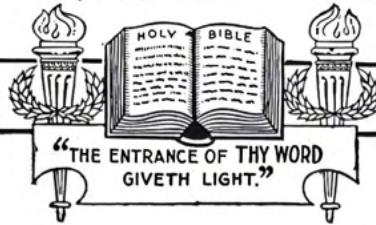


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A Demand on Life

To the question, "What shall I render unto the Lord?" D. G. Hammer, missionary to the aborigines in Western Australia, gives an answer in the following article

THE Psalmist's question, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psalm 116: 12) is similar to that of many earnest and thoughtful people to-day. But they ask, "How much money should I give towards the Lord's work?" This question demands an answer, and possibly little enough has been written to provide the answer.

First let me say that this question people are asking is often phrased the wrong way. Many years ago, because of the practice of poor people in shaving the edges off silver coins, it was found necessary to put the milled edges we have to-day on our silver coins. When silver fetched a higher price than it does now, there was a steady, if meagre income to be gained by paring away the edges of the coins, and saving the shavings until they made sufficient weight to be sold. As some would say, a very reprehensible custom, and rightly brought to a stop. But it would appear as if some people have carried over the custom into the churches of the present day. They are prepared to pare off the edges of that which belongs to the Lord—not keeping back the Lord's money, mark you?—just keeping back the odd shavings! But if this seems to you to be mean and unchristian, how much more deserving of condemnation are those others who, instead of keeping the shavings for themselves, keep the Lord's silver, and pass on the shavings to him. Which leads me to the conclusion that the question should not be, "How much should I give?" but rather, "How much should I keep, of all that the Lord has given to me?"

There are several principles which it would be good for us to keep in mind.

I. All That We Have Belongs to God

The commencement of the 24th Psalm makes a fine subject for a harvest address. "The earth is the Lord's." A stupendous and challenging affirmation! It is little use to go further into the psalm and ask, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or Who shall stand in his holy place?" unless we first accept the opening statement with all its implications. And we dare not enter into a discussion of our spiritual responsibilities and privileges in stewardship without that primary acknowledgment that the earth is the Lord's. All that we have belongs to God. "For," says God through Psalm 50, "every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine."

Back behind all the blessings of life stands God—the Creator and Owner.

When Kelvin, the great physicist, was

once walking in the country with his friend and fellow-scientist Leibig, Kelvin said, "Do you believe that the grass and flowers grow by mere chemical forces?" "No!" replied Leibig, "no more than I believe that a text-book on botany, describing them, could grow by mere chemical forces." Both of these men could see, back behind nature, God.

The astronomer Kepler is said to have toiled eight years in attempts to discover the law of planetary motion—nineteen experiments, and then only failure. But the twentieth and last hypothesis, that the planets move, not in a circle around the centre, but in an ellipse, unlocked the heavens to him. And when he had laid bare the secret so long hidden, he threw up his arms and cried, "O Almighty God, I am thinking thy thoughts after thee!" He had searched through the telescope and found—God.

Or if we should seek to express the principle in simpler terms of every-day experience, we could say—

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour;
And back of the flour is the mill;
And back of the mill is the wheat and
the shower,
And the sun, and the Father's
will."

Trace things back to their origin, and we must admit the creation and ownership belongs to God himself.

II. We Belong to God Also

This second principle of stewardship is similar to the first, but carries us the necessary step further. We who are Christians are God's property in two ways. We are his by right of creation. We are part of the "all things" that were made by him—the Creator. "In him we live, and move, and have our being." But we are his in a very special sense. That is, by right of purchase. "What," writes Paul to the Christians at Corinth, "know ye not that . . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6: 19, 20).

If we desire to seek further on the matter, we have (in 1 Peter 1: 18, 19) these words, "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ." Which suggests, not only that we belong to God ourselves, but also tells of the purchase price of our redemption.

That gives us a clue to Paul's phrase to describe himself—"a bond-slave of Jesus Christ." He was, in effect, a slave who had been redeemed and set free, but who voluntarily chose to remain in willing service with the One who really owned him.

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"The Earth is the Lord's"

DEALING with my given subject as well as my limitations allow, I wish to begin by asking what the grace of God is.

When this question is raised, one recalls at once that God's grace is intimately connected with God's "mercy"; nevertheless it is not synonymous with his mercy. Similarly, God's grace is intimately connected with God's "pity" or God's "compassion"; yet it is not just his pity or his compassion and nothing more. It is not even purely and simply God's "love." Rather, the grace of God is God's love regarded from a special point of view. It is God's love, so far as that love is spontaneous, unmerited, and self-sacrificing.

In order to make my meaning plain, perhaps the best thing I can do is to speak of the spontaneous, the unmerited, and the self-sacrificing aspects of God's love each in turn; and, first, its spontaneous aspect.

Its Spontaneity

As need hardly be stressed, even human love is a very complex thing. Though it is always the same in essence, it has a great many different forms. Thus we speak of paternal, maternal, and filial love, and each of these three has its own distinctive qualities. In a similar way we speak of faithful love as distinct from courageous love, and of both as distinct from pardoning love. In particular, we speak of the love which spontaneously seeks the good of its object; for example, the love of the Christlike doctor, whose spring of action is the spontaneous desire to heal the sick; or the love of the social reformer, who spontaneously seeks better housing conditions and better working conditions for the poor; or the love of the man who, just because he spontaneously seeks the good of his neighbor, tries to create in the false friend who has injured him, a better frame of mind.

Now, such spontaneous, unasked, freely-offered, and freely-bestowed human love is in one respect an image of God's grace. For, apart altogether from his being asked to do so, God is for ever spontaneously planning and working for the good of his people—the weak, the lonely, the weary, the doubting, the fearful, and above all, the sinful.

For example, think of what Jesus said to this effect in defending himself against some of the adverse criticisms of his neighbors, the Pharisees.

The Pharisees despised Jesus for associating freely with the degraded and the disreputable; they also expressed their contempt for him openly and severely. He implicitly maintained, of course, that he associated with the degraded and the disreputable in order to do them good; nay, in order to win their souls for God. "But what interest has God," asked the Pharisees, "in rakes, profligates, and misers? Is it not the man with clean hands and a pure heart who alone receives the blessing of the Most High?"

Because Jesus pitied the ingrained arrogance and the appalling spiritual ignorance of his critics, his reply to their charges was ample and varied. Parable after parable flowed from his lips in self-defence. In particular, he said: "What does a shepherd do when he loses one of his sheep? Because the silly, thoughtless creature has wandered away from the rest of the flock, and fallen into a ravine or become sunk in a bog, does he therefore leave it alone in its helplessness, so that finally it dies? Not at all! As soon as the shepherd discovers that his sheep is lost, he sets out and searches for it until he finds it; and when he has found it, he returns home with it rejoicing.

"Now," Jesus continued, "it is similar with God. God spontaneously seeks after those who have wandered away from him and become lost—lost to all life's noblest ends and uses; lost to their kindred and friends; lost, above all, to God himself." In the circumstances, God does not wait for the lost to re-

What God's Grace Is

At a meeting of the Victorian preachers, Professor Norman MacLeish, M.A., B.Phil., of the Presbyterian theological college, presented this vital theme in an interesting style. This is the first part of the study; the remainder will be given in another issue.



The Good Shepherd.

turn to him; for, if he did, he would wait in vain. He does not even wait for the lost to appeal to him for help before the requisite help is given. No; what he does is to take the initiative in restoring the lost to himself. He does so unsolicited, and without sparing either effort or pain in accomplishing his purpose. When his purpose is accomplished, his heart is unspeakably glad. And in all these ways he shows that he is not a grudging God, but a God of grace; a God of spontaneous, unasked, freely-offered, and freely-bestowed favor."

Its Pricelessness

So much for the fact that God's grace is his love so far as that love is spontaneous. In the next place, consider God's love so far as it is not only spontaneous, but also unmerited.

There are at the present day—and there have been for many a century—two different and contrasted notions concerning the nature of religion. According to one of these notions, emphasis is laid on what we do for God; according to the other, emphasis is laid on what God does for us. According to the first, salvation is a reward which we win from God by hard efforts of our own; according to the second, it is not a merited reward at all, but a free gift given by One who pardons us our sins and receives us into his fellowship, not because of anything we are or have done ourselves, but wholly and solely because he is a God of unmerited mercy.

Now, it was the first of these two notions of religion which was entertained by the Pharisees. "God has laid down certain rules of conduct," they said, "and he has promised that those who obey these rules, will receive everlasting life as their due reward. The reward is a great one, and therefore we, for

our part, are determined to fulfil the conditions attached to obtaining it. Those of our neighbors who neither fulfil nor even know the law of God, however, are in an entirely different position. They are mere sinners. And if this Jesus of Nazareth who keeps their company and actually eats with them, were really the holy One of God whom he claims to be, he would leave them severely alone. After all, since they neither know nor fulfil the law of God, they have no hope either in this life or in the life to come, and they ought to be abandoned to the damnation which they richly deserve."

This attitude of the Pharisees to outcasts and sinners was, of course, the logical outcome of their view concerning the nature of religion. But what did Jesus say to them about it?

