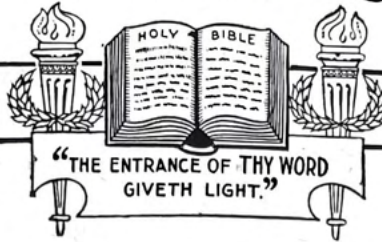


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Judgment to Come

THAT man who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winevat, built a watchtower, and then gave all to his workers, showed he was generous and trusting. Although the servants he sent to collect his share of fruit were ill-treated, stoned, or killed by those unworthy workers, nevertheless he displayed patience by withholding punishment. Finally he sent his son, hoping to win through him the respect and obedience of those faithless men. But believing the vineyard could become their own if the heir were killed, those men slew that son. What ought the master do to those who were ungrateful and who despised his patient pleadings? The Jews who heard the story cried, "Destroy the wretches!" Jesus told the parable to bring out such an answer and to reveal that the gospel is related to judgment.

Since this parable shows the Lord's treatment of Jewish leaders and their reactions, it is clear that God, besides revealing goodness and patience, metes out judgments.

There runs through all the teachings of Christ an emphasis upon punishment for those who do not respond to the Word of God. Many of the parables contain words of warning. What happened to the man who was not prepared to take upon himself any responsibility, and was too lazy to be bothered? He was stripped of everything and cast into outer darkness. How did the neglectful maidens fare when the bridegroom entered the marriage feast and shut the door? They waited in the darkness. That rich man who reclined in ease and promised himself such a "good time," how did he get on? Suddenly he was de-

prived of his material wealth, and was brought face to face with the judgments of eternity.

The warnings of the Master are presented in vivid and awful pictures, full of terror for the condemned.

Not only the Lord's teachings but also the Lord's example suggest the awful fate of the wicked. It was not because of some fiction of the imagination that the Lord took upon himself the form of a man, made himself of no reputation, faced reproach, bore the burden of sin, and endured the anguish of the cross. Only if it were to save men from a real and dreadful fate and to direct them to a higher life would the Master be justified sufficiently to face deliberately the road that led to Calvary.

It is in contrast to the darkness of a sinner's end that the love of God shines brightly. The love of God is an essential fact in the gospel. However, such a love cannot be appreciated adequately until at least we have peeped into the dark abyss of sin depicted by Jesus in various ways in his parables. If we are to convey to men an effective understanding of the love of God, we must know something of the truths that lie beneath his judgments. To stress the love of God without reference to his judgments is to liken God to a sentimental being whom the evil would delight to defy. To emphasise just the wrath of God would likewise misrepresent him. Love and judgment must be harmonised in the presentation of the gospel so that men will flee from the wrath to come, into the arms of God.

When church members are seized with the truth of the full gospel, they will be-

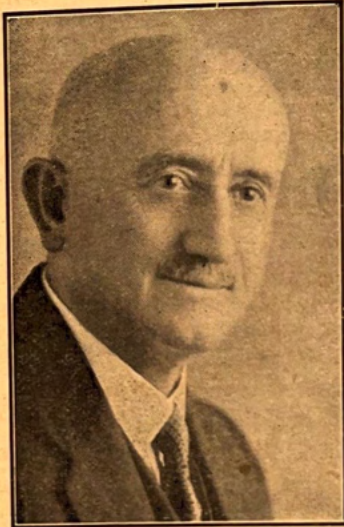
come more eager to support evangelistic services, and will seek to bring men and women within the sound of the gospel. When we all realise that, for the unfaithful and unrepentant, it is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb. 10: 31) we shall not be content to enjoy ease in Zion, but shall be busy "compelling" men to come away from the highways and byways of sin into the kingdom of God.



A Review of Fifty Years

Thomas Hagger, preacher at Frankston, Vic., but known and loved by churches throughout Australia, tells of church experiences from his pioneering days, fifty years ago, until now.

ON July 21, 1895, the writer commenced his work as a full-time preacher of the gospel in the town of Echuca. He had been sent north by the Victorian Home Mission Committee to work a very large district, extending from Kyabram to Mystic Park and Ben-



Thomas Hagger.

jeroop, and then down to Wedderburn. There were eight churches in the district when he started, but some of them were churches in houses numbering eight or ten members. Very soon five other little churches were incorporated in the "circuit." Most of the household congregations have died, but out of their efforts have come some good churches such as Swan Hill and Boort, and some who were members in those little assemblies are still good and faithful members in other places.

Can I recall the names of the members of the Home Mission Committee of that day? D. A. Ewers was conference president, M. McLellan was secretary, and if I remember rightly, W. C. Thurgood was treasurer. Other members of the committee were W. C. Craigie, R. Lyall, F. G. Dunn, W. Wilson, B. J. Kemp, G. B. Moysey, A. H. Bryant, J. Pittman, and R. C. Edwards. Only the last named is with the church on earth to-day.

In carrying on the work, I travelled hundreds of miles with a horse and buggy, and afterwards on a push bicycle. The gospel was preached in the open-air, in farm houses, in barns, in hired halls, in chapels, and wherever a few could be gathered to hear the word. And the Lord blessed the efforts of his people. In two years and nine months, the time I was in the district, 100 souls confessed Christ. A few of these were not baptised, and some of those who were did not remain true. Some have fallen asleep, and some are found to-day still faithfully serving the Master.

The baptisms took place in all kinds of places, wherever there was much water, or at any rate, sufficient to immerse believing penitents into Christ. Sometimes when there was a limited supply, miles were travelled to some lake or stream where sufficient for the purpose could be found, or water would be drained into a hole specially dug and in

shape much like a baptistery. Wherever there was a soul willing to thus obey the Saviour a way was found.

Those were great days, and loyal and faithful were many of those who were found in the churches. But these are great days also, and faithful and true are many found in fellowship to-day. Still a revival of the pioneering spirit would mean that in many places the Lord's Table would be set up where as yet it is not found each Lord's day, and greater efforts would be put forth by many to win others to the "ancient order of things."

At the beginning of my ministry, there were about 9000 members of churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand; now there are over 35,000. Will progress be as great in the next fifty years? That depends upon whether we hold fast to the great plea that has been given to us to urge, or whether we just settle down as a denomination among denominations.



MY ministry was commenced about four years after the first overseas missionary, in the person of Miss Mary Thompson, went to India. This outgoing was one of the results of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wharton, American missionaries to India, who came to Australia on furlough in the year 1889-90. To-day the Australian churches of Christ have extensive work in India, as well as work in the New Hebrides and China. Church members in the New Hebrides total 1285, and in India 511. Those figures tell of progress overseas.

Of course, changes have come over the churches during the half-century under review; some of these changes are for the better and some are for the worse.

Back there generally no organ was used in the services. In some places this did not much matter as the singing was good; but in others it sometimes meant tunes being pitched too high or too low, and sometimes there would be a breakdown in the singing. But the members did try to sing praises to God.

Back there the churches generally were strict on the communion question, and it was not expected that any but baptised believers would partake of the Lord's Supper. It was common to hear the presiding brother make some such remark as, "All baptised believers are welcome to the table." Some of the deacons, however, would go farther, and as they carried round the emblems would sometimes question strangers as to whether they had been baptised or not. Their zeal for the New Testament order is worthy of commendation, but not so their practical application of the New Testament example.

And in many places they were just as strict in the application of the glorious privilege that the church has in being self-supporting, and in not becoming a beggar, seeking from all and sundry the necessary funds wherewith to carry on the Lord's work. Not only did they not seek help from others, but they would refuse it when it was graciously offered. Such a refusal was going too far, I fear.

Not so much dependence was placed upon the supported preacher in those past days. At the beginning of my ministry there were only 34 supported preachers in Australia and

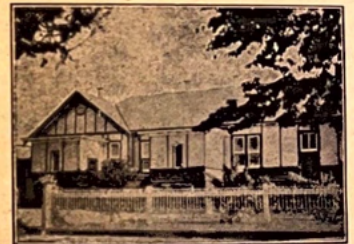
New Zealand. But those were days of earnest individual effort to win others to the truth. Frequently scattered members would win converts, and generally they would proceed to administer the ordinance of believers' baptism in obedience to their Lord. A revival of this pioneering spirit to-day, coupled with the earnest efforts of our supported preachers, should carry our plea throughout the land.

