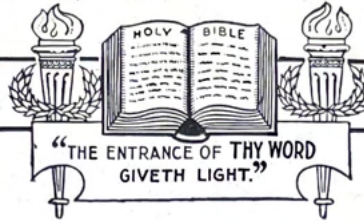


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## NOTHING LESS THAN ALL



**A** BRAHAM LINCOLN summed up, in his famous speech at Gettysburg, the definition of democracy as being "that government of the people, by the people, and for the people." When we want to express in few words the ideal form of government, we quote Lincoln's definition. At another time, to express briefly the effect of sin upon character, we quote Shakespeare's words that "conscience doth make cowards of us all." Because such sayings express clearly our inner thoughts, we quote them until they become like proverbs on our lips.

No expression of our Lord is repeated so often in connection with missionary enterprises, as the final verses of Matthew's gospel. According to Joseph Rotherham's literal translation, Jesus said to his disciples, "Given to me was all authority in heaven and on earth: going, therefore, disciple ye all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things as many as I myself commanded you: and behold! I am with you all the days, until the conclusion of the age."

Those words of the Master, because they sum up a great truth, have been used as the basis of missionary sermons, missionary Bible school lessons, and as the theme for missionary hymns. We believe that the popularity of those verses of the

Lord is due to the unique manner in which they sum up a divine request. In his statement, four times Jesus used a little word that means much; we refer to his use of "all."

In the first use of "all" the Lord points to the

### **DIVINE CONFIDENCE**

that the missionary task can be successful. We are not asked to go out and preach in human strength. The difficulties to be overcome seem formidable. The chains of sin holding men to evils in life cannot be broken by human endeavors. Some super force is required to enable men to find freedom. Christ assures us that he has the power to do what he has promised. He has the power to forgive sins and to raise the dead. All the resources of the heavens and the earth are at his disposal. If we are on his side, who can be against us? "I can do all things," Paul cried, "through Christ that strengtheneth me." The fight against sin cannot be lost because there is a lack of resources, but only if the promised divine power is not used.

In the second use of "all" the Lord sets before us the

### **DIVINE OBLIGATION**

of going and making disciples of "all" the nations. We are not to limit our missionary enthusiasm to the people of one race or color. While it demands of us that we preach to the man in Asia, or Africa, or Europe, or America, it requires us to give attention to our neighbor, to the slum-dweller of the city, and to the isolated rural worker of the inland. Many can get excited about the need of saving the man they have not seen, but are indifferent to the requirements of one they see daily. When we visualise what is required of us, we are made impotent by human fears. However, we must not allow the "all" of our divine obligation to hide the "all" in divine confidence.

In the third use of "all" the Lord sets before us

### **DIVINE OBEDIENCE**

He urged that men be instructed to walk in the way of life he marked out. The Master demanded that man observe "all" things he had commanded. To be true to him, there is need for men to be immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They must learn also to remember their Lord in the breaking of bread. They must perform those commands that are bound up with loving God with all the mind, and heart, and a neighbor as oneself. It is not our right to suggest that this or that command of the Lord is not needful. The Lord has made a request of his disciples, and they must obey "all" that has been demanded of them. The

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# Victorian President Says

## "Evangelisation of the World Begins With Home Missions"

### WHY HOME MISSIONS

E. Lyall Williams, M.A., Conference President.

#### To Obey the Commission

JESUS came preaching the gospel of the kingdom. It was the good news of a new relationship with God issuing in a new relationship with one another. These two cannot be separated. The hope of a new world depends upon this gospel of new relationships. At the end of his ministry Christ commissioned his disciples to preach the gospel to every creature. The great task of the church is to win men to make Christ



E. L. Williams.

the centre of their fellowships, and to send them out to transform the world. A church without the passion to share Christ with the world has lost the reason for its existence. As our Lord he has commissioned us. To say, "No, Lord," is a contradiction in thought and terms. He is only Lord if we say "Yes" to him.

The whole world is suffering to-day because it has lost its sense of the reality of God. It has tried to live without him and his inevitable judgment has fallen upon all nations in the form of historic consequences. The war is not something which has just happened; "it is a gigantic roc's-egg of a chicken come home to roost." History will repeat itself all too soon unless there is a return to God. The church's task is to emphasise the need of redemption, calling men back to God. The horror which engulfs us presses home the urgency of our task. The evangelisation of the world begins with home missions. The missionaries of Christ at home and abroad are the great ambassadors of peace. Home missions are a peace enterprise.

#### To Fulfil Our Purpose

Obedience to the commission is something which we share with all Christians. Some may ask, "Are there not enough others to preach the gospel?" Probably there are. But we have a definite purpose to fulfil. Our movement came into being to plead for Christian unity. This plea is the reason for our existence. Obligation is laid upon us to carry this message far and wide. If we are to live to make our witness home missions must prevail.

#### To Maintain the Ideal of Brotherhood

In some centres the number of our members is small. Sometimes members move to new centres where we have no cause. Are we to leave these brethren to themselves, refusing to reach out the hand of brotherhood to them? If we do not open new causes where there are a few members to form an initial nucleus, we shall lose many valuable brethren. If we do not maintain small causes in country centres, we shall lose many valuable feeders to our brotherhood. This kind of work is not spectacular; but we must do it if we would maintain a far-flung brotherhood and the ideal of brotherhood.

#### "TIME HAS MARCHED, BUT . . ."

A. W. Cleland, Vice-president of Conference.

EVERY teacher with a mission to the world makes provision for his work to continue after he ceases to fulfil his own task. Countless books have been written, creeds formulated and laws established. These have become the records that have claimed the interest and attention of men. Too often, they, alone, have directed and governed the lives of many who follow after.

Examine the methods adopted by Jesus to record his life, establish his principles and the character of his teachings so that the power of his life and example should live on.

Jesus established his church on that great day of Pentecost for this purpose. He chose his disciples and sent them out to preach, and promised the Holy Spirit would bring them "whatsoever he had said unto them."

Time has marched, but the Christian church still has its link with Pentecost. Christianity, if it is to be as its name implies, depends on the church for its direction and power. It is impossible to separate one from the other—they are synonymous terms. Follow the missionary journeys of Paul and we are thrilled with his zeal and enthusiasm. Churches grew and the religion of Jesus Christ manifested itself in the community life. Down the ages the constant stream of missionary enterprise has continued and the influence of the gospel is still the greatest and only power for the redemption of mankind and the salvation of the world.

"Go ye and preach the gospel to every creature." How commonplace are these words, yet too often we are not allergic to our Master's command. New missionary work

must be planned if we are to be faithful followers of our Lord.

To the Home Missionary Department is committed the responsibility of assisting the established causes, and encouraging those who need the oversight of their brethren in Christ. Scattered areas and country churches are suffering, therefore our brotherhood must marshal its resources for the work in the home field in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### T. HAGGER AT FRANKSTON

THE committee has answered the call of brethren in the area of the Mornington Peninsula to place Thos. Hagger at Frankston.

They have shown much fidelity and enterprise in their conduct of the work at Frank-



The Frankston Chapel.

ston in the last twelve years, and have secured a good site and erected a fine chapel.

Now Mr. Hagger has spent some months in the field, and has begun the organisation of the isolated brethren at Moorooduc, at Mornington, and at other centres on the peninsula. So begins another chapter of home mission history in your name.

#### SPRINGVALE A TOKEN

IN a few days J. K. Bond, an exit student at the college, will commence full-time work at the request of the brethren at Springvale. The committee will subsidise.

