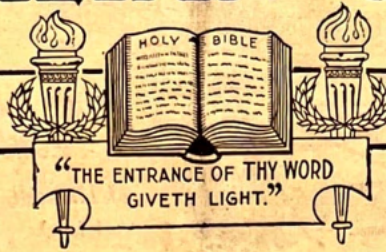


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Not Baptismal Regeneration

Being an Enquiry Into Teaching Concerning the Meaning of Christian Baptism

TO bring the various groups of Christians into closer fellowship, it is needful to understand the convictions by which each stands. This requires sympathy as well as knowledge. To misrepresent their ideals, either ignorantly or wilfully, is to widen the gulf of division. In an article appearing in "The Australian Baptist" entitled "A Baptist Confession of Faith," by a Victorian writer, Mr. J. Arthur Lewis, B.A., churches of Christ are declared to be akin to the Roman Catholic and Anglo-Catholic churches in their teaching concerning Christian baptism. Two statements have been presented by Mr. Lewis which, he considers, set out the teaching of churches of Christ on that doctrine. Both have been abbreviated by the omission of sentences that are essential for the complete understanding of the passages.

We have only space to consider now the first; it comes from a book entitled "Convictions." This volume contains reports of the World Conference of Faith and Order held at Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1927, and also the replies of representatives of the various churches to them. Report VI. is entitled "The Sacraments," and the following on baptism is given: "We believe that in baptism administered with water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, for the remission of sins, we are baptised by one Spirit into one body." To this report on Sacraments the Baptist union in Britain replied, "We prefer to speak of 'ordinances' rather than 'sacraments,' but to these matters also we are willing to give careful thought. We could emphasise again our insistence on faith in the recipient as a condition of the effectiveness of the sacraments." Australian churches of Christ also urged the use of the word ordinance for sacrament. They would also support the plea that faith be considered "a condition of the effectiveness of the sacraments."

Before continuing this discussion it must

be pointed out that "churches of Christ have ever been averse from the summing up of the Christian faith in the form of written creeds and confessions" ("Convictions," p. 68). In seeking to discover the mind of Christ, "the church must ever refer to the New Testament which is the norm and standard of essential Christianity." Therefore Christians must not be called upon to believe anything that cannot be supported by scripture. Only the

A Prayer

★ *KEEP* near to-day, dear Lord, I pray,

As on my way I go.
Whisper to me, "I am with thee,
"My presence shalt thou know."

Thou wilt indeed supply my need,
So I may rest secure;
Thy mighty arm will shield from harm,
Thy love for e'er endure.

Lord, it is meet thou keep my feet,
Else do they slip and stray;
Though paths be rough, this is enough,
Thou leadest all the way.

O Christ my Lord, be thou adored,
Throned in this heart of mine;

Oh, teach me still to know thy will,
Walk in thy way, not mine.

—J.M.S.

scriptural statements, and not some summing up of them, have final authority for members of churches of Christ. Some individuals may draw up in non-scriptural language lists of their views, but only the scriptures which these lists aim to express, finally concern us. That is, we understand, the viewpoint of Baptists also; they do not give authority to written creeds or to articles of faith.

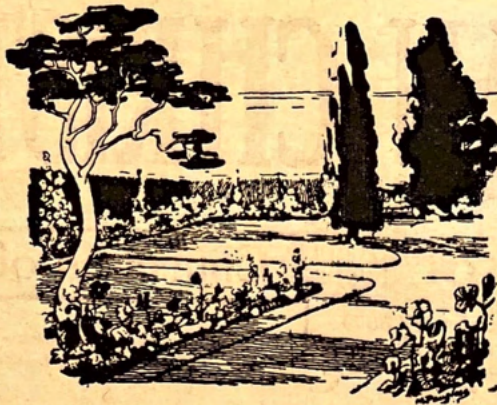
HERE is the first statement quoted by Mr. Lewis under heading: Churches of Christ view: "In baptism . . . our sins are washed away. . . . Thus baptism is of the first importance, and really effects what it symbolises when administered to penitent believers."

It would seem that Mr. Lewis is anxious to prove that churches of Christ teach that merely immersion in water will save; and establish the charge that they believe in water-salvation or baptismal regeneration. Only if this charge is established can he group them with the Roman Catholics. However one phrase quoted destroys Mr. Lewis' case. Baptism must, according to the quoted statement, be administered "to penitent believers." Roman Catholics and others consider that baptism is effective apart from the faith of the candidate. Churches of Christ have urged that scripture teaches faith in Christ is an essential condition to make baptism effective. Only those ignorant of the New Testament claims made by members of churches of Christ could suggest that they use "the language of baptismal regeneration and of magical sacramentalism."

SINCE the full statement from which Mr. Lewis made his abbreviation is an effort to suggest the teaching of scripture, we shall give it in full. It is as follows: "Churches of Christ teach that baptism is the scriptural means of incorporation into Christ and his church; that by baptism we put on Christ; that its blessings are those which union with Christ bestows; that in baptism we are buried with Christ into death and rise with him to walk in newness of life; that our sins are washed away, and that we are justified from sin. Thus baptism is of the first importance and really effects what it symbolises when administered to penitent believers."

(Please turn to next page.)

Pruning Season



I Cry My
'Prentice
Hand
★
By
J. I. Mudford
of Hartwell,
Victoria

MY roses have finished their course. The trees that bore them are "fallen into the sear, the yellow leaf." And yet, what happiness they have given—to four people in particular! It all happened on this wise:—

Armed with my small amount of pruning skill, and with the aid of an ancient pair of secateurs, I set to work last July to trim our thirteen rose-bushes. I thought I did the job fairly well, and beholding my handiwork, inwardly pronounced it good.

But alas for my pride! There was a day when along came my neighbor, Mr. H—, "Whatever have you done with those roses?" he sternly demanded; "you have murdered them, you merciless butcher!"

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, Mr. B—, and said, "It seems to me that you could well have taken a little more off those roses; some of those corns could with profit be removed."

While he was yet speaking there came also another, Mr. L—, and said, "If I had been in your place, I should have manured those trees well before I pruned them."

While he was yet speaking there came also another, Mr. S—, and said, "You have done well, but those bushes are not well shaped"; and then, very deferentially, "If I would not be over-stepping, might I come in and finish the job for you?"

What could I say or do? Tell them that story of the man with the donkey who, striving to please all, pleased none? Not I; I invited Mr. S— to operate, and with professional cunning, operate he did.

My blooms turned out well. They gave no small degree of happiness to some sick

people and to passers-by; but to none did they give more than to my four good neighbors.

Still—let me whisper this!—deep in my heart is a conviction that had I left things as they were before advice was proffered me, they would have been none the worse.

There is much to be said, dear reader, for the method of that vigorous Old Testament hero Nehemiah: "I consulted with myself." If you should happen to live, as I do, on a main road, and to have neighborly neighbors, you would think frequently of this old-time man of action, and be greatly disposed to self-consultation yourself.

But, maybe, there is more to be said for my acquiescent mood. It is amazing how much good can be done in the world, or permitted to be done, if one does not care who gets the credit for it. And I am sure all my four advisers are happy in the thought that they produced those roses. There has been a marked friendliness in their demeanour. Why! one of them only to-day said, "I shall be coming round soon to prune those roses for you."

A notable American minister, once asked the secret of his phenomenal success, replied, "It is this way: I really do most of the work myself; but I like others, who have helped in however small a way, to feel that all the credit is due to them."

[P.S.—8/7/45. Self-effacement seems to pay. To date I have received: (i.) goodwill; (ii.) some fine tuberoses so much better than my own; and (iii.) three days ago Mr. S— pruned my roses once again!]

What the Word Says

(Continued from front page.)

AS we have already pointed out, it is the scriptures that are suggested by this statement that have authority for Christians. What cannot be supported by the New Testament in that passage has no claim upon us: it is upon the scriptures we take our final stand.

(1) Is it scriptural to suggest that by baptism we put on Christ? Paul, in Galatians 3: 27, wrote, "For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ." Dr. A. C. Underwood, president of Rawdon Baptist College, says something on this theme. "Many Baptists, indeed, most Baptists, know how utterly inadequate it is to speak of their baptism as nothing more than declaratory or symbolic. It was a new, thrilling unforgettable experience, which brought them closer to Christ, because in it he met them and gave himself to them in response to their faith and love" (Concerning Believer's Baptism).

(2) Are the blessings of baptism "those which union with Christ bestows?" Peter said, "Re-

pent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2: 38). Arthur Dakin, B.D., D.Th., president of Bristol Baptist College, wrote, "A man being baptised is having it sealed to him that he will truly receive all the spiritual power and grace that the gospel promises" (Ibid p. 42). "Few would deny that in the New Testament, baptism is connected with the gift of forgiveness, nor would many dispute that forgiveness is indissolubly linked with saving faith" (Ibid, p. 46.)

