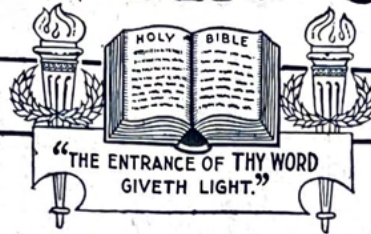


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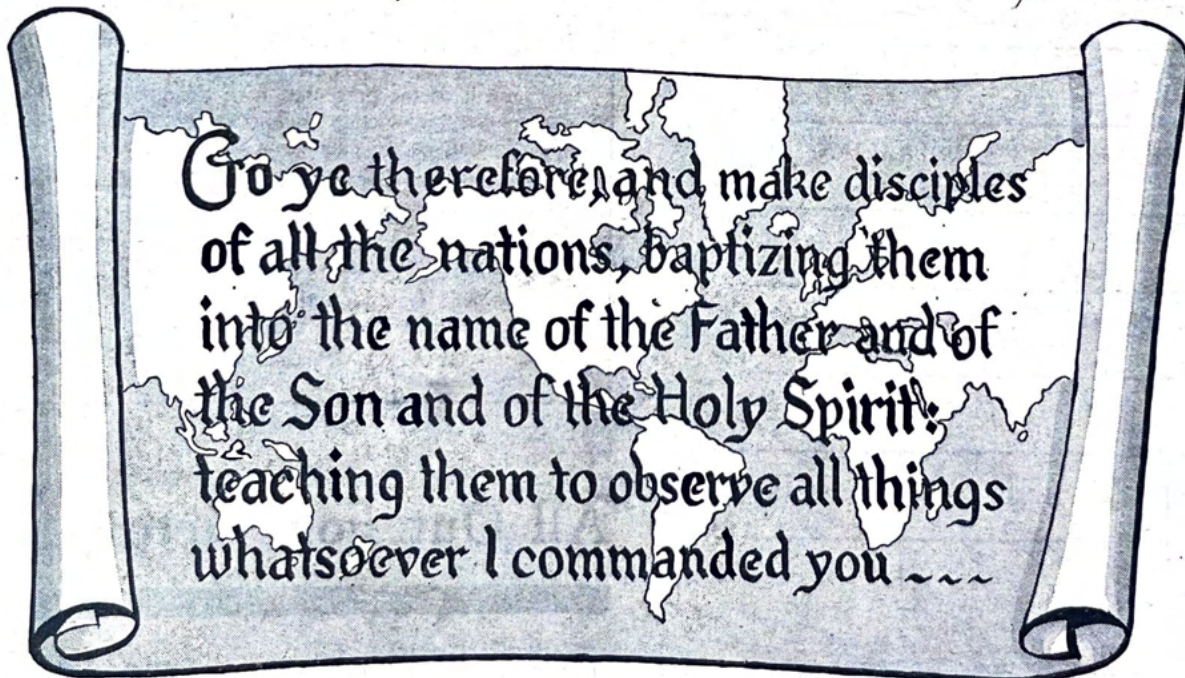
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Jesus came preaching the gospel of God The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God is at hand—Mark 1: 14, 15.



Jesus said to them as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you—John 20: 21.



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AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

EDUcate men without religion and you make them but clever devils"—so said the Duke of Wellington; and his words have been proved true.

The call of the moment is for larger education. Next month, in the State of Victoria, is to be held Education Week, under the aegis of the Education Reform Association, in which many institutions will take part.

The claim prominent to-day of the Council of Christian Education is being made and under the heading of the appeal in the daily paper of Sept. 5, 1944, is a letter sent from a High School student, in which is written, "Most of us at our High School think the scripture lessons worth having. A LOT DEPENDS ON THE INSTRUCTORS. We have some good ones, and THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. People who teach religion should be helped to know how to do it. . . . We think that all the teaching should be kept up to date and made as practicable as possible."

To meet the need candidly stated by this student and to meet the need of the men and women returning from the services of the Empire, demands an adaptation and an adjustment of the presentation of the gospel and its implications to advancing and changed conditions, through special qualities in leadership and spirituality.

To this end the objective of the College Board and Faculty is being pursued.

Will you help by your liberality on October 1, and afterwards to maintain and extend this objective?

The need for educated, consecrated Christian leadership was never more obvious than it is to-day.

W. A. KEMP, *Chairman Board of Management.*

All Out For Victory Now!

Annual Offering from Churches, October 1

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Courageous Evangelists Needed



WHEN two fishermen left their nets and followed Jesus along the shores of the sea of Galilee, the greatest community on earth had its beginning. Two men, by entering into the service of Christ, became the nucleus of a fellowship that has served humanity more effectively than the men of the world are ready to admit. The strength of that divine community has been maintained because men and women have been willing to leave all and to follow Jesus, sharing the same type of life that those two fishermen entered when they left their boat.

Those who have entered the ministry of the church and have become effective workers show that they possess outstanding characteristics. Without special abilities men like Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Campbell and Spurgeon could never have succeeded. They would have reached great heights in most of the professions, but when they gained the spiritual aid of the Christian community which they served, those men soared far above their peers. Men of lesser ability will gain in power also if they are willing to pay the cost. There is no avenue of service open to men with greater possibilities for doing good than that revealed by the church. However, no man will succeed unless he is ready to make great sacrifices. A person will not enter readily the Christian ministry unless he has a consecrated love for Christ. If he attempts to serve the church without that full love, the hindrances against which he will come will deter him, and he will turn aside, sooner or later, from the difficult path the Christian ministry opens before him.

It is needful for a preacher to develop his spiritual life continuously by Bible study and prayer lest he lose the spiritual enthusiasm that urged him to respond to Christ's call to service. By reason of his devotional studies, a preacher ought to be growing in spiritual strength, with the passing years, and be more willing to face up to the problems of his ministry rather than be a seeker for an easy way out of a trying situation.

★ *Strength of Character*

BECAUSE the church community is always a minority in the framework of society, those who assume the leadership of Christian groups must have strength of character and great courage so that they may lead the attack against the strongholds of Satan.

One of the greatest proofs of character is shown in the ability of a man to withstand the apathy that men and women assume toward Christian truth and ideals. Weak characters soon give up the struggle against this wall of defence behind which the men of the world hide. Men are needed to-day who will not be discouraged by this indifference toward Christ, but will be courageous enough to strive to break it down.

★ *Sympathy*

ONLY as a preacher gains the confidence of the people in a community will he be able to lead them to Christ. By entering into the life of those to whom he ministers, and by feeling with them their joy, sorrow and anguish, as they endure life's problems and face its difficulties, the servant of Christ will feel the urge to help men solve the needs of daily life. He will be a sympathetic champion of their just rights, and will aim to lead them into a better order of life in Christ.

★ *Evangelistic Passion*

CHRIST called men into his service so that they might go into the world and lay hold of individuals bound in sin and set them free by the power of the gospel. Evangelism has very much to do with calling a man into renewed fellowship with God. Only as men understand the need of turning to God will they see the superiority of Christianity over Communism, Fascism and other secular new orders.

Evangelism must also take into account the need of reforming the community in which the individual lives. The unit of society is the family, and evangelism must bring the whole family under the influence of the church. Then the individual will develop in the atmosphere of a Christian home.

A separate family will find it difficult to maintain the Christian way of life if it is surrounded by a pagan community. Only when the community is brought under the influence of Christian truth will the family be able to develop as the Lord desires. This will be achieved when Christian truth moulds the educational policy of the school, when Christian men take a strong hold upon civic and State activities, and when Christian principles are brought into the centre of economic life. The vision of the evangelist must not be limited; but the breadth of his vision must not rob him of his passion to save the individual souls of men.

★ *Training*

TO fulfil his duty as a preacher, a man must learn how to rally all the forces within his being and how to direct them toward the goal that will bring victories for the kingdom of God. He will need a training that will enable him to make the best use of his body, voice, emotions, mind and spirit. This training requires that a man present himself a living sacrifice to his Lord. By undertaking a severe course of studies, over many years, it will be possible for a man to undertake a task that is exacting, and yet the most satisfying ever entrusted to mortal man. The physical rewards may be poor, but the spiritual joys are many.