In some churches in those days they had what was called "the open platform." Any brother who felt moved to do so was allowed to proceed to the platform and deliver the message in the communion service. And in some cases they could even select and read the scriptures without appointment. That was certainly taking the spiritual oversight of the church out of the hands of the elders or those who were doing the elders' work. This "open platform" was abused in a number of places, and gradually it has been eliminated in harmony with 1 Corinthians 14: 40 which is rendered by Rotherham, "Let all things, with comeliness and by arrangement, be done."

Possibly more members were conversant with the great plea we urge in those days, and were able to advocate it in conversation with folk with whom they came into contact.

I met with some splendid cases of sacrifice for the cause, and hard work for the church of God in those days; but I have also met with just as commendable cases in these latter days. All the good things and all the good people were not in the past.

As I think of the progress that has been made, I feel glad that the Lord has graciously permitted me to have a small part in the effort that was necessary. And after the lapse of these years, I am more than ever convinced that the plea we urge is right, and that there is no other way in which Christian unity will be brought about than by a return to and a restoration to our day of the simple, brotherly Christianity of the New Testament. But I feel that we need to be more fully surrendered to the Lord, and to the task that he has given us; that we need to preserve our own unity while we plead for the larger



Chapel at Echuca, Vic.

unity, and that such can only be by love and tolerance one toward the other; that we need to be more earnest in the preaching of the gospel, and in seeking to win men and women to our Lord.

Before I close I would bear testimony to the wonderful help the Lord provided for me in the woman he gave to be my wife. Without Mrs. Hagger's help and encouragement, yes, and sometimes criticism, I would not have been able to continue until now.

If I were to have these fifty years over again, and know as much as I now know, I would again be a preacher. It is great to preach Christ; it is a joy to advocate his truth and way; it is unspeakably glorious to help people into the position of safety found in Christ.

Limited Religious Toleration

MANY Indian leaders find it hard to express themselves regarding their attitude to Christianity. On the one hand they see the wholesome good that Christianity is for India, on the other they see the gradual break-up of their old systems. Being honest, they face a very perplexing dilemma. Gandhi is very generous in his praise for all the medical, educational and institutional work done, but says, "There should be no preaching," i.e., no one should be persuaded to leave his old religious beliefs. He is forced to admit inwardly what he will not avow openly, that it is only Christ that causes men and women to leave the security of their homelands and live in under-privileged countries to carry out the tasks which he approves.

A Hindu writing to the Magpur "Independent" said: "I wanted to find out what Hindu leaders were doing in Bihar where two million Harijans (children of God)—Harijans is Gandhi's term for untouchables or outcasts—have been converted to Christianity in the last ten years." . . . Continuing the writer says, "I found Dr. Moonje (Hindu Mahasabha leader) pleading helplessness in arresting the activities of the Christian missionaries in Bihar and Orissa." Dr. Moonje, writing himself about religious tolerance, has this to say: "They can preach and profess their religion as much as they like. . . . Our objection is, and it is a very strong objection, to the foreign missionaries being allowed freedom to proselytise and thus disrupt our nation."

INDIA'S STAGGERING POVERTY

MANY people wonder why the Indian church is not doing more towards self-support, and some assert that medical, orphan and educational work is the task of the Indian Government. One might well ask where is the money coming from to do this gigantic task and when such a task could be undertaken. Christ said, Preach—teach—heal. As



Some of Christ's Poor.

Between 60 and 70 million of such outcasts live in India.

one instance of India's appalling poverty read what one of India's leading newspapers has to say: "The recent Budget Session in the All India Legislative Assembly at New Delhi probably achieved a record in personal of-

fensiveness. But the most haunting statement was by Mr. Ram Singh, a Congress member, who affirmed that '90 per cent. of the people in India do not have two meals a day.'"

RECENT BAPTISMS ON FIELDS

Dhond

LAST Sunday we had two more baptisms at Dhond—a man and his wife, who are members of the Telugu group of Christians in Dhond. It is good to have them come right out on the side of Christ. There are not many of that group who are not definitely Christian now. I spent a bit of time when in Poona trying to arrange for some definite lease of the land they occupy. Some of the Hindu officials are trying to shift them from the place. I had a good deal to do with getting them the land, and I do not now want to see them have to shift. When they get some proper papers, we will assist them to erect a chapel of their own on their ground. I have some money put away for this purpose, and they themselves have done wonderfully well in building up a fund for this purpose.—G. H. Oldfield.

Baramati.—From the Baramati area C. V. Thomas reports the baptism of two young men from the villages. These young men had been contacted earlier, and now on one of his evangelistic tours these young men came to Mr. Thomas and asked for baptism. Several others are making enquiry and not far from the kingdom."

New Hebrides.—"There have been more baptisms on Pentecost from among the heathen on the other side. Pray for them that they may understand what it means to be a Chris-

tian." We also had a baptismal service at Nduindui (Aoba) a few weeks ago, when three were baptised, two heathen and one ex-Roman Catholic.—H. J. Finger.

During recent months, therefore, 18 have been baptised on the Indian field and three on Aoba, plus an unspecified number on Pentecost. Praise God for this response to the preaching of the gospel.

PEARL ANDERSON TRANSFERRED TO INDIA

A LATE message from Pearl Anderson states that she was transferred first to Calcutta, having flown from Kunming (Yunnanfu) in under eight hours. Six nurses were thus transferred, but an urgent demand for X-ray operations arose, and a doctor and Pearl were sent to Lahore to the Indian Medical Hospital X-ray section for training. Pearl was chosen because of her knowledge of English. She states she likes the work very much. She adds, "I wish you could come here to see me; I'm dying to see you all. I miss you a lot at times, you know. I've received three letters from Australia. I don't know them, but they saw my address in 'Pure Words.'"

APPEAL FOR SPECTACLES

FOR use amongst the island peoples, Mrs. Harold Finger appeals for used spectacles. Such glasses must be for the long sight of middle age or old age. Such glasses must not have any correction for astigmatism or other eye defect, as such might only prove harmful to the users. Have you any not in use? If so, send direct to Mr. Ira Paternoster, Church of Christ, Falcon-st., Crow's Nest, Sydney, who will send with island goods as opportunity serves.

Notes on Various Topics

United Nations Charter

THE outstanding event since the surrender of Germany was the signing of the United Nations Charter at San Francisco. President Truman referred to the Charter as "a solid structure on which we can build a better world," and has said that he wants the United States to be the first nation to ratify the Charter. Senator Connally, in seeking a favorable decision by the U.S. Senate, said: "A world charter for peace is knocking at our door; we shall not turn it away." "The fate of the world may rest upon our decision," he added.

The text of the Charter, which has been published in the newspapers, deserves a careful reading by all. The statement of purposes and principles in chapter one is admirable. Amongst the aims are the maintenance of international peace and security; the bringing about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment and settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of peace; the development of friendly relations among the nations; the achievement of international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights, and for fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. No one claims the Charter is perfect, or will never need amendment or adjustment; but it represents a great advance in international relations. A great task confronts the united nations. First, the Charter has to be ratified by the fifty countries. Then comes the great test, indicated by President Truman in the following words: "Upon us all, in all our countries, is

now laid the duty of transforming into action these words you have written. Let us not fail to grasp this supreme task to establish a world-wide rule of reason and to create an enduring peace under the guidance of God."

The Solver of Life's Problems

It was a pleasure to me to read in the Sydney "Sun" an article by Lawrence Hope entitled "Christ Will be Needed to Ensure Peace." Looking to the Peace Conference which must follow, Mr. Hope wrote: "This great conference will fail to solve the world's problems unless Christ is given an important place at the table." "The Christian Gospel," he says, "is the only cure for the present ills of the world." The writer said he recognised there must be just retribution and punishment for the guilty; but he added that if Christ is allowed to make his influence felt and his voice heard, he will say, as he said in the long ago: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy might—and thy neighbor as thyself." That is the solution of the world's problems. Let us hope that Christ will be invited to the Peace Conference.

Christians all believe these things, but we do not always act as if we believed them. I like the insistence on the need of Christ, true Christianity, and the gospel of our Lord. While I rejoice in the acceptance and enunciation of principles which ultimately come from the Lord, something more direct and personal is needed. There are many earnest people who have only an "aftershine of Christianity"; they need the gospel and Christ himself.