The accompanying peep at a section of the new factory area there indicates that a large population will soon be here.

This is but a token of the many new areas in this State that are already planned, if not already begun, and which will call for help from the brethren to set up a cause of the Restoration Movement. We ask for £2000, believing the churches will respond. But that amount may yet prove quite inadequate—so insistent are the calls and so vast the opportunities.

## Planning For Victory calls for an all-in effort to raise £2000 on December 3

Send to W. Gale, T. & G. Building, 147 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I.





# New South Wales Looking Ahead

## A NOTE-WORTHY WORK

E. C. Hinrichsen

### A Good Constitution

FROM the health point of view it is good to have a good constitution. From the point of view of the church it is equally good.

This is what our N.S.W. constitution says: "The Home Missionary Committee is charged with the conduct of evangelisation in the State of New South Wales and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose."

### "Mind Your Own Business"

is our slogan, and the committee is endeavoring to attend to the business allotted to it. Weigh the following and decide in your own mind whether under God's blessing the committee has been faithful.

### War Babies

How sad it is to see young people who are described as "war babies." Some time ago I met one whose health physically and mentally was far from satisfactory. The mother sadly said, "He is a war baby." Our papers tell us of the disastrous effects of the Nazi blitz upon the babies born in London—that is only reasonable. However, in spite of war, baby churches have been brought into existence in N.S.W. These are robust and healthy.

### Facts to be Faced

1. During the war more than 1000 souls for Christ in the missions and home mission fields. There were more than 1000 baptisms, but because of aggressive home mission evangelism, there are that number of new workers who have remained faithful. About 800 of these are adults.

2. Four new churches started by missions. Church buildings erected in each place. The church fully self-supporting in each case.

3. Churches Lifted. In addition to the above four, six other churches have been lifted and have gone self-supporting.

4. A number of other churches are being supported by home missions. These will in time become strong enough to take care of themselves.

5. Country centres must be catered for. There is scarcely a church in Sydney which has not among its members people who come from our country churches. Inverell is now self-supporting and flourishing. Last year a car was provided for Mr. Burgin, who visits people nearly 200 miles away. All our country preachers must have a car as soon as the war is over so that isolated members may be contacted.

6. All of the foregoing is possible by the Home Missionary Committee only because you support home mission work.

Is it not a "Note" worthy work? Please reserve your note for the offering on Dec. 3.

### Future Plans

Among other things we would like, the first year after the war:—

1. 1000 souls for Christ in New South Wales through all agencies.

2. Three new churches started the first year.

3. A mission in every church in N.S.W.

4. Many of our stronger churches to plan to start a baby church each. The Home Missionary Committee will gladly help.

5. An efficient eldership in our churches to help hold and instruct the new members. These should be duly elected and given the respect and standing suggested in the New Testament. The men of our churches could bring about a revival.

6. Preparation made to enter every new suburb in Sydney as was done at Fairfield. The building was opened on Saturday, Oct. 21. Over 300 people were present.

7. Continued close association with the College Board and the Young People's Department. The Home Missionary Committee, along with these two, could lift the New South Wales brotherhood.

Tell us to do it on December 3. •



BEWARE, TAKE CARE!

OLD WORDS WITH NEW MEANINGS.

Lloyd Jones.

BEWARE of evangelism. Is this warning consistent with a word in support of home mission enterprise? Why, you reply, has not the emphasis on evangelism been the very life's blood of our work in this State; is it not evangelism which has established new churches, won hundreds to Christ, and compelled men to listen to a message divinely committed to our care; and ultimately, is not evangelism the very foundation upon which our youth and overseas work has been built? And yet, beware! for to-day new meanings are being attached to this word we jealously love. Important, and yet less worthy projects by the church of God, are being labelled as evangelism. My brethren, I believe there is but one New Testament meaning, and it is the incessant, unadulterated, unfettered, Holy Spirit empowered presentation of a Saviour who saves by reason of his shed blood. If we are engaged in anything less than this, I dare to say that we are not on the job. The committee would be thrilled to feel that the whole brotherhood is with them in this Christ-commissioned crusade.

## PRODUCING THE GOOD

R. Greenhalgh

THERE is one business method which always gets results—that is to "produce the goods." Our home mission enterprise has "produced the goods." When we think of the splendid work now being done at Petersham, of the work at Fairfield, with its new building, and the success of the Auburn mission, and the one at Inverell, as well as other fields which are supported by the Home Missionary Committee, there is no question but that they have "produced the goods."

It remains now but for the brotherhood to "produce the goods" in the form of liberal giving on December 3 to continue and further this splendid missionary effort in our home areas.

Expanding Work  
in  
New South Wales  
Requires  
Increasing Income

Remember This  
on  
DECEMBER 3

## Nothing Less Than All

(Continued from front page)

ability to do what is our duty does not lie in human strength, but in the "all"-prevailing grace and power given to those who surrender to their Lord in simple obedience.

The fourth use of "all" is understood when we have realised the full significance of the third use of "all"; for when we are obedient to Christ we become aware of the

### DIVINE PRESENCE

There may be occasions when the followers of Christ will need to stand apart from the multitude. By preaching men will be brought under condemnation, and they will detest those who preach the good tidings of salvation. The disciple who is faithful will find himself alone in life; he will perceive he is in a minority movement, for the great mass of people will have little sympathy for him. One might expect to find such a man burdened by his loneliness. He is not lonely, because in his service on behalf of mankind he finds the Master at his side continually. That was why that great apostle, Paul, could say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth within me." There will never be a time or a place in which the Lord is not near his faithful servant. Jesus comforted his followers by saying, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

Because the Lord has "all" power, when disciples go and preach among "all" nations, teaching men to observe "all" commands, they will enjoy the victorious presence of their Lord "all" the days, even unto the end of the age. As we serve and give our gifts for home missions, we are fulfilling this command of the Lord, and we shall enjoy the presence and blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ until the end of all the ages.



Church at Inverell on Last Sunday of Hinrichsen-Morris Mission.

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# Queensland Five-Fold Home Mission Projects



*The Greatest Task of  
Rehabilitation is  
SPIRITUAL  
BELONGS to the CHURCH  
and BEGINS NOW!*



Last Easter, conference set an objective of 500 souls for Christ by Easter, 1945. The Home Missionary Committee has been vigorous and enterprising in organising for this objective. So that this aim can be reached, the co-operation of every member in Queensland is sought. May we depend on you to help?



During the past twelve months five fields have received help from the Home Missionary Committee — Charters Towers, Townsville, Mackay, Sunnybank and Rocklea. Financial assistance to churches amounts to £10 a week.



A series of 14 recorded talks on "Evangelism Through Unity" have been broadcast over stations 4BK, 4ZR, and are shortly to be used on station 4MK (Mackay). There has been evidence of keen interest and a wide range of listeners.

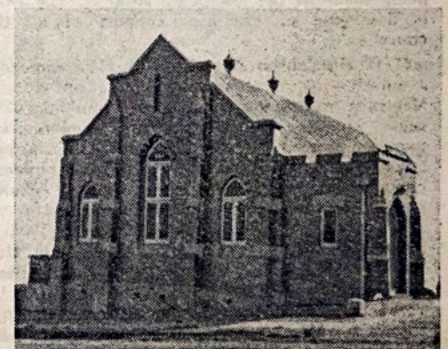


Whenever possible the home mission organiser visits isolated members. Over 40 have been contacted in the past 12 months. The travelling expenses are met by the Home Missionary Committee. Numbers of appreciative letters have been received and unsolicited donations made. All brotherhood work has been aided by this ministry.