He said to them: "Your whole attitude shows that, for all your boasted knowledge of God, your ideas about God are wrong. You think of him as if he were merely a great taskmaster who had laid down certain duties for men to perform, assigning rich rewards for the faithful performance of these duties and terrible punishments for the lack of it. But, as a matter of fact, God is not a mere taskmaster who gives something for something and nothing for nothing. Rather, he is like a father whose boy has deliberately left home and wasted his substance in riotous living. In the circumstances, the father does not lose all interest in his boy, nor does he leave him without a pang to suffer the consequences of his self-willed folly. On the contrary, he watches and waits for his boy's return; and when he does return, he rejoices to have him home again. In other words, God is not a God of whose love men must make themselves worthy by hard efforts of their own. After all, to make oneself worthy of the love of God is quite impossible. God is a God whose love is unmerited, a God whose love is freely offered to and freely bestowed upon those who have no claim to it at all."

Its Self-sacrifice

According to what Jesus said to the Pharisees about the prodigal son, then true religion is not a cold, calculated, commercial affair. It is not the doing of something in order to obtain something else, or a quid pro quo. On the contrary, true religion is man's free, whole-hearted response to the unmerited love of God—a love which is received without money and without price. But not only is God's love spontaneous and unmerited; it is also, in the third place, self-sacrificing. And we must yet take this fact into account if we are fully to understand the meaning of God's grace.

I do not know if any of you have ever wondered why it is that we are able to believe what Jesus taught in his parables about the love of God. If you consider the question, however, you will see that we should not be able to believe what Jesus taught in his parables about the love of God, if it were not for something which does not exist in the parables themselves. I mean, if the parables were the work of one who had been a great literary genius but nothing more, then we should no doubt regard them as beautiful and touching; but we should regard them as merely beautiful and touching fancies, not as expressions of great and glorious fact. The truth is that we are able to believe what Jesus taught in his parables about the love of God, only because it was Jesus who taught the parables. That is to say, he himself guaranteed the truth of his message. Thus, when he said that God's love was spontaneous or that God took the initiative in delivering men

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Keeping Faith With the Island Peoples

THE Atlantic Charter provides for a better deal for all under-privileged peoples, and in this group are numbered the peoples of the Pacific Islands. The help given by these people in the Pacific war has given a new outlook and interest to the Island races, who number collectively approximately 100 million. Mission societies are seeking to keep abreast of the times and plan greater things for the future. Though our own Island work is only small when compared with some of the larger bodies, it is nevertheless important, and we have a responsibility to several thousands in our three Islands. Among the immediate plans to be carried out are:

Reinforcements

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, of Cheltenham, Victoria, have been appointed and expect to leave about November. Mr. Smith is a No. 1 grade engineer, had extensive St. John's Am-



Mr. J. Smith.

balance and first aid work, and was attached to the Royal Australian Navy for medical services until recalled for special engineering tasks. Mrs. Smith is a double certificated nurse, and has had wide experience in hospital and private nursing. Thus these new workers will be able to give much practical assistance in many departments of the work. Mr. Smith's experience as an engineer will be invaluable for the effective running of the mission launch.

Medical Student

If permission is granted, one of our own young men from Aoba will go to Fiji Medical School for training. This will be a new venture, but one which we hope will prove of lasting benefit to our Island peoples. Plans are also under way to give some of our young men more adequate Bible training and for some of our capable girls to have some nursing experience. The present work of Mrs. Finger and Mrs. Waterman is building up to this end.

Building Projects

Two huts have arrived from Sydney, and will be a blessing to give better accommodation for our expanding work. Plans are well under way for a new house for Pentecost, and hospital-dispensaries for both Aoba and Pentecost. Mr. and Mrs. Finger are due in Australia about September, and after furlough it is planned that all building requisites will be shipped on the same steamer.

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MISSION PARS.

DISABLED advice tells of the safe arrival of our three missionary ladies, Misses E. Vawser, W. Walker and K. Taylor. They were fortunate in having splendid accommodation and a direct trip. A pleasing feature of the trip was a call at Fremantle, where they were given a fine welcome and an opportunity for meeting a good assembly of brethren. Being Miss Taylor's home town was an added pleasure.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry on the birth of their daughters in India. Carolyn Ruth Thomas was born on June 30, and Judith May on July 21. We



Mrs. J. Smith.

pray that much happiness will come into the homes of the parents because of these precious gifts from God.

Reviewing the annual income (1/7/44-1/6/1945), income for general account amounted to £11,459, £273 over preceding year. Expenditure was highest on record, exceeding last year's record total by more than £1000. Nevertheless, the Board were enabled to transfer interest on endowments, £350, to reserve fund and still closed with credit balance. We praise God for his goodness, and tender our thanks to the brotherhood.

No detailed report of the annual offering can be given, though indications point to a good one. A good annual offering will assure our being able to carry out the present extensive programme. India's budget this year is the largest in our history.

GLORY OF THE CROSS

ZWEMER, in speaking of the glory of the cross, says, "When men speak of redeeming the old order of society, or transforming life from sordidness into sainthood *without the cross*, they follow a forlorn hope. When John came preaching repentance the fulness of time was also at hand. Revolutionary changes were imminent; there was an air of expectancy and a deep despair of the old order. John ushered in the new era by proclaiming a new redemption—'Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.' The cross is the only hope of the world. Our constant danger is that we cry, 'Behold this new opportunity! Behold our new methods! Behold our human brotherhood! And we forget to cry, 'Behold the Lamb of God!'"

Various Topics

MANY churches are wisely preparing for advance movements. The Northern Baptist Convention of U.S.A. is planning a World Mission Crusade to begin in October and end in April, 1947. It aims to raise 14,000,000 dollars. The crusade will include rebuilding of mission stations destroyed by the war, replacement of missionaries, world relief, Christian education, and related activities. The convention is planning a "Crusade for Christ," the other section being a Christian Life Crusade.

Conditions in Papua and New Guinea

Dr. G. A. Cranswick, Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions, contributed to the "A.C. World" an unusually interesting and informative article on "Labor Conditions in Papua and New Guinea." In a lucid manner it dealt with past and present conditions, the question of indentured labor, and the post-war position. The article deserves a wide reading.

The public press of last week contained the following resolution carried at a recent meeting of the Australian Board of Missions:

"The Australian Board of Missions views with profound satisfaction, first, the Commonwealth Government's declared intention to modify within its territories the indenture system of native labor with a view to its abolition within five years, and second, the Government's declared policy to administer Australian territories in the spirit of trusteeship as enunciated in the UNCIO Conference; namely, while treating white planters and miners justly and giving them all reasonable opportunity of developing their own projects, to lay down and implement sound plans for the health, education, village life, agriculture, industrial enterprises, and the general progress of the native peoples.

"The Australian Board of Missions pledges itself to co-operate as far as possible with the Government and the administration in this great task."

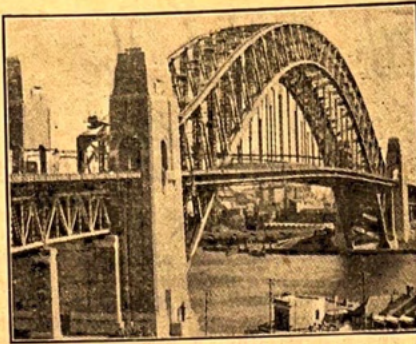
Potsdam and World Security

I write just after the Potsdam Declaration of "the big three" has been announced, dealing with the future of Germany and measures to be taken for ensuring peace in Europe. Its decisions are in many respects severe, but were deemed necessary to meet the present situation and to prevent a recurrence of war. One of the political principles determined by the conference to govern the treatment of Germany in the initial control period is stated as follows: "To prepare for the eventual reconstruction of German political life on a democratic basis for eventual peaceful co-operation in international life by Germany."

Dean W. R. Matthews, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, recently expressed regret that "an attempt has not been made so far to enlist the conscience of mankind in support of world security," and warned that "any new plan for world security will fail unless it can be carried through by a wave of spiritual enthusiasm." A brief article in the "S.M. Herald" by Dr. R. G. McIntyre on "What of the Peace?" contained helpful words. The following sentences appealed to me: "Wars are made, not happen, and a Christianised democracy is the only safeguard. We have resolutions and charters for the physical betterment of humanity, which is all to the good. We must have freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religious worship, equality before the law, while every economic system which frustrates human relations must be changed. These are not given by democracy as such, but by a Christianised democracy." "There can be no lasting peace in this world unless based on goodwill to men." It is the Christian way of life which is needed.

Historic Church in N.S.W.

Ethelbert Davis, conference president of N.S.W., reports on historic events, on a judgment concerning church customs, and on moves to meet spiritual needs of young people.



A WEEK or so ago Archbishop Mowl unveiled, at St. John's Church, Parramatta, a tablet bearing the names of the eight ministers who had served the church during 155 years.

The history of the Anglican church at Parramatta dates back to 1790, two years after the first settlement at Sydney Cove. Richard Johnston was the first preacher (13 years). He was followed by Samuel Marsden (35 years). H. M. Bohart was the third preacher (15 years). He was succeeded by R. L. King (13 years). King was succeeded by Archdeacon W. J. Gunther (42 years). The sixth preacher was Archdeacon S. M. Johnstone (24 years). He was followed by Archdeacon H. S. Begbie (4 years). Begbie was succeeded by one of the Coadjutor Bishops of Sydney, W. G. Hilliard, who has been with the church five years now. Not only has that old church had some illustrious preachers, but it also has a great record of service in that town.