A. P. Main

News from the West

R. Raymond, of Subiaco, writes of early W.A. history,
and of evangelistic efforts among children and adults.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA passed another milestone when it celebrated its 116th birthday on June 1. In June, 1829, Capt. James Stirling, his family and intending settlers, numbering 67 persons in all, landed in this State. In this more than a century of history, this wonderful State, taking up one-third of our continent, has not exceeded in population a half a million people. The

New Work

The H.M. Committee has taken steps to organize a new cause at South Perth. For many years Lake-st. church has conducted a Bible school in the district. It is hoped that as early as possible a suitable building will be erected in this district. Building restrictions are the present hindrance. At Geraldton, an important town on the coast about



Perth from King's Park.

anniversary was observed by a public holiday, weather conditions being delightful. Since the holiday we have had the most bountiful rains experienced for many years.

Educating the Sick

The education of the sick in the Children's Hospital has been carried on successfully for some time. Now the Government has decided to erect a modern, specially designed building at the hospital for such inmates as can benefit from the schooling. In some cases the schooling received by children who are detained for long periods approximates to a full curriculum. One of our Subiaco Bible school scholars who has been a bed patient for 18 months will this year sit for his Junior as a result of hospital schooling under the direction of the Education Department.

Tent Missions

The Home Mission Committee, believing that the days of tent evangelism have not passed, is enquiring into the possibility of securing a marquee for this purpose. It is likely we may have two tents, the smaller one being for use in rural districts. The tent used in pre-war days was taken over by the army.

Happy Hour

Lake-st. church pioneered the way in W.A. with its children's mission. J. K. Robinson and A. A. McRoberts ("Uncle Mac" of our radio school) had two weeks of very happy experiences in an after-school series of special meetings with children. Up to 300 youngsters crowd into Lake-st. hall several days a week. It is anticipated that the Bible school will reap quite a harvest of new scholars.

300 miles north of Perth, a little cause has been established. E. H. Eaton is the moving spirit in the new work there. Plans are being made for an extension of the work at Bridgetown. This town is the populous centre of a large fruit-growing and dairying district in the south-west of the State. Land is to be purchased for church purposes, and a tent mission will be held there in the near future.

Prerequisite for Security

P. J. POND, of Grafton, N.S.W., in a recent broadcast address over 2GF said: "The urgent need for the nations now is to find faith in God, on which the structure of social security alone can rest. Whole nations have been brought to the gates of annihilation. Millions of men, women and children are doomed to death before reconstruction can be effected. At San Francisco a conference of world leaders sought a solution for the sorrows of this saddened world. The success of the conference will depend largely upon the extent to which God is taken into consideration. The world has reaped to the full the bitter fruits of its neglect to observe God's righteousness. The idol of brute force, as exemplified in the totalitarianism of Fascism, has fallen, and in its fall has crushed the millions who worshipped at its shrine. It is the return to the Father's house that prodigal nations need most in order to secure reconstruction."

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

"Love and kindness we may measure
By this simple rule alone:
Do we mind our neighbor's pleasure
Just as if it were our own?"

Plans for the Future in New Zealand

In his last letter as our N.Z. correspondent, G. R. Stirling, B.A., announces name of new youth director, and reports on several interesting conferences.

CONFERENCE provided at its last session for regular meetings of leaders of Dominion committees in the form of an advisory council. The first of these meetings was held at the King's Birthday week-end. Much valuable interchange of thought and ideas took place. Inter-committee co-operation was extended. A recommendation has gone from the conference to the brotherhood for the setting up of bursaries for students in the College. A campaign for stewardship in the Bible launched. Brotherhood giving is already fairly good, but this campaign is to be a spur to even better giving. The conference urged the general executive to press forward with plans for the engagement of the best home mission organiser available. Plans were furthered for the engagement of an American mission party.

School of Theology

An interesting venture in Wellington was the school of theology held recently for ministers and others. Representatives of each communion presented the basic elements of their particular emphases. E. P. C. Hollard put the views of the Restoration Movement. This venture is typical of many that arise in the programmes of the newly-formed area committees of the National Council of Churches in various parts of New Zealand.

Winter School

A training school for leaders was undertaken by the Wellington section of the Department of Religious Education at King's Birthday week-end. Eighty-five attended the sessions, studying principles of teaching, drama in Bible school and youth work, constructive recreation, youth programmes and how to run them, and other subjects. Fifty of the students came from outside Wellington and suburbs, some coming 250 miles.

Housing Areas

The conference of committee leaders showed its awareness of the need for vigorous enterprise in the vast new housing areas. It was reported that the newest venture in the Seddon-st. area of the Hutt Valley was to have a full-time minister. N. T. Halg, of Onehunga, is to take over the work in three months. Meanwhile local brethren are taking the services while E. P. C. Hollard takes morning and afternoon services each fortnight.

New Youth Director

Everyone here is delighted to hear that A. E. White, B.A., of Melbourne, is to take over the directorship of the Department of Religious Education, commencing in December. The work is in good heart, and the young people eagerly await the coming of their new director and have pledged loyal support.

Men of tender heart, and loving sympathy, and gentle touch, are wanted to give comfort to the world's sorrow, to help other tempted men in their battles, to rescue the perishing out of their bondage.—J. R. Miller.

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Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

CHARTERS' TOWERS, QLD.

THE young people of the church went to work with a will on Youth Sunday. The town band was asked to give some items during the service, and for the first time in the history of the present church the gallery was used. Various youth organisations were invited. The young people presented their drama, which brought home forcefully to the audience the relevance of the gospel message of Christ in our personal lives, in our homes, in the community, and in the national and international spheres. The drama was partly based upon a booklet issued by the Queensland Young People's Department, but other items were incorporated, and the message from R. G. Kirk's "The Tongues of Men" was very relevant.

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A NEW DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

A RECENT issue of the Castlemaine "Mail" contained a report that indicates encouraging developments in rural youth work. Churches of Christ Midland Young People's Fellowship

Over 70 young people from Bendigo, Maryborough, Sutton Grange, Harcourt, Boort and

Castlemaine were entertained at the church of Christ school hall on Saturday last. After a sumptuous tea the young people thoroughly enjoyed a delightful social and games time. This was followed by a brief devotional period. Mr. Curtis presided. Mr. Mathieson acted as song-leader and Mr. Chivell delivered an inspiring address. A buffet supper was served before guests departed for their trains. An executive committee called Churches of Christ Midland Youth Fellowship was inaugurated, Castlemaine to be the centre, and other districts included to be Maryborough, Bendigo and Kyneton if possible. Representatives on the committee are Messrs. N. Read, V. Symes, Miss M. Clipstone (Castlemaine), Mr. R. Streader (Bendigo), Mrs. J. Hunter (Maryborough). This committee will organise meetings of the fellowship, Mr. N. Read being secretary. An expression of gratitude is necessary to all who helped make the function a success, particularly the catering conveners, Mesdames A. Johnston, T. Fletcher and Miss T. Clipstone.

DEACON Questions should be like a
OUTRIGHT bucket of water, which being
SAYS:— poured into the pump, helps to
set the pump working.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

"THIS is the thing I care for most,
The prayer I always pray—
Let my life help some other life
It touches on the way."

REMINDED HER OF JESUS

A CHARACTERISTIC story is related of the great Scottish preacher, Dr. Chalmers. "One day," said a friend, "I went into a house where one of his people was bedridden. She had been in great pain for many years, and as I went in I thought she looked ever so bright.

"I said, 'You are better to-day?' 'Yes,' she said. 'You know, I have had Mr. Chalmers this afternoon, and do you know, he never comes but when he is gone I think that is how Jesus Christ would have come to see me.

"Then when he sits and looks at me, I think that is how Jesus would have looked; and when he opens his mouth and speaks to me, I think that is how Jesus would have spoken; and when he prays, I can almost hear the very voice of my Master praying for me; and he always asks for the things I think Jesus, above everything else, would like me to have. He never goes but he leaves behind the impression that it has been like a visit from Jesus. He reminds me of Jesus."

ONLY ONCE

Little Mrs. Newsome.—"What would you think of a man who let his wife get up on a bitter cold morning to light the fire?"

Mrs. Wise.—"That's something I've never told anyone but my husband, and I had only to tell him once."

