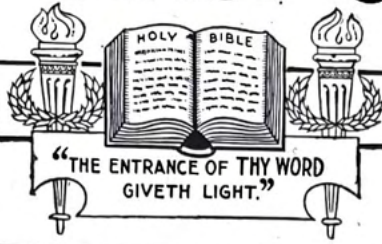


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## A Day for Thanksgiving

THERE is no end to the writing of books, of comments on news and of prophecies about the future. There are times when we should like to rush in and shout where angels even fear to tread. Many comments have been written during the past few days. But just as one star differs from another, so each commentary differs. To express our own views, and to set out our own ideas about the future, would only add to the confusion of this Babel of words. There are, however, some things which we ought to express with a shout of praise, and this seems to be an appropriate time to raise voices in thanksgiving. Whatever may happen in the near future, we are assured now that Australia is safe from the peril that threatened her three or four years ago. Just how near to defeat we were, many of us were not made aware until recent days. Our Western State was under the threat of a Japanese task force. The coastal areas were under the eye of enemy aeroplane patrols. Down the Eastern coast enemy vessels ventured, threatening our lines of communications. Then in the North, over the Owen Stanley Range of New Guinea, Japanese armies were pushing their way. Our military chiefs were planning to meet attacks far down the South of the continent, and organised that Brisbane line so hotly debated in political circles. The situation was, in the eyes of many in authority, desperate. Mr. Churchill suggested that little could be done to help Australia in view of the tragic plight facing Britain. The shadow of Japanese imperialism, with its Shinto religion, was creeping upon us, and the terrors of invasion and foreign occupation were real; more real than we knew. What we might have suffered under such an occupation we can only imagine by looking at the fate of the Chinese people and of those who live in Korea. Have we not grounds for real thankfulness?

WHILE, like Britain, we were under the direct threat of invasion, we were spared, however, the horrors of prolonged aerial bombardments so severe in the Motherland. While a few outlying centres suffered, the great centres of population escaped those awful consequences of modern warfare. Our great cities are still standing, our industries are more developed than ever they were, and the nation is more conscious of the needs of the ordinary citizen than ever before.

THESE gains have not been achieved without sacrifice. Many homes have been saddened because young men and women will not return to fill the vacant chairs. The passing of years does not ease the burden of sorrow for many. Therefore we must not let our thankful-



Peace Reigns Over Australia.

ness be expressed in passing words, but rather in a ministry of word and service in all the activities of the church.

Without under-estimating what Australia has achieved in these dark days of war, we must not forget that it was not what we did alone that saved us from the enemy. How should we have fared if we had been left to our own devices? In the hour of peril we had the help of the British Empire and the great United States of America. Because of the sacrifices of American and British men and women we enjoy our unique position. Sacrifices that bring grief to homes in other lands have helped to keep us free from enemy dominion. Our liberty has been bought at a price. While most Australians have had some share in the cost, we must never forget what others have done on our behalf. If we value our freedom, and surely we do, then our thankfulness will rise daily like incense from the altar. But thanks in words cannot be enough. Deeds alone can express genuine appreciation. If nations have been good neighbors to us, ought we not adopt the good neighbor policy toward others! The world of to-morrow can be made safe by such a Christ-like policy. Only the goodwill revealed in the teachings of Jesus will save the world from the horrors of another war. If the peace council proposed at San Francisco has the support of the goodwill of the masses in all nations, then we can hope for better days.

JUST how God moves in the affairs of nations we may not know, but the prophets of Israel were sure the Lord played a definite part in world events. John, in the Revelation, revealed God's activity in the movements that lead to the triumph of right over wrong. Many are convinced God has played a part in this

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# How God's Grace Works

*Professor Norman MacLeish, in this second article, explains how  
God's grace acts as the greatest moral force in the world.*

YOU will notice that, in thus expounding the grace of God as his spontaneous, unmerited, and self-sacrificing love, I have referred to his love for men in their state of weakness and need, and particularly in their state of sinfulness. My justification for having done so is the fact that, in describing God's grace, the New Testament itself lays the main emphasis on God's attitude to sinners. The New Testament, however, also refers to God's grace as the love which not only "justifies" sinners, but also "sanctifies" them. And this brings me to the other fundamental question which I wish to raise at present without in any way professing to speak on the grace of God exhaustively. I refer to the question: "How does God's grace work?"

## Is It Irresistible?

According to some theologians God's grace is irresistible. That is, it works with coercive force or by compulsion. Being bestowed on the elect, it justifies and sanctifies them inevitably; and since it is withheld from the non-elect, they are inevitably damned.

Now, this view of God's grace and the way in which it works creates what seem to me to be insuperable difficulties. First of all, a man is not—and from the nature of the case, cannot be—saved from his sinfulness (which is a state of voluntary opposition to the will of God), unless and until he renounces his sin of his own free will. But how can he renounce his sin freely, if, as is alleged, he is irresistibly forced to do so? Again, if the grace of God which justifies and sanctifies sinners is irresistible, and if by his grace God can (per impossibile) force men to be good, why does he, as is alleged, save some only and damn the rest? It may be said that he does so in order to show his mercy on the one hand and his justice on the other. But the justice and the mercy of God, we must remember, are not—and cannot be—incompatible with each other; they do not—and cannot—do opposite things with and for those who are alike in being sinful. Hence it is impossible to see how God can be either merciful or just to some only, and not to others. Unless there is a contradiction within his own nature, a thing which is unthinkable in the case of a Perfect Being, he is and must be both merciful and just to all.

If one cared, one could multiply such difficulties. For example, one could point out that, if God's grace were—as is alleged by some—an irresistible force, it could at best make men into mere automata; that thereby, instead of saving men from sin, it would destroy, through dehumanising, them; and that therefore it would not be grace in the New Testament sense of the word at all. But enough of such difficulties and contradictions! We can escape them, as we must escape them, by denying the assumption which gives rise to them, namely, that God's grace works with coercive force or by compulsion. The fact is that God has made us free beings. If we will, we can obey him; if we will, we can disobey him. But if we are to obey him, since we do not really do what is right unless we see for ourselves that it is right, and do it voluntarily, our obedience to the will of God is not the obedience it ought to be unless and until it is free and glad obedience. The unwilling submission of mere slaves may be enough for Allah, but it is not enough for God. Hence, in saving our souls from sin by his grace, that is, in making us the men

he would have us be, God does not exercise upon us a direct and overwhelming power. On the contrary, in evoking in us the free and glad obedience for which he yearns, he works not by compulsion, but by persuasion. He first manifests his love towards us, supremely in and through Jesus, and then, if we will, we love him who first loves us. It is true that, so far as we do not spurn his love, but apprehend it, and trust ourselves to it, and gratefully respond to it with appropriate action, the faith thus evoked in us is evoked by God, and the results are the results of his initiative, so that to him and to him alone belongs the praise for them. As Paul put it, "By grace are we saved through faith, and that not of ourselves; it is the gift



A Father's Welcome.

of God." But the important point for present purposes is that it is a gift freely given and freely received. There is no overwhelming compulsion in the matter; for God always treats us as free beings and not as slaves, as children and not as chattels.