(3) Does baptism "effect what it symbolises when administered to penitent believers"? Paul wrote, "We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6: 4). Dr. Underwood gives this answer, saying, "I am convinced that it is a complete mistake, and a violation of the teaching of

the New Testament, to reduce either sacrament to a bare sign or symbol. Both sacraments are efficacious symbols which mediate the grace of God to believing hearts, but only to believing hearts" (Ibid., p. 62).

It is evident that the above statement in "Convictions" does endeavor to convey the truths of scripture. Similar statements based on those texts have been made by Baptist scholars. Surely Mr. Lewis cannot charge justly scholarly leaders of the British Baptist churches with using "the language of baptismal regeneration and of magical sacramentalism"?

Whatever statements men may make about scripture, although they may be of interest and help, we do not place authority on them, but we find authority rather in the Word of God. It was in obeying the command of Christ, not in the understanding of the meaning of baptism, that brought joy to believers. Even if Christians cannot agree on a statement concerning the meaning of baptism, they can be united in their obedience to Christ's will, and that is what churches of Christ have urged people to do.

Who Can Bid the Shadows Flee?

—John I. Wright
in "The Christian Advocate."

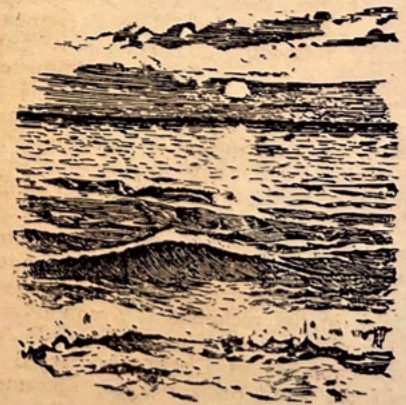
The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.—John 3: 35.

WHO can bid the shadows flee
From the world's sad heart?
Make all nations glad and free,
Peace to them impart?
Only One, whose peerless name
The ages, as they rise, proclaim.
Source of true and lasting good,
Lover of mankind;
In the bonds of brotherhood
He all hearts would bind;
Draw men to his gracious feet
In fraternal concord sweet.

He is Lord of heaven and earth;
Time is in his hand:
Everything of noblest worth
Waits his high command;
These to men he longs to give;
'Neath his sway what joy to live!

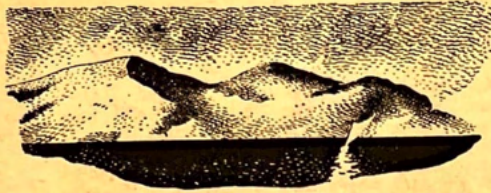
Faithful he, our steps to guide,
'Mid life's darkest day;
Our defence, whate'er betide,
Guardian of our way;
Foes may rage, and strife prevail;
His strong love can never fail.

He in victory or defeat
Shall our souls sustain,
In glad fellowship, most sweet,
Give us lasting gain;
Oh! to trust and love him more
Sound his fame from shore to shore!



The Australian Christian

"I saw the mountain stand
Silent and wonderful and grand;
Looking out across the land
When the golden light was falling
On distant dome and spire;
And I heard a low voice calling
'Come up higher, Come up higher.'"



Mountain Meditations

Leader.—"My soul waiteth in silence for God only: from him cometh my salvation."

Silent Prayer.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 20, "Give thanks to God, he reigns above."

Prayer.—"O Lord, open our eyes that we may have a clear and uninterrupted sight of all the wonderful things which thou hast done for us. Let us not live as if we were strangers to thy commandments. Infuse into our hearts such an awe and fear to displease thee, that nothing may seduce us from our obedience to thee. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. (Earl of Clarendon, 1757.)"

Reading.—Psalm 61.

Meditation.—"Like Rocks of Towering Grandeur."

Many mountains have rock formation near the summits, and it is said that mountaineering on rocky formations is the most hazardous of all. The mountains of the South Pacific have usually a volcanic origin and are rocky in nature. High mountain ranges or great rocks rising from lake, river or sea, make one feel small in comparison. We say with the psalmist, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Then, too, when we see the grandeur of these rocks, we feel the urge to become "strong and sure" and as stable as these lofty heights.

We all meet lives which seem to stand as far above their fellows as these rocky mountains do above the plains or sea. We marvel at their strength of character and the sureness of their faith. Yet often such a one has upon him the marks of storm and stress, but has been able to say,

"God meets me in the mountain when I climb alone and high,
Above the wrangling sinners and the jangling devotees."

We all wish for physical, mental and spiritual strength. Science has done wonderful things toward physical health. By providing opportunities for education governments have enabled people to develop mental ability; but the strength of the spirit can only be gained through faith in Christ Jesus the Son of God. When Peter confessed this faith in Christ, Jesus said to him, "On this rock will I build my church."

Almost everyone has a high place in his life. Moses went to Mount Sinai, and there received the commandments to give to the world. Jesus went to the hills around Nazareth, and to the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem, and prayed and had fellowship with his Father.

Our lives may have to be lived on the plains. We may live where there is little rise on the earth's surface. If this be our lot, it will help us to have upon our walls a picture of a good seascape, with high rocks towering above the turbulent sea, or one of mountainous country, to refresh our eyes. We will gather inspiration from such works of art.

To each one is given the opportunity to see by faith the towering grandeur of the heights of God's love and to experience the strength and surety which come because of it into our own lives.

"Like rocks of towering grandeur
Make me strong and sure."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 31, "I to the hills will lift mine eyes."

Prayer.—"O God, in whom we have our being, who in thy light hast revealed thyself unto us, but whom in our darkness we cannot comprehend, grant that we may think worthily of thee, as we ought to think, and may renew thine image in us according to the pattern of thy Son, the man Christ Jesus, and by the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Amen."

Business.

Minutes.

Correspondence.

Home Mission Notes.

Overseas Letter.

Prayers, remembering the missionaries en route to their fields.

Address.—"Delinquent Youth Need Understanding."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 148, "See how he loved, exclaimed the Jews."

Prayer.

Benediction.—"May God, the fountain of all blessing, fill us with understanding of sacred knowledge. May he keep us sound in faith, steadfast in hope and persevering in patient charity. And may the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and the peace of the Lord be with us always. Amen."

FEDERAL CONFERENCE

THE Women's Federal Conference Executive now in Adelaide has received the books and correspondence from the former Federal Executive in Queensland. The thanks of all our Australian women are due to the retiring executive for their leadership in the past few years when travel restrictions made it impossible to hold a conference. Especially are we grateful to them for inaugurating a fund for the use of those of our churches in Britain who suffered so much through enemy action. The following is a letter received by Mrs. Bates, the retiring Federal secretary:—

17 Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy,
Manchester 21, England.
June 6, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Bates,—

We are very grateful to the sisters in Australia for this desire to send their "thank-offering" to help those who have been suffering from flying bombs and rockets. It is almost impossible, unless experienced, to understand what it means to have everything one possesses just completely destroyed in a few minutes, and although we know that material possessions aren't the most important, yet they have their meaning and use. It is a grand thing to be able to offer practical help to those in need, and I can assure you that your gift will be put to the best possible use. The treasurer of the fund which has had this

matter in hand is Mr. Andreas Kuypers, 19 North Sudley-rd., Aigburgh, Liverpool. Do please convey to your sisters in Australia how deeply moved we are by their thoughts, prayers and gifts. We hope that the war in the Far East will soon be over too, and that the world shall know peace again and try to learn more fully of God's will and purpose for his children.

Yours very sincerely,

Elsie Gainham.

We asked Mrs. Green, president of the Women's Federal Conference, to send a message for the "page" and the following message has just been received:—

It is a pleasure to be able to send, through our page, greetings to the women of the churches throughout the Commonwealth. It is known that in all the States much useful moral and spiritual work is being done, and I trust that a time of blessing and refreshing will be experienced as a result. It is not possible to assess the value of a God-controlled life nor measure the influence of a Christian woman; but we are sure that, through our faith and a patient continuance in well-doing, eternal life shall be our crown. —Adelaide Green.

EXECUTIVE NOTES

Victoria

Members of Temperance Committee planned and took part in monthly meeting held in Swanston-st. chapel on July 6. 145 were present. Mrs. E. C. Coe led devotions, and Mrs. W. Nankivell spoke on "Alcoholic Beverages and Their Control."

A welcome was extended to Mrs. Ross Lloyd and Misses Taylor and Walker, also to Mrs. Scambler, who received congratulations on her appointment as president of Women's Inter-church Council of Victoria.

The resignations from House Committee of United Board Church Hostel of Mrs. J. Turner and Mrs. A. W. Cleland were received with regret.

Mrs. Brough brought a greeting from Mrs. McCallum, of Sydney, to Executive Committee.

South Australia

Monthly meeting of Sisters' Auxilliary was held in Grote-st. chapel on July 5. Attendance was 76, 63 being delegates. Devotional leader was Mrs. F. Harding. Mrs. Verco presided over business session.