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Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

BRITISH CHURCH

IN your issue of June 6, in the article entitled "Lost Treasures Found," is a statement: "When the church spread out to the west from Rome, over Europe to Britain," etc., etc. As this may be misinterpreted to infer that Christianity was introduced into Britain from Rome, the following quotation may be of interest:—

"The great British church which Augustine in A.D. 596 found established in Britain and Ireland, was essentially Eastern, proclaiming by every usage in which she differed from Rome her direct and independent birth from Jerusalem and the apostles themselves in the first throes of Christianity. It is, indeed, an absurdity to go about explaining the existence of such a church, abounding in all the characteristics of an ancient institution, deeply fixed in the native mind and soil, in any other way than by a frank acceptance of its apostolic origin. Every other attempt at solution fails us. How came these archbishoprics, bishoprics, Christian colleges, parochial churches and endowments, royal Christian houses, genealogies of saints, immense and opulent monasteries, a whole nation of believers, to be in Britain? How came they on their first meeting with the missionary of the Bishop of Rome, to proclaim with one voice, 'We have nothing to do with Rome; we know nothing of the Bishop of Rome in his new character of the Pope; we are the British church, the Archbishop of which is accountable to God alone, having no superior on earth.'" (R. W. Morgan's "The Origin of British . . . Christianity.")—F. W. Mortyn, West Preston, Vic.

FUNERAL SERVICES

OVER the last year or two I have been present at quite a large number of funerals. The departed were of various shades and intensities of religious belief. The funeral services were conducted by a wide assortment and a fair average sample of Christian ministers. My experiences have thoroughly convinced me that reform in the matter of the burial service is long overdue. A set service—form and matter—is used indiscriminately for all; some ministers seem to use the same service for all the funerals they conduct throughout their lives. One of our brethren at the funeral of a saint of God began his service—as usual—with the dismal quotation from Job that "man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble," etc., and then three times during the service used the word "stricken" which was a most outrageous and unscriptural description of the beautiful passing to higher service of one who, on earth, had served the Master well.

Most ministers read a confusing conglomeration of scripture quotations and involved apostolic reasoning totally out of place for a graveside audience, leaving the hearers not comforted or enlightened but bewildered. Men that don't attend church do attend funerals, and the officiating minister gets there an opportunity he gets nowhere else to present cogent truth to such men. Ronald Cole in one of his books says, "Christian funerals are dreary, unctuous enunciations." Unhappily there is some truth in what he says.—W. A. Strongman, Glen Iris, Vic.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIPS

EVERY good and honorable characteristic enters into friendship to make it purer, finer, and more worthy. The reason why perfect friendships are so rare is that character is so imperfect. The man who is unjust or oppressive in his business dealings, unkind or neglectful in his family relations, selfish or underhanded in his political life, cannot be a thoroughly good friend, however much he may wish or try to be one, for he lacks the needful qualifications. Let him first purify himself from dishonor, and thus fit himself for the privilege."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"NOT I"

- July 16—Matt. 5: 1-12.
- " 17—Matt. 20: 20-28.
- " 18—Luke 18: 9-14.
- " 19—James 4: 6-10.
- " 20—1 Peter 5: 5-11.
- " 21—Mark 14: 27-31.
- " 22—Zechariah 13; Mark 14: 32-42.

HOW prone we are to entertain over-confidence in ourselves, and doubts for others. "Although all others shall be offended, yet not I," said Peter. "They may deny thee, but not I." So that Peter was not unlike the Pharisee, who stood aloof and wrapped himself in a robe of self-righteousness, thanking God that he was not like the rest of men. And even now, though they do not express themselves in similar words, there is a prevalent tendency to shift the blame for wrongdoing upon the shoulders of others, reserving for themselves the credit for any good that is done. It is "not I" in the one case, and "yes, I" in the other. The lesson is clear. Let none be too sure of themselves, or doubtful only of others. Rather may all ponder afresh the apostolic injunction, "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

Here and There

Following a number of enquiries as to the date of "Bible Sunday," 1945, we wish to bring to the notice of readers that Sunday, Sept. 9, is the correct date—this being the second Sunday in September, and the day accepted and observed by all churches since 1928.

We learn that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has asked the National Christian Council to enlist a thousand Christian workers to minister to the moral and spiritual needs of the Chinese army. It is the first occasion a non-Christian nation has set up such a Christian chaplaincy.

S. R. Baker, in the annual report of the Victorian branch of the British & Foreign Bible Society, refers, among many other fine achievements, that "in Victoria alone 88,193 Testaments have been presented to our Victorian Service men and women during this war."

The Federal Executive of the Women's Conference is now located in Adelaide, and addresses of officers are: President, Mrs. W. Green, 12 Shipster-st., Torrensville, S.A. Secretary, Mrs. A. Anderson, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A. Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Shipway, 24 Osmond-st., Hindmarsh, S.A.

The Federal College of the Bible desires to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of a collection of books from an anonymous donor, which it is desired shall be a memorial in the library to the late principal, T. H. Scambler. This collection is a personal memorial and apart from the brotherhood memorial that is proposed.

It is six years since the first "Text for Today" was published in "The Argus" (Victoria). During this time 2183 texts have appeared, and are arranged by the Bible Society, and the Council of Churches on alternate months. The co-operation of Mr. S. C. Flockhart and Mr. E. J. Gosbell in choosing the texts supplied by the Bible Society, is much appreciated. The "Texts for Today" have been described as "more precious than gold," and the association of "The Argus," Council of Churches, and the Bible Society is mutually enjoyed.—From annual report of B. & F. Bible Society.



Dr. Jesse M. Bader.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Department of Evangelism for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the general secretary of the world convention of churches of Christ, is on a visit to Europe during July and August, where he will hold one-day conference retreats for American chaplains in Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain. Dr. Bader plans to attend the British annual conferences of churches of Christ to be held

at Leicester in August. In a recent letter he expressed the hope that Australian churches will share in the world-wide communion observance on Lord's day, October 7.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hagger, of Frankston, on the completion on July 21 of fifty years in the full-time ministry of the church. As preacher, writer and organiser, Mr. Hagger has become well known among churches throughout the Commonwealth.

MOURNING FOR A NATION'S LEADER

THE death of the Hon. John Curtin, Prime Minister of Australia, on July 5, has caused widespread regret throughout the nation. He was a man of the people who devoted himself to the heavy tasks his position involved. Over the years his character developed. As his vision of leadership widened, he came to appreciate more deeply the value of spiritual and moral truths. In a short sketch of his life appearing in a Melbourne daily paper, it was pointed out that since 1931 he was a strict teetotaler. He was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, but later became a member of the Rationalist Society. However, in recent years he confessed he was a Christian, although not identifying himself with any denomination. Among his closest friends were a Congregational minister and a minister of the Presbyterian church. We join with many in offering deepest sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a relative and friend.

The office of "The Australian Christian" needs the services of a lady with some experience of accounts and general office routine, and the assistance of preachers in helping us to find one is solicited. To comply with regulations the age of 45 is stated. Any information leading to a suitable person would be appreciated.

The annual meeting of the South Central Conference (Melbourne) was held at Prahran chapel on June 30. The president, Mr. Hunt, presided over the meeting, which commenced with a song service led by Mr. Brooker. The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. Annetts; vice-president, Mr. Burt; secretary, Mr. Morgan. Two solos by L. Hollow were enjoyed. A splendid address by L. Hollins, entitled "Life's Greatest Question," was appreciated. At close of meeting supper was served by Prahran sisters.

Women's Mission Band at Wollongong, N.S.W., held fourth birthday afternoon on June 5. Mrs. Wakeley was guest speaker and Mrs. Main presided. During afternoon musical items were rendered and afternoon tea was served. Numbers from other churches attended, and all had a happy time. On July 1, overseas mission offering was taken, and Mrs. Deibert was received into fellowship. A. R. Main brought the message in morning and I. Samuel preached at night. C.E. held monthly consecration meeting on July 3. Dick Williams gave a helpful address.

Emphasis upon leadership training has been the general factor responsible for the success of the Melbourne Young Men's Christian Association Suburban Club Movement since its inception in 1924. Hundreds of leaders have been trained through the medium of leadership courses especially planned for young men undertaking youth work in churches and other organisations. This year 70 leaders are in training in the junior, first year and second year courses, and to accommodate young men who were unable to commence earlier in the year who are anxious to give service with various clubs, a special short-term course will begin on Tuesday, July 24. All enquiries should be made to the Boys' Work Secretary, Y.M.C.A., South Melbourne, S.C.A.

At Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., a special winter campaign commenced on July 1 with splendidly attended meetings. Dr. A. J. Saunders delivered an interesting address on Christian missions in India. F. E. Buckingham conducted evening service. A man in uniform decided for Christ.



The Chapel at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic.

