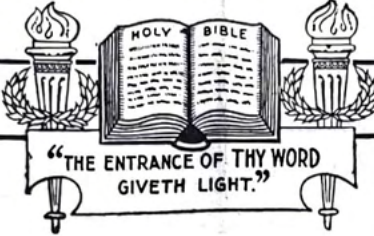


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A Ferry on a Fiord in Norway.

## Victories in Norway

*Despite the Nazi occupation of their land, the enthusiasm  
of Norwegian youth for Christian missions has been remarkable.*

FIFTY years ago, when a delegate from the Norwegian Missionary Society spoke at the centenary celebrations of the London Missionary Society, he said, concerning the trials of Madagascar, that, "If a nation is able to stick to the Word of God, the Word of God will save it through all difficulties." Norwegians in recent years were able to put those words to the test, and have shown that they express no idle boast, but a fundamental truth of history. Norman Goodall, M.A., secretary of the International Missionary Council, writes in "The Christian World":



It appears that, during the first years of the German occupation, the missionary societies in Norway were unmolested despite their open support of the resisting bishops and clergy, but in 1944 a new attempt was made to bring all voluntary associations under State control. In this endeavor the Norwegian Missionary Society—the oldest and largest of the societies—became a principal object of attack. The members of its central committee in Stavanger were removed by the police, and its chairman (Dean Kornelius) and general secretary (Pastor Amdahl) sentenced to four years imprisonment for alleged political activities. The constitutional committee of the society was dissolved, and all responsibility vested in a new body of three set up by the Nazi Department of Ecclesiastical Affairs. These three, headed by a collaborating bishop, took possession of the society's headquarters, its theological training institution and funds.



At once the usurping authorities found themselves without an obeying staff or supporting constituency. The teaching staff of the training institute and the headquarters office staff downed tools, and the five thousand district committees or auxiliaries of the society refused to acknowledge the new regime. The teaching and office staffs were arrested and put to work under the National Compulsory Labor Scheme, but the resistance of the auxiliaries was not so easy to deal with. In one of these—Oslo—the chairman and secretary were arrested and sent to concentration camps, but the attempt to coerce the auxiliaries as a whole was soon given up. Meantime the Norwegian Missionary Council had vigorously protested against the action of the Department of Ecclesiastical Affairs, and its letter of protest was read from church pulpits throughout the country."

What happened then to the Norwegian church under the oppression and persecution of those Nazi authorities? The secretary of the Norwegian Missionary Society gives the answer in the following statement:—

"During the period under review, missionary societies in Norway have gone from strength to strength. The difficulties have but increased faith and prayer. The work has prospered as never before. It may safely be said that missionary enthusiasm is a living force in the life of the churches in Norway to-day.

"The supporters of missions, numbering thousands of devoted Christians, have faithfully carried on the work in spite of handicaps and restrictions.

"Perhaps the most cheering feature has been the great number of Christian young men and women who have enlisted for missionary service or who have applied to be trained for such service. In fact, the number of young missionary recruits is so great that the societies cannot possibly accept them all.

"Gifts towards missions have greatly increased during the last five years. Generally speaking, the yearly income has been about double that of the years immediately preceding the war. Each year has seen an increase in income as compared with the previous year. This applies to all missionary bodies alike."

It is evident that persecution has strengthened the church in Norway, and has aroused a passion in young men and women to go out and preach Christ. Those Norwegians have proved that Christ and the church are helpful in dark days, and want to share their knowledge of Christ's love with others. What a victory for the church!



An Ancient House in a Norwegian Valley.

# Trials of the Church In Germany

★ *Documentary evidence is given to answer false charges made against the Confessional Protestant Church in Germany.*

IN England several attacks on the German Protestant Confessional Church have been made in the press. A published statement quoted by the Dean of St. Paul's London, reads as follows:

"With the exception of a few refugee pastors in Britain, I do not know of any section of the German Protestant Confessional Church whose pastors have refused to preach, to ordain and bless the atrocities and horrors committed by the German armies and their leaders."

Then in "The Manchester Guardian" an anonymous letter appeared signed by a "Refugee." He declared that he had ceased from attending the Confessional Church because he could not continue "sitting under swastika flags, seeing S.A. men in the chair, and hearing declarations of loyalty to Hitler." He adds: "The 'Confessional Church' was by no means an anti-Nazi movement. . . . Its fight, and Niemöller's, was not against Nazism as such, but was a fight for purely internal ecclesiastical interests."

How can these charges be answered? The best reply can be found in the statements made by the Confessional Church. The Friends of Europe Society have published translations of documents that reveal the attitude of the Confessional Church to the Nazi State. Before this can be appreciated, it is necessary to understand the general attitude of the Lutheran church toward the State. Luther urged his followers to abstain from politics and to leave the affairs of State to secular rulers. G. O. Griffith, in "The Christian World," can say: "It is true therefore that the Confessional protest was not a political crusade inspired by democratic idealism, though neither was it merely a fight for 'purely internal ecclesiastical interests,' as we shall see. But the uneasy question that at once arises is, whether it was in any sense an ethical or fundamentally human protest at all. Confessional Christians, like all Germans, witnessed and experienced the inhuman cruelties of the Nazi regime. They saw the dissolution of non-Aryan marriages, they saw children being turned against their parents, they saw men's means of livelihood being snatched away, their honor smirched, their lives destroyed. Dr. Charles Singer probably speaks for many when he asks for documentary evidence that the Confessional Church ever protested, before the war, against these specific acts of cruelty. One such piece of evidence may be cited here. In September, 1938, when the invasion of Czecho-Slovakia seemed imminent, the Confessional Church prepared a service of intercession which the Nazi authorities described as 'a political manifestation of treason and sabotage,' full of 'meddlesome political-minded prayers' by 'rascals at the altar.' The note of German patriotism was certainly not absent; there were prayers for the soldiers: 'Govern thou their fate. Strengthen them in body and soul. Give them good comrades'; but the cause of offence was the confession:

"We confess before thee the sins of our people. Thy name has been blasphemed by them. Thy word has been opposed, thy truth suppressed. Openly and in secret much evil has been done. Parents and teachers have been held in contempt, men's lives and means of living have been damaged and destroyed, wedlock has been broken . . . and the honor of neighbors assailed."

"There is a confession of general lack of charity and a prayer for 'all those who are exposed to the temptation of exercising cruel revenge and of being overcome by hate,' and for 'all those whose land is being threatened by war.' The German writer who 'does not know' of any section of the Confessional Church whose pastors have 'refused to preach,

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Martin Luther, Reformer of Church in Germany.

## The Church in Russia

WITH the permission of the Soviet government, archbishops met on Feb. 4 in Moscow, and appointed the new patriarch of the "Holy Orthodox Eastern Catholic and Apostolic Church." Pictures of that event were released in U.S.A. at the end of June, 1945, and have appeared in the American journal "Life." It seems that under the present order the real power behind the newly-organized church is an atheist, Communist Georgi Karpoff, chairman of State Council of Church Affairs. He officially suggested the name of Alexei as the new patriarch.

"For 18 years the church had been extirpated by the Soviets. But the census of 1937 showed that the Russians were still pious. In the anguish of war the Russian people turned in earnest to God. Primarily because

the clergy were now volubly loyal to the regime, secondarily to gain moral prestige with the democracies, the Soviet relegalised the church in 1943. There are now 16,000 churches in the U.S.S.R. as against 54,000 under the czar. The government is returning church bells and reopening old churches. Twice Patriarch Alexei, who is now reading the English Bible, has been received by Stalin, whom Alexei calls a 'genius.'

"The re-established church, politically powerless within Russia, may further Soviet aims outside Russia. Its value to Stalin is indicated by the fact that in June the new patriarch was on a round of visits to the patriarchs of Antioch, Jerusalem and Alexandria in the explosive Middle East. And the Moscow Patriarchate has offered forgiveness to the North

American Church, which broke off in 1934, if it will promise to 'abstain from political activities against the U.S.S.R.' Moscow's delegate to North America is not recognised by 368 of the 381 churches in North America. The American hierarchy has so far refused Moscow's offer." Naturally the church in Russia will fail again if it becomes the tool of the new government there. Only if the church can carry on its work apart from that influence will it express the true spirit of Jesus to the world, and function as the true church.



Georgi Karpoff, atheist chairman of State Council of Church Affairs.

# The Church and Japanese Shrines

Ian Shevill, M.A., in an article in "The Australian Intercollegian," asks some vital questions about the future of the Japanese shrines.

A VERY great difficulty which lies ahead of the Christian church in its efforts to bring Nippon to Christ is the advanced Shinto scholarship, which suggests to thinking Japanese that the way of the gods has everything which Christianity has to offer plus the added value of being a local product.