The "Red Book"

Some months ago we reported that a case was pending in the New South Wales Equity Court, against Bishop Wylde, of Bathurst, to restrain him from departing from Common Prayer Book practice, by using forms prescribed in the "Red Book." The case came before the Court, and the Judge ruled that the Civil Court was competent to decide in this ecclesiastical case. His Honor gave an interlocutory judgment against the bishop with costs.

The form of giving Holy Communion prescribed in a book called the "Holy Eucharist," known as the "Red Book," requires communicants to make the sign of the cross, and requires that during the communion a Sanctus bell be rung. It all means in a word or two one of the Romish practices which finds a place in some of the Anglican churches.

Two Important Rallies

Two very important rallies were held in the City Temple recently. On July 13 the meeting was held by the Social Service Committee, at which it launched its rehabilitation plan. F. E. Alcorn, chairman of the committee, was the principal speaker, and he announced that Chaplain W. J. Crossman had been invited to fill the position of rehabilitation officer.

The second rally was held on July 20, and was conducted by the Young People's Committee. Its chief object was the consideration of procuring a camping site. The matter was taken up most enthusiastically. A site formerly decided upon was lost to the committee; but another is under consideration, and money is coming in from many sources toward its purchase. It should be possible soon to make a definite announcement regarding the procuring of the site.

Orangemen

The centenary celebrations of the Loyal Orange Institution of New South Wales were a great success. They closed with an historical pageant at the Town Hall, Sydney. Over 1200 people witnessed the performance.

The first scenes enacted the trial of Cranmer, the accession of Queen Elizabeth, and Drake

at bowls while the Spanish Armada was coming up the Channel.

The death scene of the unhappy King Charles II, and the trial of Alice Lisle, before Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys, followed, while that which stirred the audience most was the scene depicting the arrival in England of William of Orange.

There is a revival of interest in the Orange Lodge movement in New South Wales. This is no doubt due to the pressure of events directed by Catholic Action.

Cruelty to Animals

There is a growing conscience on the question of cruelty to dumb animals which is commendable. Several times of late incidents have occurred where concern for the sufferings of the dumb creation has been widely manifested. A day or so ago Mr. Hardwick, S.M., in the Central Summons Court, sent the owner of a greyhound to gaol for three months for having "needlessly caused the cat to be killed." In the past such cruelty drew forth less condemnation than it does to-day.

"Right is Irresistible"

So wrote Canon Gerry in an article lately. There are great moral forces like justice and love which it is fatal to oppose. "Right," he said, "has surged like the irresistible tide. Hitler's dupes have discovered that he who opposes mercy and goodwill are acting the part of Canute. 'The truth that moral forces are surging onward like the forces of nature,' he claimed, 'is suggested by the story of the unbeliever who in mockery asked the Christian, 'What is the carpenter's Son doing now?' and received the reply, 'He is making a coffin for the devil.'"

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.)

C.F.A. AND COUNTRY CHURCHES

TO the questions asked by G. M. Mathieson there may be many answers, but I am convinced that all these difficulties can be solved with the help of a well-managed system of finances. The answer is the C.F.A. system. If the church as a whole took the C.F.A. to heart there would be no problem in finding preachers for the country. The money for their salaries would be found, building debts repaid, manses and hospitals and homes for the needy erected, and above all, the necessity for annual departmental begging for special offerings would disappear.

I have frequently talked with others of the great advantages of this system, and most are enthusiastic until it is realised that it might involve a surrender of some of the powers we now have under our overrated

system of congregational government. Many preachers are irrevocably opposed to it, for they think they see a loss of some of their present freedom to take appointments where they wish. What a small price to pay for advantages so enormous! Again, some of the larger and financially independent churches seem afraid that they might lose their financial power. Until the day dawns when they fully realise that their continued existence depends on the smaller churches, progress will be slow. Both churches and individuals must be prepared to sacrifice for the common good.

Is the Victorian church ready to make a sacrifice so that it may be more effective in carrying out the command to "go and preach"?—John Smith, Horsham, Vic.

ELDERS

ONE of the great needs of our brotherhood to-day is a strong, virile eldership. The office of an elder is not only an honor conferred on a brother, but a call to high service in the church. Nowhere in the New Testament do I read that an elder must of necessity be an old man, and yet while I honor and respect old age, and particularly those who have grown old in the faith, I feel that the tendency to-day is to unduly venerate grey hair when considering brethren as elders and thus overlook younger men who would be particularly suited for such an office. Let us take stock afresh of our manpower in the church and seek out the best men available for this high calling and thus reinvigorate our eldership.—W. F. White, Hightett, Vic.

CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

AS our brotherhood has already an association pioneering a movement from which the aims and methods of the proposed Church Men's Society are seemingly taken, indicated particularly in the last section of the announcement, it seems remarkable that the executive deem it wise to introduce another activity that may become a divisive factor in a brotherhood which has Christian unity as one of its basic pleas. At least, the practical objects of developing brotherhood activities, and the methods of financing such activities, as outlined, clearly indicate that there will be duplicate appeals to the churches for a similar class of activity, together with regular weekly duplication of monetary collections, from the Christian Fellowship Association and the Church Men's Society.

The brotherhood is already surfeited with appeals, and it is more or less common knowledge that the executive is embarrassed by such, yet the same executive is sponsoring still another activity, all in the name of unity, I suppose.

The Christian Fellowship Association is constituted, and already has adequate machinery, to achieve the aims mentioned. It has made a successful start in difficult circumstances, and given the additional support that may go to the proposed society, could readily extend to include every phase of activity of the nature referred to, and thus avoid quite unnecessary duplication.

Also, in view of the changed outlook brought about by the closer intermixture of the sexes during the war years, and the inherent oneness of the post-war problems in relation thereto, the wisdom or effectiveness of a separation of activities as between the sexes is open to question.

Surely the aims outlined, and the apostle James' definition of true religion, could be more effectively achieved by unity rather than by such proposed duplicated effort.—L. O. Collyer, Fumina South, Vic.

News From New Zealand

We introduce E. P. C. Hollard, of Wellington, N.Z., as our new correspondent for the Dominion. He tells of interesting happenings among the churches and in the brotherhood.

LIONEL FLETCHER has passed through New Zealand on a tour of evangelising with excellent results. In the larger cities the responses from youth were little short of amazing. In the capital he had 360 decisions, mostly young folk. One person in replying to the usual criticism of "emotionalism," said that he did not touch the emotions so much as he hit the conscience. I heard him, and feel that an adequate explanation of results.

A recent school of Theology, under the patronage of the Bishop of Wellington, enjoyed the limited success such a venture could expect. All of the "recognised" bodies, plus the Society of Friends, set out church differences, agreements and history. The writer represented our people.

The "New Zealand Baptist" comments on the Bishop of Waikeato conducting baptisms among Taranaki churches, and quotes him as saying, "Two of the candidates were also baptised by immersion . . . for this is the proper method of holy baptism." We made the statement at the School of Theology that no one argues about it any more, and apparently others are agreed!

Brotherhood

Our Dominion work is facing its problems, chief among them being the shortage of preachers. Strategic pulpits are vacant with little hope of filling them. The Home Mission Committee is eagerly seeking a worthy brother to enter the field as organiser and secretary. It seems difficult to interest men in such work these days. We are rejoicing in the fact that A. E. White, B.A., of Melbourne, is coming to take over the Department of Religious Education. He is assured of a great group to lead.

Gordon Stirling has left us with many regrets on our side, and we feel sure on his, too. He gained a reputation in our brotherhood and in inter-church councils which any preacher could well desire.

The "baby" church at Seddon-st., Wellington, is looking to the early coming of Norman Haig to lead them. Only a full page could describe the faith of this group of people.

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III. What Shall We Give?

If then, all things are God's, and we belong to him also, the very least that we should offer to him is that which belongs to him. And that means all that we are, as well as all that we have. It is not a question either of keeping the parings off the edge of the sixpence, or of keeping the remnant of the sixpence, but of surrendering every part of one's life to him to whom it is due. "I beseech you . . . that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice!" (Rom. 12: 1).

The pre-war travel catalogues extolled Norfolk Island (among the less extravagant of the terms used) as a "South Sea Paradise." No theatres, no night-clubs, no hotels, and no taxation! I was glad of an opportunity of spending a few hours at a time in such a paradise. It appears that in lieu of taxation (a blessing enjoyed in more civilised com-

They are in one of the Government housing areas, and are grasping opportunity with both hands.

A word about churches. Gisborne, R. W. Marshall as preacher, reports lack of seating on Sunday evenings; H. C. Bischoff writes for the Baptists on youth work, stressing the "Happy Hour" clubs, which are a feature of his work; A. W. Gilbertson at Oamaru is setting his young people afire; another preacher reports that five members supported his gospel service one Sunday evening; L. E. Jones reports decisions at St. Andrews-st., Dunedin; Cyril Flood at Christchurch is leading Moorhouse-ave, in a virile manner; Vivian-st. sees increasing attendances and a revitalised spirit, passing the 76th year of witness.