FOR THESE PROJECTS,  
FOR PROGRESS,  
FOR A FUTURE  
SAFE FOR CHRISTIANITY,  
QUEENSLAND CHURCHES  
ARE CONFIDENTLY ASKED  
TO SHARE SACRIFICIALLY IN  
AN ANNUAL OFFERING OF £800,  
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3.

A greatly appreciated ministry is rendered by W. J. Campbell, who gives three days a week visiting four large Brisbane hospitals on behalf of churches of Christ, Congregationalists and Baptists. Many patients come from the country, and a spiritual ministry which was not previously possible, owing to the shortage of preachers, is now exercised. One-third of the salary is paid by the Home Missionary Committee.

Queensland has developed rapidly during the short period of its settlement. It is still progressing. Great spaces are yet awaiting pioneers. The church must keep pace with this growth, and must minister to the spiritual needs of people in town and country.



Left.—The Brisbane Town Hall.  
Right.—The Albion Chapel.  
Below.—Scenes in Sunny Queensland.



# Here and There

Word has been received of death of P. H. Roediger, secretary of church at Northam, W.A. Deepest sympathy is felt for brethren at Northam.

Miss Margaret Pollard, a science student of the Western Australian University and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Pollard, has been successful in gaining the Associate Diploma in the recent art of speech examinations.

Our New Zealand correspondent, G. R. Stirling, would appreciate the kindness of those who will send him items of general news concerning brotherhood and religious activities in New Zealand, so that these may appear in his monthly letter.

At Subiaco, W.A., there were 23 decisions from the senior school during anniversary season. There were two first Sunday, 14 next, and seven on Nov. 5. Another young man has expressed his willingness to follow the Lord. Advice has been received that Mr. and Mrs. T. Hutchison have been notified by Minister for the Army that their son, Robert, was among the Australian prisoners of war on vessel recently torpedoed in Japanese waters, and is presumed lost. Deepest sympathy is expressed, and our prayers are that word may yet come through that he has been saved.

W. Gale writes: "Wangaratta announces close of splendid brief mission with G. M. Mathieson, of Bendigo; there were six decisions, and the church was greatly encouraged. Several of our churches are in the area severely affected by drought. Additional calls are coming to hand for home mission assistance. Mr. Hargreaves, of Shepparton, has spent a fortnight in Melbourne on deputation work for the Dec. 3 home mission annual offering. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, of Hamilton, will render a similar service from Nov. 19-26. Churches are asked to aim at big increases on Dec. 3 to meet new programme."

The Victorian Churches of Christ Chaplaincy Committee is doing a quiet but constant and very important work in keeping our chaplains supplied with literature and other incidental items necessary in their work. We have a ladies' committee, which regularly sends goods as required, and a general committee which handles most of the matters which have to be purchased. Since last conference, the committee has spent £91/10/7 for supplies required by our men, and of this amount £53/3/11 has been spent in literature. We have had some wonderful reports of the use which is being made of the goods we supply. The work is deserving of the best support of all the churches.

E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris commenced a mission at Wollongong, N.S.W., on Nov. 5. Meetings were good and interest was developing. On Nov. 8 a severe gale rendered the marquee unusable. Knowing that the marquee could not be immediately repaired or replaced, contact was made with the Bentleigh church in Victoria which had previously asked for a mission. This mission commenced on Nov. 12 in the Victorian tent. There was little time for preparation or advertising, as the Bentleigh church did not know until two days before the mission. There were encouraging meetings on Sunday. Meetings are being conducted each night except Saturday.

Great meetings characterised all anniversary celebrations at Inverell, N.S.W., just concluded. E. Davis, of Auburn, was visitor for occasion, and addressed all gatherings. On Oct. 26, more than 200 enjoyed tea provided by sisters' guild. Services of Oct. 29 were an inspiration, morning service taking form of an every-

member-present meeting; chapel was filled for anniversary gospel service. On Oct. 31, young people's demonstration attracted a large and appreciative audience; singing by scholars and young people was a feature of all meetings. L. Burgin addressed good audiences on Nov. 5. Miss A. Bevitt, of Rockdale, was soloist at gospel meeting.

At a Bible school and young people's workers' conference and fellowship tea of Broken Hill, N.S.W., a presentation was made to Mrs. V. Martin as a token of appreciation of her 20 years' service as Bible school superintendent of Railway Town school. Mrs. Martin has resigned because of ill-health, but is still continuing as a S.S. teacher. John Baker is now secretary and treasurer of Railway Town school. H. E. Paddick's messages are greatly appreciated. On temple day over £20 was raised. Roger Baker has been made secretary for centenary fund. Sympathy of church was extended to Mrs. N. Rough in view of serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Millard, also her mother and father, also to H. E. Paddick, because of serious illness of his mother.

75th church anniversary services have been successful at Queenstown, S.A. Meetings were held on two Sundays and four week nights. Addresses given by W. L. Ewers, C. Schwab, W. Beiler, L. G. Riches, M.P., J. Wiltshire, of Perth, and W. C. Brooker were inspirational. On concluding week night Mr. Brooker gave a lantern evening, showing pictures of work over 75 years. All speakers referred to Mr. Brooker's forty years' service as pastor. Many visitors and past members attended. Grottest, choir provided an excellent musical programme one evening. Local choir also rendered valuable services. Offerings and gifts amounted to £68. Greetings were received from boys on active service. Fellowship was enjoyed with A. Martin and F. Newcombe, R.A.N., and A. Quilliam, R.A.A.F., who were home on leave. Mrs. E. Martin is still confined to hospital, but is improving; Mrs. A. Bray is also in hospital. A. Holmes is ill.

The church at Wangaratta, Vic., thoroughly enjoyed the ten days' mission effort which closed on Nov. 8. There had been considerable prayer in preparation. Before commencement, and during the early days of the mission, 600 homes were visited. G. Mathieson, P. Patrick and A. R. Lloyd went from house to house, personally inviting people to mission. Attendances were good, average for night meetings being 62. Good support was received from members of other local churches. Mr. Mathieson made a particularly fine impression. He spoke the truth in love, and made a real contribution to the spirit of unity on a New Testament basis. A married man, a married woman and four lads, a total of six, made their confession of faith in Christ. Others also have been led to think seriously of their attitude to Christ and to New Testament life and order. On second Sunday night of mission the Baptist church combined in the service, their minister leading early part of worship. Emergency seating had to be used on that occasion. Three young people from Shepparton were present on closing night. Church is indebted to Mr. Mathieson for his splendid service and to Bendigo church for releasing him.