## Does It Lead to Moral Laxity?

God's grace, then, is his spontaneous, unmerited, and self-sacrificing love towards us, and it works by persuasion. But now I must deal with another problem concerning the operation of God's grace; for the question is often asked: "If you say to men that God's grace is unsought and undeserved, that it is freely bestowed on the unworthy, however unworthy they may be, are you not saying to them that they may sin and sin and sin again, and yet have no fear of God's just judgment, because where sin abounds, grace much more abounds? In short, does not the account of God's grace which has just been given, encourage men to be morally careless or to do as they please?"

One way of meeting this serious and quite understandable difficulty is to point out that in innumerable cases men and women have become noticeably better after receiving God's freely-bestowed pardoning love, and that, according to their own account of the matter, it was their reception of this unspeakable and wholly unmerited gift which ennobled them by giving them a new hope in life and a new power of doing good. Thus, when Paul was accused of encouraging moral laxity by preach-

ing his message of God's grace, he replied in effect that no one could really believe in the soundness of the accusation who knew what the moral influence of his message had actually been. Similarly, it was an assurance of undeserved pardon that enabled Augustine to live a new and better life. And Luther, whose experience in many ways resembled that of Augustine, exclaimed: "Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith (in the grace of God). It never asks whether good works are to be done; but before the question can be put, it has done them, and is always doing them."

The historian might quote such instances indefinitely. But perhaps it is better to sum up the whole matter in a few sentences which I borrow from the late Professor Mackintosh. "We are perpetually being assured that the one effective method of preventing a thoughtless or deliberate antinomianism, is the method of moral exhortation or even menace. As a matter of fact, however, this is not so, and a suggestive parallel to what takes place in the religious sphere may be found in the old institution of slavery. On the assumption that the object of industry was the maximum of production, the problem for solution was by which method this could be attained most fully—by slave labor or by free? In Greece, in Rome, even in the modern world a hundred years ago, the question was answered unhesitatingly by many in favor of slave labor. Yet emancipation had only to be accomplished to prove that, economically no less than socially, freedom was incalculably the more advantageous of the two. And thus it is also in religion. Let men believe that they must purchase peace with God by hard, grim toil, as bond-slaves of heaven, and their hands will sink in despair and weakness. But tell them that through Christ Jesus they may be forgiven children of God our Father, and, as they accept the gift freely offered them, grateful wondering love calls out a wealth of devotion of which, on any other terms, it would have been useless to dream."

## Its Reception Through Faith

The fact, then, is that free acceptance of the grace of God does not produce moral laxity; and it seems to me that the fact is quite intelligible, provided we remember a point already mentioned, namely, that the free grace of God has to be freely received through faith if its transforming power is to be effective, or in other words, if we are really to be saved from our sins. But what then is faith?

"Faith," as Denney said, "is the one natural and inevitable way in which the salvation of God present in Christ is and must be accepted by men. When a man has heard the story of Jesus and the gospel interpretation of it—when he takes in the truth that what is before him on the cross is the revelation of a love in God deeper and stronger than sin, entering into all that sin means for the sinner and taking the burden of it, in all its dreadful pressure, upon itself, yet clinging to him through it all, and making to him the final appeal which God can make—what is he to do? There is only one thing for him to do—one thing which is inevitably demanded of him in the given moral situation; namely, to abandon himself to the sin-bearing love which appeals to him in Christ, and to do so unreservedly, unconditionally, and for ever. This is what the New Testament means by faith. It is the only thing which is true to the situation in which the sinner finds himself confronted with Christ and the sin-bearing love revealed in him."

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# "BETHANY"

in Tasmania



R. V. Amos, preacher of Hobart West, reports a new venture being undertaken by churches in the island State.



obtaining the things necessary for the proper running of the home. Already there has been a response from within the State. One brother has promised the sum of £50, if twelve others will do the same. Some of the items needed, such as a mangle and an electric iron, have also been promised.

There is a feeling abroad amongst our members that here is offered to us the means of a

## Magnificent Ministry

for Christ and the church. The care we can give these boys, in providing them with real home life, proper education, and above all spiritual training, presents to us a glorious opportunity for service. We are asking for the prayerful and practical support of our brethren and sisters throughout the brotherhood. In the hands of the Master we can become "makers of men."

IN the little eastern village of Bethany, about two miles from the city of Jerusalem, a pair of remarkable events took place. One of them concerned the raising of Lazarus (John 11); and the other was related to the gift of Mary, who anointed Jesus with a pound of the fragrant ointment of spikenard (John 12). The first incident deals with a family in whose home Jesus loved to dwell; the second depicts the loving gift of a loving heart. With such hallowed memories clinging to the name "Bethany," we think of it as the place that Jesus loved. When discussing the name for the newly-formed boys' home of the churches of Christ in Tasmania, it was felt that we could not improve on this

To assist in the setting up and running of this home a

## Constructive Committee

has been elected. This comprises C. P. Hughes (president); W. H. Knight (vice-president); R. V. Amos (secretary), Mrs. W. H. Knight (treasurer), with Mrs. Madel-Cole, J. Park and A. E. Heard as committee members. This committee is dealing with the matter of setting the house in order, raising funds which are very urgently needed, and

## LIFE'S OBJECT



"THAT day is lost, wherein I fail to lend  
A helping hand to some wayfaring friend;  
But if it show  
A burden lightened by the cheer I send,  
Then do I hold the golden hours well spent,  
And lay me down to sleep in sweet content."

## Notable Name

which had a very dear place in the heart of our Lord. Bethany meant much to the Master, for in it there was demonstrated by him, and to him, what real love can mean. It is our prayer that love like that may have its outlet in this new enterprise.

This has all been brought about by a

## Great Gift

to our Tasmanian brotherhood, at the 1945 conference, assembled in Hobart. A loving heart had been touched, and on behalf of the donor, C. P. Hughes, preacher of Collins-st. church, announced the gift of a large house, to establish a children's home. This house is at Dover, about 50 miles south of Hobart, and right on the main road, being only about 100 yards from the Dover chapel.