Kato, in his monumental work, "Shinto," through a clever use of anthropology and comparative religion, shows that the national faith is equal, and perhaps even superior, to any other existing creed, including Christianity.

He points out that Babylon and Rome have passed away together with their religions; Judaism and Brahmanism still exist but their nations have vanished; thus amongst world religions Shinto stands alone—the only national religion which has lived together with its nation throughout the centuries.

Then, too, Kato gives a "symbolic interpretation" to the myths of the Kojiki and, in the guise of a modernist, strips the legend of all absurdity, and by a great piece of casuistry finds that Shinto (in spite of its "500 myriads of gods") is really at heart monotheistic.

Thus there emerges for the scholar a new Shinto, a monotheism with high moral concepts and an explained mythology, so why should any "Son of Heaven" accept a Western monotheism whose moral concepts are certainly high and whose mythology is not always given a rational explanation?

If in reply you say: "But look at the lives which Christianity produces," the Japanese reply is just: "Yes, I have seen some of them."

It would perhaps be wise to end this section with a quotation from Kato, the recognised peer of modern Shinto scholars, who writes:

"It is impossible to say that Christianity is not a danger to the Japanese national organisation. The national organisation absolutely forbids that we should have above the sovereign 'the one true God.'"

## The Shrine Problem

Apart from the fact that the Japanese are not very impressed by Christianity, and have their own reasons for it, there is yet another problem which post-war missionaries will have to face, and that is the "shrine problem."

To understand this difficult and unsolved riddle, it is necessary to give a brief historic summary.

In 1889, the Japanese Constitution guaranteed full religious liberty to all its subjects—this was in order to impress the world with their modern outlook.

In 1891, however, the "Rescript on Education," to-day almost a sacred text, appeared exalting Shinto as the national religion.

In 1899 the Department of Education order No. 12 forbade the teaching of any religion except Shinto in schools—either before, after or during the curriculum. This caused the closure of many church schools, both Buddhist and Christian.

In 1911 all teachers from all schools were ordered to attend the shrines at times of the local festivals and give Shinto instruction.

Thus, though the constitution guarantees liberty of conscience, Shinto is a compulsory religion.

This problem has been met in a peculiarly Japanese manner. Shinto is hailed as the national morality; and then there are the religions—Buddhism, Christianity or the thirteen Shinto sects; thus a man has complete freedom of conscience so far as his "religion" is concerned, but he must be a practising Shintoist as a loyal citizen.



Pilgrim on Way to Shrine.

Can a devout Christian, then, be a Shintoist as well? Can he go to the shrines and worship with a clear conscience? The Government says he must. The Roman Catholic Church says he may, the "Instruction of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith, 1936," saying: "It is lawful for Catholics to join in them." (The type of worship given is neither "latria" or "hyperdulia," but a new variety, "yohai" or "silent worship from a distance.")

While the National Christian Council of Japan deplors the position, points out the inconsistencies, and as might be expected, offers no solution, the Buddhists are fighting with the Christians to clarify the position, and Buddhist newspapers before the war condemned the government for its duplicity.

Peculiar solutions have been found for the problem; for example, there is a "Christian-Shinto" school of thought which regards the shrines as Englishmen regard Westminster Abbey; and there are the Japano-Israelites, who link up the Kojiki with the Old Testament, and find in the Japanese a chosen race. One enterprising pastor taught that the Emperor was a fourth member of the Trinity, and was charged before the court for showing disrespect for His Majesty.

Finally, a recent questionnaire for Christian clergy included the following questions:—

How does the emperor differ from your God?

How does a foreign ruler differ from your God?

What is the relationship between the Bible and the imperial edicts?

How do the imperial edicts differ from the commands of Christ?

In the midst of all this compromise and doubt, before the war began, Japanese newspapers were making their views quite clear—ones quoted by McNair ("The Real Conflict Between China and Japan") speaking thus: "Christ is the Christian's absolute; the emperor is the Japanese absolute. Has the time not come to end Christian propaganda?"

## That was Yesterday—What of To-morrow?

Is it not the duty of the church to make sure that those who plan the peace with Japan shall so change the government policy that this impasse may never arise again?

Is it not our duty to see that those who sit at the peace table will not, through ignorance or indifference, leave these insuperable barriers in the way of Christian missions?

And will it not be the peculiar privilege of the Australian church set in the midst of the Pacific to make sure that the blunders of the past will never be made again, by sending specially trained men and women for this the hardest mission field in the world—the land of the streamlined savage?

The failures of the past have been so great that there is much to be lived down—never before have our opportunities been so great. Let us pray to God that the church may even now begin the vast work of preparation so that neither bigots nor blunderers may stain the page of Christian history in Japan.

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to serve, to ordain and bless the atrocities and horrors committed by the German armies and their leaders, and who has felt constrained to publish his ignorance, may not have heard of the 'scandal' of this intercession, prepared and circulated under the nose of the Gestapo when the war-fever was at its height.

## A Gospel Protest

"But if the Confessional movement was not a political crusade, what was the burden of its protest? Certainly ecclesiastical interests were involved, for the Reich obtained a stranglehold upon ecclesiastical activities by its control of church finance; but in May, 1939, we find the Confessional Church addressing a message to all provincial pastors in the following terms:

"The evangelical church can bear anything! It can bear poverty, the restriction or loss of its privileges, and all manner of outward hostility. Only one thing it cannot bear—that in the place of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the crucified and resurrected, the Saviour of sinful mankind, from its pulpits and altars a message should be preached which falsifies his word. . . . When this happens Jesus Christ is no longer with his church."

It is evident, then, that the Confessional Church in Germany did protest against the evils of the Nazi regime, and did seek to stand by the truths of the gospel. That it failed to get its way is no reflection upon it, except perhaps inasmuch that like the church in many parts of the world, it did not take at an earlier date a more vigorous stand against the encroachment of the State upon the rights of the individual and the church.

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# Bible College in W.A.

R. Raymond, of Western Australia, reports on a new development of Federal College in W.A., and on a half-yearly conference.

**PROPAGANDA** for the forth-coming college offering draws the attention of the W.A. brotherhood to the work undertaken in recent months by the State College Committee and the students in training here. There are only two full-time students enrolled at present. The number will be doubled almost immediately, with the possibility of an increase in numbers next year. The course in this State will extend over two years, the work being done in conjunction with the Federal College. The students receive lectures in Old and New Testament, Homiletics, Greek, Church History and Ancient Civil History. The two-year course here will take the place of the first-year Bible course at Glen Iris, from which place it is anticipated our Western students will graduate. This State needs such an institution as the Western College promises to be, by reason of so many of our smaller churches needing the help that student preachers can give. The work of training students makes heavy demands on some very busy preachers, some of whom, in addition to their several duties, are doing university work. A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., will be a valued addition to the teaching staff as he comes into the full-time ministry here. It is being made clear to the Western churches that we cannot operate without the help of our Federal College. Our work in this State is definitely linked up with the Federal College, and this year's appeal is for a larger offering in view of our State work, and so that at least the average of the past five years be sent to the College of the Bible. We are viewing the two colleges as one, and make our appeal for a generous offering accordingly.

## Hotel Hours

The Premier of this State received a deputation representing the allied temperance forces of W.A., and heard argument supporting the introduction of legislation to make 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars compulsory throughout the State. The deputation told the Premier it would welcome the opportunity for a referendum on the question. The Premier was non-

committal. All sections of the secular press are out for extended hours and more beer. One would be justified in concluding, after reading the all too frequent leading articles, news paragraphs and published letters, favorable to later trading hours and increased supplies of beer, that the press and the breweries had some kind of an alliance.

## Conference

Our first half-yearly conference will be held at Lake-st. on Saturday, October 6. A Saturday afternoon at this time of the year, when spring time calls rather to the open spaces (to say nothing of the love of many for football finals), is not the best time for a conference.

But careful planning has gone into the preparations, and it is hoped that a most profitable conference will result. Added interest will be given by addresses from two recent additions to the preaching staff in this State, A. G. Elliott and A. C. Thurrowgood.