The church at Gawler, S.A., has been richly blessed by God during silver jubilee celebrations, Oct. 8 to Nov. 5, the first day being devoted to dedicatory services. All meetings were commenced by a bright song service, and were well attended. Speakers were on Oct. 10, C. Schwab and Mr. Butler, conference president; Oct. 11, D. Hammer; Oct. 12, at a youth meeting, K. A. Jones, Oct. 13, Mr. Woollacott, from United Churches Social Reform Board; Oct. 15, Mr. Cornelius, from Col. Light Gar-

dens; Oct. 17, E. Tregilgas, from Todd-st. Methodist church, and T. Wellington, Congregational church; on afternoon of Oct. 18, Matron Hyde, Colebrook Home; Oct. 19, A. E. Page, Presbyterian church, and B. S. Howland, Gawler West Methodist; Oct. 22, W. Bartlett, morning and evening; Oct. 24, A. Gowans, Baptist church; Oct. 26, at a Red Shield night, Capt. R. Sappwell, of Salvation Army. On Oct. 28, a concert was given by Glenlea singers from Glenelg church. On Oct. 29, final week was commenced. Wilkie Thomson, Long Plains, was speaker at all services. The Glenlea singers gave a P.S.A., at which £10/15/- was raised as a donation to local hospital equipment fund. Both afternoon and evening services were crowded. On Oct. 30 and Oct. 31, A. E. Brown, of Prospect, gave inspirational addresses. J. E. Shipway, Hindmarsh, addressed meetings on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. A young mother confessed Christ on Friday night. At jubilee tea on Nov. 4, 180 guests enjoyed fellowship. Members of Gawler preachers' fraternal, the acting mayor of town, and M. T. Lawrie, representing past preachers, were present. Cake was cut by Mrs. J. Olafsen, oldest pioneer member at Gawler. These spiritual blessings were brought to a climax on Nov. 5. Mr. Shipway addressed morning service. At afternoon meeting, Miss A. Jones, State J.C.E. superintendent, gave a talk. Mr. Shipway again gave a challenging address at evening service, when four girls from S.S. gave their lives to Christ. Mrs. Wills, from Maylands, rendered two solos, and Mrs. Fordham, of Semaphore, a former member at Gawler, recited aims of churches of Christ.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE, TAS.

ON Southern Tasmanian peninsula, south of Port Arthur, in Highcroft church building, the thirty-second conference was held on Nov. 4 and 5. A. E. Heard, of Hobart, presided over a representative gathering of delegates and friends. M. Smith extended a welcome. After responses from various representatives of State executives and delegates, conference stood in silent memory of the late Elwyck Smith, who at the time of his death was president. C. P. Hughes led in prayer.



The Highcroft-Tunnel Bay Chapel.

Secretary, K. Mundy, reported that distinctive literature and church papers had been put in libraries of Southern Tasmania, that the work at Nubeena and Premaydena had been helped by Highcroft church, and churches at Dover, Geeveston and Kellevie had received assistance from Hobart. During the conference messages were delivered by A. E. Heard, W. Harper Knight, E. A. Stevens, D. R. Hill and C. P. Hughes. E. A. Stevens and Miss E. Greaves spoke about the State home missions and youth work respectively.

Next conference was planned for Dover, and the following elected as incoming executive:—President, W. Harper Knight; vice-presidents, A. Stubbs, S. J. Richards; secretary, W. Rush-ton; treasurer, D. Tonks; C. P. Hughes is to preach conference sermon. Hospitality of church at Highcroft was appreciated by large number of visitors.—C.P.H.

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Devonport.**—Sunday school anniversary services were celebrated on Oct. 29, when R. Edmunds, from Invermay, was visiting speaker. In afternoon Children's Day exercises were splendidly presented, and at night children interpreted incidents in life of Christ, in song and story. Much credit is due to school superintendent, Mrs. W. Wescome, under whose capable direction children performed so creditably. Attendances were excellent, the building being filled to capacity at both afternoon and evening services. The church is in good heart, and eagerly anticipating the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Grainger in the new year.

**Hobart (Collins-st.).**—On Nov. 5, J. Robson, of P.S.S.M., preached at morning service. At evening service, Mr. Hughes preached, and one young girl made the good confession. Youth fellowship tea was held, when W. Tate, of O.A.M., was speaker; several young men took part in gospel service. First C.E. rally was held on Nov. 7; there was a large gathering and local societies attended. D. R. Hill was speaker. Farewell was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. Foot, who have been leaders of C.E. society while in Hobart. Garden party was held at home of Mrs. Hughes on Oct. 31, in aid of home mission fund. £3 was raised. Tennis club has commenced play for year. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, Melbourne.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.).**—Five senior girls from Bible school made good confession at gospel service on Nov. 5. A. Barnard, pastor of Memorial Baptist church, gave an appreciated address on Oct. 29. Following members have been home on leave from services—Fred Cooper, Carl Annear, Colin Orr, John Orr and Dudley Bakes. Average attendances for October were: 11 a.m., 114; 7 p.m., 113; and breaking of bread, 126. Members of senior choir rendered items over 7EX on Nov. 5, in conjunction with usual home missions weekly broadcast: "Hymns for the People." Bible school annual picnic was held at Newnham Park Hall Estate on Nov. 6, when a happy time was spent. Attendance at Bible school on previous day was 119. S. H. Wilson will conduct morning devotion over 7NT at 10 a.m. on Nov. 18.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—On morning of Nov. 5, J. Keith Robinson gave a thought-provoking talk. At 5 p.m. there was a youth rally. Group discussions on ideal life were helpful; tea closed a happy social hour. At 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Watson rendered a solo. Mr. Robinson was preacher. D. W. Fraser and Bob Ellis, of Forces, were among visitors.

**Fremantle.**—On evening of Oct. 22, a young woman was baptised by C. H. Hunt, being a member of a family of isolated members. Among members of Forces returning to meetings during leave have been Alan Verco (R.A.A.F.), from Queensland, and Colin Cooper (R.A.N.). Mrs. Stenhouse, after a long and painful illness borne with much fortitude, died on Oct. 27. Her body was interred in Fremantle cemetery, after a short service in chapel by C. H. Hunt in presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. Very sincere sympathy is extended to her daughter Grace (Mrs. B. Cole), and to sons, Keith (A.I.F.), Ray and Alan, and to other bereaved relatives.

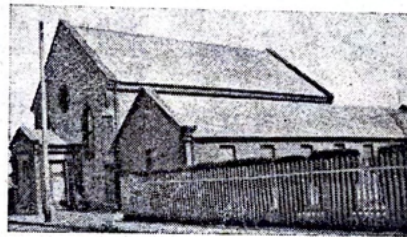
**Subiaco.**—Second Sunday of school anniversary, on Oct. 29, was a fitting climax to a year's faithful work on part of teachers, officers and scholars, when fourteen scholars decided for Christ at evening service. Seven more came forward on night of Nov. 5, making 23 during three consecutive weeks. Most

of these are from intermediate and senior grades. Mr. Raymond preached on each occasion, and is now conducting a special class for these young converts. Anniversary demonstration, comprised chiefly of a series of dramatised Bible stories, was presented on Nov. 2 to a large gathering. Girls' club conducted a "Dutch Fete" on Oct. 28, and cleared about £60. Older members of Intermediate C.E. have now been formed into a Y.P. society, meeting on Friday evenings. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Ron Hollams (R.A.A.F.), of Cowandilla, S.A. Sympathy is felt for Sister Phyl Taylor (W.A.A.A.F.), who has been in hospital for about nine weeks.

## South Australia

**Ungarra.**—On Oct. 1 Sunday school held anniversary. The speaker was Mr. Matthews, Whyalla, who pleased large afternoon and evening congregations with original messages. H. G. Norris spoke twice in month. He now hopes to resume pastoral duties in circuit, following release from army.

**York.**—Annual meeting and social of combined C.E. societies (intermediate and junior) were held on Oct. 25. There was a large attendance of Endeavorers and friends; kindred societies were well represented. Splendid reports were given, showing an excellent year of work. On Nov. 1, at church social, a pro-



The Chapel at York.

posed plan of church work was submitted to members for year 1945. Bible school work is most encouraging, highest attendance for month being 147. At evening service on Nov. 5, there was a better attendance than usual; musical items were provided by a young people's choir. G. Rootes preached an excellent sermon.