As a result of this gift we are now able to proceed with a

## Valuable Venture

in which we will be able to offer social and spiritual help to a band of boys whose lot in life has been far from happy. After certain repairs, renovations and additions have been made, we hope to open a home in which we will be able to care for twelve or fifteen boys. Adequate staff will be required, but we believe that all of our needs will be supplied by him "who doeth all things well."

Just now we are confronted with a

## Real Requirement

for the conducting of such a home demands the right kind of consecrated leaders. It is hoped that a man and wife (with additional help) may have the oversight of the home, and that at the same time the brother concerned may be able to help in preaching the gospel at Dover, and the nearby town of Geeveston. All of this will prove to be of great value to our Tasmanian work.

# Notes on Various Topics

## The Coming of Peace

THE week since I last wrote has been a momentous one. Three great announcements were made. First concerned the solving by scientists of the problem of releasing the energy of the atom, a discovery which, when used for purposes of peace may be of lasting benefit to mankind, though it has begun as a dreadful instrument of destruction. The second thing was the Russian participation in the war against Japan. The most welcome one was the announcement that the Japanese were suing for peace, and had accepted, with one reservation regarding the Emperor's prerogatives, the conditions of the Potsdam conference. The news of the Japanese acceptance of the allied nations' terms has been announced. That the war in east and west is over has brought to many a delirium of joy. Sad memories are in the hearts of those called upon to pay a great price for our freedom. Thoughtful people will not celebrate with foolish and harmful orgies, but with glad rejoicing. Christians will return thanks to God, and pray for the establishment of real peace in the world. We shall eagerly await the return of our men and women to church fellowship and service, to join with us in the great task of reconstruction.

## The Atomic Bomb

It is not surprising that the use of the atomic bomb has aroused much discussion and criticism. Its appalling destructive power has almost stunned us. There can be no ethical difference between the bombing which has for long been practised and the use of the new bomb; but the latter impresses us the more with the horror of war. It is announced that Britain and the United States will not reveal the secret of the bomb until means have been found to control it. Can it be kept secret for long? Two sentences in a joint statement by Mr. E. J. Davidson, rector of St. James's church, King-st., Sydney, and Mr. W. G. Coughlan, director of social services, Church of England, appeal to me. After referring to our being shocked by the use of the bomb, they added: "We feel, however,

that the new weapon is a logical extension of the barbarism of modern total war, and that the real challenge of the atomic bomb is to discover afresh the roots of war and to destroy them. The roots are found in men's minds and motives, in the nationalist and competitive economies which emerge from them, and in the vested interests and racial prejudices which they create." A leader in the "Sydney Morning Herald" closed with these solemn words: "It is idle to protest against the employment of the atomic bomb, or to hope for its proscription by common consent. The remedy must be sought in the abolition of war itself. More, the remedy must be found, and speedily, if civilisation is not to perish by its own hand."

It is well to recall Mr. Churchill's words: "This revelation of secrets of nature long mercifully withheld from man should arouse the most solemn reflections in the minds and consciences of every human being capable of comprehension. We must, indeed, pray that these awful agencies will be made conducive to peace among the nations, and instead of wrecking measureless havoc upon the entire globe, they may become the perennial fountain of world prosperity."

## United Nations' Duty

E. V. Robson, M.Sc., of Sydney University, regretting the use of the new discovery as a destructive force, writes: "A way has been found at last of releasing the tremendous energy locked within the internal structure of the atom. Drastic steps should be taken by the United Nations to control this discovery for the good of mankind, not for its destruction."

Mr. Wheller (president of Council of Churches in Queensland) writes: "To prevent the destruction of humanity science's advance to the atomic bomb must be matched with a moral and spiritual advance."

A newspaper correspondent quotes some words written by Mr. Churchill in 1932, "Without an equal growth of mercy, pity, peace and love, science may destroy all that makes human life majestic and tolerable."

—A. R. MAIN.

# A Moral Force in the World

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Yes. But if this is what faith is, then, as soon as faith is evoked in the sinner by the revelation of God's grace or his sin-bearing, sin-forgiving love present in Christ Jesus, the sinner becomes—and is morally bound to become—in principle a new creature. He becomes a new creature, because he no longer lives in estrangement from God and at enmity against him, but in fellowship with God and in love with him. And though the fullness of God's fellowship with him cannot be enjoyed all at once, and his love for God is at first far from being perfect, so long as he maintains his faith by casting himself perpetually on God as a God of grace those forces are at work both on him and in him which gradually, but surely, transform his whole being.

For example, think of how the forgiven sinner's faith affects his conception of God's nature and his attitude towards—and his ability for—the fulfilment of God's will.

As everyone knows, when a boy has disobeyed his father, he does not want to meet his father or look him in the face. He then fears his father; for he knows that his father must disapprove of what he has done. He also distrusts his father, for he does not yet know that though his father's love has been wounded by his disobedience, it is great enough to bear the offence and yet to continue unbroken. And if the boy fears and distrusts his father long enough, he may end by actually hating him as well.

It is similar with the unforgiven sinner in his relations to our Father in heaven. So long as conscience is still alive within him he fears God, for he knows that he deserves God's adverse judgment. Similarly, he distrusts God, for he does not yet know that God's love is far greater than his sin. And through fearing and distrusting God the unforgiven sinner also hates him—the result being that the conditions of his moral health, strength and happiness are shattered. But when once he has cast himself on God through faith in God's grace, all this is changed, God is no longer conceived by him as his great Adversary, who must persistently thwart his sinful activities; on the contrary, God is now conceived by him as his great Ally. And the result is that the conditions of his moral health, strength and happiness are restored. The guilt, the fear, and the lack of assurance inherited from the past are removed. He knows that, whatever his future temptations may be, God will never let him come to disaster. He is therefore enabled to make a new start in life. Further, God's daily fellowship with him is a continual inspiration, like the friendship of a great and good man; and as the forgiven sinner recognises that he owes his all to God, he gives himself gratefully and eagerly to God's obedience. Not, indeed, that the obedience is all at once perfect. It takes time to subdue the still-persisting effects of past selfishness. But since the spirit of God is now operative within him, he actually possesses the power which can and must make his devotion to God more and more complete. Relying on God's grace day by day, day by day he becomes a man after God's own heart.

## Gratitude and Its Effects

As just indicated, a special force released in the forgiven sinner's soul by the grace of God is the force of gratitude, and I think that it will pay us to reflect briefly on gratitude's effects in order to see more clearly how God's grace works.

