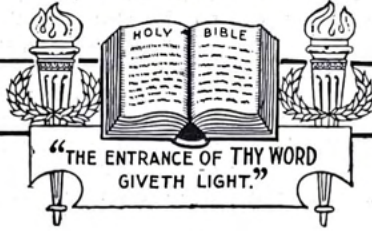


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The Good Samaritan



"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"

Social Service is this Commandment in Action

By steering clear of dangerous extremes, the church may make

A Straight Course to Social Justice

HOMER, the great poet of ancient Greece, told stories of an adventurer named Ulysses. Because some of those tales point to truths common to life in all ages, they have never been forgotten. One of the best known tells of the manner in which Ulysses saved his ship from dire tragedy while he was passing through a strait that had on one side a rock where a fearful monster lived called Scylla; and on the other a mighty whirlpool named Charybdis. By going too far to avoid Charybdis, one might fall into the grip of Scylla. Ulysses, by being made aware of both evils and by use of common wisdom, was able to bring his ship safely through the channel.

That adventurer's task of finding a safe way past Scylla and Charybdis is like that of the church's. The work of the church is not easy. There is the danger of going to an extreme to avoid another error. If we are aware of the perils we are likely to steer clear of them. Ignorance of the full truth of the Bible is often the chief ground for disaster.

What are the errors we must watch so as to allow the church to go ahead to its task of saving men and society? There are two errors that may be likened to Scylla and Charybdis. We must avoid both to complete the task given us by the Lord. One urges that a man is saved by moral effort alone; such a belief is known as humanism. It is a revival of that old error against which Paul wrote, namely, that salvation is gained by works of the law. Pride that arises from such human effort ought to be brought low by a survey of Europe's battlefields, ruined cities and broken-hearted multitudes. While men have made great progress in machine-making, and have saved themselves from the drudgery of "drawing water and hewing timber," they have set free powers that, in the hands of evil men, have brought to ruin much of the good work created over the centuries. As someone has suggested: Man, in his efforts to make heaven on earth, has made a hell. In other words, man has failed to make good his aims because he is too frail to do so.

Christians ought not allow the humanistic state to undertake tasks of mercy—the caring of the sick, the fathering of orphans, the teaching of the young and the training of youth. The emptying of these services of the Spirit of God has weakened the character of citizens. The

results of such folly in the realm of education are being seen by alert students of history. "The Argus," Melbourne, July 31, says: "If the general trend of education is to teach youth what it is going to do in life, without teaching it what man is and what life is, then civilisation is in serious danger of perishing. That is a drastic statement; but it would be a drastic philosophy that would subordinate

Christ at the Door

*If Christ should count you
worthy and should deign,
One day to seek your door
and be your guest,
Pause! ere you draw the bolt and bid
him rest,
If in the old content you would
remain,
He wakes desires you never may
forget,
He shows you stars you never saw
before,
He makes you share with him, for
evermore,
The burden of the world's divine regret.
How wise you were to open not! and
yet
How poor if you should turn him from
the door. —Selected.*

man to technics. Man has evolved technology out of his contacts with his environment; but if he falls down and worships this offshoot from his own brain, then he is doing something worse than making a god of himself: he is making a god of his own exteriorisation, as if a snake should fall to worshipping its off-sloughed skin."

The trend of modern education is toward a false view of life. What this secular policy is doing to youth through an incomplete education, it is also doing to men and women in general, through other channels.

To make the future safer and more progressive, the church must reclaim much that the state has taken over and secularised to the disadvantage of child, school, home and society.

Now this error of permitting the state take control where it cannot serve aright because of its secular nature, has been due to the Christian church allowing the error of a false and extreme teaching influence unduly its policy. That unscriptural doctrine that suggests a man is saved by "faith alone" has encouraged laziness and self-satisfaction within the church. Under the guidance of such teaching the church has often remained unmoved by the appeals of the beggar, Lazarus, who sits at the door at the mercy of dogs. Under it the church has passed by the wounded traveller lying on the wayside, so as to perform its "priestly" tasks, leaving him to a good Samaritan. What the church ought to do itself, it has left to another. No wonder the Samaritan has been heeded rather than the church!

Perhaps the tragic conditions existing in many parts of the world have been permitted because the church, trying to avoid the error in humanism has, through ignorance, steered into the opposite error, failing to see the need of producing fruits worthy of repentance.

In the chart of scripture faith is shown as having good works. The faith that saves is the faith that serves. Christ's care for the sick, Paul's concern for the poor saints at Jerusalem, and the early Christians' concern for others point to the truth that faith must be expressed, not only in worship, but also in noble deeds.

We commend therefore to the churches the appeal of the Federal Social Service Department. We believe that, with their new outlook, the vision of the churches has been so extended that they will help. There is an eagerness to rush in to take up tasks so long neglected.

It has been our policy to give prominence to social problems. Our correspondents in various States have been encouraged to bring before readers social questions. We are anxious to steer clear between Scylla and Charybdis, between extreme errors, and lead the way to truth in church life. By keeping the full gospel before us we shall press on with that task, endeavoring to help all working for the salvation of man and of society. We urge readers to consider the claims of Christian social work and to give it worthy financial support.



These five ladies, each aged over 85 years, with fifteen others, have found a haven of rest at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Victoria.



Mrs. Florence M. Gill,
Committee of the Social Service
in Victoria.

Mrs. Gill has given continuous service with the Social Service Committee for nineteen years, and has been elected each year as president of the Women's Auxiliary for the whole of this period. No woman is better known in the churches of Victoria, and no one is more greatly loved or highly esteemed. She has the confidence of the committee in a marked degree, and holds what we believe is a unique honor in being the first woman of our churches in Australia to be appointed to the chair of a general conference committee. Her contribution to social service, and particularly to the Christian Guest Home, places her name in the imperishable records of the department and of the whole brotherhood.

Our Mothers and Fathers God Bless Them!

TO those who have borne the heat and burden of the day, and have sacrificed themselves so much for us, we owe a debt we can never repay. This, however, constitutes no reason why we should not make an effort to do so. Fathers and mothers are very appreciative of the debt, even if it cannot be discharged.

A visit to our Christian Guest Home will produce certain reactions. The first is to say, inwardly, "Thank God for the home!"

Your mind will act quickly, causing you to think back to the time, not so many years ago, when the work-house was the only refuge for the old and weary ones. Later, the government home, and to-day the church has provided the home. In a few minutes you will take in the whole situation; thoughts crowding on one another. All those things which go to make a home—comfort, convenience, the easy chairs, the lounge, the beds, the carpets, the pictures, the chiming clocks, the radio, the bright fire, the piano, but more than these things, the atmosphere, the love and care. You may find that you are too overwhelmed to express yourself, but in your own soul you will repeat, "Thank God!"

You will have realised that the guests are in the home because times have changed. The old home where most of their lives have been spent has fulfilled the purposes of a home. The children have grown up and are now settled in their own homes. In some cases, life's partnership has been broken and life itself consists mostly in reflections. Stay and chat with the guests, and you may go back with them along the road. You will learn of the loneliness they have felt, and the times when reflections gave way to contemplations, and forebodings. Sight was failing, and the steps becoming feebler, and the thought of being helpless induced a feeling of hopelessness. You will once again gaze around you, and this time you will take in the whole situation, and fervently say again, "Thank God!"