Death has called A. V. Williams and M. Glaister from us. These brethren were among our most honored and loyal folk and will be missed.

Our only Army chaplain, Wallace Harford, has been promoted to Major-Chaplain. Many of the brethren are rejoicing at the news of sons and loved ones released from P.O.W. camps in Europe, and the near return of many to their homes.

At the last conference a scheme was formulated whereby the Home Mission Department would provide a number of bursaries of £50 each for young men desirous of entering college. Principal Haddon informs us that next year will see the highest number of young men in training in the history of Glen Leith. This ensures the future, but does not solve the present.

Most of our churches are becoming conscious of the value of visual aids, particularly among children. It becomes obvious that individuals alone must bear the brunt of supplying the means of doing this work, for none of the churches have a library of religious films, the Government film library has none, and there is little hope of filling the want for some time to come. Interested groups are trying to bring pressure to bear to have religious films included in the government library which will be free to churches and Bible schools.

munities) every male inhabitant is expected to work a fixed number of days for the public good. But earthly paradises have a way of harboring a snake in the grass, and here it is as "money" that the snake in a South Sea paradise rears its head. The possession of sufficient wealth can overcome the hardship (?) caused by the absence of hotels, and it also obviates the necessity of work. The wealthy man need exert himself no more than is required to line up and pay the monetary equivalent of his days of work—and the poorer people do the work for wages.

Now, while it may be the convenient and accepted thing on Norfolk Island for a man to give his money instead of himself, I submit that in spiritual circles it is wrong! The type of stewardship that offers God only money, in lieu of offering oneself wholly to him, is offering insult to the Creator and Redeemer. And it is quite out of harmony with any acceptable principles of Christian stewardship. The Christian ideal is beautifully exemplified by the Macedonian Christians, who "first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by his grace" (2 Cor. 8: 5). These

people were "consecrated givers" before they took part in "consecrated giving."

What, then, shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits?

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all."

Christian Endeavor Notes

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A "NIGHT IN GAOL" CONVERTS A MAN FROM GAOL

FOLLOWING out suggestions made in the book "C.E. in Action" for the study of Paul and Silas at Philippi entitled "A Night in Gaol," a N.S.W. society had a remarkable conversion. A man of the district was invited to attend the Endeavor meeting but was not told the subject or title of the topic. He attended with his family. To create atmosphere the Endeavorers had centred a box on which was a cup of water and a crust of bread. As the meeting progressed the man was visibly affected. At the close of the meeting he went to the man who had invited him and told a remarkable story. He had not attended the church before, and could not allow himself to be interested in the things of God because he had in his possession stolen tools from his work. The meeting had showed him what might be his lot if he continued the way he was going. Now he wanted to return the tools and become a Christian. He could have sneaked them back to his job and then "accidentally" found them, but his conversion was real. He insisted in facing up to the whole matter and letting those in charge know what had happened. His Christian friend went with another Christian, and at the interview with the officials they realised that the man was downright sincere, and resolved that no further action should be taken. The man is now a very fine Christian and leader.

A GREAT IDEA

(RALLY LEADERS, TAKE NOTICE)

ONE of the main reasons for a C.E. rally is that Endeavorers from different societies may get to know each other. Yet at the suburban rallies I attend, I know just as many people at the end as I did at the beginning. If some games were introduced at the beginning of the meeting, then an atmosphere of friendliness between societies would be created, and it would not be hard to change the atmosphere to one of reverence and worship before the message. (Incidentally the girls would know whether to wear hats or not.)

Another thing that strikes me at a rally is the roll call. It seems so uninteresting for the few societies present to stand up en masse and say a text and sit down, awkward pauses being made when a society is not represented. If societies unable to send a representative would send a response, the awkward pauses could be omitted. For the societies that are there, however, I think it would be better if they stood to give their response and remained standing till the last had been called, then repeat the active member's pledge together, finishing the act with prayer.

Bright singing and a good song leader are essential, as well as a good speaker, but we have had those already, I think. On the whole, I think the rallies are excellent if they have the whole-hearted prayer backing and support of every society.

Here and There

David Sang, a member of the church at Queensberry-st., Carlton, Vic., has just returned from Chungking, China, where he represented Australia at an important conference, representatives to which came from all parts. Mr. Sang came into close contact with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, who presided over the meetings.

At Horsham, Vic., in S.S. examination there were 7 honors, 11 merits, and 20 passes. On Aug. 5 Dennis Kimberley was received in, and S. Neil Macdonald made the good confession. Christian Endeavorers gave an appreciated item at evening service. Good Companions enjoyed a visit to Methodist society. Women's Mission Band had a splendid meeting, when 36 were in attendance. C. W. Jackel's addresses are appreciated, and also his varied activities of visitation and organising throughout circuit.

On evening of Aug. 11, in chapel at Hawthorn, Vic., the Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held a talent quest. The church hall was filled, 370 being present, 202 of whom were young people. The 30 who competed showed great talent. Claude Gadge (instrumental), R. L. Williams (elocutionary) and Mr. Grainger, assisted by two students of the Educational Department, were judges. Miss Elva Morfiew (pianist) was presented with a bouquet in recognition of her help.

The annual statement of the United Board Church Hostels (Victoria) reveals that an excellent service is being rendered by women of Baptist and Congregational churches and churches of Christ. By voluntary work it is possible to provide excellent meals to Service men at nominal charges. The popularity of hostel is shown by last financial year's receipts from various canteen services, amounting to £7889. Messrs. A. E. Kemp and Reg. Ennis are churches of Christ representatives on financial committee.

As we go to press on Monday, Aug. 13, news of the end of World War II is being awaited eagerly. Those in authority are suggesting that the conflict cannot go on much longer. Plans for suitable thanksgiving services are being finalised. It is expected that large congregations will assemble to worship and to praise God for the passing of war-clouds. If there is any delay in the delivery of this issue, agents and readers will understand. None will object to printers and postal officials enjoying the two-days' respite after their many years of faithful work under trying war-time conditions.

Annual church meeting at Carnegie, Vic., was held on July 25. Retiring secretary, W. Organ, whose untiring efforts have been much appreciated, was re-appointed. B. Ward was elected treasurer. E. Jury, S. Jenner, R. Mudge, G. Warmbrunn and L. Enticnap deacons. Successful meetings are being held under leadership of G. J. Andrews, who continues interesting and helpful messages. On evening of Aug. 5, three young people from East Malvern church were baptised. The church welcomed back from Services Jack Acuroff, Don Finn, G. Luke and W. Edney. Mr. and Mrs. Merv. Little are congratulated on their recent marriage.

A. E. Forbes' condition is improving, but as it will be necessary for him to have a complete rest for some time, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are compelled to sever their connection with the church at Hamilton, Vic. This was made known to members by W. Gale, who took both services on Aug. 12. During their stay Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have been capable leaders, and have endeared themselves to members. On Thursday the Women's Mission Band farewelled Mrs. Forbes. The vice-presidents presented her with a posie and a set of books. Mrs. Forbes responded. The band has now reached its aim of "every woman of the church a member of the band." Officers and mem-

bers are grateful to speakers for last month: A. B. Withers, D. Stewart, H. B. Robbins and W. Gale.

According to a Religious News Service, the "Jehovah's Witnesses" cult is making progress in Germany as the result of a vigorous evangelistic campaign. "The Christian Standard" points out that this advance is going on while "organised churches" are wondering what to do in Germany. We learn also from various sources that church services in Berlin are being well attended. The Christian church in Germany needs the support of Christians everywhere so that the young people who have been deceived by a false view of life may be set on the path of Christian righteousness, and be saved from the errors of heretical sects.

The Board of Management of the Federal College of the Bible has decided to establish a memorial to the late Principal T. H. Scambler. The exact form of the memorial is yet uncertain, depending in part on the amount which will be available, but brethren are invited to forward contributions for this purpose to R. L. Leane, hon. treasurer, at the college.

"It is clear that even if nationalisation is a step towards prohibition, as its supporters hope, and not a step in the wrong direction, as some of us fear, the goal will not be reached for many a year. It would be hard to convince a government that had just paid millions of pounds for the sole right to conduct the liquor trade, that it would be business-like to hand it over to be destroyed by a State referendum of the people! Indeed, it is possible that, if the government loaded itself with the liability of buying out the liquor trade, it would at once cancel out any local option rights we at present enjoy."—Clarion Call.

On July 25 a very happy evening was spent by about 80 members of the church at North Fitzroy, Vic., to celebrate the 80th birthday of H. Swain. The function was presided over by E. Smedley. On behalf of members, the church secretary, L. Gole, made a presentation to Mr. Swain of a leather attache case and four volumes. Mr. Swain, in responding and thanking the members, gave informative reminiscences of the work during the various ministries of his long life. It will interest those who have known Mr. Swain in past years to know that he is still very active in church life, preaching and teaching, visiting the sick and absent members, and taking a vital interest in young people and in everything concerning the church and the kingdom of God. During the evening items were given by Miss Easton and Messrs. Arnot and Haigh, and the evening concluded with supper.