To begin with, gratitude to God shifts the centre of a man's interest away from himself, and to be set free from self-centredness

is to be set free to live the highest kind of life, namely, the life of self-forgetting devotion to good works. No doubt the self-centred man may have the not altogether ignoble ambition of developing his talents to the utmost and making as much of his opportunities as he can; but so long as he does this for his own sake alone, his so-called morality is of a purely self-seeking and, therefore, inferior type. It is only when his thoughts are fixed not on himself, but on God—it is only when he cries out with glad amazement, "What shall I render unto him who so loved me that he gave his only-begotten Son to die on my behalf?"—that he is able to rise to the highest possible level of morality by doing all that he does not for the sake of what he can get out of it for himself, but for the sake of what he can give in token of praise and thanks for all he has already received.

The importance of this consideration may be emphasised by reference to the stress which our Lord laid not only on the amount of service which we ought to give to God, but also on the spirit in which we ought to give it.

On one occasion, you remember, Peter said to Jesus, "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" Jesus answered, "Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or wife, or children, or lands for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life." But then he added that many who were first should be last, and that many who were last should be first, and, as a commentary on this saying, he proceeded to tell the parable of the laborers in the benevolent householder's vineyard. Those who were generously offered work by the householder, but would not undertake it till they had first settled what wages they would get as payment for their labor, were given their stipulated wages at the end of the day; but they were paid last, and then they were abruptly dismissed. Those who undertook the work offered them without first striking a bargain in their own interests, however, were paid first and at a far higher rate than the others—the point being that in the eyes of God the amount of work done for him is not everything, and indeed, may be nothing at all. It is nothing at all when we serve him in the spirit of hirelings for the sake of what we can get out of our service for ourselves. What alone renders it well-pleasing in his sight is its being done with self-forgetting devotion or from the proper motive. And if we ask how the proper motive is to determine all our activities, the answer is that our activities cannot but be determined by the proper motive, if, through faith in God's grace, we are filled with a sense of our infinite indebtedness to him. Having already received from him the gift of free forgiveness, the gift which brings all others with it, we no longer aim at getting anything for ourselves out of what we do in his name; we aim only at expressing our gratitude to him for all he has already bestowed upon us. And since our gratitude is boundless and cannot be sufficiently demonstrated either by the length or by the intensity of our service, that service stops short of nothing other than life-long self-sacrifice. In other words, instead of its being true that God's grace, because it is freely received, encourages us to live lives of moral laxity or indifference, God's grace acts as the greatest moral force in the world.

## The Practical Task

Perhaps I have now said enough to illustrate the fact that God's grace works in such a way as to make those who receive it through faith able and willing to live good

lives, devoting themselves whole-heartedly to that service of God which is also the service of their fellowmen. In conclusion, however, I wish to refer briefly to one other point which is of special interest in the trying time in which we live.

When faithful men work for the improvement of human society and sooner or later many of their efforts seem to be unavailing, the question is apt to be asked, "Is the world so constituted that its age-old evils inevitably frustrate all attempts to overcome them?"

The one answer which delivers us from despair in such circumstances is one which carries us back directly to God's grace. As I have tried to show, it is only the revelation of his grace which gives us, as sinners, the conviction that God is on our side, persistently seeking our good and the good of our fellow-men. But the God who is thus seen to be on our side is the God who controls the whole universe with almighty power. It cannot be, therefore, than any genuine effort to further his gracious will is ever ultimately defeated. On the contrary, in being freely delivered from sin by God's grace, we know that the One who does for us the stupendous miracle of delivering us from sin, makes all things work together for good, and possessing this assurance, we can press on manfully against whatever odds this mysterious world throws up against us. In face of the fact that God is a God of grace who was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world unto himself, pessimism is entirely impossible.

I am fully convinced that it is the message of God's grace which this world of sin and strife and shame and sorrow needs above all else—and I pray that the day may come, and come soon, when the gospel of God's grace is preached far and wide with a new emphasis and a new effectiveness as his one power unto salvation both for men and for nations.

## A Day of Thanksgiving

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struggle. In the light of ancient prophetic statements showing how God directed the affairs concerning Israel and surrounding nations, a thoughtful, godly man would not deny that the Lord has played a part in these modern events.

Have we who have been so evil and neglected been spared by the hand of the Lord from disaster? Yes, it may be.

WE should then be ever grateful to the Lord. By diligent service we ought to show how much we appreciate being spared from the rod of oppression. Now that our freedom is being returned to us, let us praise the Lord for his goodness and let us serve him with gladness.

## "WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH"

WE scatter seeds with careless hand,  
And dream we ne'er shall see them more,  
But for a thousand years,  
Their fruit appears,  
In weeds that mar the land,  
Or healthful store.

The deeds we do, the words we say,  
Into still air they seem to fleet;  
We count them ever past;  
But they shall last—  
In the dread Judgment they  
And we shall meet.

—J. Keble.

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# Progress on Pentecost

Mr. Harold Finger gives details showing some marked progress on Pentecost during the past twelve months.



Island Children.

Many of these children are hearing the stories of Jesus for the first time. Does your heart thrill as you think on this?

## Visitation

DESPITE difficulties and the fact that Mr. Saunders returned to Australia, several visits have been paid to Pentecost and Maewo. Since last mails, Mr. Finger has visited Pentecost twice, and on each occasion received a warm welcome. The people are looking forward with enthusiasm to a missionary locating again on the island, and are prepared to build a suitable native house that will help in the interim period until a more permanent structure can be built. These islands present a great challenge to the brotherhood as we enter the post-war world.

## Churches

There are now 21 churches on the island, nine of which are in the populous Narua district. This is probably the most progressive part of the work, though this group are not readily accessible owing to an extremely difficult climb from the beach. The climb is well worth the effort because of the warmth and welcome of the people. The new area on the eastern side has four churches, but lacks the necessary teachers to give them the full oversight so much needed. Two more new churches are reported.

## Membership

The membership now stands at 380. Death made some inroads, showing the necessity of going forward with plans for medical aid. This plan should be possible when building materials are released, and our new workers arrive.

## Baptisms

During the year 35 were added by faith and baptism, 26 of this number from the Narua district mentioned above and, praise God, nine from the newer area in the eastern side. The last-named group are direct out of heathen places, for prior to the recent opening out here, these people had little contact with Christian teaching. Mr. Finger describes the moving sight of 183 people walking down to the beach at Batnapne to witness the baptism of this latest group.

## Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. Finger plan to come to Australia at an early date. What a work awaits their return! Many plans will be laid when they are in Australia. It is hoped that all building materials for a new house and hospitals for both islands will be in readiness to leave with them after their visit to the homeland. The whole brotherhood has an opportunity to share in these plans, and the care of the hour is for a distinct advance on all fronts.

Advice has just been received of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Finger on August 1, and that both mother and child are well.