Yes, we all owe a debt to our mothers and our fathers—yours and mine—and, God helping us, we will do our utmost to discharge it.—W. H. Clay.

A Haven of Rest for the Weary

A Dream Comes True

IN looking back over the past seven years, there is much cause for thanksgiving in that we have been privileged to share the burdens of old age and infirmity with others. For a long time our committee had discussed the advisability of procuring a suitable property for our old people, a home where love would reign supreme, and where the cares of this world would pass them by, and the remaining days of their lives be lived in a Christian atmosphere. Such, we feel, has come to pass in the every-day life of the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh. A great amount of work and planning was needed before we were able to make "our home" complete. We were anxious that it should not be just an institution, and I think all will agree that it is very far removed from such a place.

To Whom Credit is Due

We are very thankful to the men and women of our churches for their splendid response to the various financial appeals which has made it possible to free the home from debt. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Ross and her staff, who faithfully and loyally have toiled long hours and have sacrificed themselves, foregoing their own privileges, to care for the dear souls who are almost wholly dependent on them. We deeply appreciate the voluntary service of so many of our sisters from the different churches who have come to our aid when the domestic problems were so great. The monthly meetings conducted

by the women of our churches continue to be a never-ending source of pleasure and fellowship both for the guests and those who take part. Much happiness is radiated by Christian Endeavorers who visit the home throughout the year.

A Great Need Remains

Some of our guests have been "called home," and many others are finding the road steeper and are more dependent on the "helping hand." As the days go by there is an increasing need for more nursing attention than can be given by Mrs. Ross and her staff. The need of a hospital or nursing home is becoming more and more urgent, so that our sick ones might be cared for without having to be sent away. Plans have been before us for several years past, and we know what we want. When permission is given to build, we need men, materials, and the money. For men and materials we must wait, but the money is needed now. Our committee has faith and daring, and no one will say we lack in enterprise. The job, however, is one which calls for all to help.

The appeal comes from the weary ones who have taken sanctuary with us, but most of all it comes from our heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

"Bear ye one another's burdens,
And so fulfil the law of Christ."

What shall we say, then, on SUNDAY, AUGUST 19? We pray that we shall prove worthy of our trust.—Florence M. Gill.

True Valuation

TO Jesus a man had a greater value than the whole world. His estimate of a man's worth was shown by the greatest proof ever given, his death, and those who fully enter into the mind of Jesus catch his love for his fellowmen. The Christian says, with the apostle Paul, regarding all men, "I owe a duty."

To-day there is an urgent need for social service on the part of each individual in the community. No one can live unto himself; one's whole livelihood and social security de-

pend on the other person. Therefore, because of this, we must be interested in his welfare.

Someone has said, "There can be no genuine service of our neighbor, unless we are trying sincerely by our prayers, and by the labors of our mind and will, to do all we can to establish justice and righteousness on earth." The right response to our Lord's challenge is not theorising, but action—action of mind—action of will—action of talents.—J. M. Cleland, President, Victorian Women's Conference.



"We thank thee, O Lord, for those who care."



"New Cumloden," Boys' Grammar School. This beautiful property of 14 large rooms and conservatory with 60 ft. built-in wide verandahs, situated within one minute of Murrumbidgee railway station, has been secured by the Social Service Department for a post-war children's home.

Dividends

From a Home for Boys

A BAND of brethren in New South Wales had the faith and vision to form "The Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Ltd.," comprised of members of churches of Christ in that State. In 1935 Dunmore House property, comprising 20 acres, beautifully situated at Pendle Hill, was acquired for the brotherhood for £1600. In 1936, 2½ acres of that area were donated by the board to the Aged Women's Home Committee and became the site of the lovely Ashwood House. Twenty-three boys are at present being cared for and trained by Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn. The boys are either orphans or some of those "whose parents for various reasons are unable to give them proper care and attention." Neglected, and without proper care, they would have grown up as young pagans. In the home they will be surrounded with Christian influences with the object of bringing them to Christ himself—Christian citizenship in prospect.—J. L. Stimson, chairman, Boys' Home Board, N.S.W.

Christianity in Action

PRIMARILY the task and function of the church is to bring individuals to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and the way of salvation. Fundamentally a Christian society must always be converted, changed, redeemed persons. To weaken or hesitate in approach would be to lose our power, fail in driving force and neglect to supply the greatest needs for a community where moral and spiritual values are at a low ebb, and where materialism is gradually paralysing and disintegrating the social order. Society like any other living organism dies from within and not as a result of external causes.

Social Needs

To be completely Christian, however, the church must have a social conscience, and the economic and social life of the community must be our great concern. To be interested in human values is a paramount responsibility. Let us go into retrospect. The Christian church has produced godly men who have given birth to all the major reforms affecting society life, but mainly it has been the work

of individuals under the influence of the spirit of Christ. The progress of reform has been one of glorious achievement, but development has been slow because of a lack of united effort, hence the growing importance of our social service activity.

Human Needs

Whilst provision for the needy is our responsibility, and we have evidence of this through Christian Fellowship Association, Guest Home and the developments for the establishment of a hospital and children's home, let us not for a moment imagine that at this point our work is finished.

Avenues of service are still to be explored, and must be opened up for Christian social workers.



Jesus took a child and set him in the midst of them.

National Needs

Our organised deep into the problems of war, bad housing, malnutrition, the evil effects of liquor, gambling, immorality and social inequalities, all of which are unchristian and undermining the social fibres, receive the attention of the Christian church, it falls in its God-given task, its power is limited, and it is prevented from achieving God's plan for the human race and the salvation of the world through Christ Jesus.—A. W. Cleland, Conference President, Victoria.

influence must strike roots of national life;

Saving the Child

WHEN one considers that so many children to-day have to be placed somewhere for guidance and training and moulding, to enable them to become good citizens, because of the broken home and the unsuitable environment which tends to assist them into a life of vice or crime, or make their lives a drag on the community instead of helping in its well-being, the value of a home established for children in which they can be given supervision under Christian influence and teaching is inestimable.

After fifteen years as a Children's Court magistrate, one realises the profound importance of the Christian home—the home is the unit of society and the nation—what it means to the plastic malleable material in the young lives within its influence! But again, to the orphan, the neglected, the misdirected child a Christian children's home is of incalculable value even though it is institutional in character.

Editor Mann once said at the opening of a new wing of a boy's home: "If all the money spent on this new wing—nay, if all the money spent on the whole of this institution meant the saving of only one boy, it is well worth while." When someone suggested to him that such was an extravagant statement, he replied, "No, not if it was my boy." Remember, every boy and every girl is someone's boy or girl. The value of a saved young life is beyond mathematical computation.—Dr. W. A. Kemp.

