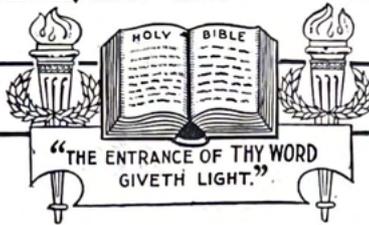


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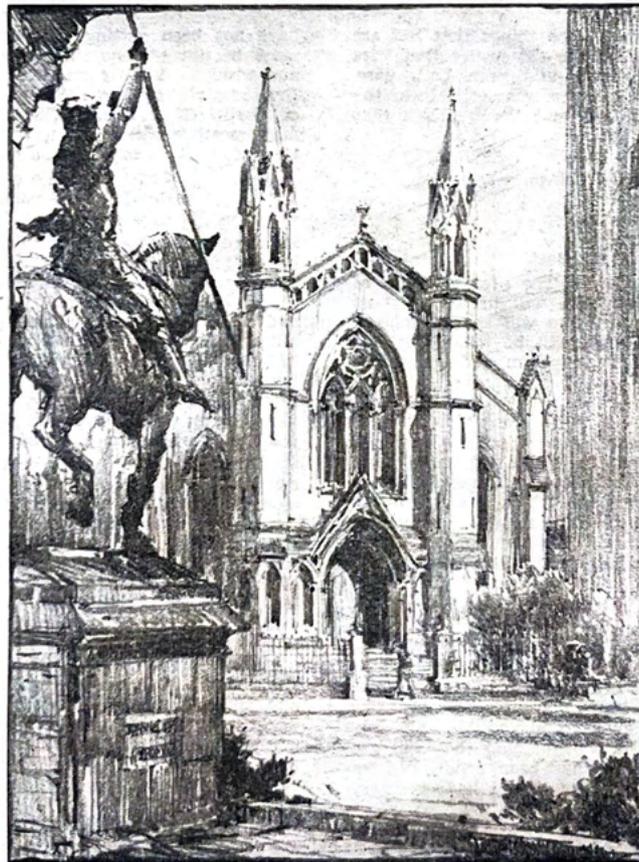
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CHASTE AND BEAUTIFUL

THE chapel of the church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne, was opened for public worship on Sunday, July 28, 1863. The foundation stone was laid on February 19 of the same year by Mr. Miller, a minister of the Presbyterian Church. The architect was Mr. Charles Webb and the builder Mr. Peter Cunningham. The total cost was about £4000. The present chapel took the place of an earlier building of which the foundation stone was laid by Mr. James Forbes, of the Presbyterian Church, on November 17, 1847. This original building faced Little Lonsdale-st., and in those days looked over the infant city of Melbourne. Behind the erection of these places of worship is an interesting story of the early church-life of Melbourne.

AS regular services of the Presbyterian Church were not held in the very early days of Melbourne, James Clow, a Presbyterian minister, who came from India, caused arrangements to be made for the loan of a wooden building belonging to the Church of England. The Anglicans used it in the forenoon; the Presbyterians worshipped there in the afternoon. This friendly arrangement lasted for a few months. Mr. James Forbes came from Sydney in 1839, and found a small congregation awaiting him. It had already procured a two-acre block of land at the corner of Collins and Russell-sts., and a wooden building was erected thereon. Mr. Forbes had a difference with his congregation and resigned from Scots church. A meeting of those forming The Free Church of Scotland was called on November 4, 1846, to make arrangements for Mr. Forbes to form a new congregation. These folk purchased a site for a chapel at the corner of Swanston-st. and Little Lonsdale-st. for the sum of £249.



Drawn by Harold Herbert. —By courtesy of "The Australasian."

THE date of entry into the present building by members of the churches of Christ was on March 30, 1881. At first they were tenants; later on, about the beginning of 1883, it became known that the Presbyterian authorities had decided to dispose of the building. The church then decided to buy the building should it be within their means. One of the officers, Mr. Alfred Shaw, a prominent business man, purchased the building for £4500, and said that the church was at liberty to purchase it if it so desired. Members readily agreed, and it passed into the ownership of the congregation. B. J. Kemp, who will be remembered by many of the readers of "The Australian Christian," was the first treasurer of the building fund. The first regular preacher was the late Matthew Wood Green, and he has been succeeded by numerous men, the names of W. S. Houchins, A. M. Ludbrook, G. B. Moysey, James Johnston, A. Mackenzie Meldrum, C. M. Gordon, W. H. Allen, J. J. Franklin, T. H. Scambler, and others whose names are familiar to the present readers. C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D., is the present preacher.

THE front of the building has been declared to be a piece of perfect Gothic architecture, and the long window over the entrance, one of exceptional beauty. Another interesting feature is the rosette window over the pulpit, which is noted for its gorgeous coloring. Professor Kernot said of the chapel: "Though small, it is the most chaste and beautiful in Melbourne."

The bell, which was originally in the building, was the first bell to be cast in Victoria, and is now at the Anglican church, Nar Nar Goon.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.—2 Cor. 4: 17, 18.

IN many of the decisions in life, the choice is often between the long and the short view. Shall we enjoy ourselves now, or shall we give up our spare time to work or study which will benefit us later on? That is many a young man's dilemma. Shall we spend our money now and enjoy it, or shall we save what we can for a rainy day? Most people would agree that it is almost always wise to take the long view and act upon it. When Christ told us not to worry about tomorrow, he did not mean that we should not be prudent. No great building could be built and no effective work done without taking a long view.

The Christian faith bids us take the long view of life. It does more, for the view of life which it sets before us is not limited to this world. It bids us look not merely at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen. We must live for satisfactions and purposes which cannot be realised in this present life. When we are judging the value of experiences we must take the long view.

The only way in which we can judge of the true value of things is the long view. The things that last are the real things. "Time," says a writer, "is the old justice that tries all offenders." It tries everything. Pleasure and pain both pass. They do not last. The things which last are character, love, the happiness of service, the fellowship of God and the qualities that spring from it.

The glories of our birth and state
Are shadows, not substantial things.
There is no armour against fate.
Death lays his icy hand on kings.
Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust.

That is the judgment of the long view. The present rulers of Germany, for all their dramatic achievements, will in a few short years be only an ugly memory. The men who will be remembered and whose influence will tell on the future, will be those who, for their faith and convictions, are at present in prison and concentration camps.

CHRISTIANITY bids us accept the verdict of the long view and act upon it. "Faith," says Emerson, "is believing what the centuries say against the hours." But Christianity is something more than the verdict of the centuries. It is the promise of ultimate fulfilment for ourselves and for those hopes and purposes which Christ inspires. The long view will give us comfort and strength to bear the passing ills of the present. It will set them in their true perspective. It will enable us to endure. It will encourage us to live for the things which are real, the things that last.

It will help us, for instance, to meet trouble patiently and without fretfulness. This is a familiar note in the New Testament. "No discipline seems for the present to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness." The truth that suffering brings these fruits is often disputed in these days. It provokes some people to a furious protest. This may be a reaction from the mood that makes people resigned to preventible suffering, either their own or that of others, in the thought that they will get their reward in a future life. Christianity has been condemned as offering people a consolation prize for ills they should have resisted,

The Long View of Life

Writing on 2 Corinthians 4: 17, 18, Dr.

James Reid, in "The British Weekly,"

urges us to persevere with a way of life

that continues into eternity.