## INDIAN WORK

### Tunstall Trust

THROUGH the generous gift of the late Mary Ellen Tunstall, of Queensland, the scheme of educating young men and young women is already in operation. Figures are not yet complete, but at least eleven young men and women are in training, eight of whom will be supported by the trust. The trainees include Bible-training, teacher-training, as well as nursing-training. At present about £200 will be required to advance their education, and the likelihood of an additional amount should a student be sent to Australia for training.

### Higher Education

Congratulations are extended to Hari Waghmodi, who in the May examinations, Wilson College, Bombay, passed the finals for the B.A. degree. Hari is the hereditary patil of Bori, having succeeded his late father. It should be remembered that Hari was a simple Indian boy in an ordinary village, with humanly speaking little prospects in life. His father became a Christian and suffered much for his faith, and feeling that Bori did not offer

Hari much either in environment or educational advancement, he brought the boy to Baramati and asked the mission to care for his education and give spiritual oversight. We feel there is a splendid future opening for Hari, whose desire is to be a preacher of the word. Many interested friends contributed materially to the education of Hari, and will now feel well repaid for their interest. Hari has grown into a splendid Christian young man.

Good progress is also reported in the educational career of Ratan William Parkhe, now in the Poona Medical School, fitting himself for the career of a doctor. Ratan was also one of our own boys, supported first in the boys' home, and because of his training and ability, was chosen for his present career.

Pray for our young men and women as they seek to take part in the life of new India. India will never be the same again. She has seen things, experienced things in the past few years that might otherwise have taken many years. We will do well to remember the scriptural words, "He must increase but I must decrease." It is certain that before many years this will be the relationship between the Indian churches and the missionaries. Our day of opportunity is now.

### Furloughs

Nothing new has developed regarding the return to Australia of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan and family. Our cabled advice to India saying that the Australian party were on the way, allowed the field at their last meeting to plan for the furlough of Miss F. Cameron. She was due in July last, but the presence of Miss Vawser in India will help in considering the work at Shrigonda. Miss Cameron's work for the girls at Shrigonda has been monumental.

Whilst nothing definite can be reported, it is hopeful that Dr. Michael will soon get his release from the Indian medical services. If so, Dr. Michael and family would come to Australia and thus allow a break for Dr. Oldfield. Dr. Oldfield's furlough is due May, 1946, whilst that of Miss Foreman is due in January, 1946. Shipping problems have caused a bottleneck at both ends, and have created many problems.

## Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

### IF I WROTE A TRACT FOR JUNIORS

IT would speak my thoughts more by illustration than words. It would set forth the Christian life as a deed to be done and a life to be lived.

### IF I WROTE A TRACT FOR INTERMEDIATES.

It, too, would vitalise its message in illustrations. It would set Christ forth as a leader saying "Follow me!" It would invite the mind to think, pray, worship and honor Christ in the home, at school sports, and prove one's loyalty by being a faithful church member.

The tracts do not need to be written because such tracts have been produced and may be secured at 9d. per dozen from the Victorian Churches of Christ Young People's Department, Room 321, T. & G. Building, 147 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I. The titles of the tracts are "Junior J" and "Inter I." All leaders should keep a supply and use apt moments to pass them on to scholars.

### A FRIENDSHIP LEAFLET

THE Victorian Young People's Department recently prepared an illustrated leaflet as a gesture of friendship, goodwill to those in the Services. Chaplain-General A. Brooke has praised the leaflet and recommended its continual use by the churches. It has been found necessary to reprint a new supply, and they are free to the Victorian churches. The

Victorian Department will gladly make supplies available to other States at 1/- per dozen.

### S.A. SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION PRIZE-TAKERS

Division 1.—Naomi Cheney, Blackwood, 95; 2. John Butler, Maylands, 93; 3. Noel Young, Long Plains, 88.

Division 2.—1. Elaine Schulz, Murray Bridge, 87; 2. Bryan Hosking, Wolfram-st., Broken Hill, 83; 3. Frances Collins, Croydon, 80.

Division 3.—1. John Allan, Hindmarsh, 100; 2. Margaret Magor, Hindmarsh, Alison Cornelius, Col. Light Gardens, equal, 99.

Division 4.—1. Adeline Hirst, Dulwich, 98; 2. Alan Hosking, Wolfram-st., Broken Hill, Barbara Fulton, Norwood, equal, 97.

Division 5.—1. Beth Killmier, Naracoorte, 100; 2. Claire Cheney, Blackwood, 99; 3. Ila Hollands, Grote-st., 97½.

Division 6.—1. Brian Simons, Mt. Compass, 98; 2. Clarice Wilson, Maylands, 94; 3. Dorothy Killmier, Naracoorte, 91.

Division 7.—Scholars: 1. Evelyn Jones, Maylands, 94; 2. Frank Nankivell, Unley, 93; 3. Elva McGuire, Stirling East, 88. Teachers: 1. Elva Crosby, Victor Harbour, 92; 2. R. W. S. Bishop, Mt. Compass, 89; 3. Edith Busbridge, Gawler, 88.

Division 8.—1. Mrs. Hugh Jacobs, Mt. Compass, 89; 2. Mrs. Doris L. Stacy, Maylands, 87; 3. Miss I. P. Evans, Wolfram-st., 86.

—C. L. Johnston, Acting Secretary.

# Here and There

On Monday we received a telegram from Swan Hill, Vic., reporting that on Aug. 19 there had been a successful commencement of the mission with K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders, and that there were splendid meetings.

Western Suburbs Fellowship (Victoria) has been in existence for three months and has held gatherings of 60 at Sunshine, 100 at Footscray, 170 at Ascot Vale. The next occasion listed is a rally at Williamstown. Members are also looking forward to youth rally to be held by Y.P. Department.

Will Dickens was congratulated by the church at Camberwell, Vic., on reaching on Aug. 14 the age of 85 years. He has been a member in Victoria for 63 years. His early days were spent at Lygon-st., and he was associated with the opening of the work at Preston, where he filled the platform.

A. Anderson, Federal F.M. secretary, reports concerning the annual offering that from four States £3951 has been received. Tasmania and Western Australia have not yet furnished details. It is requested that all who have monies on hand remit immediately. The aim was £7000, and it is desired that all share in this record offering.

The Women's Federal Conference Executive joins with all the women of the churches in thanksgiving for the cessation of hostilities. They share the joy of those who look for the homecoming of folk dear to them, offer heartfelt sympathy to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and pray that the leaders of the nations may guide the peoples in the ways of righteousness.

At Grote-st., Adelaide, on Aug. 5, Mr. Beiler spoke at both services. A social was held Aug. 8 to welcome home after discharge from Services J. Brooks, W. Forrester and P. Parsons, also Mr. and Mrs. Neuling, from England. A happy time of fellowship was spent. H. Sargent is in hospital. Church extends sympathy to R. Paterson in the loss by death of his aged father. On Aug. 15 Mr. Beiler conducted a thanksgiving service, choir assisting with two anthems. Church in recent weeks has had extensive painting and renovations carried out on church property.