Leo Stevens was soloist. On July 8 meetings were again well attended, F. E. Buckingham speaking at both services. There was one baptism and another decision. Mrs. J. Beveridge was soloist, and choir rendered two anthems. On July 5 the Explorers' Club, under leadership of Miss I. Gill, were hosts to young people of local Congregational Church. All departments are co-operating happily.

A director of the Melbourne Y.M.C.A., who gives religious instruction in a technical school in a middle-class suburb, found that only a third of a class of 150 read their Bibles. Less than half indicated that they ever attended church or Bible class. In Melbourne Y.M.C.A. there are approximately 1600 boys, divided into age groups that meet weekly; each group is opened with Bible reading and prayer. Last year 350 boys and young men decided for Christ; this year 88 boys have made decision.

W. Gale writes: "Mr. Macnaughtan is at Yarrowonga, where he has gone on a preaching and visiting goodwill effort in the name of the Victorian brotherhood. He is preaching on three nights in each week between Sundays and visiting many homes in the townships of Yarrowonga and Mulwala. If transport is favorable he will try to contact those living out in the country and who find it impossible to attend other than Sunday morning services. On a visit to Hamilton we found the church holding well together, and Mr. Forbes making steady progress. Some Melbourne churches are sending down their preachers each one week-end in July. We are grateful for this gesture of partnership."

In these busy days it seems we do not take the necessary time to see that "the king of the home," the child, receives all that is due to it. The child of to-day is the citizen of to-morrow, so what a responsibility lies at the door of each parent to see that children are raised in a spiritual atmosphere. Characters are moulded in the home, not schools, nurseries, creches, etc., and until better homes, not houses, are supplied we cannot expect a new order on a higher plane for the future. Lord Elton has said, "Family life has been the most tragic casualty of the war." Homes are the cement of national life—the place where the nation learns how to live together, the non-stop assembly line of national character—the heart of national morale.—Temperance Committee of Victorian Women's Conference.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—Bible school gained second place in attendance and increase campaign. The school recently commenced a special series of lessons prepared by J. K. Robinson. On morning of July 1, R. A. Story, secretary Un evangelised Fields Mission, gave an informative talk. At 5 p.m. young people had tea and rally. S. Nelson, radio technician with U.S. Navy, was speaker. At 7.30 p.m. E. R. Berry rendered a solo; Mr. Robinson preached.

Subiaco.—Visiting speakers in recent weeks have included Mr. Rainey, Commonwealth secretary B. and F. Bible Society, at a morning service and Bishop Houghton, director-general of C.I.M., at an evening service. Five have been received into fellowship, three by letter, one formerly immersed, and one recently baptised at Cottesloe. Winter school was well attended and a success in every way. Lecturers were found within local membership. General theme was "Training for Leadership." Thos. Shacklock passed away recently in his 90th year. He was well known on the gold-fields for many years as superintendent of Sunday schools at Kalgoorlie, and an acceptable preacher. E. W. Piper was fatally injured on June 26, when he was hit by a bus at Claremont. He had been working all day at the hospital, and was returning home in late evening when the accident occurred.

Maylands.—During June all services were well attended. Nine scholars from Bible school on confession of faith and baptism were added to church, A. McRoberts preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were received by letter from North Perth. A. M. Bell and Ivan Nixon, visiting speakers, gave appreciated addresses. Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. G. Harris, Mrs. H. Hollett and Girls' Club helped with messages in song. Ladies' Guild pay monthly visit to Old Women's Home at East Guildford to conduct a service and hand out a few comforts. Guild has launched a talent scheme to help finance building of manse. Bible school is second in increase and attendance campaign with 204 on roll. Girls' Club gave a surprise party to Mrs. Digwood on her birthday. Mrs. Johnson, aged 85, after undergoing an operation, is out of hospital and progressing favorably. Harry Smith, home on leave, was a visitor. Mr. Story, general secretary U.F.M., was speaker at prayer meeting on June 27.

South Australia

Unley.—On July 1 E. H. Swan, of B. and F. Bible Society, addressed morning meeting and A. Anderson spoke at night. 34 scholars entered for S.S. examination. Senior C.E. had a happy time at Sunset Lodge, entertaining the guests. Miss Alice Jones, a former member and now State Junior C.E. superintendent, visited Endeavor societies on June 24. Miss Lañres Brooks was married to Sgt. M. Chester on July 2, Mr. Laurie, of Kadina church, officiating.

Prospect.—Services on June 24 were conducted by A. E. Brown. In afternoon Mr. Barton, representing Sudan Mission, addressed Bible class on mission work. Sympathy is expressed to loved ones of Sister Plunkett, who passed away June 26. A. E. Brown exhorted the church on morning of July 1. I. Durdin spoke at Bible class and P. R. Baker at gospel meeting. There were good attendances. Fellowship was enjoyed with G. Lawrie, B. Bunyon, R. Howard, A. Fax and Phil Thompson (all on leave). A social evening was held on June 23 for Miss C. Robson, who is to be married. She has been a good worker in choir and school.

Fullarton.—Monthly special gospel service on the first Sunday of month proved an inspiration. Chapel was full to front seats, and a male choir was on platform. Mr. Manning has a monthly service at Old Men's Home at Myrtle Bank. Unley Men's Fellowship met at Fullarton this month, when Walter Michell, of China, gave an informative address, followed by questions.

Flinders Park.—On June 17 Bob Richardson was received into fellowship. Intermediate C.E. from York visited Flinders Park society on June 17 and took meeting, the visit being much appreciated. On June 27 Miss Vawser gave a lecture on the work in India before a good audience, after which a social time was spent. Intermediate C.E. has won State efficiency shield. On morning of June 24, Mrs. Pedlar made the good confession, and three young ladies reconsecrated their lives to Christ. Young people have started sewing circle to assist distressed families of Europe. Mrs. Richardson has been sick, but is recovering. Church has had fellowship with Ron Hubbard and Doug Francis, on leave from Services, and others.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On June 17 Mr. Beiler spoke at both services, amongst visitors being Gordon James, on leave. Ladies' Mission Band had charge of midweek meeting on June 20, Mrs. Beiler leading. A bouquet was presented to Miss R. Murdoch in appreciation of 30 years as treasurer. On June 22, Girls' Club was inaugurated with Mrs. J. Wenham instructress. A "dads and lads" banquet was held on June 26, 37 attending. C. Schwab (Federal conference president) and T. Butler (State president) brought greetings. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bradshaw delighted with musical items. T. Richardson, of Hindmarsh, delivered the principal address, which was much appreciated. Gordon Ellis, home on leave, presided at organ at evening service, and also sang the solo. E. W. Peet is ill in hospital.

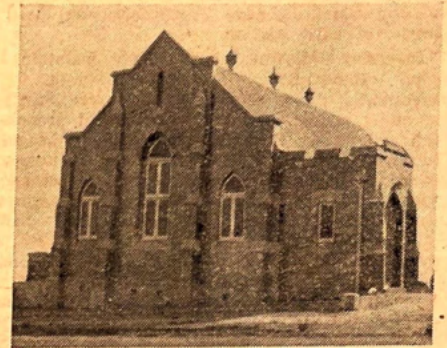
Hindmarsh.—Work continues well. On June 24 J. E. Shipway exchanged with J. E. Webb. Annual meeting of Dorcas Society proved successful. Mrs. C. M. Verco was speaker, and secretary's report revealed a successful year. Several men of Forces are home and have been at services. Mr. Shipway is giving a series of sermons during Sunday evenings of July on types of men found in the Bible. Aged members are unable to be about now the weather is cold. Mrs. Dodson has been in hospital, but is home again and improving. An Intermediate Society of C.E. has been commenced Sunday mornings. John Bickering is president, and Jean Aird secretary. Sympathy is expressed with Mrs. A. Brooker in the sudden home-call of a brother. Boys of Explorer Club were recently shown over factory of J. Brooker and Sons, and entertained at supper. Ron Whyatt was baptised on evening of June 24.

Forestville.—A meeting of church was held on June 27 to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hammer on eve of their departure for W.A. Many members and visitors were present. W. R. James, an elder, was chairman. On behalf of church, J. T. Train expressed appreciation of Mr. Hammer's ministry. In absence of State conference president, Mr. Butler, a farewell message was given on behalf of S.A. members by C. Schwab who, as Federal conference president, also spoke for Australian brotherhood. During a social hour which followed, a presentation of a wallet of notes was made to Mr. and Mrs. Hammer. On July 1 Mr. Hammer delivered his final messages to church. There was excellent attendance at gospel meeting. Dorcas Society bid Godspeed to Mrs. Hammer at a social meeting on June 27, when a token of love was presented to her. Acknowledgment was made of her help and guidance in the work of the society.

