers being, 11 a.m., D. D. Stewart; 3 p.m., T. O. Turriff; and 7 p.m., Geoff. Whiting. Soloists were Betty Burke, Joan Cadden and Misses D. McCallum and B. Borowski. Mr. Warmbrunn, of Tasmania, was present at morning worship.

Warrnambool.—Evening service on Oct. 8 was well attended, when Mr. Weir gave a very interesting illustrated sermon. Mrs. Dunlop was soloist. An enjoyable evening was spent with Bible school children who were entertained and shown lantern slides. On Oct. 19 church held a patriotic social to provide ameni-

tics for servicemen. Bible school is practising for anniversaries. Recent visitors included F. L. I. McKellar. Fred Petterd has also been home on leave. Church extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. F. Mathew in death of her son.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Bible class held a very pleasant evening at annual re-union on Oct. 28. Good meetings at all services on 29th. At evening service, Misses Jones and McLeod were baptised by C. G. Taylor, B.A.

Middle Park.—Attendances on Oct. 22 showed improvement. P. Thickins delivered gospel address. Mr. Norton, of St. Kilda, presided at morning service on Oct. 29, when Mr. Whiting exhorted. The quarterly combined gospel meeting was held in Albert Park Baptist chapel, when D. Stewart preached.

Kyneton.—Some Bible school scholars sat for temperance examination sponsored by women's conference. Y.W.L. paid a special visit to Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie on her 93rd birthday. Congratulations were extended also, at a morning service. In early days of Drummond, Stephen Cheek baptised many converts in McKenzie's Creek. A. G. McDonald continues his ministry here for another year. His salary has been increased. Bible school had an enjoyable hike on Oct. 21.

Cheltenham.—Miss Elsie Roxburgh, from Norseman, W.A., gave an interesting address on aborigine mission work at a ladies' meeting on Oct. 19. Hospital Sunday offering was a record, £33/8/-. Cheltenham young people entertained inmates of Christian Guest Home on Oct. 20. On Oct. 29, Bible school anniversary services were held, Les. Brooker giving an illustrated address at 3 p.m., and V. Stafford preaching at gospel service, when a young lady made the good confession.

Rochester.—While Mr. Payne is on holidays, local brethren are conducting both morning and evening services. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hall have returned home. Young People's Christian Guild meets fortnightly, and is well attended. Sickness has been prevalent among members' families. On Oct. 22, E. Atkinson and party, from Cummeragunga aborigines' station, had tea with church and conducted evening meeting. In his address Mr. Atkinson made a fine gospel appeal. Musical items by party were appreciated. Mrs. Hall was organist.

Mildura.—On Sept. 25, Mrs. J. Drewwett died; much sympathy is felt for those who mourn their loss. Attendances are being well maintained. Anniversary services were held on Oct. 8. Mr. Lewis addressed church morning and evening. Chaplain Cornish, R.A.A.F., addressed children in afternoon. On Oct. 11, S.S. enjoyed tea, followed by concert and prize-giving. Members in hospital are Mrs. Forrest, still very ill, and Keith Melberg, making progress. Chapel interior has been painted. Pat O'Neill, W.A.A.A.F., has been home on leave.

East Kew.—C.E. anniversary was held on Oct. 22. At morning service, Miss Buckingham (State Inter, superintendent) graduated a number into newly-formed intermediate society; Mr. Hibbert was speaker. Evening service was conducted by Endeavorers and a C.E. choir helped. Recent visitors have included Sister Joud (A.A.N.S.) and Mr. Bridge, both of Carlisle church (W.A.). On Oct. 24 a return fathers' night social was held in connection with P.B.P. club. Mr. and Mrs. Kinton were guest artists. Mr. Dobyn is seriously ill in Alfred Hospital.

Dandenong.—Ladies held an afternoon on Oct. 25, when delegates of W.C.T.U. and Presbyterian church were present. The speaker, Mrs. Nance-Kivell, gave a very informative talk. At conclusion of her address, a protest, as follows, was sent to the Premier, Mr. Dunstan: "We earnestly request that your government, in the interests of the young people who, already surrounded with so many temptations, will not consent to any extension of trading hours for hotels whatsoever." On Oct. 28, mission band sponsored a social in aid of Christian Guest Home.

Prahran.—On Oct. 21, S.S. anniversary was held. In morning J. Wright gave the exhortation and in afternoon delivered an illustrated address. Hospital Sunday was observed at night, when T. Fitzgerald spoke splendidly. Collection amounted to £113/3/-. On Oct. 25, at a social evening, prizes were distributed to scholars. Anniversary services were continued on 29th, speakers being Mr. Atkin (11 a.m.) and S. Neighbour (afternoon). Anniversary was brought to a happy conclusion with a bright evening service, Mr. Burns giving an illustrated address. Singing by scholars, led by Mr. Machin, was a feature.