Even if only a few are called and chosen to enter directly into the full-time Christian ministry, all Christians have an opportunity of assisting in the task of preparing men for that service. The Bible college provides an excellent course of training for men and women of Christian character and ability. Those who give liberally to the maintenance of such an institution are co-operating in a vital Christian service, and are helping men train for a difficult but important work.

The Principal Says

AFTER nearly six years as principal of the College of the Bible, it is interesting to look back and to set down some of the important things that have taken place.

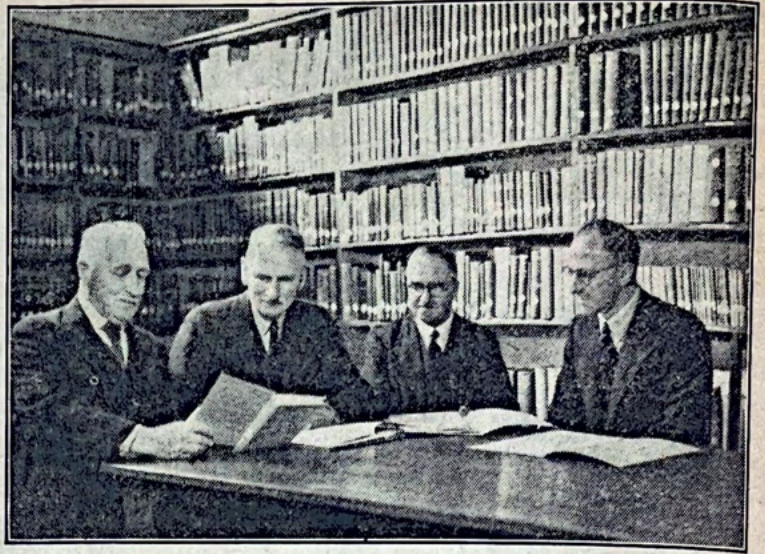
1. These six years have witnessed a steady development in the college curriculum. The Federal Conference in Sydney in 1938 recommended that the Diploma Bible Course be extended in some directions, with a view to an additional year of study which would include some university subjects. Progress has been made in this way, and while strong students who complete their preparatory work satisfactorily may still gain the diploma in three years, some of them have elected to do a four years' course, and others (whose preparatory work was not so satisfactory) are required to do the longer course before the diploma can be secured. When our plans are matured, the College of the Bible diploma will represent a four years' course which will include our own full curriculum, plus (a) certain University subjects, or (b) the winning of the College of Divinity Diploma.

The re-arrangement of our work to make possible our students winning the diploma L.Th. (Licentiate of Theology) has been one of the outstanding achievements of these six years. I was invited by the Melbourne College of Divinity to become a member of the council, and gladly accepted. The M.C.D. graduates students from theological colleges all over Australia. We began at once to prepare students for the examinations. At the end of the year we achieved a very gratifying measure of success, our students passing in twenty-nine out of thirty-one examinations. Thus our college has been brought into line with other theological colleges of Australia, and brethren who feel the need of adequate standards of education for preachers of the gospel will be glad to know that the College of the Bible has come to be recognised among the colleges of our land.

2. One feature of these first six years has been the organisation of evangelistic teams. These teams of two, three or four men, usually have been led by the principal, and have conducted vacation missions. Good results have been achieved in the missions themselves (which have been held in different States), and many men have received training and stimulus in evangelistic work which must result in blessing to themselves and to the churches.

3. Early in this period of my first six years plans were made for a Correspondence Course. The help of various tutors was secured, and in 1940 the work began. A three years' course of studies was prepared. The subjects are chiefly biblical, but include Church History, Homiletics, Religious Education, and the Principles and History of our movement. The course of study, which is not by any means a light one, leads to the winning of a handsome certificate. It is a course that local preachers and presiding brethren might well undertake. Seven graduates received the certificate at the end of the first three years. More than thirty students are now enrolled, and most of them are doing the lessons.

4. The early portion of my first six years was burdened by an increasing debt, which at the time of the Federal Conference in Adelaide in 1941 had mounted to more than £3000. Special attention was given to the matter at that conference, especially in view of the opening of the college in New South Wales. As a result of a call for subscriptions to extinguish the debt, many splendid gifts have been received. Further, the annual collections in the last two years, 1942 and 1943, have resulted in a record offering from each one of the five States still pledged to the Federal college, and larger total offerings



THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE.

J. S. Taylor, B.A.; T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Principal); R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.; E. L. Williams, M.A.

have been received in these years than ever before—even when New Zealand and New South Wales were included in our constituency. We expect the debt to disappear as the result of this year's annual offering.

5. Twice during these six years Refresher Courses for preachers have been held at the college in the August vacations. Series of lectures on vital subjects have been presented by capable brethren, and preachers in attendance have enjoyed again a touch of college life, and have been stimulated in mind and refreshed in spirit by these short courses in the college halls.

6. The physical aspects of the college have shared in the general developments that have taken place. The beautiful new chapel, the gift by bequest of the late Mr. Chown, and the new and spacious library were erected in 1941. In the same year an anonymous gift of £165 enabled us to remodel the students' bathroom. One-fourth of the college grounds which had been waste land was drained and is now occupied by beautiful shrubbery and lawns. Because of this addition to our college 'garden, the Youth Department and other groups are able to hold their annual rallies in the college grounds.

7. My first six years have been very happy in my association with the Board of Management and the members of the staff. True, we have suffered losses. The passing of Robert Lyall, the chairman of the Board, and one of its original members, made a serious gap in our college personnel. A. R. Main, who had been for twenty-nine years the principal of the college, and J. Adams, retired from the Board in 1940, and H. J. Patterson in 1943. Dr. W. A. Kemp was appointed chairman of the Board, and is working with ability and enthusiasm in that capacity. New members, A. W. Cleland and T. Hagger, were elected to the Board in 1941, and A. W. Stephenson and E. M. Price more recently, and all are proving worthy successors of the strong men who preceded them. The college is fortunate in the continued service on the Board of Management of several who have been directing its course with wisdom and strength through a much longer period than the years under review—W. T. Atkin, G. L. Murray, F. N. Lee, and the treasurer R. L. Leane. F. T. Saunders has been the zealous secretary and organiser for nearly twenty years. J. S. Taylor and R. T. Pittman, as members of the staff, have continued in the work which they have been doing with great acceptance for more than thirty years. E. L. Williams was appointed to the teaching staff at the beginning of this six year period, and has contributed in a remarkable way to the development of the college.

Naturally we have regarded the record offerings and the gifts towards the extinction of the debt as the seal of the brotherhood's approval of the work the college is doing. The need for men with training such as Glen Iris affords was never greater than it is today, as we face the coming problems of the post-war world. We look confidently to the annual offering on Oct. 1 for a response that will be a renewed commission to us to "march on with strength."

The College and War Service

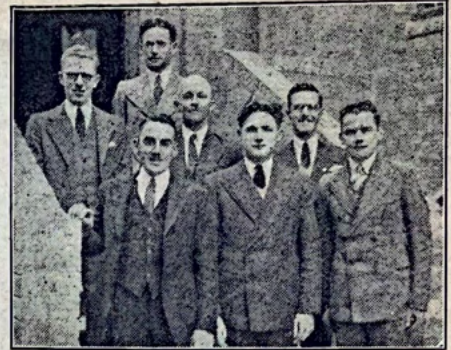
How men from the college have served the brotherhood and the Forces may be seen from the list of men who have shared in the ministry of chaplains in this present war. We give the names as far as they are known to us:—

E. P. Aderman (N.Z.)	J. W. Lewis
F. E. Alcorn	A. B. McDiarmid (N.Z.)
V. G. Boettcher	W. W. McDowell
O. S. Browne (U.S.A.)	J. K. Martin
A. Brooke (Chap.-General)	E. J. Miles
H. Cave (Y.M.C.A.)	N. G. Noble
H. A. G. Clark	H. G. Norris
L. E. Dudley (Y.M.C.A.)	L. G. Read
F. M. Fewster	C. J. Robinson
T. O. Fisher (U.S.A.)	E. W. Roffey (Y.M.C.A.)
W. G. Graham	L. E. Snow
V. R. Griffin (U.S.A.)	G. D. O. Tease
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E. P. C. Hollard	W. J. Thomson
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A. R. Jones	M. J. Turner
M. R. Kane (Y.M.C.A.)	I. L. R. Vincent
	D. Wakeley
	W. A. Wigney
	C. H. J. Wright (Y.M.C.A.)
	C. Young

"The Foolishness of Preaching

to Save"

W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.