During month Mrs. Verco visited Broken Hill churches. She spoke of their work and gave their greeting.

Overseas superintendent read extracts from a letter from Mrs. Waterman. Mrs. Bartlett offered the missionary prayer.

Mrs. Bartlett reported on National Council of Women.

It was reported that 73 visits to homes and institutions were made during May.

Tasmania

At executive meeting on July 3, at Collins-st., Hobart, the president, Mrs. C. P. Hughes, presided. Mrs. Boxhall, Mission Band superintendent, led devotional session.

Dorcas and guilds are working for UNRRA appeal, making, remaking and renovating garments. They are also working for Bethany Boys' Home and City Mission. Mrs. Cole is representative on UNRRA committee.

At close of business session, Mrs. Amos gave an interesting talk on a "women only" evangelistic mission held in Georgetown, N.S.W.

New South Wales

Mrs. Ladbrook, from Hurstville church, led devotional session at executive meeting on July 6. Mrs. D. Wakeley presided, and the address was given by Mrs. P. D. McCallum, newly-appointed organiser for women's work. It was unanimously decided to start a "forward movement fund" to meet expenses of the new work.

Christian Front at San Francisco

THE great and important conference at San Francisco has concluded. At times it was feared the conference would not be a success. Even now it remains for the peoples of the fifty nations to give its charter sincere and unselfish support. We are gratified to learn that the two archbishops of Queensland and the President of the Council of Churches, with the co-operation of Sir Leslie Wilson (Governor of Queensland) agreed to approach Lord Halifax—British Ambassador to United States—and request him to plead in all the grave discussions at the conference that the Christian

Queensland's reactions to the World Conference are given by P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A. Reference is made also to pleas for church and economic reforms.

viewpoint override sectional interests. Lord Halifax replied that he was in complete agreement "on the necessity of keeping before the conference the challenge of Christian principles in relation to the problems coming up for discussion."

It is gratifying to learn that in Queensland leaders in church and State were able to co-operate in presenting a united Christian front, and we are pleased that the British Ambassador to the United States is one who never conceals the fact that he is a Christian in the fullest sense of the word. We must do all we can to proclaim the Christian evangel to all nations that a just and lasting peace may be secured.

Church Reforms

The Anglican Archbishop in his address to Synod pointed out that the chaplains' return to civil life and the rehabilitation of thousands of the fighting forces would present a challenge to the church which would need the whole-hearted co-operation of the members if the church were to accomplish anything

like the purpose for which it existed. Chaplains have gained an invaluable insight into the religious needs of our national life, and they would rightly expect that the experiences so gained would be used and applied to post-war needs and conditions. He suggested the appointment of a full-time missionary with special knowledge of modern technique and aptitude for evangelical work, a trained theologian to assist as teacher at missions, a youth commissioner to organise the work of Sunday schools, clubs, and young people's societies. To finance the scheme he suggested that every member who has saved a minimum of £25 lend it free of interest as long as the need existed.

Economic Reform Advocated

It seems to us at times that an unhealthy competitive spirit is prevalent in regard to wages and costs of living. One union seeks an increase in wages and other unions follow suit. Along with the wage increase goes increased cost of living. This places some members of the community in an unfortunate position. So many strikes, too, in this country are a disgrace. A speaker at one recent Anglican Synod said, "The church must take a leading part in removing the present economic system or lose the respect of decent men." He went on to say that the present system is breeding evil, and it was time that the ministers of religion studied seriously the co-operative system which was the best offering.

News Items

Another pioneer in the person of George Green has been called to his eternal reward. Fifty-six years ago he established the work at Bundamba and has been one of its mainstays all through the church's history.

We learn that Lars Larsen is retiring from full-time work. He has bought the manse at Rosewood, and while living in retirement will assist the work as opportunity offers for twelve months. His presence in this district where he previously had a happy and fruitful ten years' ministry should be of great help.

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

I WONDER!

"I WONDER what the new study manual and youth magazine will be like!" The Federal Young People's Department replies:

It is the extension of Division III. of Austral Graded Lessons.

It contains Bible studies for each week, following the theme, "Highroads of Religious Experience."

It includes a magazine section catering for varied individual and group interests.

It contains a daily scripture reading plan: "Journey Through the Bible!"

It will be issued quarterly.

It is prepared for use by individual readers, or classes of young people, ages 14-18.

It provides in its 64 pages a wealth of helpful Christian reading matter.

It is a medium through which Australian youth can be built into a virile, united fellowship.

It is brotherhood building, designed to lead adolescents to Christ and link them with the church.

Its contents form a balanced mental and spiritual diet for the important years of growth and awakening.

It is published by the Federal Young People's Department and Austral Graded Lessons Board of Control.

It will be available soon for use in quarter

October-December, 1945. It is priced at 1/- per copy, and may be ordered direct from Austral Co.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

FORTY young men and women associated with the Victorian churches of Christ are at present attending the Melbourne University or Training College. The Young People's Department sponsors a fellowship amongst these students. The second function of the year was held in the University at Union House. Members of the Fellowship were the guests of Dr. W. A. Kemp. The Teachers' Training College, the Faculties of Law, Engineering, Education, Music and Arts were represented. Dr. G. Calvert Barber addressed the gathering on the subject, "The Christian Student's Place in the University." Tea table interludes involved groups in table chatter and in making replies on the following subjects: "The new Prime Minister, I wish he would . . ." A fragment of wisdom; a fragment of humor; what is wrong with the right people." It was agreed that the next function should be a Sunday fixture at one of the city or suburban churches.

The writer wished he could have gathered those who question the worth of the church

in the community and provided them with the opportunity of looking into the faces of 35 Christian young men and women with light of knowledge in their eyes and the Christ-ideals dominating their being. Such an occasion would have demonstrated one of the ways at least that the church is continually enriching the blood-stream of the nation.

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.)

R.C. INFILTRATION

RE notes in the "Christian" of 4/7/45 on R.C. infiltration. Let us hope that the appropriate action taken by our churches will be positive. Most find it easiest to take the negative attitude of R.C. baiting, something as equally un-Christian as Jew baiting. We may not agree with the doctrine or the methods of the Roman church; but why snarl at the work she is doing in alleviating social distresses? It may be that the hospitals under R.C. control are far in excess of their own requirements; the same argument could be applied to Protestant church buildings. While the Protestant churches continue to adopt denominational attitudes even to the extent of caging off their social service departments, then the 20 per cent. united will always be stronger than the 80 per cent. divided.—C. N. Burn, Charters Towers, Qld.

PREACHERS AND CHURCHES

THERE is much food for thought in the letters of F. Cowper and C. W. Jackel, regarding the shortage of preachers among our country churches. In the minds of some there does seem to be a sort of classification of "country preachers" and "city preachers," and both churches and preachers would benefit if preachers were able to balance their pastorates between city and country. Mr. Jackel has touched upon the right spot when he refers to stronger churches being better served because they pay the highest salaries. But alas, how many even of these stronger churches really pay an adequate salary to their preachers?

The real fault is not with the preachers, but with the churches themselves; who for so long have paid their preachers less than laborer's wages, so that the preacher (who also has a wife and family to support) is obliged to go where he has hopes of something better. Preachers have not lost the pioneering spirit, nor the spirit of sacrifice. They have been practising that all along, and the ears of many church members would tingle if some of them told of their experiences. But no! they remain silent for the honor of the churches whom they serve. Let our churches catch some of their spirit of sacrifice and of service, and we shall see a renewal of our old-time vitality. The conditions prevailing between the churches and between churches and preachers certainly are brotherly, but hardly systematic. We plead for Christian unity, but don't practise it amongst ourselves: we don't bear one another's burdens. Of course stronger churches should be helping the weaker churches! One of the most practical ways of doing this is to establish a brotherhood fund for the equalisation of preachers' salaries, so that all may receive an adequate and equitable salary whether he be in city or country.—A. O. S. Baker, S.A.

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Influence of the Younger Churches

At no time in the history of the church was the influence of the younger churches so clearly marked as at Tambaram conference (India), 1938. Of the 471 delegates, to conference, more than 50 per cent. came from the younger churches.

JAPAN

The Meaning of the Cross

"On Calvary I see the blood of Jesus dropping down from his body on the cross. I hear the sound of the agony of the Lamb of God for the sins of mankind. It was for me and for my nation and for my race and for the whole world. I have committed sins and Jesus died for my sake. My race has committed sins and he died for my race. And the whole of mankind had fallen into sin, so he died for us all. Forgive us, Lord, for his sake and for the sake of the blood of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Saviour."—Kagawa at Tambaram.