"ple in the sky, by-and-bye." But what of suffering which is not preventible, but which may even be inevitable for the sake of duty or faith? The verdict of the centuries is that good can come out of suffering. It all depends, of course, on how we bear it and for what we bear it. Calamity can fall on "a base mind," as George Eliot says, and that brings "the sorrow in which there is no balm." But if our aim is the kind of character which Christ can create and the kind of service for others into which his Spirit can lead us, trouble does bring its fruits. One day they will be realised, and they will be worth all we have endured. If we are out for character we must be prepared to wait. We must take the long view. We must look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

AGAIN we must take the long view in some of the choices we have to make. We are all sometimes faced with a choice between what we call happiness and doing the right. Most people assume that happiness is a good in itself, and that we must take it into account. Will this make us happy, or will it make other people happy? That is often the way in which we face some difficult decisions. Unhappiness is often, for instance, the excuse for breaking up a home where married people

have not been getting on too well. But the question of happiness must be put on one side, where the real decision is between right and wrong. We are not here for happiness. To seek it is to take the short view of life. We are here for character, for doing the will of God. That is the Christian point of view. To do the right may mean accepting pain and sacrificing pleasure. On the short view of life that may seem a disaster. The voice of the hours protests:

Come, take the cash and let the credit go,
Nor heed the rumble of the distant drum.

But take the long view and we see things differently. Happiness seized in disregard of conscience is never satisfying. There will always be a drop of acid in the cup. But happiness which we forego for right or duty gives way to something deeper, an inward peace, what Christ called "blessedness." And, better still, there is a deepening and development of the spirit which comes through the discipline of self-denial. This is the verdict of the centuries against the hours. It brings the peaceable fruits of righteousness. The fuller and deeper joy may not be realised here, but one day it will be ours. No pleasure rejected for Christ's sake is ever lost. It is only postponed to be found again in a richer and more satisfying form, if we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen.

Or yet again, the long view directs us to the right investment of our lives. No good business man looks for an investment of his money that will bring him big returns at the moment. He takes the long view, and asks what will happen to his money ten or twenty years on. All life is an investment. Every day we are putting our strength, our time, into something. What are we investing in? The only wise way of investing our life is to put in into what will last. We cannot have any doubt as to what lasts. It is the purpose of God, the service of the community, the true good of people. Jesus put all his time and strength for the last year of his life into the training of twelve men. They were just ordinary men. Most people then would have called them nobodies. But see what they became and what they accomplished. The whole of what is best in the world to-day came out of that investment, and the full harvest is not yet. Let that comfort us if we are teaching children or working in the church. The results may not appear in our day. And yet they will; for our day is an everlasting day.

THEY are not dead, those loved ones who have passed
Beyond our vision for a little while.
They have but reached the light while we still grope
In darkness where we cannot see them smile.

But smile they do, and love us, and do not
Forget, nor ever go so far away
But that their hands still clasp our hands and hold
Us safe from falling when we fain would stray.

God of the Living

God is not the God of the dead,
but of the living.—Matt. 22: 32.



They are not dead. Theirs is the fuller life,
Theirs is the victory, the joy, the gain;
For us is still the waiting and the strife,
For us the loneliness, for us the pain.

Then let us gird us once again with hope,
And give them smile for smile the while we wait;
And loving, serving, when our Father calls,
We'll go to find our dear ones waiting at the gate.—Sel.

An Advocate of Christian Unity

The death of Principal T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed., on Tuesday, October 31, was a severe blow to brethren in Australian churches of Christ. We have gathered into the following article the outstanding incidents of a full and fruitful life.

THOMAS HENRY SCAMBLER had taken a leading part for many years in the life and history of the Restoration Movement in Australia. His influence also reached out and touched many who served Christ in various church communions in Victoria. The broad sweep of his sympathies awakened in him a passion for the unity of the Christian church. During recent years much of what he said and wrote was inspired by this desire to see the church united.

He was a kind and gracious man, and revealed the characteristics of a Christian gentleman. It is little wonder, then, that he won respect wherever he went.

Student

Born near Newstead, Victoria, in 1879, he was brought into the church there. As a lad on the farm, he sought to improve his educational qualification so that he might preach the gospel. Going to Melbourne to study, he served as student preacher at Ascot Vale. Eventually he was invited to serve under the Victorian H.M. Committee in the Echuca circuit. In 1903, he proceeded to Perth, West Australia, and for a period preached for the brethren in that State.

Preacher

Feeling the need of better training, he proceeded to America and gained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Drake University. Returning to W.A., he served at Maylands. The

church at Hawthorn, Victoria, then invited him to labor in that centre. Mr. Scambler for fourteen years served Hawthorn with remarkable success. Large congregations filled the building Sunday after Sunday, and many souls were brought to the Lord. During that ministry he studied at the Melbourne University and secured the Diploma of Education.

Lecturer

When H. E. Knott went to America in 1921, Mr. Scambler was invited to lecture at the College of the Bible. Students appreciated his discussion method of teaching. He aimed at encouraging them to think out problems, and did not believe in providing formal statements for students to accept uncritically.

Debater

In response to a challenge, Mr. Scambler debated with a representative of the Victorian Rationalists' Association. Much public interest was aroused by his defence of the truths of divine revelation. He also discussed doctrinal problems in public debate with Seventh Day Adventists.

Principal

While lecturing, Mr. Scambler continued pastoral work. Leaving Hawthorn in 1929 he went to Box Hill for a period of four years. Then he served at Swanston-st., Melbourne, for five years. During Principal A. R. Main's tour abroad in 1935, he served as principal. Upon Mr. Main's retirement from that position in 1938, Principal Scambler was then chosen to lead the work of the Glen Iris College. Throughout his years of service, he maintained the high standard of the institution, and also had the joy of seeing the day when the college debt was almost wiped out. The responsibility of leading such an institution as the College of the Bible is heavy, and the brotherhood is indebted to Mr. Scambler for his unselfish devotion to the important task it gave him to fulfil.

Throughout the years Mr. Scambler also served the churches on various committees. During the conference year of 1918-1919, he was president of the Victorian conference. He preached conference sermons in Victoria, West Australia, South Australia and Queensland. In recent years he was chairman of the Advisory Board and of the Christian Union Committee.

Author

Principal Scambler was not only a preacher and teacher; he was also a ready writer. Articles, short stories and hymns from his pen have been much appreciated. Readers of "The Australian Christian" have been stimulated and helped by his many contributions. Amongst his best literary efforts, we place his recently published text-book, "The Art of Sermon Construction," which we reviewed in last issue.

Always willing to undertake his share of service amongst churches, he was, up to within a week or so of his death, preaching. Although he had been troubled by an attack of influenza a few days before his death, the condition of his health had not been alarming. He was on his way to a service on Tuesday evening, Oct. 31, in the Swanston-st. chapel, when he collapsed on the Gardiner railway station (which is near the College) and died within a few minutes. His home-



call was so sudden and unexpected that the Australian brotherhood has received a severe shock.

However, being in a position in which he was able to help to mould the outlook of young men and women training for service, his work has not ended, for it will be carried into the future through the ministry of many men.

He never allowed differences to interfere with personal friendship. Always on the vital claims of the Christian faith in which he was in full agreement with all the servants and saints of the Lord, it was a delight for him to co-operate with all in the advancement of the kingdom.

A good man has been called home, a faithful soldier has finished a good fight.

To Mrs. Scambler, Miss Edna, Lieut. Don Scambler and Mr. H. McK. Scambler, brethren throughout Australia, who are full of appreciation for the services of one to whom they are indebted, express sincere sympathy.