**Semaphore.**—Bible school held a most enjoyable picnic at Botanic Park on Oct. 9. Attendances were rather smaller in October, owing to sickness of members and friends. Church has lost a faithful member in passing of Mrs. Austin on Oct. 11; sympathy was extended to relatives. Mrs. P. Brooker is home again and doing well after serious operation. Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall have been received in by letter from Cottonville, and Mr. Woolcock, from Henley Beach.

**Cottonville.**—J. E. Brooke and A. Glastonbury took services on Oct. 29. Messages of song have been rendered by Mrs. Brooke and Miss Ruth Berry. A.C.W. Betty Richards and Wes Millican (Navy) have been home on leave. Friendships were renewed with Mr. and Mrs. H. Bond, who are on holidays from Victoria. 124 were present at school on first Sunday in November. On Oct. 31, Miss Dale gave a lantern lecture on work of the Egyptian Sudan Mission. The church was grieved at the death of H. J. Stevenson, at Whyalla.

**Croydon.**—On Oct. 15 a special prayer meeting was held at 7 a.m., when prayers were offered for those on service, 80 people being in attendance. Bible school anniversary services were held from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5, when

splendid meetings were experienced. Speakers were Messrs. W. Bartlett, D. Hammer, J. E. Webb and F. Banks. Excellent singing was rendered by scholars under Mr. Stirling with crowded audiences. At final meeting five scholars made good confession. Secretary's report shows that 11 scholars joined church during year, 49 scholars gained full attendance, 3 having full attendance for 11 years. 33 members of school are in Services. Fellowship with Sister D. Brand, who has recovered from her recent illness, was enjoyed.

**Strathalbyn.**—Help of Messrs. Filmer, Burfield and Schwab as speakers was appreciated. On Oct. 21 H. Steward began a nine-days' mission; ladies from city assisted with solos and duets. A rich time of blessing was experienced, and four decided for Christ. On Nov. 5, these were baptised by S. Riches, with another who had previously made the good confession. Bible school enjoyed annual picnic at Glenbarr on Nov. 4. Half-yearly business meeting of church, on Nov. 1, was well attended. Mrs. G. Cross died on Nov. 5 after a brief illness; sympathy is felt for those who mourn.

**Mile End.**—On Oct. 29, Chaplain-General Allen Brooke presided, and Jas. E. Webb and W. Glen, Clarke-Holder Memorial Methodist, exchanged platforms. Evening service was conducted by Mr. Webb and Miss Elsie Roxburgh, of Norseman aborigine mission, gave a greeting. Junior Endeavorers have passed at attendance aim, and will be given a complimentary social by Intermediate and Y.P. societies. Y.P. Society welcomed three new members last week. Last Lord's day both services were splendidly attended, and were of an inspiring nature. At morning service H. Strutton was a welcome visitor and A. Brooke preached well. At night Jas. E. Webb spoke concerning scriptural baptism. Many non-members were present, and there was one confession and six baptisms. Last Sunday afternoon Bible school conducted the "Bible School on the Air" session from 5AD, Adelaide. Although there is much sickness, all departments of church's activities are very encouraging.

## New South Wales

**Marrickville.**—Anniversary services continued on Nov. 5 and 7. The play "Youth Answers," illustrating work and purpose of Bible school, was well presented and favorably commented on. News has been received of death from wounds of Lt.-Commander H. B. Gerrett, of H.M.A.S. "Australia," a former Bible school scholar, and second son of Mrs. Gerrett.

**Taree.**—At all services on Oct. 29, R. B. McIntyre, who has the spiritual oversight of aborigine's work in district, was speaker on all occasions. President of N.S.W. conference, R. H. Wakeley, paid a visit to Manning River District from Nov. 4 until Nov. 8. He was able to assist church by speaking at Taree and Wingham on Nov. 5, and also conducted prayer meeting on Nov. 7. Offering for N.S.W. Bible College has reached £25, which is a considerable advance on last year; this will be supplemented during conference year.

**Canley Vale.**—Girls' club arranged a very successful exhibition of work on Nov. 4. All sections of work were of a high standard, and judges had a difficult task. Special prizes were won by Mrs. L. Thomas, Misses Betty Murphy and Mavis Gibson. Opening was performed by Mr. Parker. Financial profit reached £10/10/-, to be used for S.S. equipment. Ladies' Church Aid provided afternoon tea. E. C. Hinrichsen gave morning address on Nov. 5, and Mr. Parker conducted gospel meeting, which was followed by a baptismal service. Miss Moore, Loftus Park, sang a solo.

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**Kurri Kurri.**—On Nov. 5, Sunday school held second anniversary. Children were well trained by school superintendent, S. Willets, choir leader, T. Marley, and organist, Mrs. Davidson. The service was well attended and enjoyed by members and strangers. A great work is being carried on here with children.

**Paddington.**—Bible school anniversary services were opened at morning consecration service, conducted by Mr. Wilson, assisted by Messrs. Dean and J. Rodger. Gospel service took form of parents' night; special singing by scholars. Mr. Wilson addressed parents. There was a good attendance. Singing was conducted by Miss T. Walter. Church was decorated to accord with anniversary theme: "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me."

**Kingsford.**—On Sept. 24, it was pleasing to see one young man take his stand for Christ. A social evening was held on Sept. 27 in honor of Miss M. McWilliams and E. Hart. On following Saturday they were married. Mr. Hart is minister of church at Boonah (Qld.), and with his wife has now returned to resume work there. During month the resignation of Mr. Cunningham was received and accepted. On Oct. 29, worship service was held at 11 a.m., when teachers of Bible school were set apart for their work. At 3 p.m. the Bible school anniversary took place. Special singing was rendered by school. A main feature in service for scholars was distribution of prizes. At gospel service special singing was given by Bible school. On Oct. 31, Bible school anniversary continued in form of concert with items from different classes.



### SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY

#### NEW SCHOOL'S ENCOURAGING SERVICES

**GEORGETOWN.**—Services were well attended on Oct. 31; at close of evening meeting a girl from S.S. was baptised. Midweek services, in preparation for temple day, have been conducted by C.E., ladies' guild, Bible school staff, and girls' club. Sixth Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 5 and 6. Over 400 attended each service on Sunday afternoon and night, and Monday night. Mr. Amos was speaker at each session, and a girl from school made her decision. Singing was led by Messrs. W. and R. Fraser.

### Queensland

**Townsville.**—Helpful messages were given by S. Vanham during mission. Services were well attended. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Chaplains Tease and Martin. Reformation Sunday was observed on Oct. 29. H. E. Greenwood was preacher at both services. Orange Lodge paraded at evening service. Bible school has gained four new scholars.

**Maryborough.**—Attendances on Nov. 5 were up to average. Morning service was broadcast. Sunday school rejoices in addition of two new scholars. A successful sacred afternoon was held on Oct. 19 by Mission Band; the afternoon was held in aid of Indian "Milk and Cheer Fund"; just over £3 was raised. A welcome social was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wiltshire, C. Klien and Mrs. Klien, Harold Klien, Sister B. Higgins and Sister Wilchefsky on Nov. 3. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. H. J. Wiltshire and Eric Bannham on the passing of their brother.