A True Story

A LITTLE child, following the custom of the home, upon going to bed, placed her little hands together and closed her eyes, and being unwilling to follow the usual lead given by her mother, broke off into a prayer of her own. She finished with the words, "and dear Lord Jesus, come quickly, but don't bring your disciples with you." "Why did you say that, dear?" inquired mother. "Don't you know, mother," said the child, "that the disciples drove the children away!"

I wonder have we given the child his place? Have we encouraged or discouraged him? The committee proposes to open the doors of the beautiful home it has secured at Murrumbidgee for him. A babies' home maybe, for babies grow into boys and girls and men and women, and we must grow with them. The committee seeks your co-operation.



Dunmore House, N.S.W.



W. T. Atkin, A.F.L.A.,

Associate Secretary of the Social Service Committee in Victoria.

Mr. Atkin has completed nearly nine years in a most outstanding ministry with the church at Northcote, and has endeared himself to the members and the community. His close association with the Social Service Committee during the whole of this period, during which he was chairman for three successive years, provides him with the urge to serve the Master in the service of his brethren and his fellow-men in this special sphere.

IT goes without saying that social service is one of the objects for which the church exists. When a church or a Christian forgets this they are far from the kingdom.

Naturally, the church has never lost sight of this great purpose in her establishment, but the range over which Christian social service has spread its benefits has fluctuated widely. Up to the Reformation, the church was in theory responsible for the whole community which it served. The poor were helped and the rich were curbed; in theory the church was responsible for social justice in the community.

Actually, the practice was a good deal short of the theory and varied widely. After the Reformation, however, the social field of the church's responsibility was severely limited. In England, for instance, merchants and financiers were happy co-operators in the break from Rome. They were little interested in the religious aspect of the dispute, but they were most anxious to break the hold of the church on their commercial operations.

The church, for example, had fixed maximum rates of interest to be charged by the faithful. These merchants successfully imposed their social theory on the Reformation, and the conceptions of sacred and secular watertight compartments of life came to hold the field for centuries. The church imposed no limits on the commercial activities and the rich satisfied their consciences with alms.

To-day the church has come out from under the shadow of the commercial exploiters of the Reformation. We realise that it is the

Jesus measures our gifts and our services by the amount of self-sacrifice involved in them.

church's responsibility to attack evil wherever it exists—in the heart, in the home, in the community, in the nation. More important still, we have begun to realise the importance of prevention of evil; the necessity for the church to build fences, as well as maintain ambulances. One aspect of this is in the attitude to the liquor traffic—the misery and sin for which it is responsible are now at-

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tacked at the source as well as ameliorated in the individual.

The church conscience on public affairs has been enormously stimulated in recent years, and we would now agree with Aldous Huxley that "economic and political reform is a branch of preventive ethics—the aim to create social circumstances of such a nature that individuals will not be given opportunity for behaving in an undesirable way."

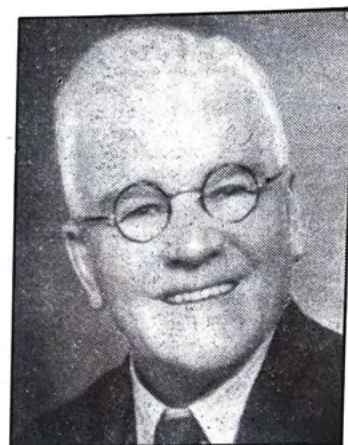
Huxley himself, in the next breath, recognises that equally "evil must be suppressed at its source—the individual will," and the church now sees clearly that the personal and the social are but two fronts in the same war. Human problems will never be solved by an over-simplification; we must recognise the existence of many causes acting together, and attack on all fronts.

There can be no let-up in the church's social responsibilities while one child is hungry, while

A Gift that Pleased Jesus



This poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. Mark 12: 43.



W. H. Clay,

in his 19 years as secretary and organiser of the Victorian Social Service Department, has piloted the work from humble beginnings to its present size and complexity. An inspiration to fellow-workers, he has also won the esteem of high government officials and hosts whom the department has served.

one person suffers, while the innocent live in fear or want. The kingdom of God is alone the answer to human needs, the focus of every worthy social ideal.

Beginning a century ago, a rapid change has spread throughout the Christian world.

Christianity can be dope, lulling the "saved" soul with a sense of security, blinding him to the evils which need attacking, and generally successfully side-tracking him from practical religion. Or it can be dynamite, the driving force of revolt against evil anywhere, breaking up self-satisfaction and smug religious selfishness. This is the only true religion of Christ; the test of faith is not knowledge or profession, prayer or piety; "I will show you my faith by my works." However free from active evil a man may be he is still a lost soul until he learns that the real Christianity is a throwing of oneself away in the service of others. John Haynes Holmes is a true prophet when he writes:

"The voice of God is calling
Its summons unto men;
As once he spoke in Zion
So now he speaks again.
Whom shall I send to succour
My people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen
The bonds of lust and greed?"

"I hear my people crying
In cot and mine and slum;
No field or mart is silent,
No city street is dumb.
I see my people falling
In darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter
The fetters that they bear?"

Remember the offering for the Victorian Social Service Department on August 19. Bring a gift that will please the Lord Jesus.

Here and There

The secretary of our overseas mission board, A. Anderson, telegraphs us that cabled advice has been received of the safe arrival in India of our three missionaries, Misses Taylor, Vawser and Walker.

Encouraging orders for the "Christian Youth Fellowship" are coming in from all States. This young people's journal will provide helpful studies for Bible classes, Endeavor societies and other study groups. Orders for this book ought to be in hand immediately.

Would preachers or secretaries of country churches kindly forward to the secretary of Victorian Women's Conference, Mrs. L. Williams, 21 York-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6, as soon as possible, names and addresses of members in any branch of the women's Services?

The Board of the Federal College of the Bible desires to notify young people planning to apply for entrance in 1946 that all applications must be in the hands of the secretary by Oct. 31 this year. This is important in view of the requirements of releases from national service.

S. C. Jenner, who recently resigned from church at Wagga, N.S.W., to accept a position as deputation secretary for Sudan United Mission, is in Melbourne. His stay will last during the month of August. At the beginning of September he will commence his work in Sydney, and later will be visiting country centres of New South Wales and Queensland.

We learn that services at Vivian-st., Wellington, N.Z., are being well attended. On July 19, at the 76th anniversary service, the mayoral party, the Australian High Commissioner, and the A.I.F. Association attended and filled the chapel. E. P. C. Hollard has been appointed by the Australian Government, through the High Commissioner, to broadcast an Australian commentary over the national network each Wednesday night.

S. A. Crouch, preacher of central Christian church, Brownsville, Texas, U.S.A., writes: "On morning of June 3, three young people, members of central Christian church, presented themselves for full-time Christian service—two young men and a young woman. The young men will study for the ministry, and the young woman will prepare herself for Christian service in the church or perhaps for the foreign field. I am encouraged by reports of advance in Australia."

CO-OPERATION

The Christian Fellowship Association offers a method of co-operation in brotherhood life in all its vicissitudes, and a means to the development of Christian enterprise; the measure of its capacity is according to the liberality of its members. C.F.A. is the guarantee to every member that in his trouble he shall not stand alone.