FUNERAL SERVICES

TO express sympathy to the bereaved and to show appreciation for the life and work of our late brother, T. H. Scambler, students, preachers, representatives of various church communions, and other Christian friends, from far and near, crowded into the Chown Memorial Chapel of the College of the Bible on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 2. Brethren of N.S.W. were represented by Messrs. A. and E. C. Hinrichsen, A. R. Main and Principal H. J. Patterson, who travelled late into the night to be present. Thos. Hagger led the service. Principal Northey, representing various religious organisations of Melbourne, and E. L. Williams, conference president, representing the Victorian brotherhood, spoke. C. B. Nance-Kivell read the scriptures, and R. T. Pittman led in prayer. At the Springvale Crematorium W. H. Clay conducted the service. Dr. W. A. Kemp, chairman of college board, and A. R. Main, on behalf of brethren in N.S.W., eulogised the life and work of Mr. Scambler. R. L. Williams read portions of scripture. Expressions of sympathy have been received from representatives of many churches. Such kindnesses are much appreciated, for they show the increasing spirit of unity amongst churches. They indicate also the extent of the influence of the late Principal T. H. Scambler upon the religious life of Victoria.



Interior of the Chown Memorial Chapel.

Chaplains and Industry

In Queensland discussion on how to evangelise men in factories has been discussed. Our correspondent, P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., also reports on social problems, and on the work in the far North.

MR. WALTER ALBISTON, at the Congregational Union annual meetings, brought forward a suggestion that has been carried out with some success in England. In view of the fact that 80 per cent. of the community was outside of regular church affiliation and in the secular world, it is obvious that the immediate task of the church is to evangelise the community. Thirteen hundred men, who have been trained in the Christian ministry, are now serving as chaplains and welfare workers among the men of the Forces. Could not the experience gained by these men be utilised in the post-war world by extending chaplaincy work to industry? Other suggestions made were—churches should offer their buildings wherever possible as community centres, and hostels should be built so that youths coming to the city might have a place in which to reside and as a centre for entertainment.

Church and Politics

The social evils of the day present a tremendous challenge to the church. A big rise in cases of bigamy is reported. A marked increase in trafficking in opium and other dangerous drugs has been noticed. The State gaols have more serving sentences than ever before. Crowds wait, sometimes for hours, for hotels and wine shops to open. Mr. T. C. Warriner, M.A., B.D., President of Queensland Baptist Union, has pleaded for the church to engage in an active campaign for social and national righteousness. "The Free churches used to take the lead in this, and it is deplorable that they no longer exert such a potent influence," he said. He believed the church could best exert her influence by nominating and electing to parliament men who would refuse to submit to the dictates of any political party, but were determined to be

loyal to Christ whatever the cost. Such men must have the solid support of all Christians. Mr. Warriner went on to say that there are enough professing Christians in our nation to effect revolutionary changes in the national life, if, in casting their votes, they were controlled by Christian principles. Such questions as the White Australia Policy, Racial Relationships and Tariffs must be considered in the light of God's purposes for mankind, and not merely as they affect our personal or national interests.

Call of the North

G. T. Millar has transferred from Charters Towers to Mackay. W. Glezendanner is leaving Townsville to take up the work at Ma Ma Creek. After 22 years' ministry in Queensland, S. Vanham is leaving Rockhampton for Georgetown, N.S.W. That means that three of our strong churches in the north are seeking preachers. If Northern Queensland presents the opportunities we believe it does, it will be necessary to staff and to support wholeheartedly these churches with consecrated leaders prepared to pioneer and persevere for Christ.

Plans

Realising that youth must be won for Christ, the Baptists propose to appoint a full-time youth director.

Queensland is a State with many isolated centres. The Baptists have a scheme for purchasing a two ton gospel waggon, with sleeping accommodation, amplifying unit, lantern, literature, and other adjuncts. The waggon is to visit country centres, schools, homesteads and seaside resorts, conducting missions wherever possible. It is estimated that the cost of the first year's operations will be £1250.

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

FEDERAL CONFERENCE POINTS THE WAY

AT the recent Federal conference, the Federal Young People's Department was granted 90 minutes to engage the minds of delegates in matters relating to youth work. The department chose to divide the conference into three sections to give guidance on the three following subjects:—

1. Adequate Leadership for Auxiliaries and Young Adults.
2. Adequate Programme for Evangelising Youth.
3. Adequate Provision for a Federal-wide Youth Work.

YOUTH LEADERS' CONFERENCE

SEVERAL forward looking discussions on youth work during Federal conference expressed the necessity of a full-time youth leader in each State. There was a genuine desire to help the weaker States in this respect, but no plan was forthcoming. Youth leaders present at Federal conference continued in special sessions, endeavoring to grapple with problems peculiar to the States and meet the needs common to all. Their work was assisted by reason of the fact that

several departments sent forward the survey work of special committees. This pooling of thought, experience and plotting of future work gives great promise in federalising and advancing youth work. Difficulties that were ignored because they were beyond the capacity of one State are now being tackled.

YOUTH'S OWN DIARY

YOUTH'S Own Diary is increasing in popularity. 5000 have been printed to meet the needs of the various States. The State Young People's Departments are the distributing agents. The 1945 Diary contains 72 pages and the calendar section, texts and great thoughts. The cover illustrates in color an alert young man seeking power for the tasks of the new day. Light streaming from above and shining on the upturned face suggests that divine power is available. Copies of the diaries are available at ninepence each.

VICTORIA

A FIELD day on Saturday, Oct. 21, proved popular. 150 young people hiked from Ringwood to Croydon. The tea hour in the church grounds provided happy fellowship. A session of song and witness was held in the main street prior to a rally at the Scout hall.

Mr. V. Foster presided, and Mr. A. W. C. Candy addressed the gathering, and Mr. A. Haskell served as leader of song.

"Faithful Fishermen" Campaign is now closed as a simultaneous effort, but many schools report that they are conducting the rally at a date suitable to local conditions. In addition to increased efficiency and attendance, the rally has accounted for a total increase of 243 new scholars and 26 new teachers, within 12 weeks.

PASSING OF A PIONEER



On Nov. 3, F. A. Kemp, who was the only remaining foundation member of Swanston-st., Melbourne, church, died at the age of 97 years. He first met with the church in the Temperance Hall, and then in the Manchester Unity Hall, and later, from October, 1865, in Swanston-st. church. He was in regular attendance at services until Oct. 15. Throughout the years he took an active part in church work. He was a faithful and gracious servant of the Lord. To A. E. Kemp (managing director of Austral Co.), Mrs. Ritchie, Misses Ethel and Caroline, Fred, Benjamin, and Thomas, we express deepest sympathy of brotherhood. An appropriate obituary notice will appear in a later issue.

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 crossfire. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

ABORIGINES

AFTER six months in an aborigines' settlement in Central Queensland, I cannot agree with J. H. Sexton's theory regarding their dwindling population. Compare their numbers to-day with those of 100 years ago. It is since the white man came amongst them that they have diminished so. If there were not so many half-castes, it stands to reason there would be more full-blooded aborigines. Also, what about the legacies of the white man—tuberculosis and venereal disease—not to mention, except briefly, the way they were shot in batches or poisoned with arsenic in food given in the guise of kindness? The anthropologist is right when he says they must be merged into the white population. We are too late in trying to keep them as a distinct race.—L. S. Perkins, Baralaba, Qld.