The first "Protestant Week" to be held in Tasmania took place from July 22 to 29, and was a great success. It was organised by the newly-formed Tasmanian Protestant Federation. The speakers were W. Albiston, secretary of the Victorian Protestant Federation, and Dr. G. J. Morgans, D.D., president of the United Protestant Action of Victoria. Six meetings were held in Launceston, five in the National Theatre, and one in Christ Church (Congregational). There was an attendance of 700 on the last night. Mr. Albiston addressed a large crowded meeting in the Hobart Town Hall. Dr. Morgans spoke also at Burnie, Ulverstone, Devonport, Deloraine and Scottsdale. The campaign was accompanied by a spirited correspondence in the local newspapers, and the distribution of much Protestant literature. Membership has grown to well over the thousand mark within a year.

On Aug. 4, C. Candy was welcomed to ministry of church at Wollongong, N.S.W. A large gathering in chapel extended a warm welcome to Mr. Candy and his family, and members had the opportunity of personally meeting them around the supper table. Opening services of his ministry on Aug. 5 were splendidly attended, and at close of gospel service a young lady made the good confession. Mr. and Mrs. Candy were introduced to officers and deaconesses at an informal business meeting on Aug. 6. Endeavorers invited church members to attend consecration meeting on Aug. 7, when Mr. Candy was welcomed to the society in presence of over 20 Endeavorers and 15 visitors. Services on July 22 were taken

by R. Williams and R. Warmbrunn, and those of July 29 by Mr. Searle (Congregational minister) and R. D. Main. At close of morning service one confessed Christ. Members express best wishes to Miss N. Parsons on her marriage to W/O F. Armitage on Aug. 11.

Printing of the "Christian Youth Fellowship" will be commenced almost immediately, and to avoid disappointment, orders ought to be lodged with the Austral Co. at once. From all States substantial orders have already been received, assuring us of the success of this new venture.

## WORLD PEACE RETURNS



ON Wednesday, August 15, the announcement was made by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and then by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, that World War II had come to an end. To express thanksgiving to God, great crowds gathered in various centres throughout Australia and joined in united religious services. From the public statements of leaders, it is clear that there was a sober recognition that we had been delivered from disaster by the mercy of God. On the whole there was a commendable lack of vain boasting. For those who had suffered bereavement a deep and genuine sympathy was felt. The cost of war in life was not overlooked.

With the development of the awful and terrible atomic weapons, men and women have been brought face to face with the necessity of creating a world organisation to banish war for ever. It is being realised that, unless this is done, civilisation might soon be blasted from the earth. Christian ideals, therefore, must influence and modify the decisions of world leaders if we are to be saved from the terrors of another war. Now is a day of opportunity for the Christian church. Because people are in the mood to heed the teachings of One who came to save from destruction and to enrich life for men and society, churches ought to plan vigorous evangelistic campaigns to reach all sections of the community. If there is any delay a golden opportunity may be lost.

Chaplain-General Allen Brooke has been on a visit to Queensland. Mr. Brooke and the chaplains serving with him have made a valuable spiritual contribution to the life of the men in the Forces. Their work has been much appreciated.

A May-June copy of an interesting journal entitled "The Rhodesian Christian" has reached us. This is edited by Mr. Garfield Todd, the New Zealand missionary who is doing such fine work among the natives of Rhodesia, Africa. News in English and in the language of the natives covers events at the San Francisco Conference and the centenary conference of New Zealand churches. In this way news is provided for the native readers as well as for others.

While hundreds of thousands of Australians—the number might run into millions—have contributed clothing to the UNRRA appeal for the war victims of the Germans in Europe, the collection has had its amusing side. From Mackay (Qld.), comes a story of a group of ladies who worked strenuously to pack garments given by the townsfolk. Tired but triumphant they finished the job. When they proceeded to don their own coats, three were missing. Two were found but the third was given up

for lost—it had quietly placed itself in a bale and is now on the way to Greece or perhaps Czechoslovakia.

On morning of Aug. 5, Boronia church (Vic.) was addressed by representative of Local Option Alliance. Work of Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham among the people is enjoyable, encouraging and filled with possibilities. By taking charge of "Opportunity Shop," and selling gifts of needlework, produce and flowers, ladies' auxiliary raised £9 for Red Cross. News has been received from Sgt. Pilot Wally Goodwin, from England, and his brother, Sgt. Pilot Bill Goodwin, from Copenhagen. Y.W.L. had a "chop and potato" lunch on their hike to Fern Tree Gully lookout.

## "BIBLE SUNDAY"

IN a letter endorsed by representatives of churches, the ministers of Victorian churches have been asked to speak about the work of the B. & F. Bible Society on Sunday, Sept. 9. On that day W. H. Rainey, B.A., F.R.G.S., Commonwealth Secretary, will speak at Swanston-st. church of Christ in morning, and at Latrobe-st. Welsh Church in evening, and will broadcast over 3XY in afternoon. Special envelopes for "Bible Sunday" offerings will be forwarded on request.

In a message to preachers and secretaries, A. W. Cleland, president of Victorian conference, writes: "The outstanding need to-day is for a greater use of the Bible and, more important, a fuller understanding of its great truths. Our overseas missions are greatly indebted to the society, and every effort made on its behalf will materially assist our field workers as they campaign for Jesus Christ in lands beyond the seas. I commend the appeal and observance of the special 'Bible Sunday.'"

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Mole Creek.**—A car-load came from Launceston on a recent Sunday to conduct services here morning and afternoon, and at Mole Creek at night. G. Foot's messages were appreciated. Miss Margaret Smith was soloist. Allan Orr kindly gave use of his car.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.)**—Average attendances for July were: 11 a.m., 97; 7 p.m., 104; communicants, 110. On July 28, junior choir, conducted by T. Wilmot, visited Paterson-st. Methodist church and rendered several items. Miss May Sparkes has been elected new secretary of I.C.E. Albert Porter is home on Service leave, and had fellowship with church. An interesting missionary meeting was held recently at I.C.E. A missionary box was displayed and letters read from missionaries in India and New Hebrides. Missionary interest in this society is well maintained. Church extends sympathy to P. Orr and family on the home-call of Mrs. Orr; also to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pitt in the loss of their son Ken.