"All for each and each for all."

A mid-year inspirational conference is being planned by the Victorian Home Missionary Committee. This will take the form of a series of evening meetings, concluding with a Sunday afternoon gathering. There will be no business discussions, but the same fine fellowship which characterises conference gatherings. The Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, has been booked for Monday to Friday, Oct. 22 to 26, and the Independent Church, Collins-st., for Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28. Details will be made known later. Churches are asked now to refrain from other meetings on the above dates, so that the Assembly Hall may be crowded each evening.

On Wednesday, August 1, C. H. Mitchell, after a brief sickness, died. Our late brother was a faithful member of Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, and the church organist for more than forty years. Deepest sympathy is offered Mrs. Mitchell and family.

W. W. Saunders, of Ballarat, Vic., who is soon to take up special youth work in conjunction with K. A. Macnaughtan evangelistic campaigns, writes: "All youth leaders and interested folk will realise that efficient and adequate equipment is essential for the youth work in which we plan to engage. Most of the equipment necessary is coming to hand, but the obtaining of a movie projector through ordinary business channels seems impossible. Our only hope of procuring this vital piece of equipment is through some brother or sister in the churches, who possesses a movie projector, being prepared to make it available to us for this work. Most folk who have projectors use them only on rare occasions, whereas, in our work, there will be constant use for the machine. Surely there is someone who, realising the necessity and value of the projector in our work, will be prepared to forego the little pleasure he receives from his infrequent use of his machine and make it available to the mission party that the effectiveness of our work may be thereby increased! If this SOS catches the eye of any who can

help, it would be appreciated if they would contact either Mr. W. Gale or the writer."

At Fremantle, W.A., on July 21, Miss Vawser, Miss Walker and Miss Taylor arrived en route to India. They were taken in afternoon to opening and dedication service of newly acquired Christian hospital at Claremont, returning to a public tea at Fremantle. Follow-

NEW READERS

To new readers we extend a welcome to become regular subscribers to this church paper. Helpful articles, news from various parts of the world, and interesting notes on current events appear regularly. Each church has an agent from whom the paper may be secured. Subscriptions may also be sent direct to the manager of the Austral Co., 523 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne.

ing tea, until 9 p.m., an informal gathering gave them welcome and Godspeed. The meeting was unique in that five missionaries of the churches of Christ, all on their way to their stations, were welcomed and encouraged. Besides those mentioned were Mr. and Mrs. Hamer, en route to work with aborigines at Carnarvon. The ladies for India left early on Sunday morning. In support of Miss Kath Taylor, Fremantle "living link" effort makes progress. With July F.M. appeal (£12), progress total of living link fund, July 25, was £54.

Notes on Various Topics

A Christian General

GENERAL OMAR N. BRADLEY received a warm welcome in his home town of Moberly, Missouri, U.S.A. To many of the townspeople he was "Omar" and his wife was "Mary"—for "titles and dignities fell away," the "Christian Evangelist" states. On Sunday morning this Christian couple attended the worship service at Central Christian Church, which they had attended as children, and in youth were baptised (the future general at the age of 15). The "Evangelist" report included the following paragraph:

"At the beginning of the service Gen. and Mrs. Bradley were escorted to the platform by the pastor, and both spoke briefly of their former associations and membership in the church. During the course of his brief remarks Gen. Bradley said, 'It has been said many times that there are no atheists in fox-holes. I can say that this is generally true, because men who seldom thought about God in the regular routine of everyday life, turned to him in time of danger.' Speaking of his own experiences Gen. Bradley said, 'I do not hesitate to say that I, too, often turned to God when the bombs and shells were falling thick about us.'"

At Moberly, and again at the pageantry of reception accorded him at St. Louis, the day following, the "Evangelist" reports, "General Bradley, in his speeches, expressed himself with sincerity, simplicity and complete absence of self-glorification. He said earnestly, 'Frankly, I don't want to go through another war. . . . You are the voters, and it is up to you to decide to set up some kind of machinery so this will not be possible again.'"

Road Casualties

The dreadful cost of war shocks us—cost in human life, and not merely material losses. Empire casualties to May 31 were announced as 1,427,630 (532,233 lost their lives). Australian casualties were reported by Mr. Chiffley to have amounted to 92,211 (including killed, missing, wounded, prisoners). Whether you call these the cost of war or "the price of victory," the terrible loss saddens us.

A few weeks ago an announcement was made of the losses of another kind, which we are in danger of minimising or overlooking. The official statement probably shocked as well as surprised many readers. It was that during the war years there had been more casualties in Australia owing to road accidents than there had been war casualties. The thought is appalling; here we had no fight for freedom, no enemy action, just a fearful disregard for the safety of others, men, women and children. 80 per cent. of the road casualties are stated to be due to carelessness. A host of them are due to persons driving while under the influence of liquor. Whatever the causes, the shame of the thing should shock us into remedial action. One of to-day's great evils is a disregard for the sanctity of human life.

Missions on College Campuses

To capture the student world for Christ would be a glorious thing. Honor to men like Henry Drummond and John R. Mott, who have attempted it. Dr. Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches in U.S.A., states that plans are under way to hold missions on at least fifty college campuses in 1946. This is the first intensive programme for college students in five years. The meetings will be arranged by National University Christian Mission, which was recently reorganised. I trust that the successes of former missions to Universities and Colleges will be repeated. The effort should strengthen and encourage those Christian students now witnessing for Christ and also stimulate the faith of others. Judging by recent reports regarding "Honi Soit," student paper of Sydney University, there is some ground for the belief that campus missions might well be tried in Australia—the need is great.

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News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—Dorcas Society spent a very busy day sewing for Norseman mission, preparing for a foreign mission afternoon, and packing garments for UNRRA. A total of 368 garments has been forwarded in first parcel. On morning of July 29, visitors included G. Wilson (Services). W. H. White gave a helpful talk. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Harris rendered a solo. S. Glanville (China Inland Mission) was preacher in absence of J. K. Robinson at Narembeen and other distant fields.

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—W. H. Brice, city missionary, addressed morning meeting on July 22, and G. J. Foot preached in evening. S. H. Wilson, returned from holidays, preached at both services on July 29. Overseas missions offering reached £60. Annual mid-winter tea for Bible school scholars was held on July 28. Over 80 scholars sat to tea, and remained for games and competitions afterwards. Mrs. Edwards, and Messrs. K. Plummer and W. G. Nichols, have all been in hospital for operations. Mr. Plummer has returned to his home.

West Hobart.—On July 29, R. V. Amos gave appreciated addresses at well attended services. At Bible school there were four new scholars. In kindergarten 24 were present. Donations by church to UNRRA included 30 cakes of soap from Bible school. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byard have moved to Natone to live, and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ashlin have been transferred to New Norfolk by Railway Department. Each week Mr. Amos conducts scripture classes in three schools. There were about 60 present at a social conducted by Boys' Club, at which an offering of £2/10/- was donated to church. Preparations are in hand for 25th anniversary of church.