S.A. STUDENTS.

Back: W. E. Fisher. Middle: P. S. C. Ryles, A. G. Thurgood, N. Ghvres. Front: G. A. Whiting, J. A. Mackenzie, R. S. A. McLean. Absent: R. F. Allison.

Makes God Real

It has been said that, "This world is today so much as it is, because the other world has been so remote." The preacher's task is so to live and speak, that God shall be real, and men shall feel that to live the life of men they must have faith in God. The true prophets—the men who speak for God and win spiritual victories—are men who give the testimony of Jesus. Christ is the living message. He is living Brother, Redeemer and Lord; the "light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world"; the Lord of that "eternal kingdom to which the race was destined from the beginning, and in which alone the life of man, which is akin to the life of God, can reach the height of its power, its greatness, its perfection, and its joy." The preacher has this Cromwellian faith in the reality of God through Christ. Like the young communist, his faith dominates his whole life and his total energies. He "cannot bear to live without Christ, and he cannot bear to think of others living without him." And he makes this commitment:—

"I will go forth among men
Not milled in scorn,
But in the armor of pure intent,
Great duties are before me and great
fering on Oct. 1, it will
for victory.

It may be true that the Christian ministry to-day is not esteemed everywhere as a high calling. Well, as to that, it never has been. "Jesus came . . . preaching," and "he was despised and rejected of men." Paul was "separated to the gospel of God," and was dubbed a "babbling." Withal, it has been "the preachers, and not the kings, who have been the real moulders of history. The sermons of Isaiah and Micah outlast the pyramids, outweigh the cargoes of commerce, and cast in shade the acts of parliaments." Pulpiters, such as Francis, Huss, Savonarola, Knox and Calvin have thwarted the plans of evil men and changed the destinies of empires.

There can be no substitution for preaching. Jesus could have written down his message and spared himself much energy and suffering. But we should have been deprived of the ministry of his life and death, as well as of his words—even those spoken from the cross. The printed page may be a larger educator, but it cannot, and should not, take the place of the preacher.

An Ambassador

The preacher is a "sent" man, with a message to instruct and inspire. He presents the truth that has flashed on his own soul, and sounded the depths of his own nature. The preacher has come into the silences and listened to a Voice, and then he has gone forth as "a voice crying, . . . 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'"

The preacher is a lover of the word and a master of the Bible. He sets before men the great doctrines of Christianity, and seeks to hold their minds to essential truth amid conflicting opinions. He loves the church, and eagerly devotes his strength and life to her needs.

A Prophet

The preacher is essentially a prophet—a forth-teller. He goes beyond a mere knowledge of the scriptures. He gathers out of the word a living experience. Like Augustine, he bears testimony of what he himself has seen. He understands the message of the gospel in its definiteness, sweep and passion. TO OUR AUSTRALIAN . . . fields? For increasingly higher standards of education and leadership the college is practically indispensable to the brotherhood, and claims our wholehearted support.

A Worthy Institution

W. Rothery, Secretary Qld. Auxilliary.

WHEN the Jews sought the help of Jesus on behalf of the servant of the centurion, they based their appeal on the grounds that "he was worthy for whom he should do this, for he loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue."

So in seeking the help and sympathy of the brotherhood on behalf of the Federal college, the appeal is based upon the worthiness of the institution.

1. It is worthy because it maintains the high ideals and principles of the New Testament. It honors and exalts Christ. He is the one Saviour of the world. It stands for the church, with the New Testament order of faith and practice. It is true to authority of

He eagerly challenges men with the reality of this God-given message.

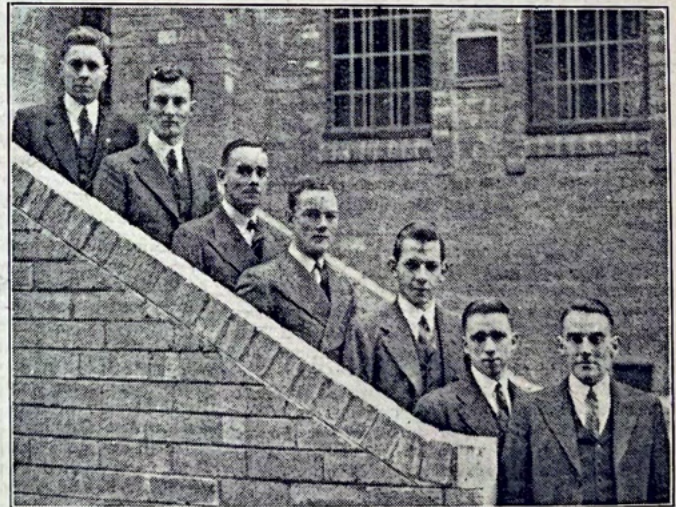
He resists the desire of governments to make the church a cheap organ of propaganda. He dares to suggest that there are national sins for which his own nation needs to repent. With Micah he cries, "Truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord . . . to declare unto . . . Israel his sin." He keeps before the church the fact that it "speaks and worships, not as a national society, but as a part of an international fellowship, gathered out of every kindred and tribe and people and nation; and it speaks in the name of the most high God who rules over and cares for all men everywhere." He proclaims that other members of God's family should not be exploited, and regarded "as queer creatures who belong to another race."

For centuries it has been said that it is the prerogative of the church to be the custodian of human values—moral, aesthetic and intellectual. To-day the masses are in revolt, and disregard the church's claim that there are "ultimate values which have their source and ground in the character and will of God himself." "Let us be free," they cry. But freedom for them is only another term for licence. Marriage sanctities are disregarded. Divorces are multiplied twentyfold. Liquor consumption and gambling figures reach astronomical proportions. To such an age the prophet speaks with the authority of God. "Be not deceived," he cries, "God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." He warns against the statesman who urges youth to mark money and power as the basis of success, for as Jesus declared, and the prophet before him, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the month of God."

Churches in all States annually express their confidence by their gifts. The college in re-

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—2 Tim. 2: 2.



STUDENTS' COMMITTEE

K. W. Barton, K. J. Patterson, A. H. Graham, J. K. Bond, F. B. Alcorn (secretary), V. Quayle, G. A. Whiting (chairman).

Here and There

H. E. Greenwood, secretary of Federal conference, has been called from Brisbane, Qld., to New Zealand because of the serious illness of his mother.

J. E. Allan, secretary of Victorian Foreign Mission Committee, has returned to Melbourne after an extended visit to Sydney. All correspondence for the Victorian F.M. Committee should be addressed to him now.

J. Thompson, M. Hewitt and A. Brown, home on leave, were present at services at Oakleigh, Vic., on Sept. 3. Four sisters from the Bible school accepted Christ. Mrs. Jeffrey, women's conference president, was speaker at Mission Band afternoon on Sept. 5.

We regret to learn of the death of E. P. Alcorn, father of P. C. D. Alcorn, preacher of church at Albion, Qld., and Bruce Alcorn, student of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic. Deepest sympathy is felt for all who mourn the loss of our brother.

At Rochester, Vic., bright meetings are well attended by young and elderly folk. Mr. Payne's help is appreciated. His regular visits, as far as his work will allow, are an inspiration. The visit of Mr. Gale was enjoyed, and an illustrated lantern lecture on Aug. 28 enlightening.

On Sept. 3 E. Roffey gave an excellent address to church at South Yarra, Vic. C. Cole spoke at night. One lady made her confession. After the service C. Cole showed pictures of the Sudan, and an offering was taken. Chaplain Jones, R.A.A.F., spoke in morning of Sept. 10. Visitors included L. and C. Medhurst and A. Muir on leave.

On account of ill-health, Mr. Quirk resigned after nearly five years of service as preacher of Newport, Vic. A farewell social was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Quirk on Sept. 5. As a mark of appreciation of their work both were recipients of presents. Brethren are grateful for offers of assistance which have been made by sister churches in district. A. W. Cleland addressed morning service on Sept. 10.