Here and There

From South Australia the following telegram reached us on Nov. 6:—Chapel full, Edwards-town West; four further confessions.—Fisher."

The following telegram was received on Nov. 6:—"Hinrichsen and Morris having short revival, Wollongong; had good meetings Sunday.—Stirling."

Following telegram reached us on Nov. 6:—"Three decisions last night, Mathieson mission, Wangaratta, Vic.; Baptist church combined with us for this service.—Lloyd."

A brotherhood in memoriam service to the late T. H. Scambler has been arranged for Nov. 12, at 3 p.m., in Swanston-st. chapel. Various speakers will represent brotherhood activities at this service.

There appears in the advertisement columns under "Wanted" a request by Mrs. J. E. Thomas for a house or large flat. Because of the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are held, we believe brethren will make a special effort to meet this urgent need of our sister.

With deepest regret the church at Yarrawonga, Vic., has accepted resignation of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman, as they retire from active service after a lifetime of faithful and fruitful service in India and Australia. A fine



Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman.

attendance at morning service on Oct. 28 heard Mr. Pittman's farewell message; at close many gave testimony of help received from his inspiring messages throughout his four years' ministry. A cheque was presented, on behalf of church, as a token of love and respect in which both are held.

Dr. A. J. Saunders, who was professor of economics in the American College of the University of Madras, India returned to Melbourne on Nov. 3. Dr. Saunders was associated as a student with the late T. H. Scambler in the Australian Bible College conducted by W. Morro and J. Johnston. Dr. Saunders will be residing in Melbourne, and is free to assist churches in need of help.

On morning of Oct. 29, church at Perth, W.A., welcomed, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Short into membership, and gave to each a copy of New Testament. J. Keith Robinson gave an informative talk. At 7.30 p.m., E. R. Berry rendered a solo and Mr. Robinson was preacher. On Oct. 31, in afternoon, Aborigines Committee of Women's Auxiliary visited Dorcas society, and at 7.45 p.m. C.E. society had a "Bible social hour."

Members at Croydon, Vic., are grateful to Mr. Lacey for gift of 10 beautiful new seats. On Oct. 21, about 130 Endeavourers from suburban areas, after hiking from Ringwood, had tea in chapel grounds, and held inspiring meeting in Main-st., and later in Scout hall. Church combined with other congregations for Hospital Sunday service, meetings being addressed by Dr. Hoggarth; £48/10/- was raised. At evening service of Nov. 5, Miss Gwynneth Finger rendered a solo. Meetings are well attended.

PRINCIPAL DATES IN LIFE OF T. H. SCAMBLER

MR. SCAMBLER came to Hawthorn, Victoria, October, 1915. He began at the College of the Bible as part-time lecturer: third term, 1921; as full time, February, 1922. Began ministry at Box Hill, Nov. 1, 1929. Began ministry at Swanston-st., Oct. 22, 1933, and closed ministry at Swanston-st., April 16, 1939. He was acting-principal, College of the Bible, 1935, and became principal Feb. 1, 1939. He entered into rest, Oct. 31, 1944.

VALUABLE BEQUEST OF BIBLES

BIBLIOPHILES will be interested to know that the late Mr. Frederick Weir, for many years depot manager at the Sydney Bible House, left his valuable collection of Bibles to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The bequest comprised some 60 volumes, and included such gems as a copy of Beza's third edition of the Greek New Testament, published at Geneva in 1589; Francois Estienne's version of the French Bible with Metrical Psalms, published in Geneva in 1567; an English Hexapla New Testament, published in 1841—besides the Greek this gives the Wyclif, Tyndale, Cranmer, Geneva, Rheimish and the Authorised texts. The collection also includes a copy of the famous Breeches and Girdles Bibles, published respectively in 1585 and 1773. The bequest may be inspected in the library (second floor) of the Bible House, 95 Bathurst-st., Sydney, during month of November, on any day of week, except Saturday and Sunday, between hours of 10-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAYSIDE CHURCHES, VICTORIA

ON Nov. 4, representatives from Cheltenham, Parkdale, Chelsea, Frankston and Red Hill met at Parkdale, Victoria. After Thos. Hagger was elected chairman, it was resolved that a Southern Bayside District Conference of churches be formed to meet half yearly. A. W. Cleland, vice-president of Victorian conference, was welcomed. Reports of each church were presented. It was resolved to hold next conference at Chelsea. J. C. F. Pittman was appointed president, and V. C. Stafford, vice-president, and Mr. and Mrs. Augustine, jointly as secretary and treasurer. After T. Cuddy sang, and J. C. F. Pittman preached, tea was served in hall. At evening session, A. W. Cleland and Dr. W. A. Kemp spoke helpfully. Parkdale choir rendered anthems, Misses Daff and Cowper a duet, and Miss F. Cowper, a solo. An offering for conference expenses amounted to £3/5/-.

VISION AND VICTORY

We present extracts from the notes of the helpful address given at the Federal conference by C. F. Adermann, M.H.R.

THE present world problems involve all nations and affect all mankind, and not only affect them militarily, but our whole civil structure, penetrating even the sanctity of the home, and bringing within its sweep the moral and spiritual welfare of all citizens. These problems and difficulties are so real and so challenging that our courage can afford to be no less spiritually than has been proved to be the case physically if the witness of Christ's church is to have any leavening effect. To achieve the victory of the peace we need vision. All vital history is history of vision and visionaries—vision which isn't merely outward appearing, but insight. To my mind, victory is dependent upon vision born of God, and applied in the faith that overcometh. We recall the words of the ancient sage, "Where there is no vision, the

people perish." That statement is born out and applicable to every aspect of life. Not only is there necessity of vision, but in every department of life pioneers have been men with insight and anticipation. When is vision effective? Does vision always come when on the hilltop? It was not so with most of the prophets. Isaiah refers to the valley of vision, which would seem to suggest an outlook in seeming imprisonment. But many have proved that from the valley of sorrow their sight attained a finer perception and range, enabling them to see the flash of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Are we not to-day in the valley of world sorrow? Is the experience giving us the finer perception, or are we representative of the children of Israel when they saw the giants, the sons of Anak, whilst they felt as grasshoppers in the sight of their enemies?

They saw only the enemy but not their allies. It was an estimate which left out God. And they were dismayed. Let us look through facts to truth, from the gifts to the giver, from time to eternity, to the mental principle, to the moral meaning, to the spiritual reality, to the inner ethical soul of things.

Now what we all desire under present circumstances is victory. As we are involved in this contest, it must be waged on two planes—the material and the spiritual—and on both planes victory has to be won if the world is not to sink into the slough of despond and misery.

Everything conceivable and practicable is being undertaken in order to secure a material victory. Wealth, manpower and production have been harnessed to the military machine. The greatest raids, the largest convoys, record shipbuilding and aircraft construction are reported. The struggle is carried on on many fronts.

What of the spiritual victory? Someone retorts, "This can be left until after the war." The all-out enlistment of our nation for the preservation and extension of liberty will not be served by retrenchment of church activities. Religion put in cold storage "for the duration" will be as effective in transforming the world from war to real peace as an exhausted military arm.

We are undertaking this campaign as an effort to win the peace, and to do that the church must not suffer equal exhaustion with the military. When the new cry for "peace on earth" comes to our world, the church will do well to reach then its greatest virility. So we are planning and working now toward taking up an option on the future.

The recreative spirit of Jesus Christ is indispensable to our task, and this can come to humanity by Christian strategy now.