**Charters Towers.**—Good attendances and happy fellowship are being enjoyed each Lord's day. J. Adermann delivers messages, assisted by Ron Gower and Jeff Ryman. Visitors have included S. Carey, Melbourne; Cpl. Symes, Mel-

bourne; L.A.C. G. Felton, Bendigo; and A.C.W. Sadie Bennett, of Kingsford. Recently R. Anderson, of Townsville, delivered sermons. Mr. Greenwood was present on Oct. 31, in interests of home missions. Members are pleased at improvement of H. S. Coward's health. Sunday school scholars are busy practising for anniversary.

### Victoria

**Ascot Vale.**—Mr. and Mrs. Green were received into fellowship on Nov. 5. On Nov. 12, kindergarten had record attendance; a senior girl made her decision at gospel service. The wedding service for Miss Joyce McCallum and Cliff Martin was celebrated on Nov. 11.

**Chelsea.**—Miss Betty Day and Miss Joyce Arnold were baptised on Nov. 5, and were received into fellowship on 12th. S. Whicker, of Mt. Compass, S.A., was also baptised on 5th. F. J. Funston very capably addressed gospel meeting on 12th in absence of Mr. Pittman.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—On Nov. 12, owing to absence of F. E. Buckingham on mission work at Dandenong, F. Beament, of Gardiner, exhorting in morning and J. Plummer, of Reservoir, preached gospel to a very appreciative congregation. Attendances were fairly good.

**Dandenong.**—On Nov. 10 F. Buckingham completed first week of two weeks' mission. Solos were rendered each night by singers of sister churches, choir from Malvern-Caulfield rendering two anthems on Wednesday night. On 12th, two made the good confession, making a total of four to date.

**Emerald.**—Good meetings were held on Nov. 12, when Bible school anniversary services were enjoyed, speaker being Mr. Page, of college. Scholars sang excellently, being led by Mr. Alcorn and Mrs. Berry. Mr. Murray's flute accompaniment was effective. Solos by D. Eaton and C. Legg, and duets by P. Berry and B. Hocking, were appreciated.

**Reservoir.**—At morning worship on Nov. 12, G. W. Barnett brought message. Y.P.S.C.E. conducted gospel service, Miss Pearl McInnes presided, and a young people's choir rendered enjoyable items. Mr. Grainger gave a challenging address. After meeting, a song service was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Ladies' guild held monthly meeting on Nov. 9.

**Geelong.**—On Oct. 29, church celebrated 87th anniversary. E. L. Williams addressed all services, which were well attended. The International Male Choir rendered a delightful programme at afternoon gathering. Thank-offering reached objective of £250. Mrs. H. McGregor has had to re-enter hospital. All auxiliaries are working enthusiastically, and an excellent spirit prevails.

**South Melbourne.**—Final series of S.S. anniversary services on Nov. 5 proved highly successful. Speakers were, 11 a.m., Geoff Whiting; 3 p.m., A. E. White; 7 p.m., R. P. Morris. Singing and special solos by scholars were most refreshing. Ministry of G. Whiting and D. D. Stewart will conclude on Nov. 19 and 26 respectively. The earnestness and zeal of these brethren are much appreciated.

**Wangaratta.**—Oct. 22, Bible school anniversary was held by Wangaratta school, A. A. Hughes being special speaker at all services; his messages were much appreciated. Concert and prize-giving session was held on the following Tuesday night. On Nov. 5, South Wangaratta Bible school also held anniversary, when Mr. Mathieson gave a splendid illustrated address to children, after which prizes were presented. Mrs. Kershaw is still in hospital, also, Mrs. Fennell.

**Cheltenham.**—Sympathy is extended to relatives of Mrs. Trask, who passed away at age of 85. Mr. Stafford continues to exhort church and proclaim gospel in a clear, convincing way. On Nov. 5, Miss Pat Whitehead made confession of faith. On Nov. 12, promotion day was

held in Bible school, followed by a youth fellowship tea and a special youth gospel service. Two who recently made their stand were immersed; three young people made their confession of faith at close of Mr. Stafford's address on Nov. 12.

**North Essendon.**—Ladies' guild is preparing parcels to be sent to members of Forces for Christmas. Sunday school continues to grow, and extension of hall is planned. Senior boys' Bible class is growing under leadership of V. N. Jame. Special services have taken place recently. The Phi Beta Pi club has won home-crafts competition this year. Officers are still looking for a man to commence full-time work with church next year.



### SERVICE BROADCAST

#### HOME MISSION CHURCH MAKES PROGRESS

**HAMILTON.**—On Oct. 29, morning service was broadcast, and many favorable reports have been received from isolated members. There were excellent attendances at both services for day, Mr. Forbes being speaker. Church has been presented with a new hymn board, and three communion plates. On Nov. 9, the W.M.B. held 12th anniversary. A special service was held in chapel. Representatives from local church bodies were present. It was a joy to band to have as speakers the conference president, Mrs. Jeffery, and vice-president, Mrs. Washfold. Both gave helpful messages. Delightful fellowship was enjoyed at birthday tea, held in S.S. hall.

**Burnley.**—S.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 8 and 15 under lead of Mr. Barnett. Examination certificates and prizes were awarded and concert held on 18th. There was a record attendance. Miss Ruth Smith has recovered from operation. Farewell was said to Miss Joyce Bryan (W.A.A.A.F.), who was transferred to Sydney. Visitors during month included H. Farrow, from Georgetown, and Mrs. Panton, from Launceston. Last people's evangelistic service was held on Nov. 5. Flight-Lieut. Ridgway gave a soul-stirring address and Mrs. Campbell rendered two delightful solos. Attendances are being maintained.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—W. Gale addressed church on Nov. 12, when one young man was received into membership. H. M. Clipstone spoke at night. Bible school held picnic at Parkdale on Nov. 11, and attendance at Bible school on Nov. 12 was 251. Children's Day was held on Oct. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Sandells were present, and offering received totals almost £10. One adult made confession on Nov. 5. Amateur night for hamper fund, on Nov. 4, was very successful, yielding over £10. Fellowship has been enjoyed with P. Sampson, B. McIntyre and K. Robertson, home on leave; sympathy is extended to Mrs. Thompson in death of her mother.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—On Nov. 9, ladies of Lygon-st. held a pleasant afternoon in form of linen tea, in honor of Miss Amelia Scarce on her approaching marriage. Bible school went to Heidelberg Park for their picnic on Nov. 11. Misses Jones and McLeod were received into fellowship at morning meeting on 12th. Members of Lygon-st. joined with Swanston-st. church at home-coming services; C. G. Taylor preached at evening meeting. Church regrets passing of Sister Margaret Galway, and extends deepest sympathy to loved ones.

**North Fitzroy.**—On Oct. 29 R. Enniss gave the morning address and preached at night; three girls from the Bible school confessed Christ. Miss June Ratcliffe, who resides at Morwell, was immersed. On Nov. 8, a farewell social evening was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Enniss, when a large gathering of members and friends showed their interest and



appreciation of the splendid service over the past two years. E. Smedley was chairman and spoke of ministry of Mr. Enniss, P. Foster (youth work), V. Foster (Bible school), and L. Gole, representing the church, spoke of increased interest that had been aroused in work of the church. A presentation of a reading lamp was made to Mr. Enniss as mark of esteem. Mr. Enniss replied, and spoke of the joy in the two years of service. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Haigh and Mr. Arnot, and a recital by Miss Maud Terdich. Miss Elizabeth Munro presented Mrs. Enniss with a large bouquet. H. Swain made two presentations: one to Miss Elsie Peck, leader of the kindergarten work for 25 years (a leather attache case), and to L. Gole, church secretary for 22 years (a fountain pen). Supper brought a happy evening to a close.