North Suburban Churches District Conference held its quarterly gathering in Northcote chapel on Sept. 2. The theme for the session was Christian unity. A. B. Withers presided over gathering. There was a splendid attendance from churches affiliated with conference. The speaker, Principal T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed., addressed meeting. At close of meeting supper was served, which was kindly donated by Mr. Gluyas, Northcote.

On Sept. 3 Mr. Crawshaw, of Mission to Lepers, was morning speaker at Frankston, Vic. Mr. Hagger preached at night, when a married man confessed faith in Christ. L. Mitchell was welcomed home from New Guinea. At a well-attended meeting of Women's Mission Band Mrs. Crawshaw gave an address. Mid-week prayer services are very helpful; attendance is increasing. On Sept. 6 a married lady confessed faith in Christ. At gospel services singing of Miss Lee and Mr. Cuddy have been much appreciated.

Unity in action characterised the gathering when the members of the Baptist Youth Council were entertained by members of the Victorian Churches of Christ Young People's Department on Thursday, Sept. 7. Tea was followed by an exchange of teaching methods, activities and ideas. The Youth Directors, Mr. E. D. Gill (Baptist) and Mr. W. R. Hibbert (churches of Christ), led the discussion. Conference presidents of the respective bodies spoke words of encouragement. Principal A. J. Grigg (Baptist) concluded with devotions.

C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., president of the Federal conference, has been on a visit to Melbourne, arranging details for the Federal conference which is to be held in Sydney commencing Oct. 3. We enjoyed a period of fellowship with our brother.

At Gawler, S.A., on morning of Aug. 20, Mr. Derbyshire, of B. and F. Bible Society, was speaker; after evening service pictures of Palestine were shown. Miss Helps, a missionary from India, was present at Endeavor society service on Aug. 23, and gave a helpful talk. On Aug. 27 Sunday school anniversary was held. Mr. Bartlett was preacher for day. Prizes were distributed at a concert given by the children on Aug. 31. The church joined in a combined meeting of churches held on Aug. 29. Mr. Peet, of Morialta Children's Home, was speaker on Sept. 3 and Mr. Dealy at night.

Fellowship with many visitors has been enjoyed lately at Drumcondra, Vic. Ladies' Aid society celebrated 18th anniversary celebrations. The afternoon was a success, £40 being raised. This makes a total of £150 which Ladies' Aid has contributed for church debt reduction during past year. Half-yearly business meeting of church revealed big increase in attendances, morning and night over past eleven months. Bible school continues to flourish. Recently 67 were present, highest attendance for eight years. Mr. Methven's addresses are very helpful and instructive. Women's Mission Band and Young People's Fellowship continue to be well attended.

Recently H. B. Robbins paid a visit and delivered inspiring messages at morning and afternoon services at Colac, Vic. A social evening enabled Mr. and Mrs. Robbins to renew friendships made when engaged in church work here years ago. E. Fisher has also assisted in absence of the preacher, A. G. Thurgood. Afternoon gospel services are held at present, and attendances are fairly steady. Bible school activities were commenced on Sept. 3 under leadership of the preacher. Offering for social service was £15/5/6. Heather, youngest daughter of Mrs. Chambers, will soon leave for America to rejoin her husband, a member of U.S.A. forces, who has been invalidated home.

At Balwyn, Vic., attendances have been good, although slightly lowered by illness. Bible school attendances have been affected also. Bible school has engaged in 22nd anniversary celebrations. On Sept. 3, in afternoon, Les Brooker spoke to a congregation which filled building. In evening A. R. West delivered an excellent address. On Sept. 10 J. White, children's missionary, gave a fine talk; in evening A. E. Hurren's sermon was appreciated. Sunday school choir has rendered excellent service in special singing at all services. Solos and duets have been rendered by teachers. W. Dimond trained and conducted children in splendid way. Sympathy is felt for Mrs. Grose and her daughter, Mrs. Hope, in the sudden death of Mr. Grose.

Special soloists have been a feature at recent gospel meetings, and attendances have been good at Caulfield (Bambra-rd.) Vic. There have been three confessions of faith. On Sept. 3, Endeavorers visited Caulfield hospital with father's day cards, and Explorers entertained fathers on Sept. 4. Mr. Dewey, of U.S.A., addressed Bible school on Sept. 10 on temperance, and B. Huntsman brought greetings from Y.P. Department. Gwenda Tweedie gained Federal prize in scripture examination. Girls of junior Bible class visited Port Melbourne City Mission on Sept. 9, and gave a treat to 50 children. Offering for social service exceeds £20. Mrs. Cross is seriously ill in Alfred Hospital, and Mrs. Clipstone is laid aside. Fellowship has been enjoyed with R. Staley and others home on leave.

The Eastern Suburbs (Victoria) Churches of Christ Youth Fellowship visited Boys' Training Farm at Tally Ho on Sept. 9. Over 100 young people took part in visit. Choruses were sung, competitions held, and gifts and lollies distributed to boys. The youth fellowship is growing in interest. It aims at bringing young people together and closer to the Lord.

F. T. Morgan, Box Hill, was speaker at 3rd degree K.S.P. meeting on Aug. 29, at Gardiner, Vic. Thirtieth anniversary of church was celebrated on Sept. 3 with T. H. Scambler morning speaker. F. Woolley, A.I.F., was welcomed home on leave. At evening service Miss Monica Farrell, Irish evangelist, delivered a most challenging evangelical address. G. Haseley, of Emmanuel Quartette Party, assisted with solos. Chaplain-General A. Brooke was speaker at Women's Mission Band on Sept. 6. T. H. Scambler preached at both services on Sept. 10. Mr. Kentish, of South Australia, and C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., of Queensland, were present at morning service. H. Lee assisted with solos at gospel service. Men's fellowship has been formed to meet monthly on Sunday afternoon. Thirty men gathered on 10th, and Mr. McLaren told how God had answered prayer in work of Noone-st. Mission, Clifton Hill.

During absence of Mr. Amos at Burwood mission, services were conducted at Georgetown, N.S.W., by Messrs. Oswald, R. Fraser, Wright, W. Fraser, R. A. Marjoribanks and N. Fraser, (Hamilton). After address by Mr. Marjoribanks, two girls from Bible school confessed Christ. A successful social was conducted by Ladies' Guild on Aug. 19, the proceeds being for F.M. department. Services were well attended on Aug. 27, R. V. Amos being speaker. At morning service two young men were welcomed into fellowship. Girls' and boys' clubs continue to have good meetings. On Sept. 3 there were excellent attendances. At close of morning service, a soldier decided for Christ and two young men reconsecrated their lives. At close of evening service a young lady was immersed. An all-time record of 110 communed during day. The J.C.E. is making outstanding progress, 41 being present at a recent meeting, and an average now of almost 40. Mr. Amos has resigned as preacher, having accepted a call to another State.

'FAITHFUL FISHERMEN' CAMPAIGN. VICTORIA.

2nd Haul: 56 New Scholars, 3 New Teachers.
Total Haul: 112 New Scholars, 13 New Teachers.
AIM: 500 New Scholars, 50 New Teachers.

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The convener of S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary Temperance Committee (Mrs. R. N. Tippet) wishes to thank all those who helped to make our cake stall at the S.A. Alliance fair such a success by sending goods, ingredients and cash.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—There was an impressive service on morning of Sept. 3, prayer was offered on behalf of nation. At 7.30 p.m. V. Pallot rendered a solo. J. Keith Robinson, after hearty congregational singing, delivered gospel message. At meeting of C.E. society, Sept. 5, R. J. Duckett, secretary of conference overseas missions committee, gave a talk.