Cottonville.—Mr. and Mrs. Rostrom, transferred from Colonel Light Gardens, and Miss Gladys Couldrey, from Mackay, Qld., who has recently joined W.R.A.N.S., have been welcomed. There are 163 teachers and scholars on Bible school roll. Average weekly offering for June was £9/6/2. On June 23 a large party of Endeavorers attended Maylands C.E. anniversary. Bob Caldicott is now on Bouganville Is.; Alan Gloyn is home on leave from same locality; Rob Manning, Reg. Bradley and David Roberts are in action in Islands. Leila Jackson has joined W.A.A.A.F., and has left for Victoria. Ladies' Auxiliary has sent a parcel of clothing to Morialta Protestant Children's Home and £2/2/- has been donated to home missions. A series of mid-week prayer meetings, styled "Winter School," was commenced on June 27, when almost 50 members were present.

Queenland

Albion.—The church has invited L. E. Burgin, of Inverell, N.S.W., to conduct a mission from Sept. 9 to 23. Christian Endeavorers are busy



The Chapel at Albion.

helping with raising of £100 to provide memorial cots for Montrose Home for crippled children.

Gympie-Monkland.—A working bee at Monkland on June 23 attended to painting, extended platform and erected a handrail. Monthly gospel service at Monkland was held on July 1. Gympie services were well attended. Dr. Schwarz preached on July 1. United F.M. offering is over £35 so far. Religious instruction is now being given by monthly visits to Enterprise and Mothar Mt. schools.

Charters Towers.—Visitors have had fellowship with church, including Cpl. Gilmore, A.I.F., of Nailsworth, S.A. A Y.P. club and a tennis club now function as church auxiliaries. On June 18 the Bible school picnic was held. On June 25 a men's tea was followed by discussion on work and need of church to-day. R. Rosendale, of Echuca, Vic., and M. Rogers, (R.A.A.F.), of Annerley, are having fellowship with church.

Bundaberg.—Services during June were well attended. Messages in song were brought by Mrs. W. Pohle, Misses G. Haaman, J. De'Oberitz, M. De'Oberitz and Mr. W. De'Oberitz. On June 10 Les Willis confessed Christ, W. De'Oberitz conducting service in absence of A. B. Clark. On June 17 a baptismal service was conducted by the preacher, and Edward Muller responded to invitation. On June 24 services were broadcast. L. Wills was welcomed into fellowship. George Haaman, who had been away through illness, was back in evening with his violin, accompanying organist, Beryl Nielson. A sister made the good confession.

Roma.—The church has decided to release Mr. Wylie for one week every six weeks to enable him to visit brethren at Wombo Creek and Sixteen Mile (Chinchilla district). During his absence, local brethren conduct services. On July 1 A. S. Cooke spoke in morning and L. R. Pitman conducted gospel service, this being

broadcast. F.M. offering was £5, with further contributions to follow. This is in addition to duplex envelopes. Banner for schools over 50 scholars for efficiency has been won for 1944 by Roma and has come to hand. Red Cross offering on Red Cross Sunday was £3/1/-.

There has been much sickness among members. Mrs. McIntosh has been allowed to leave hospital and is now home.

Tasmania

West Hobart.—On July 1 there was good attendance at worship service. Mr. Amos gives inspirational addresses. Attendance at Bible school is encouraging. There were 74 present, including three new scholars. There were 58 at gospel service. Wayne Woolley and Ross Davis were baptised. Visitors have been welcomed.

Hobart (Collins-st.)—For broadcast service on evening of June 24, C. P. Hughes was preacher, Miss Kay soloist. Choir rendered an anthem. On June 18 Mr. Hughes and a number of young people went on a hike to Mount Nelson. Mission Band Fellowship meeting and tea took place on June 17. At Women's Mission Band on June 21 speaker was Sister Jessie, of City Mission.

Invermay.—Meetings during June maintained good attendances. Averages: morning, 50; evening, 52; communicants, 50. Mr. Steele, speaking at all meetings, gave thought provoking addresses. A Young Worshipers' League has been formed under leadership of R. Comer, meetings being held just prior to gospel service. Soloists during month were Margaret Smith, Mrs. Colbeck, Ern Stevens and Jack Atkins. Gospel services are preceded by a bright song session led by E. A. Stevens. Mutual Improvement Class maintains activity. On June 28 a visit by Margaret-st. C.E. was appreciated. Sisters' Auxiliary is healthy. Monthly meeting in June was well attended, when Mrs. H. V. Clements led devotional exercises in a thoughtful message. On July 14 sisters conducted a musical afternoon in aid of Dover Home. An enjoyable programme was presented, and offering was £26.

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Roy Edmunds gave gospel address and W. H. Brice (city missionary) morning address on June 24. Both speakers brought excellent messages. H. R. Bott, of Caveside, was baptised at chapel on June 26. R. Pullen, headmaster of Invermay school, was speaker at monthly Bible school teachers' conference. Average attendances for June: 11 a.m., 114; 7 p.m., 112; communion, 126. Deep regret accompanied announcement of death of Pte. David Munden, killed whilst on active service. On June 23, C.E. visited St. Giles Crippled Children's Home, and a happy afternoon was spent with competitions and games. Sweets, books and afternoon tea were distributed to children. Recently Memorial Baptist C.E. Society visited I.C.E. and provided programme; over 50 were present. Under auspices of Ladies' Guild a creche is to be conducted in school hall, where babies and little children may be left with attendants on Sundays at 11 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons. "Target" competition in Bible school has concluded, with win for boys. During competition seven new scholars were gained and four babies added to cradle roll.

New South Wales

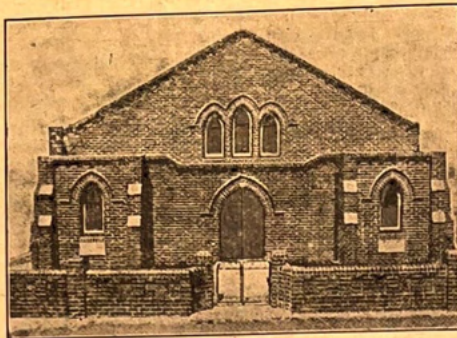
Mortdale.—Sunday school shows steady increase in numbers. Miss Mavis Tyler is proving a capable kindergarten superintendent. Miss Patricia Freeman is giving invaluable help as kindergarten teacher. Jack Forde was added to church by faith and baptism on June 24. A social afternoon for Sunday school scholars and parents was held on July 7.

Marrickville.—Miss Thomas, of Japanese Central Pioneer Mission, gave an interesting account of her work as a missionary to a large gathering at Bible class fellowship tea on July 1. She also addressed Young Worship-

ers' League in evening. Women's Guild members are making dolls and other toys for kindergarten and cradle roll Christmas tree.

Rockdale.—On June 24 Stuart Stevens exhorted the church and Mr. Burns gave the gospel in song and story. A church social on June 30 was enjoyed. On July 1 Mr. Burns gave a fine exhortation to large congregation. Fellowship tea was held. Mr. Hardiman, from Tempe, was guest speaker. At night Mr. Burns preached. Soloist was Miss Winsome Ford.

Tempe.—Mr. Hardiman continues with a faithful witness to gospel each Lord's day. Sunday school progresses, and a feature is the splendid results from mid-week Sunday school, when large numbers of children attend between 4 and



The Chapel at Tempe.

5 p.m. Youth Fellowship recently was a great success; 85 young people were present and had a happy time. Bi-monthly spiritual rally held in Tempe last month had attendance of over 70 on Wednesday night, and a great blessing was experienced.

Hamilton.—On June 23 the ladies held an evening to entertain men of church. Ladies provided enjoyable programme and supper. On June 30 men held a working bee, and are thanked for their service. Gospel meeting on July 1 was a youth service. Scripture meetings, solos and choir items were rendered by young people. A C.E. Society, under leadership of Don Ewers, has commenced. During past month six have decided for Christ. Recently these were welcomed into fellowship, also Mr. and Mrs. Downs and daughters Sylvia and Melva, from Inverell, and Jack Bald. Visitors have included Mr. Smalman, home on leave. Miss Val Hogan is with church again after a time in hospital.

Victoria

Portland.—Speakers during June were T. Robb, T. Davey, A. Langley and Adjt. Neil. School is small, but scholars are regular in attendance. Four scholars entered for examinations. Ladies' Aid is active, and prayer meetings continue to be held each Wednesday.