## Preachers

Recent additions to our preaching forces in this State have now placed us in the happy position enjoyed in pre-war days. Three chaplains have been placed with needy churches. Senior Chaplain R. Hilford ford will go to North Perth, Chap. F. M. Fewster will go to Cottesloe, and Chap. P. R. Thickins has commenced a ministry with the church at Nedlands. E. R. Sherman has accepted a further term of two years at Inglewood. Bruce Clapp, a young man who has rendered very acceptable service to the church at Midland Junction and other places, will enter into a temporary ministry in the wheat-belt circuit to relieve T. D. Maiden, who will be on extended leave in his home State—N.S.W. As announced, A. G. Elliott will go to Victoria Park. C. H. Hunt is at present visiting Melbourne as representing the Band of Hope Union of W.A. Mr. Harry P. Manning has been a welcome visitor here after an absence of 18 years. He was one time a preacher of the churches at Maylands, Fremantle and Brookton.

# Church Sign and Betting

Ethelbert Davis, conference president of N.S.W., tells of progress in various churches, of social problems, and of movements of men.

**"CHURCH Sign Blamed for Betting"** was the heading of a report in the press on a recent evening. "A signboard," so said the report, "outside Canon Hammond's church was blamed by a man in Newtown Court today for his betting." A wayside pulpit message for the week read: "Bookmakers and racehorses live on green things." B. J. Conaty, who pleaded guilty to a charge of S.P. betting, said he saw the slogan and thought he would give it a go. Said he, "The green punters kept me for a time, but then they came good and took it back with interest. Friends advised me to carry on, saying that things would swing my way; but the only thing that swung my way was the betting squad's car, and away I went."

Conaty said there were six in the business—his wife, four children and himself. "Four children." We know of a number of children who are being used in that way. It is not an uncommon thing to see children running on such errands on Saturdays and Sundays. We know of Sunday school children against their wish being compelled by their parents to run round their patrons.

On a train recently we saw mothers and fathers giving their children money and betting books, and telling them on which horses to put their money. Some of the children were not more than ten years of age, but they had their own choice of horses. In gambling, as in other things, many parents are responsible for children's wrongdoing.

## Convention

Three weeks ago the churches in the New-castle district held one of their quarterly conventions. The convention was held at Mere-

wether, with afternoon and evening sessions. The participating churches were Georgetown, Hamilton, Mayfield, Kurri and Merewether. Each church was well represented.

Enthusiasm ran high which, with the numbers attending, evidenced the interest and activity of the churches. Plans are under consideration for opening the work in several other centres. The writer addressed the two sessions of the convention on the Saturday and visited three churches on Sunday.

## Revival Campaign

The church at Hurstville has just completed a week's special meetings. It was a spiritual and teaching revival campaign. There was a different speaker each night. The subjects are worthy of note. "The Place of the Church in the Purposes of God," "The Fellowship of the New Testament Church," "The Evangelistic Spirit of the New Testament Church," "Restoring the Work of a Great Master," "Women's Work in the New Testament Church," "The Prayer Life of the New Testament Church," "The Place of the Lord's Table in the New Testament Church."

## Poet of Empire

F. J. Funston writes on Hymn No. 853, used in service of September 23.

**T**O form a just estimate of Rudyard Kipling is beyond the present writer. Though Kipling was awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1907, his only Poet Laureateship was purely "unofficial"—perhaps because he occasionally dared to pen criticisms unwelcome in the highest Government circles.

Birth and early experiences in India; a father who was artist, public servant, and museum curator; a mother who was a daughter of the manse; several world tours; years of residence in Vermont and South Africa; a long period of comparative retirement in the beauties of Sussex—these were outward factors contributing to the Kipling the Empire knew for so long.

His keen powers of observation and imagination; his belief in Britishers as the Lord's people commissioned to bring peace, prosperity, clean living and good fellowship; his facility in poetic and prose expression—these were some of the more inward components.

Typical products from such constituents are "The Jungle Books," "Barrackroom Ballads," "Stalky and Co.," and such fragments as "The Absent-minded Beggar," "Mandalay," "If—" and "O East is East." That the bodies of Kipling and of King George V. were simultaneously en route for their respective resting-places seems somehow symbolic!

One of Kipling's "hymns" is that of the Scots engineer McAndrew, who says: "From coupler-flange to spindle-guide, I see thy hand, O God"; who thinks of "The man that counts, w' all his runs one million mile o' sea: Four time the span from earth to moon.

Flow far, O Lord from thee?"; and who in the Southern Ocean sees "Hail, Snow and Ice that praise the Lord"—with the addendum: "I've met them at their work and wished we had another route or they another kirk."

"Puck of Pook's Hill," the book in which to-day's hymn was published in 1906, is a fanciful work in which two children in Sussex fields meet Puck himself, who gives them rights to all old England and leads them in a series of adventures and meetings in which they realise the antiquity of their land and the contributions made to the real life of the people by the folk of past centuries. From such a background spring these eight verses, named "The Children's Song"—the final poem of the book. In many fashion Kipling preaches here as elsewhere clean living, moral strength, courage and the value of the simple things of life.



# Boys Need Friends

## Victorian Explorer Boys' Camp

W. R. Hibburt

ferred and selected the name of an Australian explorer, and thereafter the groups were known as Eyre, Wentworth, Flinders, Wills, Forrest and Captain Cook. The leaders were addressed by the name of the chosen explorer. A system of points was established and awarded for all activities. The discipline of the boys was excellent. Not one boy found camp duties irksome. The response to the spiritual, social and physical sessions delighted the leaders.

### Programme

The camp site proved suitable for boys' work. The creek attracted, the hills challenged, the trees and the distant mountains impressed, and bush tracks offered pleasant hikes. The daily programme commenced at 7 a.m. and observed the following routine:—Get up, fresh up (physically and spiritually), clean up room, check up (camp inspection), team up (games), cook turns up (morning soup), camp tune up for sing, study and story, free period, lunch, compulsory rest period, sports, tea, social hour, close of day exercises, bedtime, lights out 10 p.m.

### Leaders

The following team shared the oversight and work of the camp: W. F. Newham (camp chief), W. R. Hibburt (camp director), Mr. and Mrs. E. Trew and Mrs. I. Beanland (cooks), W. Davis (property supervisor), R. W. Graham (chaplain), and Messrs. H. Friele, I. Nankivell, G. Daff, L. Withers, D. W. Hibburt group leaders.

THERE were boys and boys and boys at the September School Holiday Explorer Camp at the Waterman Memorial Camp Site. What a variety of boys! Some were from rural areas, some from inner and outer suburbs of Melbourne, some fat, some with high and some with low pitched voices, but all were splendid men in the making.

### Keen Appetites

For six days 62 boys kept three cooks busy from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. They gobbled up 100 feet of bread, ate 175 lbs. of meat, 2 bags of potatoes and carrots, 20 lbs. of butter, four cases of oranges, 2 cases of apples, and 104 pints of milk.

### Keen Explorers

Upon arrival they were divided into groups with special group leaders. The groups con-

## The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

"LIFE is too short to waste  
In critic peep or cynic bark,  
Quarrel or reprimand;  
'Twill soon be dark:  
Up! mind thine own aim,  
And God speed the mark!"

### THE LOST ROSE

JOHN the gardener was indignant because one of his best roses had been cut on the morning of the flower show. He had been a bright Christian worker, but after the loss of his little girl, all was black. He had given up all Christian work and had begun to drift. The master greeted him with these words: "For whom do you grow these roses, John?" "For you, sir." "And can't I have any one I choose?" "Certainly, sir." "And have you any right to complain?" "No, sir." "Well," said the master quietly, "you had a lovely rose. You were training her for God, but he wanted her. Have you any right to complain, John?" Meekly and silently the gardener bowed to the divine will. On the tombstone are these words: "Who cut this rose? The Master—and the gardener held his peace."

A minister recently told me that he had occasion, a few days before, to visit seven hospitals. Arriving in Melbourne, he attempted to board a tram-car just as it had started to move off. An inspector held him back, and said, "Hey, what's the hurry?" "I've got to visit seven hospitals," replied the minister. The inspector said, "Better to be twenty minutes too late in this world than twenty years too early in the next."

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—DYING TO LIVE

- Oct. 1—1 Cor. 15: 20-28.
- " 2—Eph. 2: 1-10.
- " 3—Heb. 10: 19-25.
- " 4—Titus 3: 1-9.
- " 5—1 Pet. 1: 13-25.
- " 6—Rom. 6: 1-14.
- " 7—Isalah 1: 16-31; Romans 6: 15-23.

ALL men, through sin, are wending their way to the tomb; but ere we pass through the shadows we must die with our Lord, and be raised with him to life everlasting, so that death shall have no more dominion over us. And dying to sin, we should no longer live therein. Being buried with our Saviour in baptism, we are raised to a new life, and must walk along a new way. Being crucified with Jesus, we should leave the sinful body in the grave, and live the resurrected life. No longer should we be in bondage to sin, but bond-servants to our great Deliverer. No longer should we yield our members as instruments of unrighteousness, but present all our faculties for use in the service of our only Master. No longer should we engage in fruitless deeds, the only wages being death, but give ourselves unreservedly to the only service which produces the fruit of sanctification, and culminates in everlasting life. In this way alone we die with Christ, in order that we may live with him.