Footscray.—On Oct. 14, D. C. Ritchie officiated at marriage of Miss Mavis Taylor and Leslie Keatch, members at Mile End, S.A. S.S. anniversary services were continued on Oct. 15; K. Lacy, B. Huntsman and D. C. Ritchie were speakers. 95 were present at fellowship tea. Celebrations concluded on Oct. 18, with a concert. Total anniversary proceeds amounted to £29. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ritchie conducted a lantern lesson at Maidstone S.S. on Oct. 22.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—All recent services have been addressed by C. B. Nance Kivell, with average congregations. Offering for College of the Bible reached £29/11/- and that on Hospital Sunday £23/10/-. Church annual meeting was held on Oct. 23, when usual reports were presented. Treasurer's statement showed that offerings for local work and those for general brotherhood purposes during year were increases on those in previous church year. At evening service on Oct. 23, about 30 prefects from Y.M.C.A. were present, and some of the young men took part in service.

Frankston.—During the month, Thos. Hagger has preached at all services. J. McKenzie has helped with solos. On Oct. 15, Bible school had record attendance of 86. W. McRoberts, N. Jackson and L. Mitchell were present on eve of return to forward areas. Visitors included Mrs. D. Pike, of S.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hagger. Mission Band had splendid attendance. Misses Barton and Gill, from college, were present. Miss Gill gave devotional talk; Miss Barton told of college experiences. A presentation was made to Miss McLearn for her 21st birthday; she has been treasurer for five years. Mr. Hagger is doing much visitation in Frankston and surrounding districts.

Preston.—At annual business meeting on Oct. 12, F. Chatley and D. Paterson were re-elected deacons, and W. Goller elected; net increase in membership for twelve months was 27. E. L. Williams, conference president, gave a splendid message at church anniversary on Oct. 15, Mr. Combridge speaking at night, at which, in addition to messages from choir, Miss Frances Cowper was special soloist. Exchanges arranged by local ministers' fraternal took place on Hospital Sunday, Mr. Hinson, of South Preston Methodists, speaking at morning service. Offering for hospitals, including Bible school and J.C.E. society, £10/12/-. H. Hargreaves, of Shepparton, was present at evening service on Oct. 29, and delivered gospel message. Offering for College of the Bible closed at £10.

Boronia.—Principal A. H. Wood, of Methodist Ladies' College, was speaker at united church service. Increased attendances and interest are shown in these meetings. Boronia church, which began out of work at Montrose, congratulate R. Langley on conclusion of his long and valuable period of service. S.S. maintains excellent attendances, and has gained new scholars in Faithful Fishermen rally. Hospital Sunday service was attended by 45 Red Cross personnel, the record collection being £14. Thelma Goodwin was baptised and received into fellowship on Oct. 22. Miss K. Chandler was welcomed back after a period in hospital. Although it means coming in her wheel chair, Mrs. Niven breaks bread regularly. College students have given helpful service during E. L. Williams' absence on conference work.

Parkdale.—At helpful services, Messrs. Baird, Bryce and Grainger have spoken on recent Sundays. Offering for Hospital Sunday fund exceeded £17. On Oct. 29, four who had been baptised on Oct. 15, were received into fellowship. Young men of K.S.P. club are giving valuable assistance in work of church.

Doncaster.—Women's Mission Band had pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Jeffery, president of women's conference, who gave an interesting message. Boys' Explorer Club paid a visit to the Australian Paper Mills at Fairfield. On morning of Oct. 29, Mr. Banks exchanged with Mr. Wright, of Blackburn.

Camberwell.—Twenty-eighth anniversary services were celebrated on Oct. 22. A. W. Stephenson preached at morning service, and Chap.-General A. Brooke spoke in evening, Miss Organ was special soloist. On Oct. 25, a church dinner was held. In evening moving pictures of India were shown by Mr. Balfour; Mrs. Hutton entertained with vocal items. All anniversary meetings were exceptionally well attended. Annual report was a pleasing statement, showing progress during year, and 19 activities doing splendid work. E. Buchanan was added to board of officers. Financial statement showed a record amount raised during year, being £1344 (not including auxiliaries) for all purposes from an active membership of 130. Average number breaking bread was 107. On Oct. 29, C. Robinson, of Hartwell, exchanged with R. L. Williams. Miss A. Scarce rendered solos at evening service. The civic service was postponed owing to painful accident sustained by W. A. Fordham whilst at work. Sympathy is felt for him.