**Hampton.**—C. L. Lang has conducted all services since his return from holidays. Bible school donated £21 to Dhond Hospital. D. E. Pittman and Miss Margaret Wilson were able to attend morning service after long illnesses. Church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Carnaby.

**Coburg.**—During absence of Mr. Wakefield at Warragul on Oct. 22, W. Gale and F. Lee were speakers. At close of Mr. Lee's address a young man from R.A.A.F. made good confession. He was baptised and received into fellowship by Mr. Wakefield on Oct. 29. At conclusion of Mr. Wakefield's message on Nov. 12, a young woman accepted Christ. Many members are still laid aside through sickness.

**Newmarket.**—On Oct. 28, a fellowship social was held. Oct. 29 was temple day, when Mr. Graham addressed both services; offering amounted to £55. On Nov. 5 Mr. McIlhagger addressed morning service and Mr. Graham preached gospel. On Nov. 12, splendid meetings were held on occasion of North Melbourne church re-union services. Speakers were: 11 a.m., A. E. Hurren; 3 p.m., P.S.A., chairman, J. E. Allan, speaker, A. G. Bennett; and at 7 p.m. R. W. Graham preached. Soloists were Mrs. Bruce and R. Halbert. Ladies of church raised £5 toward help for sufferers in bombed areas of England.

#### ADDRESSES

Mr. E. J. Kernick (secretary Gympie church, Qld.)—28 Nelson-rd., Gympie.

Mr. Clarence L. Lang (preacher, Hampton church, Vic.)—Flat 2, 27 Gordon-st., Hampton, S.7.

A. E. Hurren (preacher, Balwyn church, Vic.)—6 Payne-st., Surrey Hills, E.10. WF4074.

Mr. T. E. Rofe (secretary Hornsby church, N.S.W.)—44 Woonona-ave., Wahroonga.

Chaplain P. R. Thickers, R.A.A.F., Tocumwal, N.S.W.

#### BRITAIN'S DRINK BILL

ACCORDING to "The International Record," July, 1944, the British Financial Secretary to the Treasury gave the following estimated expenditure on drink:—1943, £565,000,000 (including £337,000,000 revenue); 1938, £268,000,000 (including £106,000,000 revenue), showing that in this short time the drink bill has more than doubled. It is also recorded that the British Government's appointment with beer is aiding the loss of child life on roads, saying it is nothing short of a scandal and a shame that last year one-fifth of all road casualties should have been little children. On May 5, the British Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport announced: War casualties were 370,000, including 140,000 killed; road casualties were 588,000, including 39,000 killed. Road casualties are higher than war casualties by more than 200,000. It cannot be denied that drink plays an important part in this terrible toll of the roads. The government is said to be "shocked" at the

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When I shall join them, what joy it will be,  
At rest with him, at rest with him.

—Inserted by his loving wife, daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, Gloria and Bill.

**LACY.**—In treasured memory of my loving husband and our dear father, Alfred T. Lacy, who fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 12, 1937.

"Memory is a golden chain, that links us till we meet again."

—Inserted by his loving wife and sons, Ronald, Kenneth, Harold and Keith.

**MANNING-WARD.**—In loving remembrance of our beloved son and brother, F/Sgt. Walter Manning, who lost his life over Berlin, due to enemy action, Nov. 18, 1943; also his lifelong friend, F/O. Bill Ward, Milne Bay, Aug. 8, 1943. They gave their all. Ever remembered. —Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. W. Manning, Graeme and Margaret.

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# W.A. -- The Land of Challenge

## CHALLENGE OF OUR STATE

L. C. Peacock, Conference President.

THESE are times when we need to think big. Too often we are so busy with our local tasks that we fail to get a true appreciation of the work as a whole. The home mission offering brings us face to face with the bigness of our work.

Ours is a large State with tremendous possibilities nationally. The same applies when we view things in relation to the Christian challenge to evangelise. In every suburb of our city and every large town in our country districts, the church should be established and make its contribution to the spiritual needs of the people.

We, who have a special message for the religious community, should be to the fore in our desire to establish New Testament Christianity throughout our land. This State is still in its infancy. Communion known simply as churches of Christ should be in every district, and as national growth occurs, so the growth of the church should keep pace.

The work is so big that we, as a brotherhood, have to plan wisely. In the business world, this is a time for consolidation, building up of reserves, and post-war planning. Let us see to it that the church does not lag behind in its wisdom.

The home mission offering is our opportunity to co-operate with our brethren in planning big things for the future. Let us accept the challenge the State offers, and offer the Lord, not the least, but the most that his work demands.

## CHALLENGE OF THE HOME FRONT

J. Wiltshire, State Evangelist.

WE have been taught the value of attending to the home front during the five years of war through which the world has been dragging itself. The combating forces have been scheming and planning to destroy each other's strength behind the lines of combat, and the home front has come right into the battle.

The home front is in the battle. Even London was right in the front line. All her beautiful architecture was subjected to bombing. The same is true of the ancient buildings of Europe—nothing could really claim immunity. The warfare of the gospel of the grace of God is no less inclusive. The fields of the mission worker and the home worker are one. The efforts of the missionary, the man or the woman in the front line, depends upon the lowliest disciple in our brotherhood.

We must accordingly strengthen the home front. Everyone we win for Christ at home helps us to send the light of the gospel farther afield. The prophet of old-time said, "Lengthen the cord and strengthen the stakes." The lengthened cord with a loose stake might spell tragedy.

It is most pleasing to note how soon a young church begins to help the distant enterprises. Our Wembley church is young, but there is hardly a brotherhood interest that does not come within the range of its sympathetic giving.

The Naremben circuit of churches is an example of generosity and clear vision. What they will do to contribute not only money but preachers to the spread of the gospel is beyond computation.

We long to see another such circuit in the northern wheatbelt. This should extend to Geraldton, that finest of northern towns, with its rich tract of country north and south. The south-west will pay dividends of wealth to the people who will take shares.

Our needs are men and prayerful stewards of God's manifold grace. The work is not easy, but what young man can honorably turn from a work that should be done because the doing is hard? We need men who are gripped by the magnificent possibilities of the gospel in any and every community. This is what the gospel herald can look for. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that he thrust more such men into the harvest field. They might not always come from colleges. That doesn't concern us much, so long as they have been at school with God, and have conserved for his sake whatever educational advantages they have been privileged to have.

Stewards are needed. We must not forget that all God places in our hands is placed there for our use for him. The only part that will ever really belong to us is the good that we can do with it. December 3 is home mission offering day; let the home front advance with the front line to the invasion and liberation of our vast State. We must advance.

## CHALLENGE OF THE SOUTH-WEST

Thos. Bamford.

IT is no exaggeration to say that the eyes of nearly all Westralians will be turned upon the south-west. This vast area, undeniably rich, will play a great part in Australia's post-war rehabilitation plans. Churches of Christ in this State would be extremely foolish to neglect the wonderful opportunities that are opening out to us. Collie challenges our interest and prayers. This will be one of the State's boom towns. We need to be strong here. Bunbury will grow. What a tragedy if our cause does not grow with the town. Harvey is destined to be one of the richest rural areas, even as it is claimed to be the closest settled rural district in Australia. Faithful work must be done to keep the causes alive. Cowaramup, Bridgetown, and Manjup are places where our grasp is fairly weak. These places will expand into large country towns. Other places challenge our interest; Warrona and Pemberton are places calling for the New Testament message. I am convinced that no other area in this State will pay richer dividends on the time, money and labor that we expend here. May our offering on December 3 reflect the measure of our faith and determination to preach the gospel throughout the whole State.