The Mission of the Church

"The world church must be a church in penitence. It will remain, therefore, permanently an unpopular minority church. The universal law of spiritual growth, however, somehow demands fertility of the soul's soil in terms of penitence. The spiritual malnutrition of the otherwise prosperous-looking modern church is precisely the cause of its troubles. It has grown too fat in arrogance and too soft in complacency. Average Christians are ashamed of being penitent in these days. Even the church leaders reflect this general trait. Read the great resolutions and grand pronouncements of the church; you will readily discover that they are very apologetic at being penitent and, after paying as cursory a respect, as is possible with decorum, to penitence, rush on to the more engaging business of passing judgment on others. . . . To my way of thinking, only a penitent church can seek forgiveness; only a seeking church can be forgiven; only a forgiven church is qualified to forgive. And it is all-important here to remember that to forgive the forgivable is not a really Christian forgiving. We truly forgive only when we forgive the unforgivable. This must be so, if Christ's own words on this matter mean anything at all. . . . The cross is the basic message of the world church. The way of the cross is the way of life for Christians enfolded in its oecumenical fellowship. To me the cross of Christ is the eternal symbol of redeeming love—love which not only forgives the unforgivable but suffers for the unforgivable so that they may be saved. . . . The world church consists of a contrite few Christians of all races and nations, heart-broken because of the sin of the world, truly penitent and genuinely forgiving, united in the spirit and the way of the cross."—Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, delegate to Tambaram (now in U.S.A.).

CHINA

On Nationalism

"As a nationalist once, I have known the time when, if I thought of Japan at all, I always thought of her as an opponent. Our natural reaction to an opponent whom we hate is to wish upon him all the bad things of life. In the first Epistle of John we read, 'He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.' I have found this to be literally true. When I hate a person or a country I live with thoughts of death and destruction to-

wards him and there is no healing power in me. The attitude of love in this kind of situation would mean that we should learn to regard even the opponent as a part of ourselves and to work for the good of both. Then instead of thinking in terms of death and destruction, we shall begin to think in terms of fellowship and reconciliation. 'We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.' How badly do

destruction to thoughts of life in their relation to other nations. Only those who have caught the meaning of God's suffering love can render this help to an age living in fear and trembling."—Dr. T. Z. Koo at Tambaram.

INDIA

The Church's Duty

Of the late Dr. V. S. Azariah (Bishop of Dornakal) Henry Whitehead, D.D., formerly Bishop of Madras says: "Thirty-five years ago he told us that the inmost thought of his heart lay in the words, 'Prostrate before thy throne to lie, and gaze and gaze on thee,' and we are told that the fulfilment of this desire was seen on his face as he lay at peace, while those who loved and venerated him went to bid farewell to his visible presence." Is it therefore any wonder that Dr. Azariah could say at Tambaram: "It is the church's duty to concentrate all its energies to do the work of Christ. It is not just to worship; but it is to continue to do Christ's work with the help and the strength that we get in worship. Too much of the energies of ministers and of churches is being spent in taking permanent care of hereditary Christians. The church exists not to save itself but to save others."



Dr. Kagawa (left) at Tambaram Conference.

we need to help the nations of the world to-day to pass from thoughts of death and

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Notes on Various Topics

A War Casualty?

An interesting article in the "Sydney Morning Herald" on "The Decline and Fall of Good Manners" began with the sentence, "On the tablets declaring the notable casualties of the war, write the name of good manners." The writer dealt with the rudeness and discourtesy with which we have all become familiar in recent years. He does not think the war alone is responsible for the decline. Nor does he believe that uncouthness and rudeness are universal. Civility is not dead. "There fly," he says, "the ancient banners of chivalry, a little tattered perhaps, but banners still." Surely all of us will agree that our manners should be improved. It is significant that our words "morals" and "morality" are ultimately derived from a Latin word which means "manners." A competent writer of olden time gave a helpful word: "Love is . . . never rude" (1 Cor. 13: 5).

Doctors and Drink

The Society of Returned Medical Officers of Queensland urges reduced alcoholic content of beer and rationing of all spirituous liquors as desirable reforms of the liquor traffic. The "Medical Journal of Australia" supports these reforms, and in a leading article says that there must be few persons who will dissent from the view that the excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages is one of the greatest evils from which society to-day is suffering. The Queensland society of returned medical officers suggests other reforms, including prohibition of incentives to excessive drinking, such as treating, credit, and canvassing for liquor orders; the providing of more facilities to encourage people to drink at tables instead of standing at bars; and a vigorous educational campaign to change the attitude towards alcoholic drinking. We may rejoice at this desire to reduce

drinking without expressing approval of all the "reforms" suggested. The money power of the liquor trade, the selfishness of interested persons and their consequent callous attitude towards the victims of one of the worst of all trades, as well as the hold which the drinking habit has on so many of our people—these are the chief obstacles to genuine and radical reform.

Churches and Dancing

Prominence has been given in the press to the resignation of a Presbyterian minister in Albury owing to the holding, contrary to his wishes, of dances in a service-men's welfare hall in the church grounds. Officials of the Presbyterian Church point out that the church has not condemned dancing in church halls, but disapproves of the raising of church funds by dancing. An Anglican authority stated that "a resolution carried at the Anglican Synod of 1931 strongly deprecated the organisation of dancing and card parties for the support of God's work" and "recommended to church people the method of direct giving for such objects." This resolution, he said, has not been reversed. A Methodist minister said that the law of the Methodist Church prohibited the use of church, college and institutional buildings for dancing, and that dancing could not be arranged elsewhere to raise money for church purposes. Our people generally will approve of the Synod resolution mentioned and of the attitude said to be taken by the Methodist Church. The church has everything to gain by maintaining high standards, and much to lose by conformity to the laxer practices indulged in by some congregations.

A. P. Main

Here and There

Chaplain W. A. Wigney is performing an effective ministry among the men of the Services. Recently he had the joy of baptising an Anglican chaplain whom he helped to see New Testament teaching more clearly.

A very successful and enjoyable evening was spent Saturday, July 21, when the Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held a "smart Alicks' night" in the Anzac Hall, Doncaster, Vic. Various sketches and games filled the evening, after which supper was served.

W. Gale writes: "It is with very great regret that we report that A. E. Forbes, preacher at Hamilton, has suffered a slight stroke. The latest news is that he has improved a little. K. A. Macnaughtan is in a preaching mission at Wangaratta. Irwin Barber is song-leader."

Orders for the "Christian Youth Fellowship," the new study manual and magazine for Bible classes and study groups, are promising. The first three Victorian orders to reach the Austral Publishing Co. were from Brighton for 70 copies, Footscray 15, and Berwick 4. The first from another State came from Mulwala, N.S.W.

Owing to much sickness among the members of churches in the Sunnybank-Rocklea circuit, Qld., attendances have not been up to usual standard. Mr. Rogers has been doing extensive visitation of both districts. A working bee was held and Sunnybank church grounds were cleaned and minor repairs done to building. Repairs to organ cost £20; members defrayed this expense. In S.S. examination Sunnybank entered 8, Rocklea 7. H. G. Rasmussen has returned to south. His departure has been regretted by all. His services in circuit, especially at Rocklea, have been much appreciated. A donation of £20 was made by Mr. McCarthy for equipment for the Rocklea Sunday school.

"Statistically naked" is a phrase now being used in official and private circles concerned with the problem of clothing the destitute peoples of the war devastated countries of Europe. The phrase means that the persons concerned are so nearly clothesless that for statistical purposes they are classified as naked. There are 30,000,000 "statistically naked" people in Europe. Another 100,000,000 are described in official reports of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) as being "in desperate need of clothing, shoes and bedding." In an endeavor to save the lives of these people before the icy winter of Europe sets in, a Commonwealth-wide collection of clothing is being made. Australia is asked to contribute 5,000,000 pounds weight of used clothing for our unfortunate civilian allies. Parcels may be left at town halls and shire halls and other receiving depots.

The meeting of the Dorcas Society at Dulwich, S.A., on July 12 celebrated 25th anniversary of formation of society and 20th anniversary of appointment of Mrs. A. M. Ludbrook as president. Miss Grant led devotional session, during which Miss Kentish rendered a solo. Mrs. Cave, newly appointed president, then took charge. Greetings were read from many past and isolated members, and tributes paid to the way in which Mrs. Ludbrook had carried out her duties during past 20 years. Misses Garland and Grant spoke of the work of the society during past 25 years, and of Mrs. Ludbrook's term of office. On behalf of sisters, Mrs. Selway presented Mrs. Ludbrook with a leather writing case, and Mrs. Riches presented a posy of flowers. Mrs. Ludbrook responded. Minutes of first meeting of society were read, revealing that Mrs. Selway, Miss Grant and Miss Garland have been members since its inception. Records also reveal that during that time Miss Garland was secretary for over 20 years and Miss Grant treasurer for 20 years. Afternoon tea was served, and happy fellowship enjoyed.

The executive of the Sisters' Auxiliary in South Australia wish to advise the women of the churches (city, suburban and country) to send clothing for the UNRRA to their district councils or a receiving depot in their town or district, as there will not be a churches' of Christ depot.