THE BIBLE AND SOCIETY

Dr. Wm. Temple, Late Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE Mediterranean world at the time of our Lord's ministry on earth was in fact quite singularly Eastern rather than Western in its characteristics. It was extremely like much of India as we know it to-day. There was an exalted philosophy of great intellectual penetration, often associated with noble moral idealism. There was a religion which extended from some affinities with that philosophy at its highest reaches to completely debased practices in its lower reaches, and all of this together was popular religion. It was quite impossible to call upon the forces of religion as support for any moral movement.

"Everything that we specially associate with the mind of the West is ultimately rooted in that great conception which is the first distinguishing mark of the Bible, so familiar to us that we often fail to enquire whence we received it—the conviction that the universe is governed by one God, who is righteous and who must be served by righteousness or not at all.

"That association of morals with religion is not something that happens of itself to the human mind and spirit. There is an immense amount of religion in the world which is definitely non-moral, and some of it even immoral, especially, of course, in connection with the various Fertility cults. But we have been so profoundly influenced in our thought and outlook by the many centuries during which the Christian religion has been at work among us, and by the fact that to an extent that is now, alas! less true than it was, our people for the past centuries have been deeply steeped in the Bible, that to us the dissociation of religion from morals seems quite strange and unthinkable. But it is to the Bible that we owe that intimate connection between these two."

Obituary

Mrs. J. Green

THE church at Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, Vic., sustained a heavy loss when Mrs. J. Green, following an operation in a Melbourne hospital, went home to be with Christ on Sept. 27. She was baptised in Sydney early in her life, and for a number of years was in fellowship with churches in that State, including the City Temple and Hurstville churches. Later, after marriage, she moved to Melbourne and became a member of the Essendon church, where she was particularly active in the Ladies' Guild and Mission Band. About three years ago she removed to Geelong, where again she rendered faithful service in the church. She became treasurer of the Mission Band, and was active in the work of the Ladies' Aid also. Her warm and affectionate nature and her devotion to the Lord endeared her to all with whom she was associated. Her death came as a severe shock to all. Our sister's body was laid to rest in Melbourne, the service being conducted by S. Neighbour. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter, to whom the church at Latrobe Terrace extends deepest sympathy, commending them to the God of all comfort.—K.A.M.

Mrs. Ellen Sewell

ON August 31 Mrs. Ellen Sewell was called to higher service. This ideal servant of God and church was baptised by Stephen Cheek in the creek at Bet Bet about 1886, and became a member of that church soon after it began. As an honored member she adorned the doctrine of Christ her Saviour in all things. She was possessed of a quiet spirit and was a benediction to all at Moreland church in recent years. She reached the age of 83 years, and only occasionally, through indifferent health, was absent from the Lord's table. She retained her faculties and fell confidently and triumphantly asleep in Jesus. Her children are honored members of congregations at Bet Bet, Hamilton and Moreland, and they and all who knew our sister thank God upon every remembrance of her.—W.G.G.

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—Inserted by her loving daughter Lorna, daughter-in-law Ann, and son Gordon, 14 Wilson-st., Launceston.

TURNER.—Cherished memories of our dear one, Margaret Ann, who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 8, 1940.

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

—Inserted by her loving husband and Elsie.

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Children and Films

Chas. Schwab, our South Australian correspondent, writes of the danger lurking in films, on need of encouraging young people to appreciate music, and on evils of gambling and drinking.

QUITE a flutter was caused the other day when a report appeared of a meeting of the Youth Welfare Co-ordinating Council. The disturbing statement was to the effect that the Saturday afternoon matinee has become a place where sport-greedy parents can leave their children while they themselves can go off to races or play golf. The chairman of the meeting made haste to tell the public that the speaker had quoted from a school boy's essay, in which also appeared the statement that what "little harm the Saturday matinee does is counteracted by the fact that it keeps children out of mischief." However, to the minds of many, danger lurks in the type of mental furnishings children receive whilst being "kept out of mischief" by attending a matinee.

Children and Church

A contributor to the "Views and Comments" section of our daily press has made some excellent observations concerning children and the church. Commenting upon a Danish system whereby children were taken into a chapel and taught sacred songs, the writer urged that the house of God be made accessible in order to create an early impression of good music, respect for church property, and also provide good spiritual and friendly contact.