At Croydon, S.A., during July, a fine series of anniversary services took place. Visiting speakers were P. R. Baker and N. G. Noble. A fellowship tea was given by officers to church choir in appreciation of its splendid service, at which conference president, Mr. Butler, gave a greeting, and at evening service also. At midweek meeting a bright evening was enjoyed, at close of which a young man on leave from R.A.A.F. made the good confession, being baptised following Lord's day. Two young women also took their stand for Christ and were immersed during month. There is much sickness among members. Auxiliaries are in good heart. Bible school maintains interest, and K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs holding young people. After many years of office, Mr. and Mrs. Waters have relinquished the positions of elder and deaconess. A Bible study class has been commenced for young people, Mr. Banks giving lectures with aid of charts. An inspiring prayer meeting was held at 7 a.m. on Aug. 5 with 58 in attendance.

At Swanston-st., Melbourne, all recent services have been addressed by C. B. Nance-Kivell, with one confession during July. The congregation have been saddened by the passing of valued members during the past month—A. L. Gibson, who was a deacon emeritus; C. H. Mitchell, who was church organist for more than 40 years; and Miss A. Hare, a member for many years. At morning service on Aug. 12, a commemorative service was held for the late Mr. Mitchell, and in the afternoon the brotherhood memorial for the late Mr. Gibson was held in the church building, which was well filled. C. B. Nance-Kivell presided, and Alex. Wilson spoke for Swanston-st. church. Fifth monthly church fellowship meeting was held on July 25, when Mr. Ewart, of the Forests Commission, gave an illustrated lecture on the value of forests to the community. He also screened a moving picture of "The Battle of China." On Aug. 8, Mission Band were addressed by Ron. Saunders (returned from New Hebrides); Mrs. Beveridge was soloist. Special music was provided by choir on July 22; Miss P. Collett was soloist. The choir-master (H. T. S. Brown) has completed five years' service.

H. G. Norris commenced his ministry at Unley, S.A., on Aug. 5. 156 communicants attended morning service, when Mr. and Mrs. Norris were received into membership and welcomed by Robt. Burns and Dr. Messent on behalf of church. Addresses by Mr. Norris were an inspiration and a challenge. A public meeting was held in chapel on Aug. 8, when Mr. and Mrs. Norris and family were welcomed. Mrs. C. Verco (sisters' auxiliary of conference); Albert Anderson, representing State conference; Mrs. Lawrence on behalf of ladies of church, and Gordon Forbes, on behalf of church auxiliaries, expressed words of welcome. Dr. P. S. Messent presided. A large number attended, and supper was served in kindergarten hall. Ladies of Mission Band have worked hard for UNRRA, and a number of articles have been made ready for Unley depot. Mrs. T. J. Gore's health has been causing much anxiety. Mrs. Tremaine, an old member who had been laid aside by sickness for some time, has passed away. On July 29 evening service was conducted by Inter-Varsity Fellowship. Harold Steward was speaker, and meeting was well attended by young people. Overseas mission offering reached £258/13/5. Miss Esther Messent is relinquishing her work as Y.W.C.A. representative among Service girls in this State. Several others in Services have recently been discharged.

A meeting of some importance to the church in Australia was held in Sydney on July 27. Representatives of major communions met to consider the formation of an Australian section of the World Council of Churches. Members of churches of Christ present were E. Davis, I. A. Paternoster, S. Stevens and D. Wakeley (all of N.S.W.) and W. S. Lowe (Vic.) A draft constitution was drawn up for submission to the federal authorities or committees of each church. It is evident that the World Council of Churches (Australian section) will soon be more than a provisional organisation. The draft constitution provides for the appointment of representatives to a central council which will meet annually and have an executive to carry out its plans and directions. The appointment of a full-time, salaried secretary-organiser is envisaged. The council will aim to have regional committees set up in all States so as to make local the spirit of unity. The council will be in no way a "super church," controlling the communions represented, but will represent the World Council of Churches and do everything possible to spread the spirit of unity and co-operation both in faith and order, and life and work fields.

News of the Churches

Queensland

West Haldon.—The work has grown. W. Giezendanner comes from Ma Ma Creek fortnightly and conducts communion service and Bible school. Two baptised believers are meeting with church, and five scholars have been gained for Bible school.

Monkland.—On July 31 the C.E. held a successful social to welcome home F/O J. Venning, D.F.C., returned after having completed 53 operational flights with R.A.A.F. over Europe. On Aug. 5 H. E. Feldhahn, from Brisbane, was present as preacher for morning service and to conduct monthly gospel service.

Albion.—An average of 97 were present at Lord's Table and 62 at gospel meetings during last month. £79 was received for overseas mission offering. Will Higgin was killed



The Chapel at Albion.

at Balikpapan on July 6. A collection of clothing and blankets was made, and 23 large parcels and £6 delivered to UNRRA depot. Nine out of 12 passes were received by scholars sitting for S.S. examinations. A church parade was held by Boys' Club on evening of July 29. Edwin Enchelmaier has been appointed club leader and George McLean deputy leader.

Ma Ma Creek.—After four years' service abroad, Flying-Officer Clarence Roberts is now able to enjoy fellowship with church. Lesfer Cole is home on leave from New Guinea. Overseas missions offering reached £26. Bible schools report success in recent examinations, three having passed with honors and one gained first place.

Bundaberg.—Services on July 29 were broadcast. 111 gathered around the Lord's table. Welcome was extended to Mr. Spratt, of Maryborough, who conducted services throughout day. Many visitors attended. Messages of song were brought by Sister J. DeOberitz and W. DeOberitz. Children's Day session took place in afternoon, and many mothers were present. Mr. Spratt was in Bundaberg for this occasion. £1/6/- was taken for overseas Christmas cheer.

Gympie.—A happy function on Aug. 3 was the fellowship tea, when welcome was extended to F/O J. Venning, D.F.C., just returned from three years' operational duty in Britain. On Aug. 5 H. E. Feldhahn, from Brisbane training class, addressed church. A truck-load of Endeavorers went to Ross Mount on July 30 and participated with C.E. Society there. The school has secured addition of about 25 books for library. A great improve-

ment has been made by extension of chapel platform.

Toowoomba.—Two women, one the mother of Sunday school scholars, confessed Christ on Aug. 5, Mr. Boettcher preaching. E. Cornwell, Malayan missionary, exhorted church on July 29 and gave lantern lecture next evening. Successful anniversary services were held at Harlaxton Sunday school, H. E. Greenwood visiting. Nine Harlaxton scholars gained honors in examination. Toowoomba school was top for number of entries, number of awards and number of prizes won. Afternoon in home of Mrs. Pascoe realised £18 for building fund.

Mackay.—Morning and evening meetings were well attended on Aug. 5, Mr. Millar speaking. Visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Linden, district superintendent of J.C.E., was speaker at Endeavor, and was presented with a bouquet by E. Nielsen on behalf of juniors. Twenty-two were present. Juniors are doing good work under leadership of Eva Anderson. Once a month they clean chapel and arrange flowers for Sunday. They have bought out of their own pocket money, and presented to Sunday school, framed Biblical pictures, which are a great asset to the school. Eight scholars sat for examination. All passed, four with honors.

South Australia

Forestville.—During the period between the departure of Mr. Hammer and the coming of the new preacher, W. A. Russell, the church is privileged to have the preaching of P. R. Baker. A feature of Mr. Baker's ministry is the powerful gospel addresses delivered on Lord's day evenings. At gospel meeting on Aug. 5, a Bible school lad confessed Christ.

Brooklyn Park.—Interest is maintained, but for few weeks showed result of illness among members. On July 29 Mr. Baker, of Grange, commenced week-end ministry with church until further arrangements for preacher are made. His addresses are enjoyed. Roy Maxted, R.A.N., has been home on leave. It was caused by illness of his wife, who is now out of danger. Cpl. Cyril Smith, at one time church organist, visited and officiated in that capacity on evening of July 29. Bible school shows great improvement in attendance. Several young lads from Bible school and church, also a teacher, have joined choir and now assist the ladies.

Cheltenham.—A Friday evening boys' club commenced on July 20 with Lance Kappler leader. Mrs. N. G. Noble was appointed president of Ladies' Guild on July 18, with Mrs. A. D. Young secretary and Mrs. R. C. Hawker treasurer. Guild ministry covers devotions, missions, Dorcas, temperance and social works. UNRRA needs are at present under service. T. P. Richardson, A.I.C.A., spoke at Men's Fellowship on July 22. The preacher, N. G. Noble, has accepted a three years' engagement with the church, unanimously offered on July 29. Revival is manifest in most aspects of church ministry to itself and to others. The church's twenty-first birthday services commenced with well-attended reunion sessions on Aug. 5, when W. C. Brooker, of Queenstown, addressed a great morning service. At afternoon gathering of Bible school interests, W. L. Ewers, of Semaphore, delivered an inspiring message. N. G. Noble made the evening appeal. Soloist, Mrs. Oswald Smith.