ADDRESSES

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South Australia

Port Elliot.—Visitors are enjoying opportunity of fellowship in breaking of bread. Members who intend to be present on last two Sundays in November are planned to help in absence of Mr. Manning on holidays.

Forestville.—On Oct. 15, when Mr. Hammer was absent at Kadina, J. E. Webb, of Mile End, spoke at morning worship, and J. T. Train gave address at gospel meeting. On evening of Oct. 27, Miss Elsie Roxburgh gave a lantern lecture on work among aborigines at Norseman, W.A. After questions had been answered by Miss Roxburgh supper was served.

Edwardstown West.—On Oct. 29 Mr. Cornelius exhorted at morning service. In afternoon a new S.S. attendance record was made, 135 being present. At gospel service there was best attendance for 9 months, when 44 were present. Y.W.L. session has been changed back to evening service. After stirring address by P. R. Baker, 7 lads confessed Christ. Girls' club held moonlight hike on Oct. 31 with supper at Mrs. Squire's. K.S.P. club is expanding.

Whyalla.—On Oct. 22, a married woman and youth made good confession. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. V. Stevenson and family in loss of husband and father, H. J. Stevenson, formerly of Cottonville, who passed away on Oct. 27. There were record attendances at J.C.E. and Bible school on Oct. 29. Mrs. Smith, St. Arnards; Mrs. Barret, Hindmarsh; Miss B. Thoday, Kadina; and J. Bishop, Wallaroo, have been received into fellowship. Women's Guild recently held a successful Red Cross afternoon and raised £23.

Murray Bridge.—Conference banner for country Y.P.S.C.E. societies was won again by Murray Bridge. Mrs. L. E. Walmsley has moved to Callington, and is greatly missed. There were fine girls' week services on Oct. 29. C. Mitchell addressed church. Evening service was well attended; Misses Marion Mobbs, Jean Harper, Gaynor Kretschmer, Joan Hall, Phyllis Denman, and Barbara Orchard assisted. N. G. Noble preached. H. N. Page, A.I.F.; Mrs. H. Hunter, of Milang; and Mrs. Walton Brake are recovering health slowly.

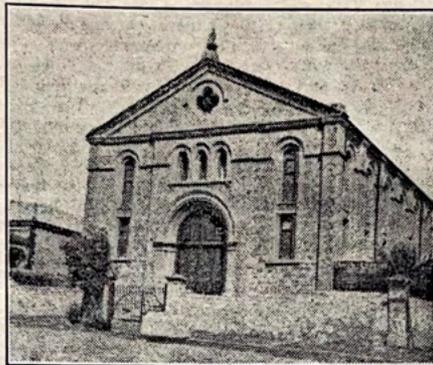
Prospect.—K.S.P. held father and son banquet on Oct. 17. Mr. Collins addressed assembly; there was a good attendance. Ladies' guild held evening on Oct. 24, in aid of kindergarten hall fund. C. Schwab gave an interesting talk on wild flowers. Miss Roxburg conducted midweek meeting, illustrating work among aborigines. At services on Oct. 29, A. E. Brown preached to good attendances. Fellowship with visitors, and George Bonney and Ralph Broken-sha (on leave) was enjoyed. Reports from boys on Service show that they are all well.

Victor Harbour.—Three mothers who had been immersed recently have been received into fellowship. With coming of summer meetings have grown. All S.S. anniversary services held in circuit were successful. B. W. Manning expects to close his ministry with circuit on second Sunday in February, F. Collins beginning the following Sunday. Church is praying for restoration to health of Crofton Manning who has had a serious breakdown. Endeavorers journeyed recently to Mount Compass for a week night service, where three lads were immersed.

Winkie.—On Oct. 8 Bible school anniversary services were held, speaker at afternoon and evening meetings being Chaplain Hutchinson; his messages were enjoyed by young and old. Children sang well under leadership of

L. Chapple. On Monday school combined with Berri scholars in a picnic at Lake Bonney. Scholars were presented on Oct. 12 with prizes and certificates gained during year. Mr. Johnson was speaker for that evening. Endeavorers recently held a helpful camp. At Berri on Oct. 26, at a social evening, Margaret Chapple was guest of honor. A presentation, on behalf of members and friends, was made by Mr. Johnson.

Moonta.—Marriage of Joyce Coad and Mr. Ward took place on Sept. 30. Doug. Easter was baptised at close of gospel service on Oct. 8. Mrs. Boyle died on Oct. 15, after 24 years of faithful service; sympathy is extended to husband. Mr. Edwards conducted a well-attended memorial service on Oct. 22. Ladies' guild conducted a successful sale of work on Nov. 1, takings amounting to £41. Mrs. Bald has returned home after treatment at Adelaide Hospital.



The Moonta Chapel.

Balaklava.—Church anniversary was held on Oct. 29 and 30. C. Schwab, Federal president, was speaker. He was accompanied by T. Butler, State conference president. Prior to service a memorial book press was unveiled by mother and widow of Ron Nancarrow who died of wounds in N. Guinea in 1943. R. H. Shepherd spoke of splendid character of deceased and Mr. Schwab offered dedicatory prayer. Meetings were crowded. Annual tea and public meeting were held on Monday evening. After musical and devotional programme, Mr. Schwab spoke. A. Hutson presided. S.S. picnic was held recently. A large company of parents and scholars enjoyed outing. During Mr. Hutson's absence at Berri, W. Pearl and Reg. Shepherd spoke at worship and gospel services respectively.

Unley.—C. Schwab conducted meetings during week leading to temple day. Saturday night meeting culminated in an offering which reached £424. Mr. Schwab's messages were of spiritual benefit. On following Wednesday jubilee fellowship tea was held. Reminiscences were presented by Mr. Burns (read by Mr. Lawton), Stan Thomas, Miss Elsie Mann, O. V. Mann and A. Verco, the last being an officer for over 50 years, and treasurer for over 20 years. Among those who attended first services are Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. Poole, and Mrs. J. Pryor. Of past preachers, J. E. Webb was present at tea. Greetings of Christian love have been sent to our brother, J. E. Thomas. Three members, H. R. Taylor, O. V. Mann, and Dr. P. S. Messent were delegates to Federal conference. Miss Roxburgh, from W.A., spoke at morning meeting on Oct. 22, and her message was appreciated. On Oct. 29 H. H. Strutton spoke in morning and Chaplain-General Allen Brooke at night. There were good attendances at both meetings. S.S. picnic was held at National Park on Oct. 28.

Queensland

Monkland.—Good services have been held during recent weeks. While Mr. Fisher was at Toowoomba services were conducted by H. G. Rasmussen and H. E. Greenwood. J.C.E. was conducted by Mrs. W. Runge. On Oct. 29, Miss J. De Oberitz, of Bundaberg, helped "Cavalcade of Hymns" broadcast and church service with solos. New scholars have been gained for school.

Gympie.—H. G. Rasmussen and H. E. Greenwood conducted Sunday services during Mr. Fisher's absence. On Oct. 22, a soldier made good confession, when Mr. Greenwood preached. E. Trudgian conducted midweek prayer meetings. A cottage meeting was held on Oct. 27. At broadcast service on Oct. 29, Mrs. R. Turner and Miss M. De Oberitz sang solos, and at night Miss M. and J. De Oberitz again sang. Three new scholars at Bible school.