VICTORIA ANNOUNCES NEW TYPE OF EVANGELISM

THE Home Missionary Committee, at the request of K. A. Macnaughtan, has secured W. W. Saunders, of Ballarat, to be co-worker in the evangelistic team. The coming of W. W. Saunders will make possible the conduct of after-school special daily services for children. This is a field of very wide opportunity, and will be of especial value when coupled with



W. W. Saunders.

the general evangelistic campaign. Mr. Saunders will associate himself with his partner in the ministry of visitation, and will conduct the evening service of song. The committee commends the Macnaughtan-Saunders partnership to the support of the brotherhood in prayer and finance. Their first united effort will be in the tent mission at Swan Hill commencing on August 19.

Many churches in Victoria have been blessed by the ministry of the late A. L. Gibson. Mr. Gibson died on July 19. After his retirement from an executive position in the Victorian State Savings Bank, Mr. Gibson remained active in the service of inter-denominational Christian work. He was treasurer of the Victorian section of the World Council of Churches for a period. Mr. Gibson was one of the church's Christian gentlemen in word, deed and character. Deepest sympathy is offered Mrs. Gibson and family.

On July 8, at Boronia, Victoria, Mr. Shaw was farewelled and presented with a token of appreciation for his interim ministry with church. A social evening on July 11 was held to welcome Boronia's first full-time preacher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham. E. L. Williams was chairman of the gathering which included Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, conference presidents, churches of Eastern District Conference; local churches; combined churches Fellowship; church members and friends. The building was filled. De-

lightful solos were rendered by Mrs. Barber, Miss Gwyneth Finger and Mr. Baker. Miss Roberts' pianoforte solo and accompaniments were also appreciated. Speakers and responses indicated that all were enthusiastic over prospects. Supper concluded a happy evening. On July 15 Mr. Graham was inducted by E. L. Williams. A large number broke bread and heard with pleasure Mr. Graham's address. Plans are being hurried to erect a manse for Mr. and Mrs. Graham, who have temporary accommodation at present. Congratulations are extended to Misses Connie and Gwen Batterham, who passed final medical examinations. Mrs. Henley and Miss Gilmour are seriously ill.

REHABILITATION OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN N.S.W.

ON Friday, July 13, 1945, a representative gathering from 17 metropolitan churches met to hear and discuss the Social Service Committee's plan for the rehabilitation of our Service men and women. In the absence of conference president, E. Davis, through sickness, and the two vice-presidents, Chaplain D. Wakeley presided. F. E. Alcorn made a stirring appeal on behalf of our soldiers, and outlined our plan, which was finely supported by J. Gibbs, of North Auburn. The meeting was then opened for discussion, and some valuable suggestions and help were given. The campaign starts with a fund of £110 in hand.

The position of rehabilitation officer was offered to Chaplain W. J. Crossman, and just after the meeting closed a telegram was received from him accepting the position. He starts work officially with the committee on Sept. 1, 1945. The prayers and support are asked from all for our brother in this splendid sphere of labor for the Master. Letters addressed to City Temple, Campbell-st., Surry Hills, Sydney, will find him.—Geo. Morton, secretary.

A REUNION

ON Aug. 21, 1938, the North Melbourne church closed after 68 years of service. Six years later, on Nov. 12, 1944, at the invitation of the Newmarket church, about 80 former North Melbourne members met at a communion service which was followed by lunch and a "pleasant Sunday" afternoon. This led to a reunion at Wattle Park on conference picnic day, April 2, 1945, when under the sign "North Melbourne Re-union" family groups met to talk over the past. On Saturday, July 14, 1945, the Freemasons' Hall, North Melbourne, resounded to the sound of happy voices as about 100 people met in a "Back to North Melbourne" social. Three generations of old "Chetwyndites" were present and contributed to a very pleasant musical programme. There were solos from Mrs. Bruce (nee Fordham), Miss F. Wright and H. Easton; recitations from Miss E. McIlroy and Miss Parker, and Sunday school items of 60 years ago from A. Ravenhall and W. J. Woodbridge; pianoforte pieces by Miss E. Tyrer and J. Carkeek, who also was accompanist for the evening. Councillor W. A. Fordham expressed the pleasure and appreciation of all for the work of the organisers, and it was resolved to make the communion service, picnic and social annual events. A note of sadness was introduced when T. J. Warne referred to the recent passing of Ern Peet, of Adelaide, a former North Melbourne member. In memory of all who had passed on, a brief silence was followed by "Blest be the tie." After supper the very happy evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne." If any would like to be included in the list of "Old Chetwyndites" and have not been receiving notices, please communicate with T. J. Warne, 105 Belford-rd., North Kew. Tel., WL 2473.

News of the Churches

Queenland

Bundaberg.—Services on July 8 were well attended. 105 broke bread. Bible school examination took place. Evening service was well attended. A solo was sung by Miss G. Booth. A young man was baptised.

Western Australia

Geraldton.—Half-yearly business meeting (the first) was held in C.W.A. rooms, on July 3. There was a fair attendance and at conclusion sisters provided refreshments. The church looks forward to a mission. On July 8 sixteen were present. Amongst visitors was Mr. Wesley, of Air Force, who presided. The address by Mr. Eaton was appreciated. Overseas offering was encouraging.

Perth.—At morning services church has had help of Bob Ellis, R. Blackman, Keith Povey, recently discharged from military duty. On morning of July 8, feeling reference was made to the passing of Mr. John Curtin. Visitors included H. Lyall (Swanston-st., Melbourne), J. K. Robinson gave a challenging talk. At 7.30 p.m. Miss E. Griffiths rendered a solo. Mr. Robinson was preacher. On July 10, Dorcas Society had a business and devotional session in afternoon. On morning of July 15 A. Ware (Wembley) gave a helpful talk. At 7.30 p.m. service was broadcast. Mrs. Urquhart rendered a solo. J. K. Robinson was preacher. At 8.45 there was a further broadcast. Mrs. C. Ewers and Miss E. Griffiths sang a duet. Mr. Robinson spoke on church unity.

Maylands.—Mr. McRoberts addressed church on June 24, and Doreen Folley and Maisie Beadle, recently baptised, were received in, also Mr. and Mrs. Williams by transfer from North Perth. At night Mr. McRoberts commenced a new serial story for Young Worshipers' League. £1/16/3 was received from offering for men and women of church in Forces. Sister Marshall sang a solo. Mr. Story (Un evangelised Fields Mission) gave an interesting talk at prayer meeting on June 27. A. Bell is giving a series of addresses at prayer meetings during July on second coming of Christ. On July 8, in absence of Mr. McRoberts, who was helping church at Gutha, E. R. Sherman addressed church and T. Bamford, conference president, conducted gospel service. The church has expressed sympathy to Mr. Bamford, whose mother recently passed away. Ken Digwood, of Navy, is going back again after leave. Thelma Harris is now out of danger after operation for appendicitis. Overseas offering was £31/17/-. The church is in healthy spiritual condition under ministry of Mr. McRoberts.

Tasmania

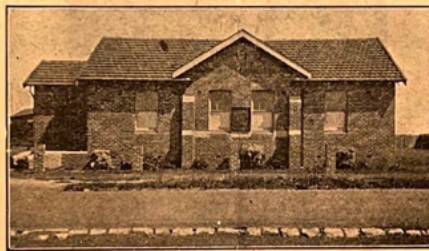
West Hobart.—On July 8 services were well attended, Ross Davis and Wayne Woolley being welcomed into membership in morning. Church appreciates continued fellowship of Mr. Duff, of Launceston. At gospel service Sister N. Woolley was soloist. There were two new scholars in kindergarten, which makes total of 40 new scholars in school since March. On July 15 two fine messages were given by Mr. Amos. Church secretary, B. J. Golder, is back after short illness. Mrs. Ray Lillye was soloist at gospel service. There was attendance of 74 scholars in school. A Faithful Fishermen competition is being commenced.

Mole Creek.—A party from Launceston made a day-trip to Caveside and Mole Creek. Mr. Edmonds spoke to appreciative gatherings, and Mr. Groves read the scriptures. Mr. Sulzberger kindly gave the use of his car. The church made a presentation to M. Byard, a local speaker, who is leaving the district.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Following evening service on July 8, a fellowship hour was held in school hall. About 90 attended, and there was an enjoyable programme of sacred music and singing. H. R. Bott and Miss Muriel Byard were married in chapel on July 7. S. H. Wilson is holidaying at Bridport. During his absence H. Nicholls and R. Edmunds conducted services on July 15 and C. Russell spoke to midweek prayer meeting on 11th. Annual offering for overseas missions has reached £38; there is more to come.

New South Wales

Bexley North.—On July 8, 35 scholars sat for examination, and a cup of tea was provided. Bible class stayed for monthly tea and gospel service. G. E. Burns (Rockdale) addressed church on July 15, and J. Hender-



The Chapel at Bexley North.

son preached at night. Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker were received by transfer from Rockdale. Mr. and Mrs. A. Laney have returned to district. Bible school held an "open" Sunday afternoon, when slides were shown on life of Christ, erection of new building, and of picnic. Parents and visitors enjoyed slides, recitations, songs and choruses.