**West Hobart.**—On Aug. 5 both services were well attended and messages from R. V. Amos were enjoyed. R. Ferguson is home on leave. Attendance at Bible school was 75, and scholars are keenly interested in competition. Sister H. Cooper was soloist at gospel service. Tom Street is also home on leave, and conducted mid-week service in absence of Mr. Amos, who has been visiting N.W. Coast and Margaret-st. churches. Mr. Street also spoke to Boys' Club on Thursday night. On 12th, there were over 40 present around Lord's Table. There was also a good attendance at gospel service, when Sister G. E. Ashlin was soloist. Mr. Amos's messages are much appreciated. There were 26 kinders in school. Sister V. Gray has consented to assist in kinder department. School is preparing for anniversary.

## Queensland

**Bundaberg.**—Services for the week were well attended; 100 broke bread. Message in song was brought by Sisters P. Bust and B. Nielsen. Les. Wills met with an accident in working on his father's farm, and was admitted to hospital with a fractured leg. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. A. C. Kohl and family in the loss of A. C. Kohl, aged 62. Mrs. W. Pohle, who has been away from Bundaberg for some time, has returned.

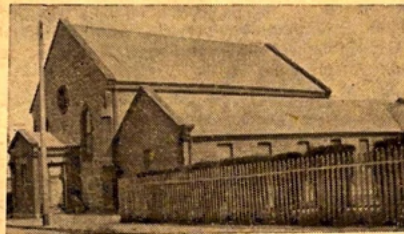
**Mt. Walker.**—Meetings have been up to standard during absence of preacher. A. Hinrichsen, H. Mandelkow, A. E. Hinrichsen and F. Smith have conducted worship meetings. The church is waiting for L. Larsen to come to circuit. £10 was donated to UNRRA appeal from church fund. S.S. is in best condition for some years under leadership of Sister D. Kruger and A. E. Hinrichsen. Sister A. Dobbs, who underwent an operation, is making good progress. Sister T. Baills is also in hospital. Offering for overseas missions was £24.

## South Australia

**Fullarton.**—Ten were received into fellowship on August 12—Mr. and Mrs. McLean and Miss Janet, from Grote-st.; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Manning and Miss Joan, from Victor Harbour; Sister Depledge and Sister Rudd, from Stirling East; Mrs. Thompson and Miss Agnes as immersed believers. Mrs. Tremain, of Park-st., who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Headlands, passed away on Aug. 4. She was most faithful in attendance at the table of the Lord when possible. Preparations are in hand for church and Sunday school anniversary.

**Prospect.**—Services on Aug. 5 were conducted by A. E. Brown. On Aug. 8, annual business meeting was held with good attendance. Election of officers included: Deacons, R. Dunn, R. Bradshaw, A. Cousins, W. Molsher, R. Peacock, P. Roberts, A. MacKenzie; secretary, H. C. Meadows; treasurer, R. Bradshaw; assistants, Messrs. Roberts and Molsher; organist, R. Bradshaw; assistant, Miss Y. MacKenzie; baptistery, Mrs. Dixon; auditors, A. Cousin and R. Peacock. Reports showed a good year of service. All auxiliaries had maintained a high standard. Church financial report was excellent. The passing of Mr. Banks, one of the foundation members who served the church faithfully for many years, is regretted. Services on Aug. 12 were well attended. A. E. Brown led morning and evening. A. Fax rendered a solo at night.

**York.**—On July 22, 61st anniversary services of church were held. C. Schwab gave morning address. A. Anderson gave a stirring message at night. Solos by Mrs. G. Glaston-



The Chapel at York.

bury and Mrs. L. V. Mathews, and a quartette by Mesdames D. Bennett and M. Fookes and Messrs. W. Pomeroy and K. Jeffries were beautifully given. These services were very helpful. On July 25 Trevor Butler presided at public meeting and B. W. Manning spoke. These happy times of fellowship were concluded by a basket supper. In response to appeal for clothing for Europe 192 garments were brought along.

**Cottonville.**—Combined C.E. societies held annual rally on Aug. 4. Over 110 young people were present, with representatives from 17 societies. Intermediates gave a missionary item, and Mr. Brooke the address. Ron Rose, S.S. scholar, confessed Christ and was baptised following Sunday. Supper was served. At a combined C.E. meeting on the Sunday morning, Samuel Millar, preacher of Flinders-st. Baptist church, gave a message. He also addressed church at 11. Mr. Brooke preached in evening, and two young men responded to the invitation—Colin Roberts and Ron Reynolds. They were immersed a week later. A youth council has been formed to obtain a balanced programme for young people. Average offerings for July were £9/3/4 weekly. On Aug. 8 Miss B. Harry gave a travel talk at ladies' auxiliary. Garth Williams and B. Miller have been home on leave. Mr. Miller has since moved to Melbourne.

**Cheltenham.**—Twenty-first birthday services were continued on Aug. 7 with a message from G. Stirling, youth director. Fellowship tea period on Aug. 8 was challenged by a greeting and message from Reg. Lamphire, a former preacher. Greetings were also received at a fine 8 p.m. service, one being personally delivered by Trevor Butler, conference president. Reunions and reminiscence were the basis of thanksgiving and security for success. The principal reviews were given by Jas. Mitchell under "Inauguration," and by H. S. Watkins in "Continuation." The sessions were concluded by "back to Cheltenham" services on Aug. 12. During the morning N. G. Noble addressed Y.W.C.A. hostel at Woodville at 9.45, and communion service at 11 a.m.

J. E. Shipway brought "Birthday Rights" to men's fellowship tea at 5 p.m., and preached at 7 p.m. This populous area justifies the vision for a new chapel fund, which opened with £11/9/- during anniversary.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—Mrs. D. G. Hammer (aborigines mission, Carnarvon) was speaker at foreign mission afternoon arranged by Dorcas Society. On morning of Aug. 12 Mrs. Wilson and Miss Burgess were welcomed into membership. Visitors included Harry Manning (S.A.) Members brought flowers and oranges for distribution to Children's Hospital. J. K. Robinson gave an instructive talk. Young people had a rally and basket tea at Wembley in afternoon; A. McRoberts (Maylands) spoke. At 7.30 p.m. a largely increased gathering sang well-known hymns. Colored lantern pictures illustrated Mr. Robinson's message.

**Maylands.**—Attendances keep up well. J. Wiltshire and E. Sherman have been visiting speakers, A. McRoberts taking all other services. Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and daughter Flora have been received by letter from Lake-st. Mrs. Digwood is in hospital suffering from a broken ankle and Mrs. Folley has had an operation. Women's Guild is preparing for overseas and home mission stalls, also for manse fund. Bags of clothing have been sorted for UNRRA; 26 parcels were wrapped for those of church with Forces. At C.E. recently Mr. Sampson was speaker. Girls' Club is working for manse fund and enjoying national fitness exercises. Boys' Club had a visit from Cottesloe boys. An enjoyable evening concluded with supper. Band of Hope meets fortnightly. Recently Mrs. Grey, of Rechabites, was speaker. Misses Jones and Dean instruct children monthly in national fitness exercises. Bible school has good attendances in both departments, with 80 on cradle roll. Manse is well under construction.