Ma Ma Creek.—Fortnightly visits have been arranged with V. G. Boettcher, of Toowoomba, until W. Geizendanner's arrival in December. Meetings are also conducted at West Haldon. Visiting speakers have been V. S. Dallinger, T. A. Fergusson and A. J. Fisher. At morning meeting on Oct. 29, J. S. Metcalf gave an exhortation on Mark 8: 30. At night teachers and scholars ably submitted overseas mission programme to a large congregation. Solos were given by Judy Jones and Ruth Rosenberg. Mission boxes and collection were almost £5. College offering amounted to over £11.

Victoria

Shepparton.—A. C. Mudford spoke to Y.P.S.C.E. on Oct. 24. Bible school anniversary concert, held on 25th, was much enjoyed. In absence of H. Hargreaves, A. C. Mudford spoke at morning service on 29th. L. Dudley preached at night. Grace Heffernan rendered a solo.

Frankston.—On Oct. 29 J. Wiltshire, of W.A., gave an appreciated address in morning. A number of visitors were present. At evening service Mr. Hagger preached powerfully and J. McKenzie was soloist. On a splendid site close to chapel, the manse is now being built.

Portland.—Speakers for October have been T. Davey, Mr. Forbes and A. Rivett. On Oct. 7, a tea for scholars was followed by a concert and distribution of prizes and presentation of certificates to successful candidates. Offering for college amounted to £1. Faithful Fishermen campaign resulted in 5 new scholars and 1 new teacher.

Emerald.—On Oct. 29 Mr. Alcorn again addressed splendid congregations. Church will miss stimulus of T. H. Scambler's kindly interest. On Jan. 2 this year, Mr. Scambler visited church and took both services. Then, for the first time for many years, chapel was filled to overflowing; our prosperity and success date from that visit.

Stawell.—E. Randall has given helpful messages. Mr. Jackson led morning service on Oct. 15. J. A. Robinson spoke on Oct. 29. Orange Lodge parade was held in chapel in evening, G. Bennet, of Sunshine, being speaker. Convention meetings held in Stawell used chapel for opening and final meetings on Oct. 28 and 30.

Brunswick.—Mr. Aitkins was morning speaker for Oct. 22. Hospital collection amounted to £10/16/4. The 62nd anniversary of church was a success. Speakers were: morning, S. Russell Baker; afternoon, late T. H. Scambler; evening, A. White and S. Prentice, who continued their special addresses. Local Salvation Army ladies' choir assisted in evening. On Monday churches of Christ Ladies' Choir gave a splendid concert. The aim to clear building debt was achieved. Sympathy was expressed at passing of Mr. Scambler and also of a nephew of Sister Elliot. Mr. and Mrs. W. Jenkin have received news of their son.

Dandenong.—Mr. Buckingham opened two weeks' mission on Nov. 5, speaking morning and evening. One lad confessed Christ. Miss Morrison, from Malvern, was soloist.

Balwyn.—Visitors included C. R. Burdeu, of Perth, W.A. Members are glad Mrs. Burdeu is making progress after her serious operation. A youth service held on Nov. 5 was a great success. Ken Sturgess gave a stirring youth address.



UNITED MEETING

CITY CHURCHES MEET TOGETHER ON HOME-COMING DAY

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—Home-coming day was held on Nov. 5, and many past members enjoyed fellowship. Chapel was well filled at three services; between 500 and 600 stayed for meals. C. G. Taylor was speaker at 11. Prin. A. H. Wood at 3, and C. B. Nance-Kivell at 7, at which service members of Swanston-st. attended. Miss Scarce was soloist at morning and evening meetings, and choir rendered anthems. Mrs. Finger was soloist at 3, and S.S. choir rendered two anthems. Church regrets passing of Mrs. Chick and Mrs. Carnaby, and expresses sympathy to relatives.

Camberwell.—On Nov. 5, R. L. Williams spoke at communion service and gospel meeting; 120 attended in evening, when 4 young people were baptised and another confessed faith in Christ. Many visitors continue to attend services. 36 young people were at evening meeting, and remained to a song service and supper.

Drumcondra.—Meetings have been well attended. Mr. Methven's messages continue to help. S.S. is practising for anniversary. Women's Mission Band had visit from Melbourne executive. Mrs. McKay retired as president after 12 years. Appreciation of her leadership was expressed and a gift made. Mrs. Meyers is ill and prayers for her recovery are being offered.

Reservoir.—Mr. Grainger will complete his work with church on Nov. 26. Meetings continue to be well attended. H. B. Turnham was speaker at morning worship, Nov. 5, and gave a challenging message. Mr. Grainger conducted gospel service. Young people's auxiliaries are having interesting meetings. P.B.P. held social on Nov. 4. Hospital offering amounted to £5/16/-.

Echuca.—During October meetings were well attended. On Oct. 29, a special educational service was held, when the importance for better education was stressed. Women's auxiliary have sent Christmas parcels to members in Services. S.S. attendances are excellent; children are practising for anniversary. Chaplain Jones and Mr. Curtis, of Castlemaine, when on holiday here, helped with services.

St. Arnaud.—Mr. and Mrs. Hall are now residing at Rochester; church is grateful to them for past assistance. H. Hurren preaches helpfully each Lord's day. On Oct. 18, Sunday school held enjoyable picnic. Sunday school anniversary services were held on Oct. 29. I. J. Chivell, of Maryborough, was speaker. Church was much encouraged by his messages. Prizes were distributed in afternoon. Evening service was well attended; there were representatives from other churches.

Gardenvale.—Mr. Anderson has been helped in recent weeks by Messrs. D. Lang, McClean, Sumpton and Gadge (Snr.). On Nov. 3, Women's Mission Band held a very successful social evening to raise funds to provide Christmas cheer for church members in Services. Mrs. Andrew was called home on Nov. 4, after a long illness. Mrs. Smith and family were received into fellowship. On Nov. 5, church enjoyed a visit from Malvern Girls' Choir quartette party.

Oakleigh.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 15 and 22, when S. R. Baker, E. Roffey, R. Geyer, H. Long, E. L. Vertigan and S. Neighbour were speakers. Prize distribution took place in chapel on Oct. 29. Two young people from Bible school have been welcomed into membership. Ladies joined with other churches and organisations in special effort for Red Cross P.O.W. funds, almost £500 being received. C. B. Nance-Kivell gave illustrated travel talk at evening on Nov. 3 for Guest Home hospital fund. M. Murray attended services while on leave.

St. Kilda.—On Sept. 17 F. J. Funston conducted a hymn service, when Mr. Cuddy and Mrs. Harvey helped with solos. Women's Mission Band with Middle Park provided meeting at Christian Guest Home on Sept. 26. Successful Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 22, E. C. Candy being speaker in afternoon and Flying Officer E. S. Young at night. School singing was led by church organist, Mrs. Box. Concert and prize-giving took place on Oct. 26, Malvern-Caulfield school helping with items. Annual Jack Featherston memorial prizes went to Joan Rough and Reg. Asling.

South Yarra.—Attendances were rather smaller in October owing to sickness of members or being on holidays. S.S. anniversary was very successful. On Oct. 22, Chaplain Thickins, from W.A., addressed church; visitors included Mrs. Roffey, of Bexley North, N.S.W. On Oct. 29, F. Lewis spoke at morning service, and E. Roffey at night. Girls' clubs held a sale of gifts, raising £16 for new building fund. Mrs. Roffey and R. Walters are both home from hospital, and are improving in health. Fellowship tea was held on Nov. 5, Mr. Bond, ex-police magistrate, being speaker. A. Searle was morning speaker. Flying Officer A. Dovey, returned on leave, had fellowship.