Tasmania

Devonport.—Mr. Hill's messages for August were helpful. He visited many houses and distributed tracts. On Aug. 20, after gospel message, he baptised a young girl. On Aug. 27 Mr. Hill gave morning message, and a Girl Guide parade was held, 22 guides being present. The church had fellowship with several visitors. Merrill Jubb was received into fellowship. Mr. Hill has visited Ulverstone for three Sunday afternoons to help in services. He gave the gospel message here at night. Afterwards a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Wescombe provided supper, and opportunity was taken to say good-bye to Mr. Hill, who concluded four months' ministry. F. Burt, on behalf of church, presented him with a book. On Tuesday night Sister G. Kelson gave a talk on her work with Egypt General Mission. She also gave a talk to Women's Mission Band on Thursday afternoon, and addressed other meetings in the town. On Sept. 3 Rod Pitt gave morning message. Day of prayer was observed. At night F. Burt spoke. Bible school is practising for anniversary. Fourteen scholars and one teacher sat for examination, two receiving honors.

Queensland

Monkland.—On Aug. 20 C. S. Trudgian, of Brisbane, exhorted the church. Sympathy is expressed with Mrs. Pearen, at the death, after prolonged sickness, of her husband. J.C.E. held a successful games night, with offering for soldiers' Christmas gifts fund. Cpl. Colin Pearen is home on leave from N.G.

Maryborough.—Attendances during last few weeks were good, with services on Sept. 3 slightly above average. Morning service on Aug. 20 was broadcast over 4MB. Several visitors have been welcomed the last three weeks. Robert Evans was welcomed into fellowship on Aug. 27. The church was sorry to say farewell to Mrs. Alan Price and to hear of the passing of her sister. Different ones of the men in uniform have had to move on, and their fellowship will be missed. On Aug. 25 the church enjoyed a concert arranged and presented by the Salvation Army.

South Australia

Ungarra.—Fellowship with visitors was enjoyed during month of August, among them being Mr. and Mrs. L. Pedler, from Queensland. On August 27 H. G. Norris conducted a farewell service prior to his recall to work as a chaplain. Speeches of appreciation of his services during past year were expressed at close of meeting by elders; he was presented with a kitbag.

Wallaroo.—Annual business meeting of church revealed encouraging aspects. During the year four were added to membership. Bible school showed decided growth in numbers. £27 had been paid off building debt. Sisters and C.E. had a good year. The church is grateful for help received from Kadina speakers and organist. A successful function held by the sisters on Aug. 19, raised a further £17 towards building debt. Several faithful members are indisposed. Cheerful letters are received from H. J. Andrews, who is in New Guinea.

Whyalla.—On Sept. 3 Mr. Riches, from Pt. Augusta, presided, and Mr. Glasson, of Glenelg, spoke. In afternoon and evening, the Bible school anniversary was held, Mr. Matthews being speaker at both services. At afternoon session prizes won during the year were presented to scholars, also certificates won at recent scripture examination. Aborigine offering shows an increase on last year's amount. Messrs. Matthews and Cox were appointed delegates for the conference.

Tumby Bay.—F.M. offering (£80/2/-) was a record. On Aug. 12 an Eyre Peninsula C.E. rally was held at Tumby Bay, when J. E. Webb, of Mile End, was speaker. At evening meeting a young woman made the good confession. On afternoon of Aug. 13, H. G. Norris concluded a series of helpful messages. Mr. Webb delivered a fine message in the evening. On Aug. 27 three young people took their stand for Christ at gospel service. Mr. Norris has again been called up for military duties.

UNITED WITNESS

CHURCHES HOLD UNITY SERVICE

UNLEY.—On Aug. 30 the churches of Unley united in a meeting of witness in Unley town hall, preceded by a procession of witness headed by Salvation Army band. Mr. Bowden, one of the most faithful members, passed away at age of 82 years. Overseas offering has reached over £305, and B. and F. Bible Society offering £12. Youth fellowship hour was held after Sunday school. Young people from Unley Baptist presented a missionary pageant, and R. Steadman spoke of his missionary work in Fiji. Tea followed, then young people assisted at evening service. Boys' club gave a successful concert, raising £5/15/10. Every scholar who sat for S.S. examination gained a certificate of merit. Betty Mules gained first prize in teachers' division with 98 per cent., and Ruth McCallum second in her division with 99½ per cent.

Prospect.—Anniversary services were continued on Aug. 30, Mr. Erskine (United Aborigines Mission) gave a lantern lecture, on work amongst aborigines. Prizes were given and examination certificates presented. On Sept. 3, morning service was exhorted by Mr. Banks (Croydon church). Bible school conducted final services of anniversary. J. E. Webb (Mile End church) addressed the children, and kindergarten received prizes. Evening service was led by A. E. Brown. Scholars of Mrs. Dixon's class rendered an item, solos were sung by Miss D. Page and Joy Mackenzie, and duets by Mr. and Mrs. Dix and Joy and Rae Riches. Fellowship with many visitors and D. Sinclair (on leave) was enjoyed during day.

Dulwich.—By the death of Max J. DeHoghton, one of the deacons, the church has sustained a great loss. He was always ready to visit the sick in hospitals, bring aged members to church services in his car, take baskets of flowers to institutions, and was very regular at church services and choir. At annual church business meeting on Aug. 30, reports from auxiliaries were considered very satisfactory. F. Collins intimated that he did not wish a further term as evangelist at conclusion of present engagement, which ends in January. E. A. Riches was re-elected elder, and all deacons were re-elected. Christmas parcels are being prepared to send to men in the Services who are members. Fourteen scholars sat for scripture examination; all gained certificates, and one a second prize. Four members have left the State—Mr. and Mrs. Jelsman for Albury, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ludbrook for Melbourne.

Port Pirie.—At annual meeting held on Thursday, Aug. 9, reports from all auxiliaries were received, and the preacher, A. R. Pigdon, presented his annual report. During year the debt on the church building was reduced by £85/2/4. Officers elected were: secretary, R. L. McNicol; asst. secretary, F. L. Pillar; treasurer, C. W. McDonald; auditor, F. L. Pillar. Elders, C. W. McDonald, A. E. Arnold, A. R. Pillar. Deacons, F. L. Pillar, R. L. McNicol, A. G. B. Hunter, J. Donley. Deaconesses, Sisters Pillar (sen.), F. L. Pillar, Hunter, Smith, Weldon, McNicol. Organists, Sisters W. King, C. W. McDonald. On Aug. 11 nearly 100 members attended a 69th anniversary tea; P. R. Baker was visiting speaker. During evening the Y.P.S.C.E. gave two opal shades to church as a birthday gift. Services on Sunday were well attended.

New South Wales

Chatswood.—A recent visitor at meetings was Cpl. Syme, of Caulfield, Vic. The church expresses sympathy with A. Graham, chairman of official board and for many years secretary, in the loss by accident of his mother. There were full attendances at services for king's prayer call. Appropriate reading of names of members and friends added solemn tone. Mr. Youens spoke at both services.

Canley Vale.—R. Greenhalgh, Y.P. director, addressed morning meeting on Sept. 3, and visited all departments of Sunday school in afternoon. Members of J.C.E. society were successful in many events in district sports. There has been a large increase in attendance at C.E. meetings, and many new members have been gained. J. Gibb, North Auburn, conducted bright song service on Wednesday night, and later spoke to young people.

Broken Hill.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held at Wolfram-st. church on Aug. 20 and 27, by combined schools, and at Wills-st., Railway Town, church, Sept. 3. Singing of children led by H. Richards was appreciated by large attendances at all services. Floral decorations were very beautiful, choice flowers being sent from Aldgate Valley to Mrs. H. E. Paddick. Illustrated addresses were given by H. E. Paddick, H. G. Alexander, and Capt. Lucas, of Salvation Army. Public meeting on Aug. 29 followed annual Bible school tea. All local entrants of scripture examination received high percentage. Prizes were presented to members of Young Worshipers' League. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Bob Griffiths, home on leave from Services. Church has been grieved by sudden death of Loyal Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris. Church extends sincere Christian sympathy to parents.

Victoria

Sunshine.—A memorial service conducted by A. G. Bennett for the late Mr. and Mrs. Boyd on Aug. 27 was largely attended; a solo was rendered by John Stevens. Charles Smith, on leave, was present at service on Sept. 10.