Flinders Park.—At annual meeting of church on July 19, the following were appointed: Secretary, H. Francis; assistant, W. Webb; treasurer, G. Pearce; auditor, F. Hubbard; deacons, F. Russell, A. Pearce, W. Webb, G. Pearce; deaconesses, Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Gehlken; organist, K. Webb; assistant, G. Pearce. The

church is in splendid heart, and during year services were of high standard, with increase in membership of seven. F. Hollams has accepted ministry of church for indefinite period. The church has had fellowship with Ron Hubbard, Doug. Francis, Basil Anderson, on leave. Since annual meeting a married lady, Mrs. Pedler, has confessed Christ, and was baptised on Aug. 1, when members journeyed to York and had fellowship with brethren there. On July 29 the president of conference, Mr. Butler, gave morning address, at same time welcoming into membership F. Hollams and Mrs. Hollams, Ron Hollams and Mrs. Ron Hollams, and Ray Hollams, by letter of transfer, and on Aug. 5 W. Pedler was received by letter from Mount Hill and Mrs. W. Pedler by faith and baptism.

Maylands.—Attendances at morning services during July were very good, and messages of Keith Jones appreciated. F.M. offering totals £97, £14 of which is from Bible school offering taken on July 8. A working bee held on July 7 kalsomined and painted junior room. Bible school teachers and Bible class held an enjoyable hike on July 21. Men's Brotherhood gave young people a happy social evening on July 28. On each Wednesday evening during July teacher training lectures were held and much helpful matter imparted. A successful concert was given on Aug. 2 in aid of Chinese food relief. This was arranged by some young people of church, and resulted in £12 being raised. C.E. societies have helped Ladies' Guild in gathering of clothes for UNRRA, and ladies sorted and packed 2447 articles during July. On morning of Aug. 5, A. Anderson was speaker, and evening service was broadcast, Dr. Trevor Turner being speaker. The church regrets the passing of H. Nicholas on July 6, and sympathy also goes out to the preacher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones, in the loss of their daughter Llynne, who, after an illness of only a few days, passed away on Aug. 8.

Tasmania

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Attendances at all services are good. Guest speakers at Y.P. Fellowship tea on Aug. 5 were F. P. Solomon, retired teacher, and A. Barnard, of Transport Commission. Several young men helped to conduct gospel service. Monthly Band of Hope meeting was held on Aug. 7. On Aug. 10 a kitchen evening was held, guests of honor being Harold Pearsall and Miss Erica Goward. Church extends to them best wishes.

Invermay.—Good average attendances were maintained during July—morning, 50; evening, 53; communicants, 49. All auxiliaries are working well. Mutual Improvement Class visited Margaret-st. C.E. on July 31 and took programme. Sisters' Auxiliary monthly meetings are inspiring. Sisters are working to provide warm clothing for Dover Home and also plan to assist Norseman mission. News of members on active service is received through Mr. Steele, who corresponds regularly with these brethren. Furnishings of chapel are to be improved with installation of new seats. Soloists at gospel services during month were Mrs. Colbeck, Ivy Evans and Leo Stevens, who with his wife and daughter have returned from mainland. Mr. Steele continues to preach faithfully, and conducts weekly scripture classes at State school.

Western Australia

Perth.—Dorcas Society had a successful Foreign Mission offering. Sales brought in £14. On morning of Aug. 15, welcome was extended to Frank Ewers after absence in Services. Following an informative talk by J. K. Robinson, three made the good confession. At 7.30 p.m. the first of special services for month was commenced. E. R. Berry led song-service, Mrs. Robinson rendered a

solo. Mr. Robinson's message was illustrated by lantern pictures. Young Women's Fellowship had a "bring and buy" afternoon on Aug. 9. A social hour was enjoyed.

Wembley Park.—On evening of July 27 prayer meeting and Girls' Club combined for visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, which was much appreciated. Men's Fellowship spent an enjoyable evening in home of Mr. and Mrs. Whittome on July 28. Ladies' Guild has completed pyjamas for boys of Norseman mission. Bible school has completed a successful Faithful Fishermen campaign, at conclusion of which a social was held on Aug. 4. On evening of Aug. 5 three members of Boys' Club made their decision. There have been good attendances at gospel meetings. It is pleasing to see a fine group of young people each week.

Victoria

Footscray.—Sympathy is expressed to family of Mrs. Annie McNab, who passed away on Tuesday last. Service in the home was conducted by D. C. Ritchie and J. I. Mudford, and at graveside D. D. Stewart also assisted. The Mayor and councillors of Footscray were present.

Ivanhoe.—A recent offering of £52 was received toward building debt reduction. Bible school has commenced anniversary practice; song-leader, Miss Jean Milne. Roy L'Green is home on Army leave. Young people attended a youth tea on Aug. 5. R. Bottomley, of M.B.I., was speaker at evening service, young people taking part.

Portland.—Speakers during July were T. Robb, T. Davey, D. Hopkins and R. Pritchard. Foreign mission offering was £1/14/-. Members renewed fellowship with Mrs. and Miss May Haines, who have been visiting Portland. The four scholars who entered for examinations were all successful. Gilbert Pritchard has been posted to a far northern area.

Rochester.—There were increasing congregations every Sunday during July, which were encouraging for Mr. Payne, who comes from Echuca to give the message. A number of visitors have had fellowship with church, including Miss Larkin, from Swanston-st. church, who sang a solo. On Aug. 5 a choral service was held, Sunday school children taking part. Mr. Payne explained the origin of the songs.

Reservoir.—At morning worship on Aug. 5 W. Edwards, transferred from Northcote, was received into fellowship. J. Plummer was speaker. Mr. Alcorn has spoken at all other meetings. Bible school is practising for anniversary under direction of Mr. Hing. Cricket club held a social in church building on Aug. 11. Ladies' Guild is planning a jumble sale for thanksgiving offering.

Springvale.—Bible school is preparing for anniversary. Worship and gospel meetings are satisfactory, and three have made the confession and are awaiting baptism. Mr. Bond has received permission to build, and expects to begin work soon. A visit and pictures shown by Mr. Duff-Forbes was appreciated by a large audience. Prayer meeting continues as a refreshing hour, and numbers attending are not small.

Dunolly.—Attendances were maintained during July. Some visitors were present. J. Hindman gave interesting messages, and helped maintain interest in Bible school. Anniversary practice has commenced. Five scholars were successful in scriptural examination. Mrs. Henderson's son is home after being P.O.W. for over four years. Mrs. Burkett and Mrs. Cole are improving after illness, also Mrs. G. Willcox with treatment in Melbourne. Sympathy is extended to Miss S. Beasy and Mr. M. Beasy in the loss of their brother.

Middle Park.—Mr. Randall and Mr. Cartmel continue to deliver splendid addresses. At gospel service on Aug. 5, a solo by Mr. Keatsch, R.A.A.F., was appreciated. At morning service on Aug. 12 L. Finger, of St. Kilda,

presided. Mr. Randall expressed sympathy to Mrs. Annear and Mrs. Kruse in recent bereavements and to loved ones of Mrs. Downs, who was a foundation member and had faithful service for over 60 years.

Parkdale.—Meetings have been well attended and helpful, speakers being Messrs. Granger, MacKenzie and Stephenson. Rita Cuddy gained a third prize in recent scripture examination. Mr. Gilmour and Miss Gilmour are still unwell. Mrs. Ellis, church organist, is on a visit to W.A. Sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. Downing in death of her husband, W. H. Downing.

Collingwood.—At morning service on July 29 F. Funston spoke on behalf of Local Option Alliance. A memorial service was held in evening for late Mrs. R. Scott. On Aug. 12 T. Fitzgerald commenced his sixteenth year of service with church. Members of R.A.A.F. choir sang delightfully at evening meeting, after which a song service was held, and supper served by ladies.

Berwick.—There are good average attendances morning and evening. Addresses by C. L. Smith, of the college, are instructive. Intermediate C.E. Society continues to hold



The Chapel at Berwick.

enjoyable monthly socials. Mr. Thurgood, of the college, spoke morning and evening on July 1. Visitors have been welcomed. Members are again enjoying fellowship with Alan Meyer, home on leave from Islands.

Cheltenham.—At ladies' "snowball" meeting the following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Adams, president; Miss A. Brough, organiser; Miss F. Brough, treasurer. On Aug. 5 Laurie Stafford was baptised and Jane Judd made the good confession. V. C. Stafford is preaching with conviction and power at all services. Tennis Club held a special fellowship day on Aug. 11, 23 players in all having an enjoyable day.

Ringwood.—Ted Duffy was welcomed home on leave on July 22. Edward Jackson met with an accident and is still in hospital in the Islands, so was detained from coming home on leave. Miss Ruby Brent and George Cheeswright were married on July 28, A. H. Pratt officiating. Mrs. R. Westmore and boys have moved to Bayswater on account of housing shortage, and will be a great loss to church and Bible school. Explorer Club, re-commenced, is functioning well under leader, A. H. Pratt. At request of H.M. Committee Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have accepted an interim ministry at Hamilton, commencing Aug. 19.

Maryborough.—A happy time was spent by J.C.E. on July 22 with Methodist J.C.E., when they had a combined meeting. S.S. has commenced a rally, which tends to create keen interest amongst scholars. Three new scholars were brought on Aug. 5. Ten scholars sat for scripture examination, all passing. Recently the church lost a much loved member when Mr. Sutton, a former elder, passed on. Girls' choir helps with special singing at evening services. F.M. offering was an increase on previous years, £15/3/11. Mr. Chivell's addresses are an inspiration. In recent weeks church has had fellowship with

A.I.F. boys home on leave. There has been splendid response for appeal for UNRRA.