Moreland.—Visiting speakers at recent S.S. anniversary services were Dr. E. L. Watson, Bruce Smith, F. T. Morgan and A. G. Bennett. A. E. Barber conducted singing. C. Cole, of Sudan United Mission, spoke at morning service, and after evening service gave an illustrated lecture. Hospital Sunday service was assisted by Preston Tramways Workshops' choir, and offering has reached £54/3/3. Soloists have been Miss G. Workman, Mr. Bryant and Miss M. Gross. Recent special youth service was assisted by Y.P. choir, with Keith Jenkins presenting children's story, S. Fordham (supt.) presiding, and W. Graham preaching. Three S.S. girls were baptised recently.

Surrey Hills.—G. J. Andrews has accepted an invitation to add a sixth year to his ministry as from February, 1945. A statement of appreciation signed by the members of the official board was presented to him. Anniversary celebrations were continued on Oct. 22 in Bible school, kindergarten and cradle roll sections, when prizes were distributed. At 7 p.m. G. J. Andrews conducted an impressive Bible school teachers' and staff consecration service. Hospital Sunday collection amounted to £15. On Oct. 28, Bible school birthday party was greatly enjoyed during afternoon by juniors and in evening by seniors. Our youth leader, W. F. Newham, and his senior boys are spending this week-end at Mt. Evelyn.

Gardiner.—On Oct. 29, Mr. Hargreaves, of Shepparton, exhorted church on home missions and T. H. Scambler spoke at gospel service. Members were shocked to learn of the sudden home-call of their interim preacher, T. H. Scambler, and sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Scambler and family. All present at annual business meeting called for Nov. 1 stood in silent prayer and meeting was then postponed for week. On Nov. 4, P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs gave a combined concert in aid of funds for Christmas gifts for members on Service. On Nov. 5, two former associates of Mr. Scambler, A. R. Main and R. Morris, gave appropriate addresses at morning and evening services respectively. D. Williams, of Kaniva, assisted at gospel service with a solo.

Port Fairy.—Evening service on Oct. 29 was well attended, when Mr. Weir delivered a fine address. Singing was bright; help of Warrnambool members was much appreciated. Solos and duets were rendered during evening.

Red Hill.—Five new members have been added to C.E. society. Mr. Kingston is rendering good service, and his messages are helpful. Cecil Prossor and David Holmes have returned to active service. Ron Holmes is on special leave for three weeks. On Oct. 22 there were large attendances.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Swanston-st. congregation sustained a severe loss by passing of two members (within a couple of days of each other)—Principal T. H. Scambler, minister to church for five and a half years from 1933, and who retained his membership at Swanston-st. when he became principal of the College of the Bible; and F. A. Kemp, at the age of 97. Mr. Kemp was the sole surviving foundation member of Swanston-st., and had been most consistent in his attendance up to within a couple of Sundays of his passing. Christian sympathy of church has been extended to relations in their bereavement. On Oct. 29, both services were conducted by A. Wilson in absence of C. B. Nance-Kivell. On Nov. 5, Swanston-st. closed its building to join with Lygon-st. in that church's home-coming service, C. B. Nance-Kivell being speaker.



SUCCESSFUL SERVICES

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST GAINED

ESSENDON.—Activities under leadership of W. E. Jackel are proving successful; uplifting messages are being given by him. On Nov. 5, A. G. E. Smith was speaker at morning service, and at night the Mildmay evangelistic team helped, comprising Capt. Roberts, A.I.F., leader; Miss Watson; W. O. Barry, R.A.A.F., song leader; and V. Margetts. Messages were excellent; at conclusion two young ladies made the good confession. On Oct. 29, a married woman and a young man were baptised and received into fellowship on Nov. 5. At evening service on Oct. 15, the life of Queen Esther was illustrated by pictures, and on Oct. 29 young men of church took charge; they were A. Ferguson, N. Hutton, G. Dunn, C. Neal and A. Moroney. Mrs. Huntly (senr.) died on Nov. 5. Christian sympathy is extended to her family and loved ones. Fellowship with Sister Marr, who had been seriously ill, has been renewed.

Hartwell.—S.S. anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 29. R. L. Williams, of Camberwell, addressed church in morning, and in afternoon a kindergarten service was conducted by C. J. Robinson, who also spoke to scholars in evening. Over 300 were present at S.S. concert on Tuesday following, when prizes, attendance seals and certificates won at examination were presented. Miss June Ramsay has completed 10 years' unbroken attendance. Annual business meeting of church was held on Oct. 25. A. V. Morffew was elected elder; A. S. Body, A. E. Hancock, F. Haycraft, K. Holmes, R. Jones, L. Piper and E. H. Staley were elected deacons. Reports of auxiliaries were encouraging. L. Seath and R. Morffew are superintendent and secretary respectively of the S.S., which had a record attendance of 192 on Oct. 15. On Nov. 5, J. Holloway, from Malvern-Caulfield, spoke to combined meeting of Endeavorers, and later addressed church on home missions. J. Mudford was speaker at evening service.

Footscray.—Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ritchie conducted a "Happy Hour" afternoon with ladies' aid and friends on Oct. 24, also a lantern service at Bible school on Oct. 29. Mr. and Mrs. R. Vautier rendered a duet at gospel service. Henry Watson addressed Y.P.S.C.E. on Oct. 25. A kitchen tea was held on Oct. 26 for Mr. and Mrs. L. Keatch (M. Taylor) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Janes (M. Johnson). D. C. Ritchie made an exchange with A. E. Cremin, of South Richmond on Oct. 29. On Nov. 5, at morning and evening services, portion of meeting was devoted to memory of T. H. Scambler.

New South Wales

Paddington.—There was a good attendance at morning service on Oct. 29. R. Wilson gave a fine message. At monthly fellowship tea I. Paternoster was a welcome speaker on missions. Bible school is practising for anniversary. Women's guild had a visit from prayer meeting committee on 28th.

Rockdale.—Mr. Burns spoke on Oct. 22 morning and evening. A. Holmes was home on leave from Darwin. Soloist at night was Mr. Tonge, recently returned from Middle East. Three young persons made good confession. Miss Vawser spoke at a special meeting of fellowship on 18th. Sister J. Saintry is ill in hospital.

Marrickville.—Beautiful decorations, bright singing, crowded congregations and stirring addresses made Bible school anniversary a great success. Speakers for day were H. J. Patterson, principal of Bible college, and R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. youth director, and at night P. E. Thomas gave an illustrated address which left a deep impression. A play, written by Miss Jessie Thomas, has been prepared for presentation at S.S. demonstration.

Canley Vale.—At gospel service on Oct. 29, foreign mission work was featured; children presented offering boxes; V. Parker gave missionary address. There was one decision. Church paper has been appreciated greatly. A young people's tennis club has been formed. Present at recent services were R. Burling, B. Stimson and M. Dalziel, who are enjoying leave. Miss N. Barnes and K. Woellner were married on Oct. 28. Mrs. Parkes has recovered sufficiently from her accident to take up her S.S. and J.C.E. work.

Bankstown.—A time of revival is being experienced. Meetings have increased in numbers and enthusiasm. Mr. Latimer's messages are much appreciated. Y.P.C.E. celebrated anniversary on Oct. 28, continuing on Sunday. Chapel was packed on evening of 28th. Lloyd Jones inspired all with his message. A cheque for £70 was handed to church, being result of young people's talent effort, and is to be used to reduce building debt. One young woman, who confessed Christ the previous Sunday, was baptised on 29th, when there were two further decisions. Among many visitors welcomed were Sergeant Cecil Williams, of Merewether, and David Place, R.A.A.F., S.A.