Bowral.—At the meetings held in the tent E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris have had wonderful services. On evening of July 15 another married woman confessed Christ. School, Endeavor, Men's Fellowship and Women's Mission Band are all growing. The permit to build has not yet been granted. Church has purchased a hall in which to meet for the time being.

Broken Hill.—H. E. Paddock has addressed special meetings in connection with forthcoming G. T. Fitzgerald tent mission. A good number of Bible school scholars and several teachers sat for examinations on July 8. At a recent guild meeting Mrs. L. Warren, secretary of manse committee and Ladies Guild, announced to ladies that manse was fully paid for. Recently fellowship was enjoyed with Bob Griffiths, of the Forces, and other visitors.

South Australia

Unley.—On July 8 J. E. Webb spoke in morning and Dr. Trevor Turner at night. Men's Fellowship was held on June 28 at Fullarton. Dr. Michell, of China, was speaker, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. It has been decided to form a tennis club and to play matches in C. of C. Association. Working bees were called for July 14 and 21 to clean up courts, basketball girls supplying afternoon tea. On July 15 Dr. T. Turner spoke in morning and A. Anderson at night. A working bee has been held at manse, and a wooden floor

put down over present cement floor in one room. Mrs. A. Anderson spoke at senior girls' Mission Band held at home of Mrs. P. S. Messent. Ladies have held two all-day sewing meetings for UNRRA. Mrs. J. Manning has been bereft of her daughter-in-law, wife of Lieut. K. Manning.

Brooklyn Park.—Encouragement is felt by recent decision of three lads from Bible school. Baptism took place on July 8, parents of boys attending service, also many visitors. Superintendent of Bible school, J. Maxted, addressed church. At each service suitable mention was made to passing of late Mr. John Curtin. Bible school continues well. Special interest is shown in kindergarten, which shows increase in numbers.

Murray Bridge.—Meetings of church and auxiliaries are well attended. Sufficient money has been raised and donated for construction of tiled baptistery and an effective canopy. It is expected that the contractor will start on this work within next few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had their three sons home on leave recently. Mr. and Mrs. Page heard from their son Norman, returned to England from a P.O.W. camp in Germany. Mr. Cremin's sister, Mrs. Knight, of Sydney, is spending a month in Murray Bridge. Recently Mr. Swan, of B. and F. Bible Society, addressed morning service.

Mile End.—Bible school closed efficiency campaign on June 24 with good attendance. In Mr. Webb's absence Messrs. Green and Coin spoke at services on July 1. Dr. Trevor Turner was speaker on morning of July 8, Mr. Webb in evening. Overseas mission offering exceeded that of last year. C.E. societies held anniversary on July 15 and 17. D. Pike, of Glenelg, spoke at communion service on the Sunday, young men assisting in service. In evening youth spoke to youth with three "Mountain-top Experiences with Jesus." A C.E. choir assisted. J. E. Brooke, of Cottonville, was speaker at Tuesday evening rally. A greeting was received from new youth organiser, Mr. Stirling.

Semaphore.—Boys' and Girls' Clubs meet regularly each week, and interest is maintained. Mission Band held meeting on July 3, when Mrs. Bartlett was speaker. Ladies are knitting babies' wear, and a large quantity of clothing for Europe relief appeal has been brought in. A. Samuels exhorted church on morning of July 15, Mr. Ewers speaking at Queenstown. At annual business meeting of church on July 18, reports from all auxiliaries showed excellent work and finances good. A. Samuels was elected elder; M. and N. Bray, W. Lough, P. Rodda and V. Taylor deacons; J. P. Brooker secretary; P. Rodda treasurer; W. Lough, S.S. superintendent. Mr. Ewers consented to continue his ministry for an indefinite period. Sgt. Keith Ewers is home on leave.

Cottonville.—The 49th anniversary of church was held on July 15. H. P. Manning gave a stirring message in morning, when 116 broke bread. F. Hollams gave an illustrated talk to Sunday school. Parents, friends and past scholars, teachers and superintendents took part. A very well attended meeting in evening heard two young women, Miss Pam Lythgoe and Miss Vera Beck, respond to invitation of Mr. Brooke. A cloud was cast over anniversary gatherings as it had been announced that Cpl. Reg Bradley had been killed in action on Borneo on June 27. It was a shock to the church, where he had faithfully labored. Alan Gloyn has been home on leave from Bouganville Is., and has attended services. Mrs. Roland Butler and three children have arrived safely from China, via Calcutta, and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. Butler, sen. Winter school meetings held on Wednesday evenings are proving inspiring. On July 11 Mr. Firth, preacher of Westbourne Park Methodist Church, was speaker. Aim of 50 members present has almost been reached. Sunday school scholars sat for examinations on July 8.

Dulwich.—On July 8 the church had fellowship with Able Seaman W. Morrow, who is home for short leave. On July 15 Mr. Morrow, who has been a member of Bible school since he was of kindergarten age, and who at time of his joining the Navy was a teacher, gave an interesting talk to scholars on natives of Pacific. Arrangements are taking shape for "back to Dulwich" gathering for 25th anniversary.

Victoria

Collingwood.—On July 15, the morning address was given by L. Taylor, of Abbotsford Baptist church, and on July 22 by Miss Fairfield, of Egypt General Mission. Evening service on July 22 took form of film, "The Trail of Life." Mrs. Trew is recovering from long illness.

Warrnambool.—Visitors have been welcomed. Three young people, Marion Le Couteur, Brian Boyle and June Hill, were baptised on July 15. Young People's Fellowship is increasing in membership, and meetings are well attended. Junior Christian Endeavor now comprises two groups, Miss Heather Hill taking charge of younger children.

Kaniva.—Local brethren conducted all services during holiday of Mr. Earle in Adelaide. He commenced his fifth year of ministry here on July 1. Scripture examination was conducted at Kaniva and Yearninga, with fair entries at each place. Overseas mission offering has reached £192. Officers have adopted basis recommended by executive for preacher's salary, with minor additions.

Parkdale.—At morning service on July 22 more than 90 were present. Mr. MacKenzie preached. Good wishes were expressed to Dr. Howard Toyne, of R.A.A.F., who plans to leave for Western Australia at end of month. In afternoon S.S. teachers held a fellowship tea. At night the choir, under W. Fielder, rendered a helpful anthem. The attendance was encouraging. A. W. Stephenson was preacher.

South Melbourne.—Attendances have been moderate over past few weeks, but a good spirit prevails in all departments. Mr. Randall and C. Cartmel continue to preach faithfully. Six Bible school scholars made the good confession under preaching of Mr. Randall during past month. Bible school is preparing for anniversary. 17 new scholars have been added to school as a result of rally over past three months.

Doncaster.—On morning of July 15 Mr. Banks again took up his work, having recovered from recent operation. G. Tully is carrying on a good work as supervisor of boys' club. On evening of July 10 Les Petty gave a moving picture entertainment to Band of Hope. A complimentary social was tendered to Keith Petty and Joan McKenzie, shortly to be married. Mr. Banks made a presentation on behalf of church. Overseas mission offering was £36/15/-.

St. Arnaud.—Women's Mission Band held birthday afternoon in June. Clothing has been received from members for UNRRA appeal. A farewell social evening was given to Mr. and Mrs. Hurren and family on July 11. A large gathering of members and friends spent an enjoyable evening. A monetary gift was presented in appreciation of services faithfully rendered. Members appreciate interest and help of Mr. Sandercock, of Methodist church. R. Cooper has been welcomed home on leave.

Horsham.—All meetings of church are well attended. On July 8 one previously immersed was received into fellowship, and at evening service Margaret Smith made the good confession. On July 15 Mr. Jacobi made his decision. There was an impressive baptismal service. After service, over 50 remained for singing around the piano in school hall under leadership of H. Feary. Bible school had 103 present on July 15. Overseas offering was £42. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Kayson and two daughters in the loss of husband and father.

Geelong.—On July 20 the C.E. held an enjoyable social evening. During absence of Mr. Stirling because of ill-health on July 22, Mr. Rodda spoke to church in morning and in evening J. Small preached. One made the good confession. Building debt elimination fund is now £317.

North Fitzroy.—L. Dudley addressed church on morning and preached at night on July 15. Negotiations are proceeding to acquire land at Belgrave for young people's camp site. H. Swain attained the age of eighty years on



The Chapel at North Fitzroy.

July 17; he is still very active in church life, and carries on visitation in absence of permanent preacher. Mr. and Mrs. H. Trotter were hosts to about 50 young people on July 14 at a social evening. The father of Mrs. Lord and Miss Moyes passed away two weeks ago; the church extends sincere sympathy. Overseas offering is £28/16/-.