Kaniva.—Town hall was filled on July 22 when a cast representing all churches presented a drama entitled, "For He Had Great Possessions." Sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Will Crouch in loss of their infant daughter and for the relatives of Mrs. P. V. Vivian, who passed away on Aug. 7. She had witnessed faithfully with this church for 55 years.

Carlton (Lyon-st.).—At Women's Mission Band on Aug. 1, officers were appointed: President, Mrs. C. G. Taylor; vice-president, Miss A. Craigie; secretary, Mrs. J. Mann; assistant, Mrs. J. Magilton; treasurer, Mrs. Demeral; pianist, Miss Pittman. Miss Craigie has given good service as president for eight years. Mr. Taylor, recovered from illness, was preacher at morning service on Aug. 12. K. W. Barton spoke in evening. Mr. Tompkinson (C.I.M.) gave a vivid account of China under Japanese rule to Bible class on Aug. 5. A. B. Withers was speaker on 12th; Mr. Cuddy soloist. Miss Eva Longhurst is back again from hospital. Miss Myra Keats and L. Ladgrove (A.I.F.) were married on Aug. 4, and Miss Mavis Lumb to R. H. Climie on 11th. Best wishes are extended to these couples.

Frankston.—On Aug. 5 T. Hagger conducted a civic service in evening, when president of Frankston and Hastings Shire, and several other councillors and their wives, were present. The president read the scripture. A. J. McKenzie was soloist. T. Hagger preached a challenging sermon. At Mission Band a talk by Mrs. V. C. Stafford was enjoyed. All departments reported progress at half-yearly business meeting of church on Aug. 1. Good attendances continue at Moorooduc. A. H. Webber spoke at morning meeting on July 29 and G. W. Barnett in evening on Aug. 5. Mrs. Little was welcomed at Frankston after serious illness. Ladies have sent parcels of clothing for Europe. Several scholars passed scripture examination. On Aug. 12 T. Hagger spoke at both services. One previously baptised was received into membership.

North Fitzroy.—On evening of Aug. 5 Mr. Cole, general secretary Sudan United Mission, conducted service and told story of beginning and growth of work of mission illustrated by fine lantern views; offering realised £3/17/1. Women's Mission Band held meeting on Aug. 8, subject of address being "Scripture Teaching in State Schools." Youth Circle were entertained at a social evening on Aug. 11, hosts being Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. L. Gole. About 46 were present, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Good interest is maintained in youth work. Lionel Dudley spoke at both services on Aug. 12. The son of Mrs. Cousins was present after being four and a half years a prisoner of war in Germany. Mrs. C. McMillan is ill, having undergone an operation; many members are sick. John Turner has gone to Goulburn (N.S.W.) military hospital for special treatment which may take about six months to complete. He will act as hospital chaplain whilst there. Lionel Dudley's addresses are much appreciated.

New South Wales

Marrickville.—An entertainment arranged by C.E. societies raised £12 for Y.P. youth centre. On Aug. 3 Mr. Cowan, of Toronto, Canada, gave an interesting talk on "Character Analysis" to a combined meeting of girls' and boys' clubs. Mr. Hardiman, of Temple church, was guest speaker at Bible class fellowship tea on Aug. 5.

Broken Hill.—Attendances are growing at the G. T. Fitzgerald tent mission. On Sunday morning Mr. Fitzgerald gave a challenging address at Wolfram-st. church, and Mr. Pad-

dick spoke at Railwatown. The largest audience since mission started attended on Aug. 5, when G. T. Fitzgerald spoke and one young girl came forward. Visitation and personal work are being faithfully carried out.

Inverell.—Overseas mission offering reached £24/10/-, the best for several years. Members have also contributed approximately £6 to annual district hospital appeal. The church is solidly behind a move led by Mayor of Inverell to suppress gambling activities connected with patriotic and charitable appeals. Mr. and Mrs. W. Fox have been honored on occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. A suitable presentation was made. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have been members almost since beginning of our cause in Inverell.

South Auburn.—Meetings on July 29 and Aug. 5 were addressed by E. Davis. On Aug. 5 J. Toole, of Petersham church, was received into fellowship. On July 28 the Dorcas sisters organised a carnival night with Y.P. clubs to raise funds to reduce debt on building. On Aug. 1 the monthly united intercessory service was held at St. Thomas' Church of England; E. Davis gave the address. Mr. Moore, Methodist, and Mr. Wesley, C. of E., assisted. On Aug. 4 a concert was given by Miss Joy Mead's concert party to aid Industrial Blind Institution of N.S.W. The president, the Mayor of Auburn, said a few words on behalf of the institution. This was held in school hall. Bible school, under superintendent E. Pak Chung; C.E. under R. Bartholomew; Junior C.E. under Miss A. Woolley; and Y.P. clubs under J. Simms, continue to progress.

ADDRESSES

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BIRTH

WARDEN (nee Olsen).—July 17, to Sylv. and Les—a daughter (Robyn Lesley). Both well.

MARRIAGE

THOMAS-JEFFERSON.—On June 23, at Baptist Church, Stroud Green, London, Joyce Winifred, only child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jefferson, of 16 Upper Tollington Park, Stroud Green, to Flying Officer Norman L. Thomas, D.F.M., fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thomas, of Drummond North, via Malmsbury, Vic.

DEATHS

CASSON.—On June 7, at her residence, "Avoca," 25 Mountain-st., South Melbourne, Jessie, wife of the late Robert, loving mother of Ada (Mrs. Newman), Grace (dec.), Florence (Mrs. Webster), Belinda (Mrs. Wells) and Horace.

Rest after weariness, sweet rest at last.
DAWSON.—At P.O.W. camp, Thai, on Sept. 28, 1943 (information just released), Ronald James, aged 24 years, only son of Frank and Lizzie, Cootamundra, N.S.W., and loving brother of Maisie.

DAWSON.—Ronnie, grandson of the late James McGregor, of Malvern, nephew of J. McG. Abercrombie, Camberwell, and Andrew McGregor, Hobart, loved cousin of Alison Beveridge, Malvern, and Jessie Deegan (nee Murray).

DOWN.—On Aug. 6, at her residence, 109 Graham-st., Albert Park, Annie, beloved wife of the late Alexander Downs, dearly loved mother of Lexie (Mrs. Annetts), and mother-in-law of Harold, and loving grandmother of Merle, aged 80 years. A wonderful mother in God's care.

—H. A. Annetts.

GIBSON.—On Aug. 1, 1945, at her residence, 32 Range-rd., Camberwell, Ada Millan, relict of the late George Gibson, and loving mother of Jessie (Mrs. G. H. Oldfield), Dorothy, Will and Reg.

"Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

HARE.—On Aug. 8, Anne Jane, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J., loving sister of William (dec.), Mina (dec.), David (dec.), Ruth, James (dec.), Daisy, Harry (dec.), and Ernest; and loving sister-in-law of Rene Hare. Until the day dawns.

JONES.—On Aug. 8, Margery Llynne, aged four years, dearly loved child of Alma and Keith, and darling sister of Ian, of 36 Wellington-rd., Maylands, S.A. In God's care.

McNAB.—On Aug. 7, at her son's residence, 65 Whitehall-st., Footscray, Annie, relict of the late Alexander McNab, and loving mother of Margaret (dec.), Ethel (Mrs. Leane, dec.), Doris (Mrs. Hancock) and Roy. Aged 82 years. A wonderful mother at rest.

McNAB.—On Aug. 7, at her son's residence, 65 Whitehall-st., Footscray, Annie, loving mother of Roy, and mother-in-law of Gertie, loving grandma of Jean and Shirley. Peacefully sleeping.

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IN MEMORIAM

NICHOLLS.—In memory of Charles Nicholls, who passed away Aug. 15, 1941.

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THOMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, passed away Aug. 9, 1939; also our loved father, July 27, 1935. Happy memories of other days. Ever remembered by loved ones.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 26 and 29.—82nd anniversary of Doncaster church will be celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 26. Morning speaker, Mr. F. T. Morgan; evening, Mr. R. A. Banks. Public meeting in chapel on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Speaker, Mr. E. L. Williams. Programme of musical items, etc., with supper to follow. Old members and friends invited.

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A meeting of women will be held in the board room of Bible House, 241 Flinders-lane, Melbourne, on Friday, Aug. 24, at 2.30 p.m., to plan for the Christmas appeal. A discussion will take place. All women are invited.—M. Ward, hon. sec.

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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.

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Obituary

G. Arnott

MR. GEORGE ARNOTT, beloved father of R. P. Arnott, passed suddenly and peacefully to his reward on Thursday, July 12. Mr. Arnott, who had reached the age of 75 years, was a former chief superintendent of the Commonwealth Savings Bank, and for many years was associated with the churches at Paddington and Petersham, N.S.W. He was also an honored member at one time of the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee. He is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters. The sons are Mr. R. P. Arnott, member of Marrickville church and teacher at Woolwich Bible College; Dr. R. G. Arnott; Lieut-Colonel A. J. Arnott, Professor of Dentistry, Sydney University; and Messrs. G. R. and K. M. Arnott, of Gosford. His daughter, Miss Y. Arnott, is a lieutenant in the A.W.A.S.—P.E.T.