Hampton.—Second district united service was held on evening of Sept. 3, when C. L. Lang was a speaker. The memorial hall was crowded. Temple Day offering was received by Mr. Lang in chapel on Sept. 10; it amounted to £128.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—K. W. Barton was preacher at morning and evening services of Sept. 10. A. W. Withers spoke to Bible class; an offering for British and Foreign Bible Society amounted to £4/15/-. Sisters of church have given £13/10/- toward Norseman aborigines' mission. Sympathy of church has been extended to Mrs. Anderson in loss of sister. Church expressed good wishes to Miss Thora Louey and R. Stephenson who were married on Sept. 9 by S. R. Baker.

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Missionaries Are Wanted

The Foreign Mission Board, facing a world need, says—

BECAUSE of the war, thousands of people in non-Christian lands have had contact with outside civilisation. Whatever value we place upon such impact, it is certain that these people will not be the same again. We have previously reported that at one stage more overseas troops were stationed in the New Hebrides group than there were natives on the Islands. In India, whole divisions of overseas troops have been stationed, and tens of thousands of young Indian men and women have been drafted in some of the services and re-grouped elsewhere in their own country or abroad. China, too, has had her visitation and contacts. As a result, the post-war period is likely to be very different from the former period. These people are growing up, and with their growth will, and are even now, demanding national independence. Mission work is not over, nor is it likely to be over for years to come, but it is reasonable to assume that every ten workers sent during the next five years, will be more valuable than three or four times the number during the next decade. Missionaries of all types, preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses will be needed during the days of reconstruction. It is then that these countries will appreciate our help, and are likely to be more responsive to the gospel.

The Foreign Mission Board is alive to the above conditions, and is prepared to send reinforcements to the full in an effort to catch the flood-tide. Without the aid of the College of the Bible, many calls for volunteers would have been in vain, and the work hampered. When we called for volunteers to accompany Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Thomas to India, who volunteered? Bruce Coventry—college graduate! When Mr. Hammer was about to travel through dangerous waters alone, who volunteered to accompany him—not only accompany him, but remain in the group alone, upon Mr. Hammer's return? Harold Finger—college

graduate! When Harold Finger was left alone, and an SOS was sent to Glen Iris for a volunteer, six young men, still in training, were prepared to go. Ron, Saunders was chosen and has been in the group ever since. India still calls for a young couple—again a graduate from Glen Iris is preparing to go. Yet another graduate of Glen Iris volunteered for the New Hebrides. Health alone has hindered his going. These figures speak for themselves, and show the dependence of the overseas board upon the college.

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THE MURRAY VALLEY

I WAS delighted to read that statesman-like paragraph from the pen of W. Gale in your issue of Aug. 23. It seems to me that we must plan forthwith for such an advance as he has suggested, and start, as soon as the plans are formulated, to carry them out. It may be too late after the war.

There are two things I would like to stress in this connection. The first is that we should seek the definite guidance of God in the making of the plans, and then we may expect the fullest blessing on them. And secondly, that we should try to inculcate in all the brethren a deep love for, and consecration to, the plea and the old-time gospel so that wherever there are two or three they will set up the Lord's table, and circulate all around them our literature, and not only support to the full the public preaching of the word when a preacher comes along, but by their own individual God-guided effort seek to win friends and neighbors to Christ and the old-time religion. By acting in this way brethren would be real pioneers. On to the task! There is no time to lose!—Thomas Hagger, Frankston, Victoria.

Obituary

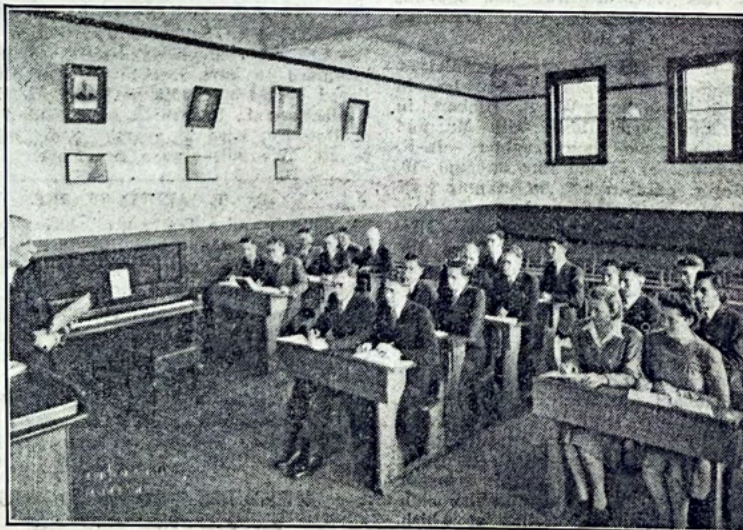
L. A. Johnston

LIONEL AGUSTUS JOHNSTON was born on August 9, 1884, at Sydenham, Christchurch, New Zealand. He was the fourth son and fifth child of the late Mr. George Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, of Wagin, Western Australia. He passed away suddenly on July 18, 1944, at St. Kilda, Melbourne, leaving a large circle of friends in all States and New Zealand, where he held his first pastorate at Palmerston North. His conversion dates back to his childhood, where he learned to love the Lord Jesus at his mother's knee, and the influence of devoted Christian parents has followed him through life. He was always a good and thoughtful son and brother, and the family cannot remember an ugly incident in his life. It was his delight from his childhood to be at the house of God and his Sunday

school. He was baptised at the age of 16 in Albany Baptist church by Mr. F. Radford, and became a worker in that church until the age of 20, when he went to Perth and commenced work as a home missionary for the churches of Christ in Western Australia. He then went to Melbourne and became a student at the College of the Bible, and completed his course in 1910, and has been serving the brotherhood ever since. He married Miss Ethel Thompson, of Williamstown, and went to New Zealand. She predeceased him seven years ago. There was no family. The passing of Lionel is deeply regretted by his relations in W.A., as he was intending to take a trip over to see his aged mother, who is 87 years. His father and two brothers passed to be with the Lord over twelve years ago. His mother, two sisters and two brothers survive. The late Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Johnston were both devoted, loyal servants of the Lord's work, and were full-time workers. They now are united in the glory land, to do higher service for their Lord and King whom they loved. The relations wish to thank all kind friends for their comforting messages sent to them in this time of bereavement. After a service conducted by R. Burns, assisted by H. M. Clipstone, the funeral service was conducted at Williamstown Cemetery by Principal Scambler, of the College of the Bible. Prayer was offered by conference president, E. L. Williams. Addresses of appreciation were given by R. E. Burns, preacher of Prahran (where Mr. Johnston had been in membership for the past two years), and Mr. Robinson, president of Free Bible Society of Victoria (Mr. Johnston was the secretary of this society). A representative gathering from churches served during his ministry were present.

Mrs. H. Clay

DONCASTER church has suffered a great loss in the death on Aug. 18 of Mrs. H. Clay, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully. Our late sister was a member of the church for over 45 years, and a very active worker. Mrs. Clay was loved by all. Her helpfulness was shown in many ways. A wonderful testimony to our sister was manifested in the many floral tributes and the large number of people present at burial service at Box Hill cemetery. God has called a good woman to her reward, and we who are left behind have been inspired by a splendid life. We believe that she will continue to speak though dead, for she hath done what she could. To those who mourn the loss of a true wife, a loving mother, and the best of sisters, we pray God's comfort and strength.—R.A.B.



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Dandenong.—On Aug. 20 the Bible school held a successful social. On Sunday, 27th, Mr. Marshall spoke at Berwick in morning; Paul Aurisch preached at Dandenong. On Sept. 9 the choir held a concert; an enjoyable programme, included items by Miss Holmes, of Red Hill, Alf. Dunston, and A. Kent.

Stawell.—Mr. Quayle has given helpful addresses, and will give farewell messages on Sept. 17. The church has suffered a great loss in passing of Miss Bates, a patient sufferer for many years; sympathy is extended to relatives. 27 attended prayer meeting in home of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes on Aug. 31.

Ascot Vale.—J.C.E. visited Greenvale Sanatorium and distributed books, oranges and flowers to inmates; favorite hymns were sung in wards. On Thursday evenings a bright and happy service is conducted largely by young people. Sunday school is practising for anniversary, the leader being Bruce Thomsen.