South Australia

Edwardstown West.—During July there were three more confessions which were direct results of the mission. Ladies' Sunshine Circle has held a successful annual meeting, Mr. Pike being speaker and many visiting sisters being present. K.S.P. is doing a good work, and recently held varied competitions with Unley boys.

Henley Beach.—Sickness has prevented presence of some members at meetings. A. R. Jones preached at all services during month with exception of July 22, when Gordon Stirling spoke splendidly at evening service. On July 7 Miss Alice Lawrie passed away, and was interred at Cheltenham cemetery on July 9. Miss Lawrie was a foundation member of the church, and the first believer to be baptised there. She was very active in service, and will be sadly missed.

Prospect.—A. E. Brown conducted services at Port Lincoln on July 29. In morning, at Prospect, B. Wharton gave church a delightful message. At Bible class Bart Manning spoke to a good attendance on the second coming of Christ. S. Riches preached at night, and rendered an invitation solo. Fellowship was enjoyed with Phil and Ross Thompson and A. Fax (on leave), and others. Bible school is rehearsing for anniversary. Mrs. G. Conigrave rendered a solo at Bible class session on July 29. Work in all auxiliaries is in good working spirit. Ladies' Guild held a busy bee at chapel.

Whyalla.—An exchange of pulpits with Mr. Bandt, Methodist preacher, was arranged on July 15 Mr. Matthews speaking at Peter-st. Methodist church. Ladies' Guild is working on clothes for Europe Appeal. Inaugural meeting of a united Men's Fellowship was called for Aug. 7. Most Protestant bodies in the town intend to support the movement. Work amongst young people continues to grow. Two records were broken in July—Sunday school, 82; J.C.E., 36. Kindergarten room is in course of erection.

Tumby Bay.—The church accepted with deep regret the resignation of H. G. Norris as preacher. A farewell social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Norris and family on evening of July 20, and presentations were made. On July 22 concluding messages of Mr. Norris were much appreciated. Until services of a new preacher are obtained G. Wilson, of Unley, has undertaken the work. F.M. offering broke records, £84/11/-. On afternoon of July 29 W. Treasure exhorted church, and young people conducted evening service. Four members have been transferred by letter from the church at York.

Balaklava.—S. Webb has been appointed chairman of official board; Bert Roberts, trustee; J. Gibson, S.S. superintendent; Bruce Clark doorkeeper in succession to late R. Shepherd. Two have been received into membership, L.A.C. Robert Lock as baptised believer and T. Sires by baptism. Services have been well maintained, and all meetings have good average. Clothing appeal for UNRRA brought a large number of garments, carefully overlooked by Dorcas sisters, packed and forwarded. Volney Whiting was welcomed home at a social evening, having been discharged from A.M.C. after three and a half years' service. A social to further interests of Sister G. Veitch, one of district's Red Cross "queens," realised £8/10/-. Two C.E. members attended State convention, and on return gave a good report to society. Two delegates, Sister B. Roberts and R. Shepherd, attended welcome extended to new Y.P. organiser, G. Stirling, in Adelaide.

Cottonville.—A public meeting was held on July 18 to conclude church's 49th anniversary celebrations. B. W. Manning was speaker. C. M. Verco handed the deeds of church property to secretary, W. L. Gloyn, as property is now freehold. Supper was served. Doug Brown, a young man from Bible school, was immersed on July 21 and received into fellowship following morning. Jeff Gentile decided for Christ in evening. John Coventry has been home on leave from Navy. J. E. Webb was speaker at Winter School prayer meeting on July 25. Mrs. Crowe, from Grote-st., was soloist. R. Stirling, youth director, addressed school and teachers at close on July 29, and gave address at gospel service. Two young women—Misses Pam Lythgoe and Vera Beck, and Jeff Gentle—were baptised. Attendances have been more than maintained. Several parcels of clothes have been sent by Ladies' Auxiliary for clothes for Europe appeal.

Adelaide (Grote-st.)—On July 15 Gordon Stirling, youth organiser, exhorted church. In evening special reference was made to the passing of Ernest J. W. Peet. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, several city councillors with their wives were present, also representatives from Protestant Children's Home, including about 30 of the children. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. James have received word of the death through sickness of their youngest son, Malcolm Angus James (A.I.F.), in Siam on July 25, just two years after he had passed away. He was taken prisoner when Java fell. He was much interested in Bible school work before enlisting. The church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James, who have two other sons in the Services. Mrs. F. Hartell has sufficiently recovered from her foot injury to again at-

tend services. Dorcas Society has provided 180 garments for UNRRA. Mr. Beiler spoke at both services on July 22. Morning service was broadcast, when soloist was Mrs. R. Cotton, and at evening service Miss Winnie Thorpe. Mr. and Mrs. H. Neuling (daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Manning), with their two children, have returned from England after absence of seven years. The church was happy to welcome them back home.

Cowandilla.—F. B. Stow commenced his ministry with church on July 1. 92 broke bread in morning service and 75 were present at night. Induction and public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Stow took place on July 3. Chairman was T. Butler (conference president). W. L. Ewers brought charge to church and A. Anderson that to preacher. A. R. Jones and J. E. Shipway assisted. Greetings were received on behalf of all conference committees, sister churches, preachers' fraternal and repre-



The Chapel at Cowandilla.

sentatives of church and auxiliaries. Mr. Stow gave a brief response. Meetings have been fairly well attended. At gospel meeting on July 15, a senior scholar of Bible school confessed Christ and was baptised July 22. 90 broke bread on morning of July 29. Young people took complete charge of evening service, except for address by Mr. Stow. A choir of young men under leadership of Ross Kemp has rendered valuable service at evening meetings now and again. C.E. Societies are in good heart. Intermediate and Y.P. Societies held anniversary rally on evening of July 31. Speaker was Keith Jones, State president C.E. Miss Joy Grigg has commenced nursing at Memorial Hospital. An evening was held in her honor, when presentations were made on behalf of Bible school, C.E., and church.

New South Wales

Broken Hill.—The G. T. Fitzgerald tent mission, with H. E. Paddick song-leader, opened on July 22. Mr. Fitzgerald addressed an "every member present" meeting at Wolfram-st., and members from Railwaytown were brought by car. There was a good attendance at evening service in tent. The missionary, preacher of church, officers and three lady members are faithfully carrying on visitation and personal work. Sisters on this committee are Mrs. L. Warren for Wolfram-st. members; Mrs. V. Martin for Railwaytown members; Miss I. Evans parents of Bible school scholars. Miss Della Garner has joined W.A.A.A.F. and left for Adelaide.