Mrs. M. Clark

IN her 87th year our sister fell asleep at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10. She is the first one to go home from the new church at Bowral, N.S.W. It had been planned that, since she was the oldest member, she was to have the privilege of opening the new chapel. Our sister was baptised more than forty years ago. She has been a most devoted and faithful member of the church. Although 86 years old, she attended almost all of the meetings of the mission, and was at church until the Sunday before she passed away. Her health had been wonderfully good until, quite suddenly, her heart began to weaken. After a few days of illness, almost without suffering, she weakened and passed away in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whatman. She had ten children, nine of whom are still alive. One was the late Jack Clark, who went through Glen Iris, then went to the last war and was killed. Jim Wright, preacher at Blackburn, is the grandson of our sister. Her sons, daughters and grandchildren are keen workers in our churches at Rockdale, Tempe, Enmore and Bowral. We shall miss her at the church and in the home. She greeted all with a smile almost to the very last. The funeral and in memoriam services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Mr. Brown, the Baptist minister. We know that the bereaved are being and will be sustained and comforted.—E. C. Hinrichsen.

Mrs. Gray

ONE of our much-loved sisters in the person of Mrs. Gray, who for over 49 years has been in membership at City Temple, Sydney, passed to her rest on Thursday, July 12. She was a very happy Christian, and possessed a very simple faith in her Lord, and up to a few months ago was regular in her attendance at the Lord's table and gospel service. She was a foundation member of City Temple Mission Band. Her witness in the community was radiant, and she was loved by everyone. The funeral took place at Botany Cemetery. The service at the Temple and the crematorium was conducted by A. C. MacLean, preacher at City Temple. The prayers of the church go out to all who mourn her loss, that God will comfort and sustain them at this time.—A. McL.

George Green

THE church at Bundamba, Qld., has suffered the loss of its leader, G. Green, who passed away on June 26 after a long and trying illness. He was well known to the brotherhood, and faithful to the principles for which the church stands. For many years he was the leader of the church at Bundamba, superintendent of the Sunday school, choir-leader, organist, secretary, preacher and general shepherd of the flock. He was highly respected by the whole of the district, as was evidenced by the large number who attended his funeral. He had reached the ripe age of 78 years. To

the widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy, commending them to the care of a loving heavenly Father. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—L.L.

Miss Alice Lawrie

THE church at Henley Beach, S.A., was greatly saddened by the sudden passing of Miss Alice Lawrie on July 7. Her death removes from our midst a faithful servant of the Lord. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Lawrie, a foundation member of Henley Beach church. She filled such offices as organist, teacher in Bible school, preparing the Lord's Table, and later assisting her sister in the kindergarten department and the floral decorations of the Lord's house. In her quiet and unassuming way she rendered a very valuable service for her Lord and Master over the years. She gave all her time to such services, and found great joy in these "labors more abundant." She fought the good fight, she kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for her "a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give in that day." The service in the home was conducted by H. P. Manning and at the graveside by the writer. Many floral tributes were paid by church and auxiliaries and many friends. We commend her sisters and brother and relatives to the gracious care of the heavenly Father who is able to do abundantly more than we can ask or think.—A. R. Jones.

John Robert Little

ON May 29, at Hornsby (N.S.W.) District Hospital, John Robert Little passed peacefully to his reward. Through a lengthy period of weakness John maintained a worthy testimony to his unflinching faith. He loved the cause of restoration; and though not permitted to meet regularly with his brethren at Chatswood, he was proud of his association with the congregation into which he came by faith and baptism. The service in the chapel was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. In this service, as at the graveside, representatives of the Presbyterian church joined with leaders of our N.S.W. brotherhood in paying tribute to his memory. Mention was especially made of the uprightness of one who, dying at 37 years of age, had in so shortened a span, done so much to make him the beloved of all who knew him. To his sorrowing wife, father and brother we extend sincere Christian sympathy.—F.A.Y.

A. E. Marshall

A. E. MARSHALL, a highly esteemed and one of the most useful men in the Subiaco church, W.A., was knocked down by a hit-and-run motorist and fatally injured while returning from work on Tuesday, July 17. He died in Perth Hospital without regaining consciousness on July 19. He was a foreman in the railways department, and was returning home from afternoon shift. He had been a member here for only about three years, having been baptised with his wife by the writer in September, 1942. Few men in my experience had made themselves so familiar with the work of the church in so short a time, and usefully fitted into the way of things as he did. He was always first at the services to open up and welcome strangers. He was the local representative of the C.F.A., and had the satisfaction of enrolling 100 members at Subiaco. Most of his leisure was spent at the services of the church or visiting sick members and workmates in the hospitals. He will be greatly missed. His remains were cremated at Karrakatta on Saturday afternoon, July 21, and the crematorium chapel was crowded. He was a prominent Freemason, and the craft was represented by a large body of members at the service. We mourn the loss of a good and truly godly man. Mrs. Marshall and the family have been assured of the deepest sympathy of the whole church and brotherhood.—R. Raymond.

Mrs. E. Reynolds

THE church at Middle Park, Vic., sustained loss in the home-call on June 8 of Mrs. E. Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds joined the church in 1912 at Mildura under the preaching of Hugh Gray, who was able to visit her during her last illness, after not having met her for more than twenty years. From Mildura our sister transferred to Shepparton in 1923, and then to Middle Park in 1941. She was of a retiring disposition, and her service in the church lay more in the realm of faithfulness than that of leadership. She possessed a strong faith in her Lord, whom she served devoutly for many years. She was regular in attendance at services of the church, when health permitted, and by her quiet, sincere Christian character exerted a helpful influence upon those who knew her. We commend to the blessing of our God those who mourn her loss—Mr. Reynolds, of Geelong, a son, and Mrs. H. Wells, of Middle Park, a daughter; also Miss Peggy Wells, granddaughter.—E.H.R.

L. J. Woolley

L. J. WOOLLEY, as he was affectionately known to his many friends, passed quietly to rest on Sunday, July 15, after a long and painful illness. His Christian witness in the hospital was something of which his brethren were proud. He was baptised by W. J. Way in 1917 at the age of 17 years. Five years later he became secretary of the Kellevie church, following in the footsteps of his father, who had been secretary for 25 years. Les remained secretary for 23 years until his death. During the past 22 years he has been the agent for the "Australian Christian" at Kellevie. For 15 years he was Sunday school superintendent, relinquishing that position to teach the senior Bible class. Kellevie church meets at 11 a.m., after which most members remain for lunch, and the Bible class and gospel service in the afternoon. Speaking of this one day toward the end, he told the writer how he stayed to these lunches as a boy with his own parents, and later was thrilled to remain with his own children. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Only 45 years of age at his passing, he is sadly missed by the church, his wife and daughter Hazel, as well as his sons, Ron, Tom and Allen.—C.P.H.

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That thou mayst prove his worth?'
And God replied—
'Nay, leave him for a space,
Perchance another he may win
To equal grace.
Two grateful men on earth would be
A never-ending joy to me.'"

—J. Oxenham.

CLOCK IN WRONG PLACE

IT is told of a venerable divine in the north of England that one Sunday, when he had not proceeded far with his sermon, a man sitting in the body of the church rose, turned his back towards the clergyman, and looked at the clock, as if wearied with the service and anxious to see how much longer he must endure listening to the word of God. This unusual and unseemly behaviour did not escape the eye of the preacher, who at once suspended his sermon, and fixing his eye on the offender, remarked: "It was the custom of our fathers to put clocks on the outside of their places of worship, that the people might see the hour lest they should be late; but times have changed; it seems that we put our clocks on the inside, lest we should stay too long worshipping our Maker." He then resumed his discourse, and was not again disturbed. There is much truth in that minister's reproof. Some people fear to spend too much time in services at God's house, yet when they seek their own pleasure they complain that the time is so short.—Selected.

"My uncle, the jeweller, left over fifteen hundred clocks."

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The Family Altar

TOPIC.—THE WRATH OF GOD

- Aug. 20—Matt. 3: 1-12.
" 21—Eph. 5: 1-4.
" 22—Heb. 4: 1-13.
" 23—Heb. 6: 1-8.
" 24—Rev. 6: 12-17.
" 25—Rom. 1: 1-15.
" 26—Hab. 1: 12-17; 2: 1-4; Rom. 1: 16-23.

IT is gratifying to know that our heavenly Father is not possessed of a one-sided nature, such as we would despise if seen in our fellow-men. Of infinite compassion, our God is also just. Loving the sinner, he hates his sin, which must not go unpunished unless cleansed by the blood of his Son. The apostle therefore calls attention, in our New Testament lesson, to the wrath of God. Not that he is possessed of more anger than love, but because men are slow to believe that he can ever be angry. When a Christian contemplates the day of judgment, he should be comforted by the knowledge that then, at last, the inequalities and injustices of life will come to an end, and everything will be put right. On the other hand, well might the sinner tremble, for "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of God." And well might Horace Bushnell write, "When God prepares a hammer it will not be made of silk."

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