Newmarket.—On Sept. 3 Mr. Long, of Ivanhoe, addressed morning service and Mr. Graham gospel service. On Sept. 10 Dr. Heyward, of Sudan United Mission, preached at morning service. Mr. Graham addressed gospel service. Sympathy has been extended to relatives of Miss L. Crawford, who passed away on Sept. 5.

Castlemaine.—Morning service on Aug. 27 was addressed by Mr. Stead, of China Inland Mission. The king's request for national day of prayer was observed on Sept. 3. The C.E. members paid a visit to benevolent home, distributing oranges and violets to inmates. C. E. Curtis continues to deliver helpful messages.

Bet Bet.—J. Hindman, of college, continues to serve church. Morning service on Sept. 3 was addressed by J. Sewell, Mr. Hindman being on vacation. Mrs. Sewell, sen., a former member, passed away at Moreland on Aug. 31, at age of 83. Sympathy has been extended to bereaved. The nine scholars who sat for S.S. examinations obtained good marks.

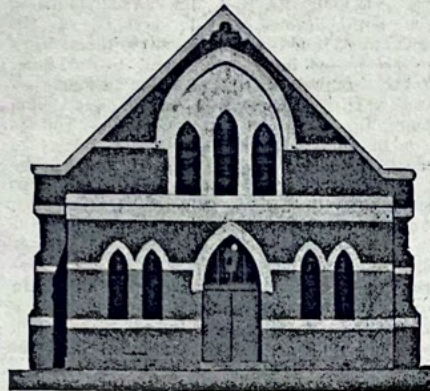
West Preston.—Splendid fellowship and helpful meetings continue. Church was glad to welcome home on leave Mr. Hart and Jack Green. Mr. Lang, Brighton, was morning speaker on Sept. 3. Officers of church entertained young people of auxiliaries at a successful social evening on Sept. 1. Church's sympathy goes out to A. Scaife, whose father died recently.

Cheltenham.—Twenty young people joined in fellowship tea on Sept. 3; they also assisted in evening service. Visitors have included L.A.C. A. Neale (Maylands, W.A.), Pte. V. Hendrickson and Pte. A. Maloney. On Sept. 10 special reference was made to work of British and Foreign Bible Society; an offering for society amounted to £4/16/9. Fellowship was enjoyed with Chaplain L. R. Usmar (N.Z.) at gospel meeting on Sept. 10. Our brother gave a greeting and spoke of his experiences abroad.

North Fitzroy.—Chaplain John Turner addressed church on Aug. 27, and R. Ennis preached at night. Mr. and Mrs. Arnot and C. Roach were received by letter from other churches. The king's call to a national day of prayer was observed in services on Sept. 3. Good attendances at services, one hundred being present at night, Reg. Ennis preaching morning and evening. Offering for social service appeal amounted to £6/3/3. Tom Williams, who underwent an operation at Freemasons' Hospital, is making satisfactory progress. Mr. H. Halliwell expects to return shortly to hospital for treatment.

Footscray.—Mr. and Mrs. Litherland, C.I.M. missionaries on furlough, were the guests of the Y.P.S.C.E. at the fellowship tea on Sept. 3. After the gospel service Mr. Litherland conducted a lantern service, dealing with the work in China. There were good attendances at all meetings on Sept. 10. Church has had fellowship with R. Kaye, R. Janes, A. Bradley and D. Pearce, home on leave from Forces.

Northcote.—Annual business meeting of church was held recently at which the work to June 30 was reviewed. Reports were encouraging. 37 have been added to the membership by faith and baptism, as well as two baptised believers and eight by transfer. Average attendance at Lord's Supper has been 153. Income for the year totalled £1250, including duplex envelopes contributions, £100; C.F.A., £91 (121



The Northcote Chapel.

members contributing). Brotherhood appeals have amounted to £261. Mission Band has a membership of 45, and has raised £24. Receipts of ladies' class amounted to £52. Average attendance at Bible school has been 162. A pleasing feature of this department is the report that 24 scholars accepted Christ during year. R. Anderson, C. Arnold, A. Brownrigg, G. Flynn, A. Gluyas, L. Long and W. McCallum were elected deacons for ensuing year. W. Atkin has been minister for nearly eight years.

North Williamstown.—Bible school anniversary services on Sept. 3 were most encouraging, there being 211 and 204 at afternoon and evening respectively. An address was given by Mr. Moorhouse, Congregational minister, in afternoon, and in evening an illustrated address by Les. Brooker. J. E. Thomas was operated upon on Aug. 29. The prayers of the church, at this time, are with him and his family. All hope that, by God's grace, he may be restored in health.

Hartwell.—C. J. Robinson is on holidays. Speakers on Sept. 3 were F. T. Saunders in morning and David and W. R. Hibbert in evening. Church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell in loss of their daughter. R. K. Gerrand was speaker in morning on Sept. 10, and Mr. Geyer, of Gardiner, in evening. Of twelve entrants in Bible school examination, nine passed, five with honors. Women's Mission Band visited Dr. Singleton's home for ladies on Sept. 5, and spent an enjoyable afternoon.

Blackburn.—Mr. Wright has taken up work again after a serious operation. Church appreciated very much assistance given by Mr. Baird during preacher's absence. One of senior S.S. scholars was baptised on morning of Sept. 10, and was received into fellowship of church. All auxiliaries are working well. Mission Band members were guests of Mrs. R. James at a social afternoon in aid of manse funds. Members of G.C.C. and Sunshine club combined for a devotional meeting at which Miss Hiatt was speaker. Several new scholars have been added in S.S. as result of special

campaign. Twelve scholars and teachers who sat for annual examination obtained passes, whilst one Federal and three State prizes were gained. Church enjoyed fellowship with John Smith (Horsham), and appreciated his assistance as song-leader.

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BIRTHS

GOLLER (nee Blythman).—On Aug. 11, at Epworth, to Ray and Bill—a daughter (Ray Louise).

HUNT (nee Blythman).—On Sept. 7, at Epworth, to Marjorie and Keith—a son (Douglas Hamilton).

LAWSON (Symes).—On Sept. 1, at Brighton Community Hospital, to Alice and Allen (A.I.F.), of 19 Avondale-st., Hampton—a son (Geoffrey Allen).

SILVER WEDDING

GRAY-BARNACLE.—On Sept. 20, 1919, at Glenferrie church of Christ, Victoria, by Principal T. H. Scambler, Charles Edmund to Pearl, younger daughter of the late Mr. John Barnacle and Mrs. Barnacle. Present address, 71a Herries-st., Toowoomba, Qld.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hall announce with pleasure the 50th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated Sept. 11, 1894, by C. G. Lawson, of Swanston-st. church of Christ. Present address, 36 Allambee-ave., Camberwell.

DEATHS

GOLLER.—On Aug. 11, at Epworth Hospital, Ida Ray, beloved wife of William, mother of baby Ray, and much loved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Blythman, 9 Beauchamp-st., Preston. Safe in our Father's keeping.

SEWELL.—On Aug. 31, at Coburg, Ellen, wife of late William Sewell (of Bet Bet), dearly beloved mother of Allan, Eva (Mrs. Nicholls), Florence (Mrs. Clough), Walter, and Nell (Mrs. Beckett), aged 83 years.

Asleep in Jesus, peaceful rest!
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On Active Service

BERRY.—Reported missing on operational flight, Dec. 6, 1943, now reported presumed dead, Flight Sergeant S. G. (Stan), 40182, R.A.A.F., aged 21 years. Loved grandson of Mrs. Pettifer and nephew of May and Carrie. Duty nobly done. Lovingly remembered by us all.

BERRY.—Flt. Sgt. Stanley George (Stan.), R.A.A.F., reported missing on Dec. 6, 1943, now presumed to have lost his life on that date. Loved only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Berry, 6 Aberdeen-st., Brunswick, also fondest brother of Dorothy; aged 21 years. Sadly missed by us all. We will always remember.

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MILLIS.—In treasured memory of our dearly loved son, Flt. Sgt. Alan Squires Millis, called to higher service Sept. 7, 1942. Much loved brother of Isobel, Leslie and Geoffrey.

Death hides, but it cannot divide;
Thou art but on Christ's other side.

MORLEY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, called home Sept. 22, 1940. "Precious memories."