Gambling and Drink

Mrs. W. F. Nankivell, after a very vigorous year of service as president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, has been re-elected. In her convention address, the other day, she said that some 1600 local option polls had been taken in the United States since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, and that in Russia it was an offence, punishable by death, to give drink to a soldier. The speaker also said that gambling had risen to new heights during the year, and the W.C.T.U. was determined to do all in its power to see that betting shops remained closed. Reviewing general social matters, Mrs. Nankivell stressed the hope that both successes and failures of the past would lead to greater effort towards the establishment of a cleaner and saner world.

J. R. Blanchard, minister of Scots Church, also addressed the convention. He stated that three years ago South Australians spent £325 an hour, throughout the year, on strong drink. Two years ago the hourly amount had increased to £375. With the 30 per cent. increase in last year's Commonwealth drink bill there had probably been a further rise in expenditure per hour.

One cannot refrain from mentioning that this State has already introduced severe restrictions on water consumption in some areas because of the scanty rainfall and the early approach of summer weather. If £375 an hour could be diverted, for less than a year, to a scheme whereby water from the River Murray would be made available to rural and metropolitan areas, what a blessing would be produced! One wonders why politicians and others, responsible for common amenities, continue to so frequently treat a menace with more respect than they appear to show towards a real general need.

Bevan Lectures

Principal E. S. Klek has given the series of Bevan Lectures for 1944 in Stow Congregational

church. Referring to prayer, the lecturer said great souls at prayer became great sobls in action, and because of strength and satisfaction discovered by experience men had continued to pray through countless generations. The principal declared that the "Old Faith" had not been overthrown, and its redemptive ministry had been revealed with tragic clearness by the events of our age. He maintained that the most effective way of "redirecting" what was being wasted was by a clear manifestation of the perfect ideal in Christ.

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no single thing has made such a great impression on the city for years. Every day meetings were held in factories and business places, where speakers met with outstanding receptions. Frequently introduced by trade union leaders, workers listened and asked intelligent questions, and in some cases asked for study groups and further meetings. On one day over 1000 men stood out in the open at the railway workshops in their own time and listened to the message. Wharf workers came to criticise and stayed to pass a sincere resolution of thanks and respect. Meetings were held in the open air, and crowds listened in the wind and drizzling rain. The press, at first rather diffident, began to get excited, and soon columns were given over to the Week, and leading articles were giving it prominence. Soldiers also heard the message. A notable thing was that the workers gave a far more enthusiastic hearing than "big business," although many business men made their premises and their firm's time available for the activities. Posters, theatre screens and a broadsheet to every home made Wellington feel that something was happening, and Wellington came to see what it was.

What Impressed the Public

Two things impressed the general public, and made them take notice. The first was that the churches were doing something together, and were doing it in complete forgetfulness of the barriers that divided them. The second was that the speakers showed that Christianity was related to every aspect of life and every problem of modern life. A city looking through the mists of chaos was able to see a glimmer of light.

Start at the Centre and Work Out

The first three days of the week were centred round the town hall. On the Saturday night there was a rendering of the oratorio "St. Paul," by the combined church choirs. The town hall was packed to capacity. On the Sunday, in soaking rain, there was a monster procession of Christian youth to a vast youth rally at the town hall. Then on the Monday, at the same place, there was the rendering of a modern morality play, "Youth Wants to Know." The Governor-General, the Prime Minister, and the various high commissioners were in attendance. Hundreds were turned away, necessitating repeat performances. From then on, a mass attack was made by speakers, both men and women, in factories, in suburban halls, over the air, and in the churches. One speaker addressed the full assembly of the upper and lower houses of parliament. Others covered all university, schools and colleges.

The Speakers

The speakers consisted of a visiting team and local men and women. About a fifth of the visiting team consisted of church of Christ men, and included C. G. Flood, W. S. Lowe, Principal A. L. Haddon, and R. A. Blampied. The secretary of the Christian Order Week Committee and the organiser of the week was our own general secretary, R. W. Simpson, who has received universal praise for his excellent work. Our own central office has been used as the headquarters for the several months of preparation. The special headquarters of the week itself was the music showroom of R. H. Nimmo, a member of our Lower Hutt church.

A Tribute

We take this opportunity of paying tribute to the life and work of A. G. Saunders. The news of his death came as a profound shock

to us here. He is remembered by us as a gracious Christian gentleman, an outspoken advocate of the faith, a leader of merit and a kindly counsellor. As preacher of Vivian-st., as president of conference, as conference secretary, and as our representative in numerous Christian projects, he has made a lasting impression on the work of the kingdom here. We remember him as a humble scholar, a stimulating writer, a vigorous exponent of the truth, and a true friend.

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interest only moves them. If you have a
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in adversity. Let him feel that his former
kindness is appreciated, and that his love was
not thrown away. Real fidelity may be rare,
but it exists in the heart. Who has not seen
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