Hampton.—On July 5 the W.M. Band had a special meeting at which Miss Taylor and Nurse Walker, missionaries-elect, were speakers and Mrs. C. G. Taylor soloist. C. L. Lang took part in a united gospel service held on July 8 in Anglican church building, which was crowded.

Emerald.—R. K. Holton continued his ministry on July 1, his messages being appreciated. On previous Saturday night a car-load of Emerald members went to a "squash" held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Holton at Upwey; an enjoyable and profitable evening being spent; guest speaker was Mr. Adam Clark.

Red Hill.—On June 3 Mr. and Mrs. W. Torney were received into fellowship from Red Cliffs. An election of three deacons and secretary and treasurer of church on July 1 resulted in return of retiring officers. Morning meetings on Lord's day have been good for several weeks. Mrs. O. E. Holmes celebrated her 84th birthday and Miss A. Downing her 86th.

Doncaster.—Mr. Banks has returned home from hospital, and expects to resume preaching soon. He has commenced his fifth year of service with church. Mr. Baird, who is taking the services, is having nice attendances.

Shepparton.—The church continues to pray for treasurer (Phil Bowen), who is still in hospital, also for Miss Hilda Doncon. Mrs. Hargreaves has been able to return home from hospital. Church prayer meeting continues to be held every Wednesday evening. Bible school scholars enjoyed first of a series of lantern slides on the life of Christ on July 1.

Rochester.—On June 24, there was a happy and thankful congregation, when Mr. Payne announced that news had been received from his son, who for a long time has been a prisoner in foreign lands. A social evening was held on June 27 by Young People's Guild to celebrate first anniversary. A beautiful birthday cake was made by Mrs. Ferguson. Songs, games and a nice supper were enjoyed.

Cheltenham.—Explorer Club won inter-club indoor sports competition at North Richmond on June 30. Club held church parade on July 1. Cheltenham Christian Youth Council held a combined meeting for tea and fellowship on July 8. A youth service at night was held on July 8, many young people taking part. Visitors for day included Mrs. Holmes, who sang a solo at night. F.M. offering to date is £59/4/-.

Newmarket.—Mr. Graham addressed both services on July 1. On July 8 S. Fordham, of Moreland, presided, and Mrs. Bruce was soloist. Mr. Graham addressed both services. At an after-church function on July 8 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Graham, who are going to Boreonia, a presentation was made on behalf of Sunday school and church. A presentation was also made to Mr. Boxhall, former secretary of church for nine years.

North Williamstown.—With deep regret the church learnt of the death of Mr. Griffiths, sen., a member of long standing. Sympathy is extended to his wife and relatives. District Fellowship held initial meeting at Sunshine on June 30. Services over past weeks have been conducted helpfully by J. E. Searle. On July 1, after-service fellowship hour was enjoyed.

Middle Park.—The ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Randall and Mr. Cartmel is appreciated. A youth meeting was held on June 10, when young people took active part in gospel service. On June 13, Mission Band held a successful anniversary service. Prayer Meeting Committee had charge. Attendances at mid-week meetings have improved, and Mr. Randall's addresses on book of Revelation are interesting. Radiators have been installed in chapel. Mrs. Downs is sick.

French Island.—On July 1 meetings were helped by visit of five Gardiner members. Communion service was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, A. Thomas presiding, A. Ferguson giving a helpful address. The gathering of 19 were entertained at Mr. Broderick's for midday meal, then all proceeded to hall, where the two visiting brethren conducted gospel service. Mrs. Thomas played piano, Mrs. Ferguson sang a solo. 25 were at hall service. Overseas mission contribution was £5/2/-.

Springvale.—On July 1 nearly 50 broke bread, and four who had been baptised the previous week were welcomed into fellowship. S.S. had excellent attendance of scholars. At night every available seat in the large hall was occupied. Sisters of church took charge, and after items, anthems and solos from ladies' choir, a fine gospel address was given by Miss Barton, of the college. Cottage prayer meetings hold their own, though the absence of Mr. Stocks, not yet recovered from his accident, is marked.

Parkdale.—On July 8, T. Hagger preached at morning service and Mr. MacKenzie in evening. Both services were well attended and helpful. Mrs. Baker was well enough to be present in morning. F.M. offering now exceeds £30.

Reservoir.—J. Plummer was speaker on morning of July 1. Mr. Alcorn gives excellent addresses. Ladies' Guild held a special function on June 27. The choir, under leadership of Mrs. Plummer, is practising for anniversary and concert. All auxiliaries are functioning well, and work is in good heart.

Geelong.—At gospel meeting on July 1, one made the good confession and was baptised at evening meeting on following Sunday. On July 8 church held Youth Sunday, and G. Stirling was guest speaker for day. In afternoon a youth conference and tea was held, followed by prayer meeting with 50 present. At evening meeting young people took part, and a male quintette rendered an item.

North Fitzroy.—Lionel Dudley is assisting in an interim ministry for several weeks until John Turner's health improves and he is able to enter upon his work. The conference president, A. W. Cleland, addressed church on morning of July 8, and H. Swain preached at night, making special reference to death of the Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin. Overseas missions offering has reached £25/15/6.

Hamilton.—The visit of W. Gale was appreciated. He spoke at both services, also to Bible school and J.C.E. He met officers of church for informal discussion about local work and supplies during Mr. Forbes' convalescence. Last Thursday evening, C.E. held an enjoyable social. Each Endeavorer brought a friend. After a programme of music and games, supper was served. All this month C.E. girls are helping at base hospital in distribution of literature.

Burnley.—Visiting speakers have been Mr. Mollins, M.L.A., on June 3, and Mr. Bell, Mildmay Mission, on July 1. Mr. Whitmore, South Richmond, was a morning speaker. Members of Ladies' Guild and friends spent a happy afternoon at an "Australian tea," at home of Mrs. Page, on June 27, £5/10/-. The proceeds, being handed to Guild. On June 29 a musical comedy, presented by Hartwell Presbyterian church "Merrymakers," was appreciated, approximately £14 being raised for church funds. Boys' Club, conducted by Mr. Page, has happy times.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—Overseas mission offering to date is £47/16/-. Average of 153 communed during June. Many are sick, and Sisters Donaldson and M. Cantalay are in hospital. Teaching ministry of R. L. Williams is keenly appreciated. Splendid interest and attendances are manifest in all departments. At annual meeting reports were encouraging. Incoming board includes Messrs. Nicholls, Thomas, Jenner, Brown, elders; Messrs. Padey, Pearson, Rutherford, Ferris, Grenfell, Dowsey, Goodwin, Farmer, deacons. Sisters J. Fryer and J. Tidd have been appointed joint-chaplains P.B.P., whilst R. L. Williams is chaplain, Messrs. Pearson and Grenfell deputy chaplains of K.S.P. Bible school and auxiliaries are capably led and splendidly staffed. 48 teachers and scholars sat for examination. Bible school attendance, 286.

Box Hill.—Miss Walker, missionary-elect to India, spoke to church on July 1, and with Miss Taylor attended youth tea, organised by Youth Council same evening. Dorothy Arrow-smith, Jim Rogerson and Tom Cockran have had fellowship with church while on leave. Mr. Salisbury was ill in bed for some days. Mrs. Earl has fellowship again after sickness. Ron Watkins has lost index finger of left hand as result of accident. Sympathy is extended to sons and daughters of Mr. Foreman, who died after short illness on July 5. With pro-

ceeds of concert in Box Hill town hall, given by Malvern Girls' Choir, lay-by envelopes, and other functions, manse fund stands at about £74. A Good Companions' Club will be commenced under leadership of Eunice Scott and Betty Reed. Mr. Morgan's addresses are appreciated by good congregations, and three scholars from Bible school confessed Christ on July 1.

Balwyn.—Two young men from S.S. made the good confession recently and were baptised at gospel service on July 9. Mr. Hurren gives good addresses. He changes frequently with Mr. Hillier, student preacher at Mont Albert. S.S. continues strongly with gradual increase practically all the time. 36 scholars entered for examination, held in conjunction with Mont Albert at Mont Albert. S.S. has commenced a Good Companions' Club, which meets on Friday evenings, about 16 girls attending. Some members are ill. Sister Wilson is slightly better. Overseas offering is about £130 at present for whole year.