"Love is the emblem of eternity: it conquers all notion of time; effaces all memory of a beginning, all fear of an end."

## Our Overseas Work

### INDIAN MAILS

#### New Workers

BOTH Miss Walker and Miss Taylor refer to the splendid trip to India, the warm welcome received, and the settling in to language study. Both are located for the present at Shrigonda. More details of these workers will be given in future issues.

#### Food Supplies from Australia

Miss Vawser writes in appreciation of the good things sent out from Australia, and what it has meant to the missionaries on the field. All foodstuffs were dear, but all goods other than native goods extremely dear and in short supply; hence the boon in receiving the Australian goods. Even after these months, some of these stores remain. Miss Vawser comments, "Everyone says they do



India's Appeal.

not know how they would have managed without the goods sent out by the home board." The home board add that such sendings would have been impossible without the donations so generously sent by the churches throughout Australia.

#### Plague Epidemic

A fairly serious epidemic of plague has broken out in Baramati area. As missionaries were to gather for the annual meetings in August, all had to be inoculated; and at the time of writing most were feeling the effects. No word has been received telling of any serious results of the plague upon the Indian peoples.

#### Good Rains

Delight has been expressed, and Indian people rejoice because of good rains. It is anticipated now that a good harvest will be reaped. This will mean a tremendous blessing to India's millions who have suffered so much in recent years.

### ANNUAL OFFERING

ONLY a few churches remain who have not reported for 1945. Some States have made advances, whilst others have not quite reached last year's figures. Including an amount (£250) reported from Tasmania, but not yet received, the final figures show a total of £6582, or approximately £75 less than last year's totals. Whilst reporting churches might make up the difference, it is certain the £7000 aim will not be reached. Expenses during current year are likely to be in advance over any previous year.

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# Here and There

The church at Bowral, N.S.W., has not yet been given permission to build, and as a result a church which gave evidence of rapid advance is compelled to mark time.

The following message was received by telegram on Sept. 24: "Hinrichsen-Morris commenced mission at Grafton, N.S.W., yesterday; two adult decisions.—Pond."

Stuart Stevens, preacher of Enmore church, N.S.W., and secretary of the Australian Council of Churches, was in Melbourne last week when delegates from various States gathered to attend a meeting of council.

C. P. Hughes, preacher of church at Hobart, Tas., and J. Park, secretary, who are leaders in temperance work in that State, were in Melbourne on Sept. 16 to attend a conference of the Australian Temperance Council.

A. E. Forbes, whose ministry in the churches and among men of the Forces has been much appreciated, is very ill. He has been in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robbins, of Brighton Beach, Vic., during recent weeks.

J. I. Walmsley reports that in the Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Swan Hill, Vic., there were crowded meetings on Sunday, Sept. 23; 12 were received, 3 were baptised, and 5 made the decision, bringing total to 37.

Another of the well-known and well-loved members of the churches of Christ in New South Wales has passed away in the person of the Hon. D. R. Hall. He had only returned from England a few days when he was taken to hospital, and after a few weeks' illness died.

A. B. McDiarmid, M.A., Dip.Journ., at the request of the Christchurch, N.Z., daily "The Press," wrote an interesting account of the problems facing the National Council of Churches. About 200 delegates from various parts of New Zealand met on Aug. 28-Sept. 4 to develop unity within church.

Members of the Victorian Churches of Christ University Students' Fellowship are being entertained by Camberwell church on Sunday, Oct. 7. They are desirous of being joined by students from secondary schools at the special service to follow. The service is being led by W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D., and aims to encourage and enrich students.

Churches are invited to express their appreciation of the services of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, by an offering of at least £2000 on Oct. 7. Reports from States are encouraging, and in view of the needs of work the goal is not too high. The bank overdraft last week was nearly £1000, and the board is depending on annual offering to balance accounts for year.

At West Preston, Vic., two young ladies from Bible class have been received by faith and baptism. Prior to their marriage Dulcie Stevens and Eric Fennel were entertained by members of church at a social evening, when a presentation was made on behalf of church membership. J.C.E. is flourishing, and gained first place at recent talent quest held at Lygon-st. Mr. Wigney was welcomed home on leave on morning of Sept. 23. Mr. Withers has been speaker at all recent services with exception of Sunday morning service, when Mr. Saunders delivered a splendid message.

At Frankston, Vic., in Mr. Hagger's absence in S.A., speakers were Mr. Crawshaw, J. McKenzie and G. W. Barnett. J. McKenzie and G. W. Barnett also conducted services at Moorooduc. Youth fellowship was held at home of Misses Etheridge. Mr. Tomlinson (C.I.M.) was speaker. Women's Mission Band visited C. of C. women's guild anniversary. A group meeting of Women's World Day of Prayer movement was held at Presbyterian church over which one of our ladies presided. Mrs. McCann, Vic. secretary Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, was speaker. Ladies from all local churches assisted with programme.

The week ending September 22 proved one of great activity amongst Victorian youth. Over 100 Explorers and Good Companions attended a combined hike. The Second Degree Good Companion Clubs combined in a devotional rally, and Junior Endeavorers in a talent quest. Bible school superintendents and secretaries met for tea and conference when the 1945 efficiency campaign was introduced. The annual prize-giving demonstration was the major youth event of the week.

Anniversary services at Nth. Essendon, Vic., over two Sundays were brought to a successful conclusion on Sept. 23. Speakers for first Sunday were L. Brooker and A. E. White, and for second Sunday B. W. Huntsman and D. Ritchie. This was Mr. White's last Sunday at North Essendon, and church wishes him well in his term in New Zealand. During latter part of last week, the chapel was entered and considerable damage was done. The fund which has been in operation preparing for full-time work has been terminated on reaching £200.

On Sept. 13 officers of Ormond church, Vic., gave a concert to assist Ladies' Aid funds, building being well filled. J. Ritchie is now leading C.E. Society. Sept. 23 was Bible school anniversary. In morning W. W. McDowell was speaker. In afternoon scholars sang beautifully under baton of C. Gadge, G. J. Andrews gave an illustrated address. At night the scholars again sang, and H. B. Robbins gave a stirring message. The chapel was well filled for both services. Bob Alibaster and some helpers have made church grounds look very neat.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, 74 members of Melbourne Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship visited Orthopaedic Hospital at Mount Eliza, where they sang choruses and distributed sweets and Gospels of John to the children. As the Fellowship left the hospital, the president, Mr. Ken Sturgess, presented Matron Ditchburn with a bouquet. The young people then journeyed back to Frankston, where an open-air witness was held. At conclusion, enquiries were made from onlookers seeking the way to happiness which the young people of the Fellowship had found in Christ.

At Geelong, Vic., an inspirational convention of the three churches of Christ in Geelong was held on Sept. 22 at Latrobe-ter. chapel. There was a good attendance at all sessions, with bright singing. Speakers were J. Methven and D. R. Stirling, who spoke on two different aspects of the plea of churches of Christ. At afternoon and evening sessions, several questions were asked of the speakers. Song-leaders were E. Mitchell, of Belmont church, and R. Tattersal, of Drumcondra church. A basket tea arranged by members of Ladies' Aid was enjoyed. A profitable discussion arose at tea table, out of which it is hoped a forward move will result.

Much groundwork has been done at Dimboola, Vic., in preparation for Macnaughtan-Saunders tent mission which commences on Sept. 30. The whole town was visited house to house, and a Sunday school commenced, about 20 attending. Regular afternoon services have averaged 25. The coming of Mr. and Mrs. Swalwell and family has proved a blessing. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. G. Warner in the loss of loved ones in P.O.W. camps. On Sept. 11 a concert party of 40 journeyed from Horsham and presented a splendid programme to an appreciative audience. The function advertised the church of Christ and made a fine impression. C. W. Jackel has been giving special attention to regular services, visitation, and organising for mission. Co-operation of Kaniva officers and preacher is appreciated. Delegations are expected from this, Warracknabeal and Horsham circuit.

# Various Topics

THE return to Australia of men and women who were prisoners of war, and good news of the release of others, furnish occasion for heartfelt thanksgiving. In the homes of many of our brethren there has been overflowing joy at the news of the safety of loved ones, the uncertainty of whose fate caused anxiety for months and even years. To family welcomes will be added the welcome of Christians who fulfil the scriptural injunction to "rejoice with those that do rejoice." Many people are still anxious. The pictures of ill-treated prisoners and the reports of enemy atrocities add to their burden, and make the hearts of us all sad. We pray that the anxiety of those awaiting news may soon be relieved, and that the Lord will comfort the hearts of those who know their loved ones will not return.