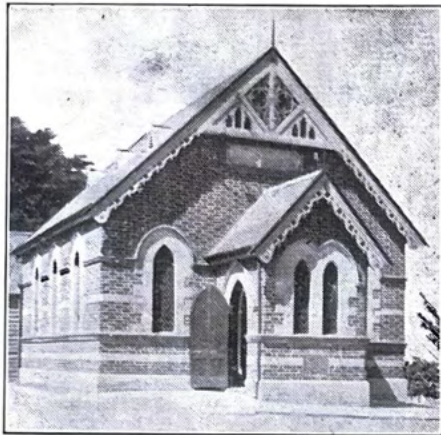
Taree.—After being without a resident preacher since death of A. G. Saunders at end of September, 1944, the church announces that T. D. Maiden, preacher of Narembeen, W.A., will commence a brief ministry on second Sunday in October. With his wife and family he purposes to be absent from the West for six months. The mother of Mr. Maiden is a loyal member of Taree church, and whilst the principal object of the visit will be to see his relatives in district, all members of the party will receive a warm welcome. On July 29 D. Wakeley, preacher of Burwood church, gave able assistance and encouraged the church by a helpful ministry, as well as his messages, throughout the day.

Victoria

Chelsea.—A further combined meeting was held at the Congregational church on evening of Aug. 5, when J. C. F. Pittman delivered a fine address and one young lady confessed Christ.

Red Hill.—Several Bible school scholars sat for examination. Mr. and Mrs. W. Torney are helping in Bible school. N. Kingston has given some good addresses recently. Pte. Eric Salmon, returned P.O.W., had fellowship on July 29. Welcome was given him at his home.

Doncaster.—The Mission Band held birthday meeting on afternoon of July 19 with good attendance, including visitors from neighboring churches. Mrs. Cleland, president of Women's Conference, was speaker. Members



The Chapel at Doncaster.

of Eastern Youth Fellowship met in local hall on evening of July 21. They were met by 30 of our own members, and all had a pleasant evening. Mrs. Annie Neal, one of the oldest members, passed away after two months in hospital, the result of an accident. Sympathy is expressed to her two daughters.

Wangaratta.—The mission conducted by K. Macnaughtan and I. Barber continues to be a great success. Two confessions were received during the week, a young woman and a young lad. A baptismal service was to be held on Sunday evening. The missionaries, with Mr. Wakefield, continue their visiting among non-church members.

Moreland.—Over 700 garments and 55 pairs of footwear were passed on to UNRA appeal. H. Hobbs, J.C.E. superintendent, was farewelled as he joined the A.I.F. Graham Conning recently returned from abroad after two and a half years with R.A.A.F., in which he is a flight-lieutenant. Soloists recently have been Mr. Bryant, Miss Potts and Miss Barber.

Emerald.—On July 29 R. K. Holton, of Upwey, continued his interim ministry, interest being well maintained. An elderly lady, local resident, has signified her desire for baptism. Application has been made to Presbyterian church at Cockatoo for use of their chapel on Sunday afternoons, for services, but without success. It is hoped to commence services there each Sunday afternoon whenever a suitable building can be secured.

Brunswick.—Christian Endeavor anniversary was held on July 9; A. A. Hughes was speaker. On July 14, Metropolitan Girls' Choir gave a concert in aid of boys' parcel fund. On morning of July 29 A. Withers spoke, and afterwards conducted two baptisms. A pleasant Sunday afternoon was given by Doug Nicholls and party from Fitzroy mission. Overseas mission collection was £10/15/8. Visitors have included Mr. Samuel, from Adelaide. Barbara Grey was received into fellowship on Aug. 5.

Preston.—In absence of B. J. Combridge owing to indisposition, speakers on July 29 were J. Plummer (Reservoir) at worship and W. Gray (Coburg) at gospel service. Cecil Watson (West Preston) spoke at week-night prayer service. Thanks are tendered to these brethren for their help at short notice. Inspiring messages were given. Mr. Combridge spoke at morning service, and in evening conducted a service of song, at which he was assisted by choir and soloists. Allan Pater-son was welcomed home from military service.

Horsham.—There was one decision after gospel address by C. W. Jackel on July 22, and a man previously baptised was received in on July 29. Junior Endeavor Society has commenced a campaign under leadership of Les. Peake; 35 were present. Bible school had 108 present on July 29. F. J. Sherriff and staff are doing good work in this department. Annual tea and concert (anniversary of school hall) were well attended on July 26. Half proceeds goes towards overseas offering, making a total for this year over £50.

Swan Hill.—Services throughout July were very satisfactory. Eight Bible school scholars sat for examination. Cottage prayer meetings are well attended and interest and enthusiasm are strong in members for Macnaughtan-Saunders mission to commence Aug. 19. W. R. Hibbert conducted broadcast service on July 29, and took evening service. The church extends loving sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley in the sudden death of their infant son David, also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawson in their bereavement. Mr. Judd is in hospital and making satisfactory progress.

Echuca.—Attendances during July were average. Visitors met with church. Addresses were given by Mrs. and Mr. L. Dudley (Y.M.C.A.), M. Symes and B. Burn (of college). Ladies' Auxiliary held a happy and successful social evening on July 4. Ladies were invited to afternoons at Methodist and Salvation Army, and had enjoyable fellowship. Sunday school has been active. Fifteen scholars sat for examination. For first time Sunday school averaged 100 scholars for month. Anniversary practice has commenced. Land has been loaned tennis club to make court. Members hope to start play in September.

Essendon.—On morning of Aug. 5 Mr. Rasmussen delivered a forceful address. Two more decisions have been made, one on July 29 and one on Aug. 5. At a well-attended gospel meeting on Aug. 5, W. E. Jackel conducted a baptismal service at which he immersed five converts who had recently decided for Christ. Over 70 attended an enjoyable evening conducted by Fellowship on Aug. 4. Bible school with G. Dunn superintendent, assisted by a loyal band of teachers, is functioning smoothly. Attendances have increased to average of 150. Teaching by flannelgraph is proving interesting and instructive. Church has suffered a loss by removal back to Stawell of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shuttleworth and family after a few years of fellowship with the church.

Bendigo.—On July 8, 15 scholars sat for examination. On June 23 Endeavorers and friends spent a pleasant evening in home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Peel. Temple Day gift totals £105. In addition an appreciated gift of £10/10/- was handed by J. Ellis to school treasurer toward cost of a platform in Bible school. Dr. Lorna McColl gave a delightful message on morning of July 1, based on experiences as a medical missionary in China. Morning speaker on July 8 was Mr. Sanders, of B. & F. Bible Society. Four heaters have been installed in chapel. On July 15 morning speaker was Mr. Robt Haley, Mr. Mathieson speaking at Harcourt. In evening Jean Banning, Ian Crowe and John Pollock took their stand for Christ. Mr. Mathieson will be off duty for some time with an infected leg. Sympathy is extended to Trevor Legg in the death of his invalid sister in Ballarat Hospital. On July 29 speaker both morning and evening was Senior Chaplain J. O. Methven,

his messages being much enjoyed. At conclusion of gospel service Margaret Methven confessed Christ.

Ascot Vale.—Much sickness prevails amongst members. Mr. Brown is still unable to attend. Mrs. Easy is laid aside. Both are on the mend. Bert Thorpe was welcomed home from New Guinea. Children did well in examinations.

Gardenvale.—Attendances were maintained during July. Thanks are expressed to Messrs. Anderson, A. W. Wallington, R. P. Morris and F. Sumpton for helpful messages. The church was pleased to renew fellowship with Syd Symes and Reg. Andrew whilst on leave. All auxiliaries continue to flourish, and work is very encouraging among young people.