Essendon.—There have been seven decisions, and at gospel meeting on July 15 three of these were baptised by W. E. Jackel before a crowded congregation. During morning service on July 22, four were received into membership. Midweek Bible study class, under Mr. Jackel, is well attended; at conclusion of these meetings supper is served and a discussion held. A successful social was held for fellowship by young people on July 21. Basketball team is undefeated to date this season.

North Essendon.—Nineteenth anniversary of church was celebrated by a social evening on July 18, when plans for advancement (including building extension and purchase of manse) were put to members. Special services on July 22 were very well attended. Ross Lloyd (an early student preacher) and A. E. White gave fine addresses morning and evening respectively. A special combined choir gave fine assistance at evening service, A. W. Stevens conducting. Anniversary offering for day totalled £38, and goes to building fund.

Warragul.—Meetings have been smaller lately, some members being ill and others away helping sick and needy ones. Alan Pedersen is home after treatment at Heidelberg Military Hospital for poisoned arm. Sister Readhead has been obliged to resign as organist owing to ill-health. The church appreciates her faithful efforts during past few years, and prays for speedy restoration to health. On July 8, in absence of Mr. Baker, helpful addresses were given by Mr. Byard. Repainting of chapel is being carried out.

South Yarra.—A thanksgiving service was held prior to annual business meeting, for end of a successful year in raising £200 towards new building and plans set out for second year. Presentations were made to Flt.-Lieut. Searle on his marriage to Miss Jean Blake. Visitors on leave from Mr. Streader, on leave from Darwin. Soloists at gospel meetings have been Mr. Hollow, Miss Frances Cowper and Miss P. Daff. On July 22 Ron McLean addressed church and E. Rofey gave gospel message.

East Preston.—Gospel meetings are improving. Good attendance on July 8, when Boys' Club held a church parade. Gospel message was presented by means of flannel-board. On July 15 J. Plummer, of Reservoir, presided in morning. Mr. Jenner, of Carnegie, presided at gospel meeting and Mr. Fletcher gave the address. On July 17 a combined meeting was held at Reservoir, when Mr. Alcorn presided and Mr. Fletcher gave the address and baptised a young lady who had made the good confession. On morning of July 22 a young lady was received into fellowship. Cpl. R. E. Clinton and his wife had fellowship with church. There was a good attendance at night, when Mr. Fletcher presented the message by means of lantern slides.

Preston.—Attendances at all services during past three weeks have been fair, evening services particularly having shown improvement. Special features have been a problem night on July 8, when Mr. Combridge answered some of the problems submitted, balance being dealt with on July 22. A men's service was held on July 15, items being rendered by a men's choir, in addition to which there was a quartette and an organ selection. Mr. Combridge has accepted offer of church for a re-engagement for a further term of three years from end of his present term at an increased salary. A splendid concert, arranged by S. W. Gray, was given by young people on July 14, as a result of which building fund will benefit to extent of over £14 to date.

Mildura.—On June 24 J. Lewis spoke in absence of L. Snow, who was visiting Dareton, where he presented the church with platform furniture, a gift from the Waters family, in memory of the late preacher, E. J. Waters. Sympathy is expressed with Mrs. Squires, whose mother has passed away, also to Mrs. Henderson, whose son David died in tragic circumstances on July 8 at Swan Hill. Attendances at meetings of Endeavorers are encouraging. They are enjoying fellowship with young folk of other church organisations. Annual business meeting of church was held on July 11, when office-bearers were elected. A social committee has been formed to arrange welcome home socials for returning Servicemen. A successful year was reported at annual business meeting of Women's Mission Band. On July 15 L. Snow spoke in morning. At night Mrs. Tennyson Smith and Mrs. Mousbrough gave short addresses, supporting work of W.C.T.U.

Castlemaine.—E. Fisher, of the college, gave inspiring addresses at C.E. anniversary on July 1. A fellowship tea and short tea table discussion were held. At night a special C.E. choir rendered number and D. Streader, of Boort, a solo. Endeavorers attended a combined district C.E. meeting, when Mr. Haley, newly-appointed field secretary, delivered an address. Mrs. H. Peeler is recovering satisfactorily after operation. Miss W. Taylor and Mrs. Stanyer are still in hospital. Misses T. Clipstone and P. Cooper have completed national fitness leadership training course, and are doing good work in girls' club. On June 18, 45 young people attended a picnic at Mt. Alexander Koala Park. A donation of £1 was made to the park committee. V. Symes supplied transport. Young people's work is

healthy. C. E. Curtis is giving inspiring addresses in closing his ministry. P/O Thodey, R.A.A.F., recently returned from England. Miss E. Jermyn has been received into fellowship.

Footscray.—300 people were present, including the Mayor and Councillors, with their wives, on Sunday afternoon, July 22, for the occasion of the unveiling of the new honor roll for 50 members of the Forces associated with this church. D. C. Ritchie conducted the ceremony, and with Brigadier W. Cremor, C.B.E., unveiled the roll. Others taking part in the service were the Mayor, Cr. Beaton, Mrs. W. Hughes, soloist, and A. Wilcox, trumpeter (M. & M. Fire Brigade). A young man was baptised on July 8, and received into fellowship the following Sunday. Deepest sympathy is expressed for the family of Mrs. Iris Baker, who passed away after a painful illness lasting nine months.

Reservoir.—Eleventh anniversary of church was celebrated on July 22. Almost all members were present in morning. Visitors were welcomed, and greetings read from past members. Mr. Alcorn gave an appropriate address and choir rendered an anthem. Prior to breaking of bread Mr. Alcorn farewelled Mr. and Mrs. E. Dudley, who are moving to Queenscliff. He presented them with books from church. They will be greatly missed. Both have rendered excellent service. Mr. Dudley as door-keeper has been most regular and punctual. He also served faithfully as deacon. Mrs. Dudley was an ardent worker with Ladies' Guild and for a time served as secretary. At gospel service, which was well attended, E. L. Williams gave an inspiring address and choir sang two anthems.

Malvern-Caulfield.—All meetings on July 15 were well attended. W. Brown was received into fellowship. F. E. Buckingham continued special gospel addresses in evening. There was one baptism, and four made the good confession. On July 22 the meetings were very encouraging. George Hinde was received into fellowship. At close of Mr. Buckingham's evening address there was one decision, and five were baptised. At annual church business meeting on July 18, all auxiliaries and preacher gave very satisfactory reports. Special tributes were paid to Jas. Holloway, who has entered upon his 31st year as church secretary. A complimentary social was tendered on July 9 to John Beveridge and Margaret Taggart, who were married by Mr. Buckingham on July 14. At annual meeting of Women's Mission Band on July 11, the following were appointed: President, Mrs. F. E. Buckingham; vice-presidents, Mrs. G. W. Mitchell and Mrs. Gerrard; secretary, Mrs. Ashcroft; treasurer, Mrs. Griffith; pianist, Mrs. Tucker.

REVISED VERSION ANNIVERSARY

THE work of the revision of the Old Testament in English began on June 30, 1870, and was completed on June 20, 1884. The company of revisers met on 792 days (spread over fourteen years), and the Revised Version was issued on May 19, 1885—exactly sixty years ago. The revision was undertaken at the instance of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury.

The Bishop of Winchester, in February, 1870, moved in the Upper House "that a Committee of both Houses be appointed to report upon the desirableness of a revision of the Authorised Version of the New Testament." The Bishop of Llandaff carried an amendment to include the Old Testament. In May five resolutions were laid before the Upper House affirming, among other things, "that it is desirable that a revision of the Authorised Version of the Holy Scriptures be undertaken," and that Convocation should nominate a body of its own members to undertake the work of

revision, "who shall be at liberty to invite the co-operation of any eminent for scholarship, to whatever nation or religious body they may belong." The Upper House adopted the five resolutions with unanimity; the Lower House followed suit, with but two dissentients.

The judgment of Sir Frederic Kenyon, as given in the most recent edition of "Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts," is thoroughly sound: "Both versions are now essential parts of our heritage; and the final verdict must be: the Revised for study, the Authorised for reading."—H.J.C.

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IN view of the appeal to the churches for an offering to be taken in August for this work, here are some facts concerning the bringing of the Christian message to thousands of children each week in our State schools.

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A Large Programme.—Its objectives include the preparation and publication of lesson material, the provision of training facilities for instructors in schools, and the employment where necessary of paid helpers. It aims to be a centre of thought, study, research and discussion concerning the principles and practice of Christian education in schools.

Headquarters Staff.—Rex. Mathias, M.A., Dip.Ed., as director of the Council, is displaying great vision, initiative and daring in leadership, promising greater effectiveness in a work which is expanding under the pressure of modern needs into large proportions. Mrs. Doris H. Peart is full-time secretary and Mr. J. M. Carroll, honorary treasurer. The Council headquarters are at 31 Queen-st., Melbourne, C.I. The Council is under the strong and wise direction of the chairman, the Dean of Melbourne, H. T. Langley, M.A.