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DEATH

WOOSTER.—On Oct. 25, Frederick James, loving husband of Florence, beloved son of Benjamin and Emma, loved brother of William, Annie (dec.), Emily (dec.), Walter (dec.), and Ethel, loving father of Tom. Aged 81 years. "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

IN MEMORIAM

BERLIN.—In loving memory of my dear father, William Berlin, who was called home on Nov. 12, 1942; also my dear husband, John Paradine, on Oct. 27, 1935.

How joyful is the hope that lingers,
When loved ones cross death's sea,
That we, when all earth's toils are ended,
With them shall ever be.

—Inserted by Annie Paradine.

BENN.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our beloved father, Adam Rea, who was called to higher service on Nov. 13, 1939.

Death doth hide,
But not divide,
In Christ united still are we.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family at Kaniva and Murrumbidgee.

STURGES.—In loving memory of my dear wife, and our beloved mother, who was called home suddenly on Nov. 11, 1942.

"So dearly loved, so sadly missed."

—Inserted by her loving husband and daughters, Myrtle (Mrs. Searle, Thornbury), Constance (Mrs. Daniell, Northcote), and Alice (Mrs. White, Darling).

WHELAN.—Treasured memories of Joseph, loved husband of Florence Whelan, called home Nov. 9, 1938, at Chatswood, N.S.W.

"Loved with everlasting love." (Rom. 8: 38-39.)

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 12 (Sunday).—Frankston S.S. anniversary. 3 p.m., T. A. Fitzgerald; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., T. Hagger. Singing conductor, J. A. McKenzie. You are invited!

NOVEMBER 15 (Wednesday).—The Victorian General Dorcas will meet in the lecture hall, Swanston-st., from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual gift sale will be held at 2.15 p.m. All sisters invited.

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NOVEMBER 19—

11 a.m., Church Anniversary, Stud-rd. Speaker, Mr. A. M. Sandland (Mildmay Mission).

3 p.m., Sunday School Anniversary, Civic Hall. Conductor, Corp. Trevor Legg. Speaker, Mr. A. M. Sandland (Mildmay Mission).

7 p.m., Stud-rd. Church. A. G. McCullough.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 8 p.m.—

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FURTHER exemptions from municipal taxation were recently sought in the Victorian Parliament for properties used for the education and training of persons for the ministry, and on ministers' residences. From what transpired, it was obvious that some understanding had been reached between the Premier and certain members of the Labor Party who, without doubt, represented the interests of the Roman Catholic church. After a lively debate, in which Mr. A. A. Hughes took a prominent part, and made a worthy contribution, contending for the principle that the providing for, and supporting of, the church was the sole responsibility of those whose doctrines the church taught, ten members of the Premier's party joined the Independents, Messrs. Hughes and Hollins and some of the U.A.P., in voting against the measure, but the Labor Party, which can always be relied upon to support any measure which has Roman Catholic origin, had decided in caucus to cast its vote for it, and the measure became law. This was a case of bitter political enemies joining forces to please a strong voting section of the public whose vote is in the market to the highest bidder. We congratulated Mr. Hughes through the press, and endorsed, on behalf of our churches, the principles he espoused. In doing so, we stated that he "continued to be a minister of the church of Christ without stipend." Seeing that ministers of religion, with minors and lunatics, are ineligible to sit in parliament, this created a stir in political circles. One elector went so far as to challenge the validity of Mr. Hughes' position. In the course of the debate Mr. Cremean, a leading member of the R.C. church, who had taken care to discover that we had no charitable institution, and referred to the Christian Guest Home as a paying concern, very subtly used this information to explain how the principles we profess to advocate could be cheaply held. However, the end is not yet; the R.C. church and its representatives in parliament have learned that what has recently happened cannot happen again in the near future without some danger to themselves. Mr. Hughes is bound to meet some strong opposition at the next election, and his friends must realise that it is not too early to prepare to meet it.

Immigration

Following upon a statement by Mr. Keane, the Minister for Customs, that the government had already arranged for the migration of some children from abroad, we asked for information on the matter. After three weeks we are still waiting for it. We are advised that our letter has been forwarded to the Minister for the Interior. There are serious reasons why the Protestant churches should be on the alert to see that there is no undue influx of the Latin races. The immigration policy of the government should be made public with as little delay as possible. The history of the past immigration policy of Australia gives us cause to suspect that Rome will again play an important part.

The Royal Commission on Liquor Reform.

The terms of reference of the recent Commission limited enquiries to what were termed anomalies, and much time was spent in defining the terms. It should be well known that the whole business constitutes one of the greatest anomalies in history. Why it should be permitted to continue is beyond human understanding. Its history is one long record of the foulest crime. However, the government was careful to see that the liquor

W. H. Clay, in his social service notes and comments, refers to the contest in the Victorian parliament over exemption of church property from municipal taxation, to Royal Commission on liquor reform, and to C.F.A. activities.

interests were given every possible protection. The report of the Commission has been presented, and its principal findings have been published. Those who have had the opportunity of examining it closely, appear to agree that the issues involved have been considered with a deference which might have been granted a very delicate subject; so much so, that neither the wets nor drys are gloating. The hours of trading, except for a term of fifteen minutes after six o'clock to give the publican a chance to clear the bar, are advised to remain unchanged. However, it is well known that six o'clock closing has meant a quarter past six and longer for quite a long while. In many cases, police have been on the premises to give gentle persuasion to drinkers to "please leave." Six o'clock closing has never meant that trading is to cease at six o'clock. The Commission recommends that the bona fide traveller's clause of fifty miles be reduced to twenty. This is nothing short of a concession to the trade. Fifty miles ensured that a traveller was really bona-fide, but twenty will encourage beer swillers to travel that distance notwithstanding petrol restrictions. It is estimated that the enquiry will have cost £25,000—the anti-liquor party's costs alone are expected to exceed £1000. Strictly speaking, this may not be an anomaly, but the V.L.O.A. did not favor a Royal Commission, but it was compelled to tender evidence and to be represented throughout the whole period of the enquiry. This gave vested interests a decided advantage, for money is no object to them, and imposed an unjust tax on defenders of public morals. For £1000, which has to be found, we get nothing. After the government has perused the report, or some of it, for most of it is nothing short of a public waste, we are to be informed as to gains or losses, but we can now say that liquor reform was never intended, and there is not to be any. £25,000 would have gone a long way towards meeting the cost of a local option poll, which, we claim, is the only just way of determining the issue, and for this we must continue to agitate.

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The committee has found it necessary to remove Sister Veitch to a private hospital, where she will remain as our responsibility. For many years before coming to our home, she was well known for her good deeds, and spent herself in ministering to the sick and afflicted.

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Christian Fellowship Association

The ninth annual meeting of the association was held on Oct. 20. There was a good attendance of members, and the report was given unanimous approval. The financial position was extremely good. In addition to assets at a conservative estimate of over £6000, C.F.A. justly claims to have been largely responsible for Social Service Department assets of a value exceeding this amount. Many members in financial straits continue to be relieved. It is to be regretted that details could not be given, but members were assured that there still are cases of distress which call for assistance involving sums up to £100. The coming of R. L. Williams to the office of associate secretary was a cause for much appreciative comment. He gave a short address to the members, which indicated his belief in the principles for which C.F.A. stood and in its tremendous possibilities.

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