Camberwell.—Communion services are well attended. On Aug. 5 Chaplain J. Turner presided. The messages of W. Nankivell have been appropriate to morning readings. At evening service Mr. Nankivell sang an appreciated gospel solo. During July and August, officers and men of church have conducted evening services at Christian Guest Home. At recent examinations Bible school gained five prizes, including three in teachers' divisions.

Gardiner.—Mr. Brooke was speaker at each service on July 29 and Aug. 5. K.S.P. club celebrated 15th anniversary on July 29, and members of club assisted in all services during day and formed choir for gospel service. E. Morris and N. McCann sang duet. Barrie Taylor, from club, accepted Christ and was baptised on Aug. 5. At a meeting for fathers and men interested in K.S.P. club on 31st, a good concert programme was presented followed by a challenging address by R. L. Williams. Mrs. Kennedy, an evacuated missionary from Japan, visited Women's Mission Band on Aug. 1, and told a thrilling story of her work in Japan and also sang solo. Members of sporting clubs connected with church, basketball, football, cricket and tennis, had combined church parade on Aug. 5. Miss W. Lee and quartette party assisted with items. Basketball, football and tennis teams are having a very successful season.

Balwyn.—Church attendances have been very good, especially at morning services, the chapel being full to capacity on two occasions. There have been nine confessions—all boys and young men from S.S. All auxiliaries are in good heart, especially newly-formed Good Companions' Club with 25 girls attending regularly. K.S.P. club has attendance of 16 weekly, P.B.P. club about 15 regularly attending, and Explorers' club an attendance of 18 regularly. J.C.E., which meets on Sunday mornings, has membership of 25. S.S. is in a good state, there being 150 present on July 29. School is practising for anniversary. At annual business meeting F. A. Broussard was elected superintendent; Mrs. Drummy and Mrs. Reid kinder superintendents; Mrs. McKinnon cradle roll superintendent; Mr. Sturgess and Mr. Adam S.S. secretaries; Miss Tozer treasurer; D. Warmbrunn re-elected pianist. At church annual business meeting on Aug. 1, all auxiliaries gave encouraging reports. The church and all property is free of debt, and a manse fund is established. Following were elected: L. P. Warmbrunn, secretary; P. G. Finlayson, treasurer; Messrs. Adam, Austin, Drummy, Sturgess, Parsons, N. Warmbrunn and Quirk, deacons; D. Warmbrunn, organist. A cup of tea was enjoyed after meeting. Members are glad to have communion with Cliff Austin, returned from a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany; also with Mrs. Taplin, sister of Cliff, home on holiday from N.Z. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Austin have given a beautiful stained window for chapel depicting the Lord's Supper, as a thank-offering to God for safe return of their son. Mrs. Quirk is able to attend church after painful accident.

Geelong.—After morning service on July 29 one young lady made the good confession. Two were immersed at gospel meeting on same day. Thirty were present at a combined C.E. consecration meeting of Latrobe-terr. and Drumcondra societies on Aug. 3, when Chaplain J. Methven gave a talk. At morning service on Aug. 5, four were received into fellowship.

Footscray.—A happy time was enjoyed when 95 young people met at "Youth Fellowship" social on July 28. K.S.P. held church parade on morning of Aug. 5, T. Warne, State chancellor, addressing meeting. D. C. Ritchie was speaker at gospel service. S.S. anniversary practice has commenced under leadership of W. Easton. George Swallow was successful in gaining a first prize at recent scripture examination.

Queenland

Rockhampton.—At gospel service on July 22 Estelle Dempsey confessed Christ. Miss Carpenter, of Brisbane, was soloist. Dave Jones has been welcomed home on leave. Plans are in hand for a forward move with Moongan-Mt. Morgan work, and attendances at all services there and at Rockhampton are encouraging.

Ipswich.—The church has responded well to appeal for clothing for Europe. Ladies' Guild is active under presidency of Mrs. Reeve. J.C.E., conducted on Sunday mornings by two young men, K. Ludgates and K. Hack, does a fine work. Children become interested in the new method of instruction. Miss June Newmann is now kindergarten superintendent.

Bundaberg.—There were good attendances at services on July 22; 120 broke bread. Ian Jones was welcomed into fellowship in morning. Mr. and Mrs. N. Linderberg have arrived back from the North. Seven pupils and four from Thabeban sat for scripture examination and each passed. Molly Jones gained third prize in third division, Betty Jones third prize in fourth division. United midweek prayer service was held in Methodist church, preacher being the speaker. On July 22 W. De'Oberitz sang a solo at evening service.

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DEATHS

DEED.—Previously missing air operations over Cologne, Germany, Dec. 24, 1944, now reported buried in Holland, Flt. Sgt. Cyril Keith, dearly beloved second son of Mrs. Deed, Dingee, and the late Herbert Deed, formerly of Wedderburn; loving brother of Ken and Ron, and stepbrother of Ethel, Stan and Howard; and loved fiancé of Miss P. Howard. We will always remember you smiling.

DEED.—Flt. Sgt. Cyril and members of crew of Lancaster missing over Cologne, Germany, on Dec. 24, 1944, now reported to have paid the supreme sacrifice and buried in Holland. Duty nobly done.

ORR.—On July 31, at her residence, 2 Glen Dhu-st., Launceston, Lillias Duncan, beloved wife of Peter Orr, and loving mother of John (Edinburgh), Allan (dec.), Eleanor (Mrs. T. Arnot), Janet (Mrs. H. Masterman), Thomas and Hannah, aged 87 years. "He giveth his beloved sleep."

IN MEMORIAM

FLOATE.—In loving memory of Alice, my dear wife, called home Aug. 7, 1944.

Until the shadows pass, and a new day dawns.

GOLLER.—In loving memory of my darling wife, Ida Ray, who passed away August 11, 1944. Loved mother of Ray Louise. "Always remembered."

GOLLER (nee Blythman).—In loving memory of our darling daughter, Ida Ray, who passed into God's care on Aug. 11, 1944. So sadly missed.

—Inserted by her loving parents.

GOLLER.—In sad and loving memory of Ida Ray, who passed away August 11, 1944. The adored sister of Marjorie, sister-in-law of Keith. Always in our thoughts.

GOLLER.—In sweetest remembrance of Ray, our beloved sister, who passed away August 11, 1944.

—Inserted by her brothers, Harold and Max, sisters-in-law Vera and Nance.

GOLLER.—In loving memory of dear Ray, whom God called to higher service August 11, 1944. Our beloved niece.

—Inserted by H. and L. Lambert.

GOLLER.—In loving memory of our darling Ray. Forever we'll remember.

—Inserted by P. J. and Barry Downs.

NIGHTINGALE.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Nightingale, called home on July 12, 1943; also my dear son, Ted Sparks; nephews, Ian Nightingale, W.A., Graeme Nightingale, Emerald, grandchildren of the above. In God's good keeping.

—A. M. Hansen.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away at Bendigo Aug. 10, 1935; also father, who passed away at Clunes April 8, 1887.