## Children Must Be Taught

Mr. A. R. Holmes, Anglican minister at Merewether, N.S.W., told the Anglican General Synod in Sydney some startling things about the need of religious education. He is reported as saying that of about 2000 Newcastle children whom he examined on religious subjects, 60 per cent. did not know what Christmas or Easter stood for. Some children named Bishop de Witt Batty of Newcastle as one of the twelve apostles. Mr. Holmes said that more children used to attend Sunday schools than ordinary schools, but now less than a quarter of these pupils now attended Sunday schools. With these sad conditions on his mind, it is perhaps little wonder that Mr. Holmes was led to make the extravagant statement that "Australians have five gods—film stars, speed, sport, sex and self. Newcastle school-girls seem to know who appears in all the latest films, and the boys know about race winners; but they don't know anything of God or religion." Such statements as quoted are at least challenging, to use a somewhat over-worked word. They indicate the imperative need of an intensive effort to instruct the rising generation in the Christian faith, in week-day and Sunday school.

## Federal Union Voted

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, held in Melbourne, has agreed to enter in federal union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches. As the three churches have now agreed, the union should shortly take place. A commonwealth authority will be set up, to which will be relegated the duty of directing the departmental work of the three churches, which have agreed to take united action in the training of the ministry, youth work, home missions and evangelism, public and social questions. Newspaper reporters were not allowed to report the discussion, but it is announced that an amendment which would have had the effect of shelving was defeated by 141 votes to 54 on a division. The debate lasted three hours. The federal union is regarded as a step towards a closer and corporate union. The Assembly, it is reported, also decided that the Presbyterian Church should become a constituent member of the Australian Christian Council in communion with the World Council of Churches.

This agreement between the three churches has rightly been called "the highlight of church news" for the week, and "a progressive step." Union will give increased influence to the witness of these churches and their action in relation to public and social questions. It is very gratifying to see the increasing desire for union. Would that all Christian people might come to keep the unity of the Spirit as set forth in the apostolic writings.

—A. R. MAIN.

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**West Hobart.**—For Youth Week celebrations from Sept. 9 to 16 inclusive, H. E. R. Steele (Invermay) was speaker. During week Collins-st. and West Hobart churches combined services, Thursday and Friday night meetings being held at West Hobart. All were very well attended. Mr. Steele was speaker on morning of Sept. 16. J. C. Woolley and Mrs. Bellette are home from hospital. Mr. and Mrs. C. Jacobson were received into fellowship. Mr. Bellette led song service prior to gospel service, at which Mr. Amos preached to a good gathering. Visitors included Ray Lillye, who returns to his unit, and P. Taylor, who is to be discharged. Soloist was Sister H. Cooper. News has been received that J. P. Young and D. Morris are both safe and well after internment. Bible school has been regraded. There are now nine classes and kinders, with 14 teachers and two relieving teachers, and three on staff.

## Queenland

**Gympie.**—Temperance Sunday, Sept. 9, was observed with special sermons and temperance choruses. Several children signed pledge in Sunday school, and some have joined Scripture



The Chapel at Gympie.

Union Bible reading plan. A retiring offering has been received at Gympie and Monkland for Incorporation Board. R. Culbert, late A.I.F., presided at Monkland on Sept. 16.

**Ipswich.**—Meetings are well attended. S.S. is preparing for anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Steele have been received by letter from Boonah and Charters Towers. Youth fellowship tea on Sept. 2 was a great success. The church owes much to C. Orr for success of these meetings. Miss A. Hey was baptised on Sept. 9. Charlie Kimber, from Air Force, had fellowship with church and helped in C.E. meetings.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—At Bible schools demonstration Lake-st. school received pennant for second place in its division of increase and attendance campaign. On morning of Sept. 16, 55th anniversary celebrations of church were commenced. There was a large attendance. Visitors included Mrs. Gordon Pierce (Ferntree Gully, Vic.), and many formerly in membership. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. Hedger on the passing of her husband, a former member at Lake-st. A talk by J. Wiltshire inspired all. At 7.30 p.m., by request, the men repeated item of previous Sunday. Mrs. Watson, Mrs. C. Ewers, A. B. Povey and E. R. Berry rendered a quartette. J. K. Robinson was preacher.

**Inglewood.**—An evening was held to welcome home C. Biddle, P.O.W., O. Biddle, R. Chessell and R. Riessen. Several members spoke words of welcome, and R. Riessen responded for the returned men. T. Peacock is in Bethesda Hospital as result of a stroke of paralysis. Members miss him very much. Three young people were baptised on Sept. 2. Attendances were on up-grade, but sickness has affected attendances at some meetings. Miss Rinder was baptised and received into membership on Sept. 16.

**Harvey.**—Church anniversary services were celebrated on Sept. 2. Mr. Bamford was speaker. After evening service choir gave special items, and solos and duets were also contributed. Special offering for church building realised £26. On following Tuesday a social evening was combined with Miss Nell Coombe's coming of age party. A presentation was made, also a cake made and presented by Mrs. Higgins. Mr. Livingstone has returned home after receiving special treatment at Perth Repatriation Hospital.

## South Australia

**York.**—On Sept. 9 C. H. Hunt, from W.A., exhorted church in morning. Several conference visitors were welcomed. At night A. C. Killmier, of Naracoorte, a past preacher of church, gave gospel message. Mrs. G. Glastonbury rendered a solo. All were glad to renew fellowship with K. Hammond, from Services, and J. Follett, jun., returned after being away with A.W.C. He has been appointed a deacon. Junior C.E. gained honor banner for churches of Christ union at State conference. Mrs. Valladers has been called upon to part with her father. J. Follett has called home at the age of 93. Sympathy of church goes out to the bereaved.

**Whyalla.**—On Sept. 16 the new kindergarten room was declared open by superintendent, M. Smith. After the ceremony the children gave items, and an offering for kinder equipment amounted to £2/10/-. A number of parents were present. During absence of Mr. Matthews at conference, Mr. Berry, of Cottonville, gave morning exhortation and Mr. Cox gave the gospel message. Country J.C.E. banner was awarded to Whyalla juniors. Twelve scholars sat for scripture examination and gained seven certificates of merit, five certificates. Second meeting of United Christian Men's Fellowship has been held. Prayer meetings continue to be held in homes on Wednesday evenings. Average attendance, 15.

**Flinders Park.**—On Sept. 9 S. E. Matthews, from Whyalla, addressed church, also visiting J.C.E.; and in evening F. Hollams preached. Intermediate Endeavorers retained banner for Church of Christ C.E. Union, juniors gaining second position. The church has had fellowship with visitors, including Joan Little on leave from Services. Basil Anderson has received his discharge from Air Force. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Shire and family in loss of her mother. Mrs. Francis is in Royal Hospital, having undergone an operation, and is progressing favorably. Margaret Challenger, who had an operation on Sept. 15, at same hospital, is also doing well. Mrs. Gehlkin met with an accident, and is now on road to recovery.

**Queenstown.**—Annual business meeting and election of officers was held on Sept. 3. A. G. Hinde was elected elder and W. Myall and M. Schmidt deacons for first time. Good reports were received from all auxiliaries, especially Endeavor societies and Bible school. School anticipate commencing a junior young men's class with Mr. Hinde leader, apart from adult Bible class. G. C. Purdie and G. A. Foote, jun., have assisted Mr. Brooker with exhortations during recent weeks and Mr. Brooker has preached at gospel meetings. Mrs. John

Thompson, sen., is still seriously ill. Keith Hopkins, R.A.A.F., has returned and is now discharged. Alan Martin, R.A.N., now out of hospital, has been able to have fellowship with church.

**Cheltenham.**—Members appreciate N. G. Noble's Sunday morning expositions on Romans. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hawker were received by letter on Sept. 2. Lectures for S.S. teachers and others are now held at close of Wednesday Y.P.S.C.E. A practical exhortation was given by F. G. Banks on Sept. 9. Preacher has commenced Bible in schools lessons at Al-ber-ton (Wednesday) and Pennington (Friday) State schools with boys of 13 and 14 years. Men's monthly tea session on Sept. 16 received an instructive address from Sgt. Angas Young (A.I.F. five years). Members of guild responded to September invitations from guilds of Cheltenham Congregational church and Al-ber-ton church of Christ. There is some increase in active Junior Endeavor and the Boys' Club.