—Inserted by her loving daughter Dora, and son-in-law E. J. Fisher.

NORTHEAST.—In loving memory of my beloved wife Dorothy and mother of Paula, whom God called home on Sept. 13, 1942. Lovingly remembered.

—Inserted by her loving husband Cliff.

NORTHEAST.—In affectionate remembrance of Dorothy, who fell asleep in Jesus on Sept. 13, 1942, aged 27 years; beloved daughter-in-law of S. J. and C. Northeast.

PERRY.—In sad but loving memory of my darling husband, Robert, who fell asleep on Sept. 12, 1936; also my dear son, Rupert, who paid the supreme sacrifice, St. Martin's Wood, Aug. 23, 1918. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

—Inserted by Mrs. Perry, Uley-st., Bendigo.

PITTMAN.—In loving memory of our darling sister Edna Grace, who fell asleep in Jesus on Sept. 10, 1937.

Just waiting, beloved, for that blessed reunion when we shall meet again to part no more.

—Inserted by her loving sister, Dora, and brother-in-law, E. J. Fisher.

RAISBECK.—In loving memory of Francis Robert, who passed away on Sept. 14, 1942. In God's own time we shall all meet again.

—Inserted by Jean and Margaret Ward.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 24 and 27.—Northcote Bible School Anniversary. Sept. 17, 11 a.m., W. T. Atkin; 3 p.m., A. E. White; 7 p.m., R. P. Morris. Sept. 24, 11 a.m., W. Hibburt; 3 p.m., B. J. Combridge; 7 p.m., W. T. Atkin. Wed., Sept. 27, 8 p.m., a Picture Talk in color by G. J. Andrews. Distribution of prizes. A welcome for all.

SEPTEMBER 20 (Wednesday).—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters interested in Dorcas work are invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER 24 and 26.—Sunday, 24th, Doncaster church 81st anniversary. Morning speaker, Mr. H. M. Clipstone; evening, Mr. R. A. Banks. Tuesday, Sept. 26, public meeting in chapel. Speaker, Mr. C. Candy. Programme arranged. Supper to follow. Past members welcomed.

OCTOBER 1, 8 and 9.—Malvern-Caulfield Bible School Anniversary. Oct. 1, 11 a.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham; 3 p.m., Mr. C. Robinson; 7 p.m., Mr. R. P. Clark. Oct. 8, 11 a.m., Mr. C. Cole; 7 p.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham. Demonstration, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m.

NORTH ESSENDON BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

SEPTEMBER 17:

3 p.m., Mr. L. Brooker.
7 p.m., Mr. J. K. Bond.

SEPTEMBER 24:

3 p.m., Mr. A. Bennett.
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SEPTEMBER 17—

3 p.m., Mr. E. Vertigan.
7 p.m., Mr. W. Hibburt.

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3 p.m., Mr. W. Collard.
7 p.m., Mr. C. Cole.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 22:

5.30, Family Tea. 8 p.m., Social Evening.

SUNDAY, SEPT 24:

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Musical Programme by Male Choir.

CARNEGIE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

OCTOBER 1—

3 p.m., Mr. Marshall.

7 p.m., Mr. Reg. Clark.

OCTOBER 8—

3 p.m., Mr. Vertigan.

7 p.m., Mr. L. Snow.

Anniversary Concert and Prize-giving—

October 11, 8 p.m.

RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIP AT THE NORTH FITZROY BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8.

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TOPIC.—THE DRINK JESUS REFUSED

- Sept. 18—Psalm 22: 1-10.
" 19—Isaiah 53.
" 20—Eph. 1.
" 21—Phil. 1.
" 22—Rev. 7: 9-17.
" 23—John 19: 19-27.
" 24—Psalm 22: 11-19; John 19: 28, 42.

WHEN our dear Lord was crucified, two drinks were given to him; one of which he refused, the other he accepted. Wine, mingled with gall and wormwood, which was meant to dull the pain of crucifixion, was not accepted; vinegar, which simply softened the dryness of the lips and throat, was received. The refusal of the first was according to the divine plan. Gladly do men take any drug which will alleviate suffering, and this is ordinarily right and proper, but so great was the love of our blessed Saviour that he desired not to lessen the agonies of crucifixion by a single pang. He would endure the severest suffering, the most scathing accusations, and the worst of insults, that he manifest his love for and desire to save a lost world.

THOUGHT

*Culture is not a substitute for life,
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Capable Leadership Needed

P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A.

THE church will need capable leadership if
she is to meet effectively the difficulties
and tasks of the post-war world. It is in-
teresting to note how large a part the Bible
has had in the training of leaders. A strong
apologetic for Christianity to-day is the fact
that leaders of Allied armies have drawn their
faith and inspiration from the scriptures. But
we also think of Luther, Calvin, the Pilgrim
Fathers, Lincoln, Wilberforce, Gladstone, Queen
Victoria. We have a college in which the
Bible is the main text-book. From this college
will go out men and women who will have no
small part to play in winning the peace. God
bless them! May God bless the college that
trains and equips these young people for
leadership. Let us help the college all we
can to carry out its divine task of teaching
the sacred and imperishable message of sal-
vation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Tribute

Frank Hunting

WE have had many fine brethren who have
rendered remarkable ministries through-
out our churches who never attended a college
lecture. They are among our finest ministers,
and their ministries have been a pattern and
inspiration to all other ministers who have
known them. Yet there are others (their
number yearly increases and I am among
them), who owe their ministry to the College
of the Bible, Glen Iris. Glen Iris gave us our
start.

Without Glen Iris we would never have been
ministers of the gospel. There is a sense in
which we owe everything to Glen Iris. When
we went to college about the only thing we
knew was that we wanted to preach the gospel.
What we became afterwards is largely due to
the start the college gave us. The college can
never be blamed for our mistakes, for these
we have made in our foolishness, but the col-
lege can be praised for the men it has sent
forth under God to make and mould a
brotherhood.



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MANY are my thanks to the brotherhood for the privilege of four years at Glen Iris. The impress of fellowship with other students and faculty and the wide scope of subjects covered has been such that it will never be erased.

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C. N. BURN.

THE outstanding experience of my college days has been the deepening conviction of the reality of Jesus Christ.

He has stepped out of the light of searching criticism into the highways of life, not less, but more real than ever before.

He comes to us to-day as he came to those men beside the lake; his word to us is the same clear, penetrating challenge: "Follow thou me."

The only way a man can fail in this life is to hear that call, to see God's possible best for him, and refuse to rise up and follow. That is to fail indeed!—F. B. Burt.



F. B. BURTT.

FAITH begins with experiment and ends with experience, says Dr. Inge. Glen Iris days are days of grand experiment in which we leave the shallows of the shore and launch out to experience the delights of the deep. College brings to us days of discipline, fellowship, adventure and study, in which experience is deepened and prepared for life's greatest challenge. There can be no experiment more daring, nor experience richer than to hear and to answer the Master's call. To all who desire to serve, the College of the Bible offers the cultured leadership of a consecrated faculty whose instruction is soundly based on the word of God.—L. G. Crisp.



L. G. CRISP.

OUR world is tangled and troubled. The lives of men are blighted by passion, frustrated by fear, yet exalted by sacrifice and glorified by courage. It is the world for which Christ died, and to meet whose need he raises men to tell his gospel in lives of grace and truth. Goodness alone is not enough, the demand is for dedicated brains. Now, with our college training, we go out to match the world's need with that sufficient gospel "more gentle than its gentilities, more human than its humanism, more profound than its philosophies, more real than its realism."—R. W. Graham.



R. W. GRAHAM.

THE persuasive power of a message is determined by the messenger's personal conviction. The capacity of beliefs to survive the test of known truth decides the depth of conviction. In this connection Paul exhorts, "Let every man be persuaded in his own mind." The eyes and ears of the world turn toward Christianity to-day, critically, inquiringly, expectantly, often hopefully. We have the only message of redemption for mankind. Our problem is to persuade men of this; our need is deeper conviction of its truth. Countless creeds win temporary favor through the potency of their propagation. Christians cannot be inferior men and adequately present a superior message.—G. A. Grainger.



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STAND therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

—Eph. 6: 14-18.

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