Just a token of remembrance,

A memory fond and true.

—Inserted by their loving daughter, May Perkins.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of my dear mother and grandma, passed away at Bendigo, Aug. 10, 1935.

We have only a memory of you,

To remember our whole life through.

—Inserted by her loving daughter, A. Morphet; granddaughter, Ivy; grandson, Walter, R.A.A.F., Borneo.

WIMPNEY.—In sad and loving memory of my very dear nephew, George Raymond, who passed away August 9, 1943, aged 20 years. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. —M.T.

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August 12, 11 a.m., Mayfield, N.S.W., 2HD. Preacher, R. M. Wilson.

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AUGUST 12.

T. A. Fitzgerald commences his 16th year of service at Stanton-st. and 26th year of church ministry as a preacher.

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All old friends of both church and T. A. Fitzgerald are invited to be present.

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Aug. 22, 8 p.m.—Consecration Service. Speaker, F. A. Youens.

Aug. 25, 5.30 p.m.—Tea Meeting. Speaker, G. E. Burns.

Aug. 26, 11 a.m., Home-coming Service. Speaker, P. E. Thomas.

Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker, E. Davis. A special invitation is extended to all.

All past members please make a special effort to be present. If unable to attend, a greeting would be appreciated.

—Secretary, R. F. Bartholomew, 99 Vaughan-st., Lidcombe, N.S.W.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY.

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Alfred L. Gibson

THE death of Alfred L. Gibson, of Kew, Vic., removes from our ranks, to higher service, one of God's humble and able servants. He was a man with many talents. By industry he was able to rise high in the business world, and yet he made time to study God's word and to present, in helpful sermons, the results of his diligence. For 52 years he was in the Victorian State Savings Bank. He represented the bank at conferences in London, and went to the U.S.A. on its behalf. He was the president of the Victorian Institute of Advertising. Mr. Gibson was also president of the Nurses' Christian Movement. He was interested in movements to stimulate spiritual life in Victoria, and was chairman of the



A. L. Gibson.

United Evangelistic Committee. As treasurer of the Alliance of Honor and the Victorian Branch of the World Council of Churches, he gave valued guidance. For many churches he served as interim minister and rendered valuable help. Many testimonies have been made concerning him. From "New Life" comes the following:—

"Mr. Gibson was a gifted preacher and a capable Bible teacher, with a clear and comprehensive knowledge of the great verities of God's word. Many have been helped by his able expositions of the dispensational truths, or of the great doctrines unfolded in the Epistle to the Romans, and through his reverent presentation of the teachings contained in both the Old and New Testaments. The blessed hope of our Lord's return was a constant inspiration to him; he loved the Saviour and delighted in the anticipation of the glad day when he should see him face to face. His ministry was always characterised by a thorough grasp of his subject, and a desire that he might impart to others the truths which had become so precious in his own experience."

We add also the tribute by C. B. Nance-Kivell, of Swanston-st. church, where our late brother, A. L. Gibson, spent so many years in Christian service:

"Alfred Leonard Gibson, an able Bible teacher and gospel preacher, passed peacefully away on July 19, 1945, in a private hospital at Melbourne. Born at Ballarat, he spent his early life in that city. He was a son of Leonard and Jessie Gibson, two God-fearing people, who by their teaching and practice made the Christian life very beautiful to him. This and the ministry of the word persuaded him to yield to Christ, and whilst a youth he became a member of the church. Not long after he proclaimed the Christ who had redeemed him, and continued to do so until he was called to higher service. Obtaining a scholarship he entered Granville College, Ballarat, and in the course of time began his life-long work in the State Savings Bank. After his marriage to Miss G. Walker, of Preston, he settled in Melbourne and became preacher of the North Carlton church. To them were born a son, Hartley, at present at Bouganville, and a daughter Nonie. Mr. Gibson for many years was connected with a mission at Abbotsford. After six years at Daylesford he returned to Melbourne, and placed his membership with the church at Swanston-st., where he remained a member until his death, also a deacon. He often served as president, and occupied the pulpit as preacher. Because of his knowledge of God's word and ability as a preacher, he was ever in demand by suburban and country churches for special occasions. Other worthy movements for the extension of the kingdom sought his help and counsel, which was freely given. As president of the Victorian Christian Nurses' Association he wielded a tremendous influence for good. With all sincerity one can say his life was rich in service for God, the church and people of the State. Always approachable, never hasty if one did not agree with his views, this gracious gentleman made Christian discipleship very attractive, and won many to the Lord whom he served. A service was conducted at Herbert King's funeral chapel, Richmond, by the minister of Swanston-st. Many representatives of other churches and movements were present. The final rites were conducted by the writer and Principal Searle, of the Melbourne Bible Institute, of which our late brother was a member and lecturer, at Springvale Crematorium. We tender to Mrs. Gibson and children, his brother, Dr. Gibson, his two sisters, and other relatives our deep sympathy, and with them thank God for such a creative life."

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Obituary

Charles McDonald
AT the age of 82 years, Charles McDonald, of Gardiner church, Vic., was called to rest on Saturday, July 14. Our departed brother was baptised on confession of his faith in Christ by George Gregson at Wedderburn on Oct. 31, 1887, and so he was in membership in churches of Christ for almost 58 years. In the course of his discipleship he has been in fellowship with the churches at Wedderburn, Swan Hill, Shepparton and Gardiner to the writer's knowledge; and wherever he was he gave a faithful witness to his Master. His faith was a sweet and simple trustfulness like that of a child. He believed in Christ as the Son of God and his Saviour without questioning. His heart was as tender as that of a good woman. Often the writer has seen the tear-drops start in his eyes as the sufferings and death of the Lord were presented. And yet in his loyalty he had the robustness of a strong man. Always, wherever his lot was cast, he was willing to do anything he could for the cause of the Master. In days gone by he has publicly proclaimed the word, and often has he done the work of an elder. Right to the last he showed his interest in the young and their activities, and he was appreciated by them. He leaves an aged widow, and several sons and daughters. May God comfort their hearts, and may they follow the Lord as faithfully as the one upon whose grave we lay this tribute.—T.H.

Alice Maud Sheehan

THE church at Gardiner, Vic., and many older members throughout the brotherhood thank God for the high privilege of knowing Alice Maud Sheehan, who passed to be with Christ on July 9, after a lengthy illness. This elect Christian lady, widow of the late Robert Sheehan, faithfully served Christ in the Murtoa district for many years before coming to Gardiner a generation ago. She was D. A. Ewers' first convert in that district, and was baptised by him in Marma Lake. From the time of that public consecration she walked steadfastly through life with a divine Companion. She is lovingly remembered as a devout Sunday school teacher, a gifted musician, a gracious hostess, a faithful worshipper, a devoted mother, and a saint who enveloped a sick room with Christian charm. Services attended by loved ones and many friends were conducted at her home and the Box Hill cemetery on July 10. Her daughters, Misses Vera and Maud Sheehan and Mrs. Webster, and her son, Roy, know that we hold them tenderly in our hearts.—A.B.

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