**Unley.**—A children's talk is given each Sunday evening by Mr. Norris, and in addition to an item from choir, several have assisted with musical items. Most local meetings were suspended during conference, and members attended conference meetings in large numbers and received much inspiration. Dr. Trevor Turner has been chosen president-elect for S.A. conference. Doug. Lawrence, looking fit and well, was present on Sept. 16, after being a prisoner of war in Germany. Miss E. M. Cornish, a faithful member for many years, passed away suddenly. Leadlight windows installed last week were made possible by an offer accepted by church officers from W. L. Johnston as a thankoffering for over fifty years' worship in Park-st. church, and as a desire to complete effect of leadlight windows surrounding platform. Among visitors have been Cpl. Ray Fisher (Bordertown) and Mr. Williams (Melbourne). Tennis club members are clearing courts at Parklands and at side of chapel.

**Balaklava.**—Worship and gospel services have been well maintained. One young man confessed Christ and has been baptised. W/O Dora M. Hutson, the preacher's daughter, has been home on leave from W.A., and has had fellowship with church. Adelaide Plains District C.E. Union held half-yearly rally at Owen. It was well attended by junior and Y.P. societies. State C.E. president was speaker. Mr. Hutson, was appointed president-elect of District Union. C. Schwab visited church on a recent Sunday morning and spoke on claims of centenary funds. Agent of B. & F. Bible Society presented claims of the society in a lantern address. At annual meeting Miss E. Webb was re-appointed secretary and A. Hutson president of local branch. R. Lock, R.A.A.F., was given a farewell tea by members prior to being transferred to Victoria. On morning of Sept. 17 Mr. Hutson gave the church a resume of State conference. A social evening was held on Sept. 17 to congratulate Jack Roberts and Thelma Shrubsole on attaining age of twenty-one. Presentations were made by the young people.

**Cottonville.**—Services have been well maintained, and State conference sessions well supported. Bible school scholars gave an item at demonstration in Adelaide Town Hall. Tennis club has been re-formed with Mr. Brooke president, C. Hogben and W. Ferris vice-presidents, and Rex Gloyn secretary and treasurer. A working bee was held on Sept 15 to get courts ready for play. J.C.E. reports good meetings, while I.C.E. has launched an efficiency campaign and re-introduced committee system. There are now 33 on roll. Mrs. Coates, Miss Pam Lythgoe and Miss Valerie Williamson have been added to kindergarten staff. A Good Companions' girls' club has been formed with following officers: Chaperon, Mrs. Bartlett; president, Miss A. Bartlett; secretary, Miss B. Hogben; treasurer, Miss V. Beck. Further plans have been made for church's 50th anniversary in 1946. Peter Western has been discharged from

A.I.F. All other men on service are in good health and bright spirits. Girls' "A" basketball team has reached finals. Ron Rose will shortly leave for the country, where he will be working. Mrs. Wise, who was in membership with church, is ill in hospital.

## New South Wales

**Marrickville.**—Meetings during month were well maintained in spite of sickness. Bible class tea on Sept. 2 was addressed by G. H. Eagar (Penshurst). On Sept. 12, 66 adults and children attended cradle roll picnic, an enjoyable day being spent at Riverside Park. Endeavors have been preparing for anniversary. Anthems by the choir are appreciated. Sgt. Wal. Francis is enjoying home leave.

**Inverell.**—Prior to her departure for Armidale Teachers' College, Peggy Goode received a gift from young people of church. Members gave a warm welcome to E. C. Hinrichsen on Sept. 6. He visited Inverell in interests of home missions and Woolwich Bible College. During absence of Mr. Burgin, conducting a mission at Albion, services were maintained by Messrs. Brooks, Parkinson, Stone and Goode.

**Canterbury-Earlwood.**—On Sept. 16 Mr. and Mrs. T. Coward, Brisbane, were amongst visitors. A. W. Morris, the Fairfield preacher, gave a splendid exhortation. Building was well filled for gospel meeting, when Dr. J. Hinrichsen gave a powerful address. Mrs. Vincent has received good news of her son, who has been in Japanese hands for some time. Young people's choir has been invited to join combined choir to sing at Y.P.D. demonstration in October.

**Lismore.**—Speaker at gospel service on Aug. 26 was Frank Collingwood, on holidays from college, Glen Iris. Ladies recently held two successful social afternoons at homes of Mrs. S. McDonald and Mrs. Stock. The latter, who through age is unable to attend these meetings, was in this way given fellowship of the ladies. On Sept. 1 Miss Kathleen Butters was married to F/O E. Klemm. Recent visitors have included Sgt. A. Rossiter, A.I.F., and P/O R. Savill, R.A.A.F., on leave.

**Wagga.**—Services during past four weeks have been special. On Aug. 26 Glen Brown, of Sydney, a former Wagga boy and graduate of college at Woolwich, gave two splendid addresses. It was good to see aged Mrs. A. Brown, sen., at gospel service to hear her grandson speak. On Sept. 2 R. Greenhalgh, youth director, made his first visit to Wagga. His stirring addresses were appreciated by all. Services on Sept. 9 and 16 were all taken by E. C. Hinrichsen, and the church was inspired by his messages. The building was crowded, approximately 200 being present at gospel service on Sept. 16. During past two weeks Mr. Wenk has been seriously ill in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan and family have also all been sick.

## Victoria

**Brunswick.**—Among many Service-men visitors was Mr. Overton, from W.A. Since liberation parents of D. J. Jenkin have received four letters from him; he is in Changi camp, Singapore.

**Hampton.**—At conclusion of address of C. L. Lang on evening of Sept. 23, two Bible school scholars, Marie Kruse and Pat Allen, made their stand for Christ. Temple Day offering has reached £137/16/4.

**Merbein.**—Recently Mr. Lewis and Mr. Snow, of Mildura, gave helpful addresses at morning meetings. Newly-formed J.C.E., under leadership of Mrs. Potter, is making good progress. On Aug. 21 Merbein united women's prayer meeting was held in chapel with splendid attendance. On Aug. 29, Women's Mission Band birthday was held, and many visitors attended. Norm Oakes is home on leave. Annual church meeting was held at conclusion of fellowship tea on Sept. 16.

**North Williamstown.**—Bright, helpful services marked Bible school anniversary on Sept. 2 and 9. Speakers were R. Muller, R. Lane and J. E. Searle. On Sept. 15, Girls' Fellowship held a social evening in aid of funds for Bible school. Installation of hearing aids for older members is another forward move. Church rejoices with Mrs. J. E. Thomas and family at news of safety of her son Donald, P.O.W. in Siam.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—A splendid day of fellowship was enjoyed on Sept. 16, all meetings being well attended. F. E. Buckingham spoke at both services. At conclusion of evening address an elderly man, a preacher of many years in a denominational church, made the good confession, expressing desire for Christian baptism. Choir rendered an anthem. Messrs. Griffiths, Potter, Robinson and Webb formed a quartette. Miss Joan Mott was soloist. Many visitors were present.

**Woorinen.**—Meetings have been fairly well attended. Some members have been sick. Sister Baxter, who underwent an operation, is home and improving. Mr. Stewart, preacher at Thornbury, addressed church on morning of Sept. 2. Sunday school anniversary was held in afternoon, and chapel was full. Bright singing by scholars, and an interesting talk by Mr. Saunders, made a happy occasion. Prizes were distributed. Sunday school picnic on Wednesday was enjoyable, and a large number of parents and friends attended to help teachers with games and tea for children. K. A. Maenaughtan addressed church helpfully on Sept. 9. Members have been journeying to Swan Hill to enjoy the mission there.

**Hartwell.**—On Sept. 2 Mr. Dick, from Camberwell Baptist, was speaker in interests of B. & F. Bible Society, and in evening E. Cole, of Sudan United Mission, gave a lantern lecture. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of L. Piper. Church rejoices with Mrs. Smith that her husband is reported safe in Singapore. Ted Moore has been discharged from A.I.F. At annual meeting of Y.P.S.C.E. Shirley Wright was elected secretary. Tennis club won premiership of eastern suburbs in C. of C. Association. Cricket club has entered a team in local district competition. Jessie Walton and Mrs. Morrison are laid aside with illness.

**Warracknabeal.**—Services improved during past weeks. While Mr. Black was on annual holidays, services were conducted by Mr. Denyer (Baptist), Mr. Parkinson (Presbyterian), and Mr. Earl, who are thanked for their help. Sisters Crocker, E. Parsons and L. Parsons have recovered from illness, and are able to renew fellowship with church. Mary Cunningham was married on Aug. 25. Best wishes of church go with her. She was recipient of a Bible. Sunday school average attendance over past six months was 44. On Sept. 16 there were 47 present. Eight scholars obtained awards at scripture examination. A choir is helpful in evening services. Clubs commenced for girls and boys in National Fitness movement are popular, two competent young folk giving instruction. R. Ennis on morning of Sept. 16 gave a helpful address. He, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, W. Gale and J. Holloway were present in connection with business in which they were vitally interested.