## CHALLENGE OF EASTERN WHEATBELT

T. D. Maiden.

THE faithful stewardship of the members of the Wheatbelt churches warrants the earnest interest of the brotherhood in the urgent needs of this vast area. Continued and progressive assistance can well firmly establish the cause of Christ in this district. Disinterest and the withholding of help could prove disastrous.

What are the great problems of the Eastern Wheatbelt?

1. The isolation of many believers needing fellowship with the people of God, hungering for the inspiration that comes from meetings, from praise, worship and Bible study.

2. The lack of Bible training in the lives of many children. The majority are growing up in ignorance of the word. Even believing parents are often lax in bringing God's word to their children.

3. Growing towns and the consequent increase of population is a major problem. The resettling of the land in the immediate post-war period with the carrying through of the proposed water schemes, will greatly increase the population.

4. The curse of sin is just as noticeable in the country as elsewhere. Crowds are just as heedless and indifferent to God and his church.

The conditions prevailing in the Eastern Wheatbelt challenge the brotherhood to increase the preaching power. The wheatbelt evangelist covers an area in which the Church of England had at least eight men, the Methodist Church five, and the Presbyterian with three men covering the northern half. If the efforts of these men mean the decline of their respective churches, what can be expected of one man!

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## Obituary

### William Crosthwaite

**WILLIAM CROSTHWAITE**, pioneer of Hornsby church, N.S.W., was called home on Oct. 31, aged 86. One of the best loved members, he opened his home for worship, July, 1906, when he and his wife, and the late G. Morton and family, met together to break bread. Mrs. Crosthwaite passed to her rest approximately 20 years ago. Mr. Crosthwaite zealously worked for the Lord through the years, until about 18 months ago, when his increasing age compelled him to stop home. One of our sisters performed many practical acts of loving kindness for him, and the brethren met fortnightly with him to break bread. He was instrumental in starting Junee church before he came to Hornsby, and was the last surviving delegate to the first N.S.W. conference in 1886. Mr. Crosthwaite's Christian life of loving kindness endeared him to every member of church. His knowledge and love of the scriptures were profound, and his witness of Christian life was powerful and inspiring. His remains were laid to rest by J. R. Little, former pastor of Hornsby church.—R. C. Dickens.

### Sarah Jane Hammond

**ON** Oct. 24 Miss Sarah Jane Hammond received the home-call. She was a devoted servant of Christ and a loyal member of church. Before accepting membership with churches of Christ, she was an earnest worker with Baptists. During ministry of H. G. Harward she heard the plea of churches of Christ, and was received into fellowship at Fitzroy tabernacle. Since then she has been in membership at Shepparton, Box Hill, Ivanhoe, Preston, and for the past six years at Northcote. For some time she has not been able to attend services owing to illness, but her love for, and loyalty to, Christ and the church never waned. When the call came, it was a happy release from a tired body to be clothed upon with "a body not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."—W.T.A.

### F. A. Kemp

**F. A. KEMP**, at the grand age of 97, passed peacefully away at his home, 43 Claremont-ave., Malvern, on Nov. 3, 1944. He was born at Deeping, Lincolnshire, England, and came with his parents to Australia on the sailing ship "Ida." They lived at Moonee Ponds. At an early age he linked with the church meeting in Collins-st., later becoming a foundation member of our Swanston-st. church, where he was a worker in the Bible school. He was a deacon for 56 years. In early times there were classes for mutual improvement, and he was a zealous member. His whole heart was in the temperance movement and special evangelistic efforts. Every conference, he was a familiar figure, and each week he met his Lord in the way of his own appointment. He cherished and chatted about the pioneers and early preachers. He was a cheerful giver to the whole work of the church. His life was simple, sincere and joyous. Children who knew him loved him. Swanston-st. has lost a great Christian soul. Every memory of him will inspire us to do more for our Lord. Seven children mourn his passing, but thank God for his lovely life. A short service was conducted at the home by C. B. Nance-Kivell, and A. R. Main offered prayer. The interment took place in the family lot in Melbourne General Cemetery by the writer. We extend to all who sorrow our sincere sympathy, and pray that they may experience the presence of him who wept beside the open grave.—C.B.N.-K.

### P. H. Tunbridge

**THE** church at Ivanhoe, Vic., suffered a severe loss in the passing of Percy H. Tunbridge on Oct. 3. Mr. Tunbridge endured with Chris-

tian fortitude and patience a long and painful illness, and the home-call was indeed a release from suffering. Almost from the foundation of the church at Ivanhoe, he had been actively associated with the work there. He gave loyal service as plan and platform secretary, and in an unobtrusive way did much to help the services of the church. He was of a lovable disposition, a man of peace and goodwill, and his sincere handclasp and welcome will be missed by many a friend. Percy Tunbridge was born in S.A. 68 years ago. He was for years associated with the church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, and also with the school and church at the Fitzroy tabernacle. To his life's partner (nee Amy Austin), his daughter Amy (Mrs. Floyd), his sisters, Mrs. Gracie, of Northcote, and Miss Vic. Tunbridge, of N.Z.; his brothers, and to the Austin family, his brethren offer their Christian sympathy.—J. McG. Abercrombie.

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—CHARACTER-BUILDING

- Nov. 20—1 Chron. 22: 11-19.  
 ,, 21—Prov. 3: 1-22.  
 ,, 22—2 Cor. 9: 6-15.  
 ,, 23—Phil. 1: 1-11.  
 ,, 24—Phil. 4: 1-9.  
 ,, 25—2 Pet. 1: 1-11.  
 ,, 26—Psalm 107: 1-21; 2 Peter 1: 12-21.

**T**HE apostle exhorts Christians to add virtue to virtue, with the aim of attaining completeness of character; and also shows how this worthy objective may be achieved. They should add grace to grace as a builder adds brick to brick; remembering that there must be either progressive development or a "holding up" of the work; a gradual but sure increase or a discreditable incompleteness. But the reminder is also given that all human efforts to build up character are futile if unaccompanied by divine blessing. "Grace and peace" must be multiplied; power from on high must be imparted. Never must we attempt to build up character in our own strength, for "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

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(Luke 1: 62)

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gested Mr. Stanbury, at the close of a  
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become exam-minded; let's be both Bible-  
minded and real-life minded," he continued,  
writing symbols of addition, subtraction, mul-  
tiplication and division on the blackboard. So  
began a sharing of remembrances and dis-  
coveries which were recorded thus:—

The Lord's addition: when believers are  
added to the church (Acts 2: 47). The Chris-  
tian's addition: when to faith we add graces  
and virtues (2 Peter 1: 5-8). The Lord's sub-  
traction: for the Lamb of God takes away the  
sin of the world (John 1: 29). A deadly sub-  
traction: when men take away from the word  
of the Lord (Revelation 22: 19).

The Lord's multiplication: for he can use  
so mightily the little we are able to surrender  
to him (John 6: 5-14). A good man's mul-  
tiplication wish: "Grace unto you and peace  
be multiplied" (1 Peter 1: 2). The Lord's  
division: when he divides the loving from  
the unloving as sheep from goats (Matthew  
25: 31, 32). The division by loyal disciples:  
when the emblems of the Lord's table and all  
life's benefits are lovingly shared (Luke 22: 17).  
"Never forget," said the teacher, "these signs  
are to be written not on blackboards, but in  
the adventures of real life."—G. J. Andrews.

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*Patience and time will show; we gain  
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