Hartwell.—Fifteen members of Bible school sat for examination on July 8. Mr. Mitchell, father of one of the scholars, has donated an annual prize in memory of G. Dowell, a past superintendent. It is to be awarded to scholar who gains highest number of marks in examination. On June 19, missionaries-elect Misses Walker and Taylor spent a time of fellowship with ladies of church. Women's Mission Band is supervising collection of clothing for UNRRA. Newly-formed Youth Council held first meeting on June 25, when R. Watt was elected president. Young men's prayer circle has begun on Sunday evenings. Tennis club has formed a junior club. Y.P.S.C.E. held an enjoyable meeting on July 8, when East Camberwell Y.P.S.C.E. took meeting. A. H. Taylor, J. Hancock and Irene Morrison have returned to fellowship after illness.

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FOREMAN.—On July 5, at 18 Kangerong-rd., Box Hill, Henry, beloved husband of the late Marianne, loved father of Walter, Estelle (deceased), Dorothy (deceased), Muriel, Reginald, Lynda, Hilda (Mrs. H. Hodson), Ethel (Mrs. A. E. Hibbert), and Harry; aged 82 years.

IN MEMORIAM

LYALL.—In loving remembrance of Robert Lyall, who was called home July 12, 1943; and of his beloved wife, Lillias, who passed away February 11, 1941. Father and mother of Harry, Eadie (Mrs. Kingsbury), Elsie (Mrs. Goldsworthy), dec., and Winifred (Mrs. Kelly).

RUST.—Memories are thoughts, years cannot efface of our dearly loved son, Thornton Walbanke, who was accidentally killed July 14, 1931.

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Victorian News—Continued

Mont Albert.—On June 17 the exchange visit of Mr. Hurren, from Balwyn, was appreciated. Mr. Hillier gave two excellent messages on July 24th. At evening service on July 1 Mr. Hurren gave a helpful sermon. Several visitors were present in morning.

Footscray.—At close of D. C. Ritchie's gospel address on July 1, Lionel Howarth, a young man from the Bible class, made the good confession. Ron Saunders was speaker at evening service on June 24. Two special afternoons held by ladies recently raised £25 for block of land appeal.

Oakleigh.—S. Neighbour continues to lead the work effectively. R. W. Marshall spoke in interests of overseas missions on June 24. W. G. Graham gave an address on chaplaincy work at Women's Mission Band meeting at Christian Guest Home on July 3. Mr. Dunse is home after spending four years in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. Endeavorers have attended Oakleigh Methodist and Murrumbena Presbyterian anniversaries. Overseas missions offering is £25.

Camberwell.—In absence of W. F. Nankivell, indisposed, E. L. Williams addressed church on July 1. Evening service was conducted by young men, speakers being B. F. Huntsman and E. Lewis. On July 8 W. F. Nankivell gave appreciated addresses. Attendances at communion are well maintained. A high percentage of scholars sat for examinations. A talk on aborigines was delivered at Women's Mission Band monthly meeting by Mrs. Nankivell. Overseas annual offering is £56.

North Essendon.—On June 12, 47 ladies were present for Women's Mission Band anniversary. Sisters from neighboring bands attended. Mrs. Pettigrove gave an interesting talk on hospital visitation; Mrs. Box (West Preston) recited, and Mrs. Willersdorf (Christ Church) rendered solos. Meetings on July 1 were conducted by Mr. Huntsman (morning) and Mr. Fielding (evening). 27 scholars have entered for examinations. On June 23 a moonlight sports night was held, about 120 taking part. W. Mason has been missed over past weeks, following accident at work. Men of church have installed indirect lighting in chapel, this being a great improvement.

St. Kilda.—A successful youth tea was held at chapel on June 16. At church annual business meeting on June 22, good reports were given by each department. L. Finger, school superintendent, reported new methods used and on interest caused. Mr. Hunt gave a review of church work. Treasurer's statement showed church to be in healthy financial position. Ten per cent. money received was given to missionary and benevolent work. Deacons elected for two years: A. Box, A. Kay, M. J. Elliott. Officers: secretary, A. L. Finger; treasurer, A. M. Norton; deaconesses, Mrs. Box, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Finger, Mrs. Hunt; assistant secretary and treasurer, M. Bailey. Church extends sympathy to M. J. Elliott and family in bereavement of his brother. Mrs. Hunt has been welcomed back after illness. Lord's table is set up in home of aged Mrs. Dall each fortnight. Mr. Hunt reported 18 cases of sickness out of 20 visits; Mrs. Norton is ill in hospital. Mrs. J. Fish has been received by letter from Launceston. Sunday morning speakers recently were A. M. Norton (June 24) and Mr. Crawshaw (Mission to Lepers) (July 1). G. Parker was baptised on evening of July 1.

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Obituary

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Miss Phyllis Friece

AFTER a considerable period of suffering most cheerfully and courageously borne, Miss Phyllis Friece passed to be with Christ on June 6. The second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Friece, of Surrey Hills, Vic., Phyllis was born at Lancefield in 1912. Together with her sister Rita, Phyllis confessed Christ at the Kellems-Richards mission in Melbourne in 1923, and united with St. Kilda church. For some years past, she has been a beloved and loyal member at Surrey Hills, where she is greatly missed. Miss Friece had a gift of understanding, and exercised unusual ability in nursing and training children. She rendered distinguished service at Melbourne Orphanage and Wesley College, and won for herself a high place in the affections of a very wide circle of friends. Our deep sympathy is extended to the sorrowing loved ones.—G.J.A.

Miss Jean Saxby

MISS JEAN SAXBY, of Lane Cove church, N.S.W., was called home on Lord's day, June 10, after a very long period of suffering. In Christian fortitude, patience and faith she was a wonderful example to all who visited her. Her cheery smile, the fond hope and helpful word, were in themselves a ministry to those who ministered. C. C. Rush paid an eloquent tribute at the service held in the chapel, and the writer conducted services both at the chapel and at the crematorium. Jean will be sadly missed by all who knew her. To her aged father, George Saxby, and to her sister and brothers, deepest sympathy is expressed. "Till the day dawns and the shadows flee away."—H.J.P.

R. H. Shepherd

THE church at Balaklava, S.A., has lost one of its most prominent members in the sudden passing of R. Shepherd, on June 4, at the comparatively early age of 64. He was baptised in the old chapel as a youth, and has been a staunch and faithful member for many years, ever at his post on the Lord's day. He has been a deacon for many years, and some years ago he was elected as chairman of the official board. He had been a Bible school worker for years, and eight and a half years ago he was called to the superintendency. Here he was most loyal, only missing five Sundays, and these due to illness in hospital. For several years he has been door-keeper, and had a genial and happy word for

everybody. He has also been treasurer of Northern District Conference for a number of years, and was always interested in the advancement of Christ's cause in our large northern areas. He was very widely known in the community, being associated with many local town committees and a worker in them all. A year ago he was elected to the District Council of Balaklava. He was the friend of young and old alike; interested in everything for the uplift of the community. Consequently his funeral was very largely attended, estimated at about 600. The pupils of the local high school and State primary school lined the route opposite the school grounds during the passing of the funeral procession. After a brief service in the home, A. Hutson was assisted at the graveside by Wilkie Thomson, president of N.D. Conference, who led in prayer, and by P. Warhurst, clerk of the Council, who spoke eulogistic words on behalf of the townspeople and the District Council of Balaklava. A memorial service was held on evening of June 17, when the chapel was filled, and many representatives of outside bodies with which Mr. Shepherd was associated were present. Mr. Shepherd's wife predeceased him many years ago, but his brother, A. S. Shepherd, church secretary, and five sisters and near relatives, mourn his passing. They are comforted by the glorious hope, and also in the knowledge that their brother was so highly respected by the church and the whole community.—A. Hutson.

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Apologetics.—K. J. Patterson, F. B. Alcorn,
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Ethics.—K. J. Patterson, F. B. Alcorn and
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Christian Doctrine.—Miss A. M. Barton, K. J.
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teen others passed.

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Hillier, equal.

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man, R. S. A. MacLean, S. F. Davey and H. M.
Long, equal. Six others passed.

Church History I.—C. J. MacKenzie. Nine
others passed.

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others passed.

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MacLean, P. R. Whitmore. Four others passed.

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Dixon, C. L. Smith and J. A. Manallack, equal.
Eight others passed.

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Miss M. E. McDonald, F. Collingwood and J. A.
Manallack, equal. Eight others passed.

European History.—R. T. Roberts and J. G.
Shaw, equal, K. W. Dixon, Miss M. E.
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