**Boronia.**—Thanksgiving service was held in conjunction with combined churches and citizens in Electra Theatre. Mr. and Mrs. Craine have transferred from Camberwell to Boronia. Visitors have included Chaplain P. R. Thickers. To cater for interests of young a Junior Youth Fellowship has been formed. In connection with it an "every Saturday afternoon working bee" has re-forming of tennis court in hand. Ft. Lieut. Don Maguire has been discharged from R.A.A.F., and with his wife will make a home in Boronia. The church is making every effort to help returning Service-men. Gospel services are well attended. Many visitors are amongst those being helped by Mr. Graham's helpful and encouraging addresses. News of P/O Bill Goodwin states

that he is on his way home. F/O Walter Goodwin is flying P.O.W. and Service personnel from Italy to England. Harold Page, R.A.A.F., is in Townsville.

**French Island.**—J. C. F. Pittman (Chelsea) was speaker on Sept. 16. Nine were present at communion service, and at afternoon gospel service 15.

**Coburg.**—The objective of 100 for breaking of bread has not been reached, but 90 were present on Sept. 9. One lady was received by letter from Footscray Baptist church.

**Emerald.**—On Sept. 16, the church completed 32nd anniversary services. A. Fergeus, of Gardiner church, was guest speaker; he gave two thought-provoking addresses. Many visitors were present, including Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dowsey, from Bamba-rd., who rendered a delightful duet at evening service.

**Preston.**—Mr. Combridge commenced a further term of ministry on Sept. 16, when he entered upon his fourth year with church. A women's choir participated at evening service, rendering specially selected hymns. Miss N. Lang rendered a solo. On Sept. 23, members of K.S.P. club assisted in morning service, Mr. Combridge presiding. H. Campbell, State Scribe, delivered the address.

**Mont Albert.**—On Sept. 9 a youth service was held at 7 p.m. R. Hillier gave an excellent address. Good Companions' Club rendered an item. Miss J. Mott was soloist. A. Thurgood and S. Davey, of the college, helped singing with violins. Fellowship was enjoyed with 62 present. On morning of Sept. 23 several were back after illness. Welcome was given to visitors, including L. Potter, of Maylands, S.A.

**Micham.**—On Sept. 15 an Australian tea and social evening took place in kindergarten hall, when £13/6/3 was raised for church building fund. The church is helped by visiting speakers. On Sept. 16 Mr. Lewis exhorted in morning, and in evening Alan Thomas gave gospel message. On Sept. 23 a lantern lecture was given by J. R. Story (ex-missionary from Amazonia), showing Kokoda scenes and mission activities.

**Prahan.**—Attendances at worship services are very encouraging. Mr. McKenzie, of the college, who is training scholars for anniversary, addressed church on Sept. 9. W. Graham was speaker at Mothers' Fellowship on Sept. 11. A cricket club has been formed and entered in South Suburban Association. Visitors have included Pte. Clarke and Reg Braid, home on leave; Mrs. F. T. Burt, of Devonport, Tas. The men of church have decided to form a Church Men's Society.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—First of fellowship meetings planned by Swanston-st. and Lygon-st. churches was held in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Sept. 19. A good gathering was given an inspiring address by E. H. O. Nye, secretary of Methodist Conference. Good meetings were held on Sept. 23. C. G. Taylor spoke at 11 and 7. Bible Class was addressed by Mrs. Kennedy, missionary of Japan, who told of her experiences in that country. A collection for food parcels for churches of Christ people in England amounted to £13.

**Gardiner.**—Mr. Brooke exchanged with Chaplain Rogers for morning service on Sept. 16. Fifty-six men gathered at first anniversary service of Men's Fellowship on afternoon of that day. Visitors included men from similar organisations in neighborhood, F. N. Lee, from Church Men's Society, and Chap.-Gen. Stephenson (Presbyterian), guest speaker, who also brought the message at gospel service, at which a men's double quartette assisted. Men of church entertained ladies at an enjoyable social evening on Sept. 21. Church is rejoicing with Mrs. F. Adams, Mrs. J. E. Thomas and Mrs. B. Pugh in news that Fred



Adams, Don Thomas and Basil Pugh have been located as prisoners of war. Church tennis team was beaten in final, but girls' basketball team won premiership. A. R. Main exhorted church on Sept. 23. Chaplain Theo Fisher, U.S.A., home on leave, was speaker at gospel service.

Ascot Vale.—Don Petrie, discharged from Air Force, gave a fine talk to the children on experiences amongst the natives. Mr. Burt gave address to church and preached at night.

Brighton.—Sept. 23 was home-coming day. Large attendances were a feature at services. 165 broke bread during day. 110 sat down to fellowship tea. W. S. Lowe spoke at both services. J.O.Y. anniversary was held in afternoon, when Ron Saunders was speaker. T. R. Morris is still confined to bed and is making slow progress. Alan Brown has been released from P.O.W. camp, and is on way home. No news has been heard of Percy Mann. Doug Bismire is on way home.

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### MARRIAGE

COOK-SAINTY.—On Aug. 25, 1945, at church of Christ, Rockdale, N.S.W., by Mr. G. E. Burns, Hilda Joyce, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. J. and the late Mr. E. V. Saintry, of Bexley, to James Joseph, R.A.A.F., youngest son of Mrs. S. L. and the late Mr. C. E. Cook, of Tempe.

### DEATH

WILSON.—On Sept. 19, at Brunswick, Agnes, dearly loved sister of Hugh, Tom, Elizabeth (Mrs. W. R. Hibbert), and David Niven, aged 62. Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

### IN MEMORIAM

CARR.—In loving memory of our dear daughter Thelma, who was called home to rest on Sept. 29, 1941, aged 22 years.

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As we meet again in the better land,  
Our loved one we shall meet over there,  
And all our joys together share."

—Inserted by her loving mother, father, brothers, and sister.

CLARK.—In loving memory of my dear husband, who fell asleep in Jesus at Port Fairy, Sept. 19, 1940. Sadly missed and never forgotten.

SAUNDERS.—In loving memory of A. G. Saunders, B.A., beloved husband of Adelaide C. Saunders, and loving father of St. Clair. Late minister of church of Christ, Taree, N.S.W. Called home Sept. 26, 1944. Matt. 5: 8.  
"Strong mind, great heart, true faith, ready hands."

—Inserted by his wife, Adelaide, and daughter, St. Clair.

COOPER.—In treasured memory of mother, who passed into God's care on Sept. 27, 1943.

God has you in heaven, mother, but we always have you in our thoughts.

—Inserted by her loving daughter Ethel.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of my dear daughter and sister Florrie, who was called to higher service on Sept. 21, 1922.

"O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in life's ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be."

—Inserted by her loving mother, brother and sister.

PEDERSEN.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, who was called home to higher service on Sept. 17, 1944. Sadly missed, but always remembered.

—Inserted by her loving son Clarrie, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

PERKINS.—In loving memory of my dear grandson, Vernon Cyril, who died Sept. 30, 1936, the result of an accident.

"A cluster of loving memories,  
The fondest my heart can frame;

I'll weave them into a garland  
And twine them round your name."

—Inserted by his loving grandma, M. Perkins.

### COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 5.—Swanston-st. lecture hall, 2 p.m., Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council will meet. Leader of devotions, Miss G. Wells. Speaker, Mr. C. G. Taylor, B.A.

OCTOBER 30 (Tuesday, 8 p.m.)—Cheltenham (Vic.) chapel. Brotherhood farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, missionaries-elect for New Hebrides. Reserve the date.

### VICTORIAN MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Next meeting,

MONDAY, OCT. 1, 2.30 p.m.,

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OCTOBER 7.

3 p.m., Mr. L. Brooker.

7 p.m., Mr. L. Williams, M.A.

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7 p.m., Mr. C. Page.

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7 p.m., Reg. P. Clark.

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OCTOBER 7—

3 p.m., Mr. A. E. White, Youth Leader-elect of N.Z. 7 p.m., Mr. F. Elliot, of East Kew.

OCTOBER 14—

3 p.m., Mr. W. McDowell, of Ormond. 7 p.m., Mr. G. J. Andrews.

OCTOBER 17—

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Prayer.—O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand, fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love toward thee, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to thy will; and grant that thus loving thee we may become daily more like unto thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those that love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 93.