Churches of Christ Representation.—G. J. Andrews and V. C. Stafford are our representatives on the Council, the latter serving on the executive. They are appointed by the Young People's Department. Financial support comes from the churches in an annual offering and individual contributions.

Partners are Needed.—Last year the Council made a State-wide appeal in which the support of regular subscribers was solicited, the aim being 5000 subscribers of £1 each. There are 750 such individuals and groups, who contributed approximately £1200. The estimated expenditure for the current year is £3500. It will be realised that many more generous supporters are needed in order to implement the new work contemplated.

For a Greater Work.—The financial backing of Christian people and the churches is sought for a growing work. Perhaps the biggest project in the Council's history is the scheme to completely staff the metropolitan high schools with a fully-trained, full-time team of eleven qualified teachers, who will teach the Christian faith day by day, week by week, through the year to the thousands of adolescent boys and girls of our secondary schools. An approach is being made to the department and the minister requesting an alteration in regulations which will make this scheme operative. Attention is now being given to the preparation of an agreed syllabus and new handbooks for instructors, which should be ready for

1946. A scheme of authorisation of instructors is at present being considered by the Council.—V. C. Stafford.

DEATHS

McDONALD.—On July 14, Charles, dearly loved father of Percy and Myrtle, and grandfather of Dorothy, Eileen and Jock, aged 82. We have you in our memory, God has you in his care.

SHEEHAN (nee Jellett).—On July 9, at her residence, "Marina," 9 Golden Quadrant, Glen Iris, Alice Maud, beloved wife of the late Robert Sheehan, and loving mother of Vera, Maud, Clarice and Roy. At rest.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWNRIGG.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son Arthur, who departed this life for higher service July 30, 1937. "Treasured memories."

DEMERAL.—Cherished and loving memories of my beloved husband Claude, who passed away at Albert Park, July 31, 1943. "Sweet memories of happy days spent together."

LEWIS.—In loving memory of my dear husband, David Alfred Lewis, who was called home July 26, 1939.

Some time, some day, in the near or far future, we'll meet again.

—Inserted by his loving wife Priscilla Lewis.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

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COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 3.—Swanston-st. lecture hall, 2 p.m., Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council will meet. Leader of devotions, Miss P. Ludbrook. Speaker, Mr. J. T. Hamilton, treasurer State Aborigine Committee.

NOVEMBER 25.—Parkdale Church of Christ Home-coming services, Sunday, Nov. 25. Past members and friends are invited to reserve this date and to watch for future announcements.

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JULY 29, 11 a.m.—Mildura, Vic. Speaker, L. Snow.

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"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

THE following story is told of Dean Swift. He had been out of town and was returning to perform a marriage ceremony. His train was late, and when he reached the station at Dublin it lacked only a few minutes of the hour of the wedding. He ran out and jumped into a jaunting car, calling out to the cabman, "Drive like Jehu! I am late now, and have only a few minutes to get there!" The man gave his horse a cut and was off down the street in a gallop. The Dean held on with both hands as the little open car pitched about, and presently called out to the man, "Where are you going?" "I don't know, sir," was the reply; "you didn't say where I was to go, but I'm driving like Jehu."

The Lady.—"Look here; you said that if I'd give you your dinner you'd mow the lawn for me."

The Tramp.—"I'd like to do it, ma'am, but I must teach yer a lesson. Never trust the word of a total stranger."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—NOT JESUS, BUT BARABBAS

- July 30—1 Kings 18: 21-39.
- " 31—Psalm 1.
- Aug. 1—Psalm 3.
- " 2—Matt. 6: 19-24.
- " 3—2 Cor. 6: 14-18.
- " 4—Mark 15: 1-15.
- " 5—Isaiah 53; Mark 15: 16-20.

IN answer to Pilate's question, "Will ye that I release unto you the king of the Jews?" our Lord's accusers cried, "Not Jesus, but Barabbas," a notable murderer who lay bound with others who had made insurrection. The Roman governor then called together the chief priests and rulers in the hope that they would release Jesus. But he was disappointed, for they had stirred up the multitude to clamor for the freedom of Jesus and the crucifixion of our Lord. This facing-both-ways governor sought to please the rulers by scourging Jesus, and the multitude by delivering him to them as a popular favorite, and himself by an adroit escape from an unpleasant situation; but he pleased nobody. So men oscillate and vacillate, wavering between decision for Christ or Barabbas, retiring into seclusion instead of facing up to responsibility, whilst Barabbas is set free and Jesus is scourged and crucified afresh.

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Obituary

Reginald Ernest Bradley

ON June 27, Reg. Bradley was called to his reward, having been killed in action serving with 2nd 43rd Australian Infantry Battalion in the Borneo landing. This tragic happening has ended this earthly life of service for Christ, king and country. He had been in the Services for five years, during which time he was used mightily in the camps. His everyday witness and the addresses which he gave showed his courage and steadfastness. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bradley, of Mitcham Park, S.A. A sister, Violet, is serving in the W.A.A.A.F. Reg. was a member of the church from his early years, and at the time of his enlistment was secretary of Sunday school and a member of Y.P.S.C.E. He was at one time a co-superintendent of I.C.E. He took a very active part in the sporting activities of the church, being secretary and captain of tennis club for a term. He was a very earnest, sincere lad, with the highest of ideals, and with the love of Christ in his heart. As one who knew him for 15 years, I can say that never have I seen him in anything but Christian surroundings; never have I heard him engage in anything but clean-minded conversation. In the prime of life, at the age of 25 years, he has been called home where pain and suffering will be no more, and where the blessed ever rest in eternal peace.—S.R.B.

E. J. W. Peet

THE church at Grote-st., Adelaide, sustained a great loss in the home-call of Ernest J. W. Peet on July 11, after a brief illness. Our brother came from North Melbourne, Vic., was received by letter on Oct. 20, 1912, and has since been a faithful member and worker. He was a deacon and trustee of the church. He presided at the Lord's Table on June 17, and read the New Testament lesson on June 24, 1945. He was a City Councillor for Grey Ward for 13½ years, and the Council's representative on the Fire Brigade Board; also a member of the Works and Highways, Parliamentary and By-laws, and Traffic Committees of the Council. The Lord Mayor of Adelaide said, "Cr. Peet was a worthy councillor, a fine citizen, and a Christian gentleman. He will be greatly missed, especially by the children of the Protestant Children's Home." Our brother was for several years secretary of the Home, and gained the love and esteem of the children and all connected with it, for which he did a great work. He was a past president of the churches of Christ State conference, and served on a number of conference committees. Our brother leaves a widow, to whom is extended deepest love and sympathy in her time of bereavement, and to all relatives. A representative gathering assembled at the graveside, when his remains were laid to rest on July 12, in Centennial Park Cemetery, preceded by a short service in the home. Mr. Beiler officiated, assisted by Mr. C. Schwab, Federal Conference president, and Mr. Heard, chairman of the board of the

Protestant Children's Home at Morialta. "Until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."—W. S. Harris.

Mrs. J. Smith, sen.

AT the advanced age of 80 years, Mrs. J. A. Smith, sen., recently answered the home-call. Baptised at Yarrowonga, Vic., a quarter of a century ago by the late Mr. Charles Pratt, Mrs. Smith came to Camberwell four years ago. During this time she has been a faithful worshipper, demonstrating at all times her deep love for Christ and the church. The sympathy of many Christian friends is extended to her sorrowing family.—W.F.N.

Miss S. E. Taylor

THE death of Miss Susannah Elizabeth Taylor took place at Strathearn Hospital, Castlemaine, Vic., on May 30, and in her passing the church loses a sincere and active member. Our late sister was received into Castlemaine church under the preaching of D. McAllister, and apart from a few years spent at Boort, she had been a keen worker in the Bible school until advancing age limited her activity. The Taylor family at Muckleford were known for their hospitality towards visiting preachers, and the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, was always open to visiting brethren. Miss Taylor has been predeceased by all the family excepting a brother (Jack) in N.S.W. A beautiful memory is left, and our sister maintained a strong faith in her Saviour to the last. Her remains were laid to rest in Castlemaine Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection morn. C. E. Curtis conducted a service at the chapel and later at the graveside.—C.E.C.

ADDRESSES

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ington will not let me call alcohol and yet
honorably shrinks from calling booze; and I
can bear witness to its enchanting reduction
of my critical faculty, as evidenced by the
manuscript which I have read over and torn
up the next day. I have watched the difference
between driving a car before lunch and after,
and have learned to insist on taking the wheel
myself if ever a spoonful of vin compris has
formed part of the driver's lunch. And I
remain incurably convinced that there is no
future for 'Dutch' courage or 'Dutch' inspira-
tion or 'Dutch' poetry; alcohol is useful only
in Parliaments where the boredom is so in-
tolerable that it cannot be borne without nar-
cotising the critical faculty, and incidentally
the conscience at the bar after dinner."—"The
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