Meditation.—

"Like thy dancing waves in sunlight,  
Make me glad and free."

Cheerfulness is a sign of mental and spiritual health. A dour Christian neither attracts others to himself nor to his God; but "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Cheerfulness in provoking or humiliating circumstances helps one to be free in spirit though bound by outward restrictions. One thing which amazes us, and for which we are grateful, is the way in which many prisoners of war have been cheerful in spite of terrible conditions. In a real sense it has been their salvation.

Paul and Silas could never have sung when they were in a different type of prison had they not had the joy and freedom of Christ.

Nothing can give to the world such cause for cheerfulness as the gospel of Christ. Who should be more cheerful than the Christian who has been made glad and free through the sunlight of God's love?

Prayer.—Our good Father, we thank thee for life, for breath, for sanity and cheerfulness. We praise thee for our daily opportunity of worship and of work. Our Saviour's example of constant regard for the welfare of his disciples, and of tender solicitude for their growth in knowledge of him, inspires us with trust in his guidance and love. Help us to behold him in every emergency, even as the disciples saw him walking on the sea. And may our alarm, either at the troubles that surround us, or at the strangeness of his coming, give place to assurance and peace in the comfort of his word. Amen. ("The Daily Altar.")

Solo.

Business Session.

Missionary Letter.

News of the Home Base.

Extempore Prayers.

Address.—"The Vision of Brotherhood."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 362, "In Christ there is no east or west."

Prayer.—"O Almighty God, inspire us with this divine principle; kill in us all the seeds of envy and ill-will; and help us, by cultivating within ourselves the love of our neighbor, to improve in the love of thee. Thou hast placed us in various kindreds, friendships and relations, as the school of disciples for our affections. Help us, by the due exercise of them, to improve to perfection; till all partial affection be lost in that entire universal one, and thou, O God, shall be all in all. Amen." (Bishop Joseph Butler, A.D. 1692.)

Benediction.

## EXECUTIVE NOTES

### Western Australia

In spite of a very wet day, there were 50 members and visitors present at August meeting, when Mrs. Hammer brought a message

and told of her desire for mission work from early childhood and for plans for the future at Carnarvon amongst the aborigines. In absence of Mrs. Digwood (the president), Mrs. Ellis (vice-president) presided. The resignation of Mrs. McDiarmid as superintendent of aborigines' work was received with regret. Mrs. Mercer was appointed to the office until conference.

The Conference Auxiliary has helped with the opening of the new "Bethesda" hospital, and now are busy assisting in the furnishing of the camp site, making all the curtains for the windows at a cost of about £15.

### Victoria

The president of the Committee for Youth Problems of To-day brought a stirring message to delegates at the meeting held on Sept. 7. A resume of the work done by the committee since its inception in July, 1942, showed that much thought, time and work had been put into educating the youth of our city on social and other questions. Mrs. J. Hancock led the devotional session.

The president of conference, Mrs. A. W. Cleland, and the Mission Bands secretary, Mrs. W. Wickham, visited Mission Bands at Yarrawonga, Albury and Wangaratta. Mrs. C. Gill, president of Social Service Committee, visited and addressed the church at Hamilton. Mrs. Ward of the same committee addressed meetings at Mildura and Dareton.

The Women's Inter-church Council has accepted a recommendation from the Temperance Committee that all women's and girls' organisations be invited to a conference to discuss plans for more effective liquor reform.

### South Australia

On account of conference being a week earlier, the monthly meeting of the Sisters' Auxiliary was held on August 30. Mrs. H. Brooker led devotions, and business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. C. Verco. Mrs. Gordon Stirling was welcomed.

At the Alliance Fair the churches of Christ still realised the highest amount (£47/10/5). The musical "at home" for crippled children arranged by the United Church Association was a great success. Her Excellency Lady Norrie, and the Lady Mayoress, were present. Mrs. Cornelius was appointed to represent the auxiliary at the Baptist Women's Association, the W.C.T.U. convention, and the Methodist overseas meeting.

The president-elect, Mrs. Cornelius, thanked Mrs. Verco, retiring president, for her leadership during the year.

On Sept 8 the executive of the Sisters' Conference entertained at a social afternoon all who have been in membership for forty years or more, and also country delegates to conference. The programme consisted of recitation by Miss B. McQueen, a solo by Mrs. De Lane, and reminiscences were given by Mr. Harkness, Mr. Burns and Mr. Lawrence, and other pioneer workers.

### Tasmania

Mrs. Hughes presided and Mrs. Clifford led the devotional session at September meeting of the Women's Conference Executive. Splendid reports were read from all committees.

On Sept. 5 sisters from Collins-st. and West Hobart churches conducted the meeting at the City Mission. Mrs. Boxhall, Mission Band superintendent, presided, and Mrs. Hughes gave the address. A solo by Miss Keen and a recitation by Mrs. Watkins were appreciated. Afternoon tea was provided by the visitors,

and Sister Jessie on behalf of the mission thanked those present for their visit and help.

### Queensland

Devotions were led by Mrs. Hermann, who spoke on "Herbs of Healing." Mrs. Lade, the president, asked that the sisters would remember in prayer the immediate past prisoner, Mrs. Harlen, who is ill. Mr. Hermann gave the address, and spoke about the medical side of the missionary work in India.

Mrs. Lade and Mrs. Mills were chosen as delegates to the National Council of Women.

### New South Wales

Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A., was speaker at the Conference Executive meeting on Sept. 7, the president, Mrs. D. Wakeley, presiding.

Mrs. Wakeley was asked to represent the Women's Conference at the Baptist Women's Annual Meeting. Mrs. Maxwell, the home missionary superintendent, has been appointed a representative to the Women's Inter-church Council.

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Mrs. Bates, who was secretary of the Women's Federal Conference when the executive was in Queensland, has been a visitor to New South Wales attending the Religious Education Conference held in Sydney.

A letter has been received from Miss Eadie, who started the Norseman mission, and who is now engaged in Christian work among the Maoris of New Zealand. She gives religious instruction to 75 young folk. One of the half-caste children gained second prize in a competition run by the Religious Education Department of the churches of Christ for an essay on "Why I love Jesus." Miss Eadie visits several places. Her mother lives with her at Tauranga, N.Z.

## TASMANIAN YOUTH WEEK

THE churches in Hobart have enjoyed a week of special meetings for young people. H. E. R. Steele, of Invermay, was speaker, and brought fine messages. In addition to Sunday services in churches, and meetings each night of the week, a tea and tea-table discussion were held. On Saturday evening a social gathering concluded the week's fellowship. At the services, young people helped by presiding, reading, song-leading, and the rendering of musical and elocutionary items. The following individuals assisted in one or more of these capacities: Rex Bullimore, Malcolm Davis, Maurice Boxhall, Lawrance Hughes, John Heard, Dorothy McQueeney, Norma Woolley, Kathleen Emmanuel, Wayne Woolley, Fay Golder, Alison Tease, Mrs. G. Moore, Mrs. I. Cooper, and Collins-st. Sunday school girls. Meetings were well attended, proving interesting and helpful to all. On the last night a book was presented to Mr. Steele as a mark of appreciation.—C.P.H.

### ADDRESS

L. E. Dudley (preacher Echuca church, Vic.).  
—70 High-st., Echuca.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

Members are advised that the tenth annual meeting of the Christian Fellowship Association will take place in the school hall of Lygon-st. church on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7.45 p.m.

Business.—Reception of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Address by Field Representative,  
F. E. Buckingham, "The Programme and Possibilities of C.F.A."

—Will. H. Clay, Secretary.

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AT the climax of a chapter on God's judg-  
ment, Paul says, as God judges, the heart's  
the man. This has been indicated in scripture  
before. Samuel learned the lesson dramati-  
cally in the house of Jesse (1 Sam. 16). Solo-  
mon set the truth in a proverb (Prov. 23: 7).  
In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus indicates  
that the murderer, the adulterer, the liar or  
the blasphemer is he who is such inwardly  
(Matt. 5). Moreover, Jesus forewarns against  
any reliance upon presumptuous claims or re-  
puted discipleship (Matt. 7: 22, 23; Luke 13:  
26, 27).

Paul introduces the lesson here, so as to  
show that in addition to the world curse of  
unsanctified science (Rom. 1: 22), there is  
also the curse of unreal religion: "The name  
of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles  
through you." Is it otherwise to-day when  
religion lacks a realistic social passion, or  
inter-racial goodwill, or a forthright spirit of  
Christian unity? Is it otherwise when love  
for Christ looks like an affectation? When  
talk of prayer appears to be a pose? Or  
where the every-day church member's interest  
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