## Victoria

**North Williamstown.**—On evening of Aug. 19 Mr. Hunt conducted a memorial service to O. Griffiths, sen. Other services over past weeks have been conducted by J. E. Searle. On Aug. 18, young people attended a "smart Alec's" night at Ascot Vale conducted by district fellowship.

**Dandenong.**—On morning of Aug. 12 Mr. Marshall exchanged with Mr. Bond, of Springvale, whose address was appreciated. Three were welcomed in on morning of Aug. 19, two by letter—Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, of Ballarat, and one young brother by faith and baptism. Church held a service of thanksgiving on night of Aug. 15.

**Surrey Hills.**—Attendances and interest were well sustained during June and July. Valued service has been rendered by Messrs. Durham-Smith, E. N. Lincoln, C. R. Burdeu, R. K. Gerrand, C. H. J. Wright, S. Latimer, Dr. W. A. Kemp, D. Allen and others. Youth interests are well maintained. Social service offering, £12 to date.

**Cheltenham.**—Members are delighted at news of selection of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith as missionaries to New Hebrides. Their progress will be followed with keen interest. At thanksgiving service on Aug. 19, at 7 p.m., Joan Langcake made the good confession. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of V. C. Stafford.

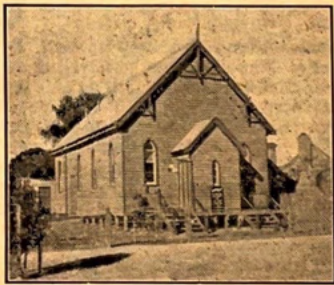
**Hampton.**—On Aug. 15 C. L. Lang conducted a thanksgiving service in evening. Mrs. Glendinning was able to attend church on morning of Aug. 19 after long absence through having broken her leg. Offering for social service was £11/8/8. C. L. Lang gave helpful addresses in a series leading up to "temple day."

**Brighton.**—Thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 19, 152 being present in morning. This number included many men and women from Services. Sunday school commenced an increase and efficiency campaign enthusiastically.

In recent Bible school examinations two prizes, seven honors and nine merits were gained. School average was 79.3 per cent.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—Morning and evening meetings on Aug. 19 were well attended, about 150 breaking bread. Mr. Holloway gave morning address. At night Reg. Enniss preached to a well-attended meeting. Mrs. John Beveridge sang a solo. Mr. Buckingham has commenced a mission at Shepparton for three weeks. Special prayers were offered for the success of this effort.

**Swan Hill.**—Services on Aug. 5 were very good. W. Cockroft spoke in morning and R. Juryman at night. J. Anderson, of Bentleigh-Gardenvale circuit, is in Swan Hill helping with preparations for Macnaughtan-Saunders mission, and church is planning, working



The Chapel at Swan Hill.

and praying for its success. On Aug. 12 attendance in morning was 52. Mr. Anderson spoke at both services.

**West Preston.**—A. B. Withers has been speaker at all services, with splendid attendances. Eric Fennell was recently welcomed home after long service in England with R.A.A.F. At conclusion of service on evening of Aug. 11, one young lady made the good confession. A thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 16, A. B. Withers conducting impressively.

**Wangaratta.**—The mission has drawn to a close. There were several confessions. After final gospel service on Monday night, all enjoyed a cup of tea, when presentation of books was made to mission party. Mr. Macnaughtan's messages were appreciated by members. Many were helped and brought to a better understanding of God's word. I. Barber as song-leader was also appreciated, and Mrs. Barber rendered many beautiful solos.

**Oakleigh.**—At August meeting of Women's Mission Band, held at Christian Guest Home, Mrs. C. G. Taylor was soloist. Young people of Oakleigh churches attended a social evening arranged by local branch of B. and F. Bible Society. S. R. Baker was speaker. S. Neighbour took part in thanksgiving service held in Paramount Theatre on Aug. 16, about 2000 people being present. Social service offering exceeded £18 on first day.

**North Richmond.**—Attendances during past weeks have been depleted by sickness. After being very ill, H. M. Clipstone is now able to continue his work with the church. During his enforced absence, services were conducted by A. Thomas. On Aug. 19 thanksgiving was offered for the return of peace. Special singing at morning and evening services was led by choir under C. Hall. Fine addresses by H. M. Clipstone were enjoyed at both services.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—At a church social held in lecture hall on Aug. 15, members and auxiliaries of church gave donations towards church heating fund. Just on £200 was raised, which was above the cost. Lygon-st. was well represented at brotherhood thanksgiving service at Swanston-st. on Aug. 16. Good services were held on Aug. 19. C. G. Taylor spoke at 11 a.m. B. Burti, of Prabran, addressed Bible class. Mr. Easton, of Footscray, was soloist. F. T. Saunders preached at night.

**Preston.**—Two confessions were received at close of gospel service on Aug. 19. Mr. Combridge conducted a favorite hymn service, making special reference to many hymns sung by congregation and choir; in addition, solos and a duet were rendered. At morning service he has delivered inspiring messages appropriate to cessation of hostilities. A service of thanksgiving was held on Aug. 16.

**Geelong.**—On Aug. 12 Mr. Methven (sen.) addressed church in morning, and Mr. Stirling spoke at gospel meeting. At C.E. meeting on Aug. 17, W. Readhead entertained members and friends with aid of projector. At morning service on Aug. 19, Mr. Stirling spoke to a large congregation. Pte. R. Whitworth, A.I.F., was present after having been a prisoner of war in Germany. At gospel meeting a thanksgiving service was held, when Mr. Stirling spoke.

**South Yarra.**—Meetings are improving in numbers. There is a good attendance of Endeavorers at morning service. Response to the appeal for clothing for UNRRA was gratifying. On Aug. 19 thanksgiving services were held, R. McLean speaking in morning and E. Roffey at night. Mr. and Mrs. Skewes, of S.A., Chaplain Thickins and Bruce Graham, of R.A.A.F., were present. Social service offering reached £6/10/9. Communion services are conducted by C.E. in homes of several aged members, on Sunday afternoons.

**Ormond.**—On Aug. 5 W. McDowell, back from holidays, gave good messages. On Aug. 12 three W.A. airmen assisted preacher in evening. Choir sang beautifully under baton of K. Austin. C.E. held a successful social on Aug. 13 in aid of hamper fund for boys in Services. On Aug. 16 church combined with Baptists in a thanksgiving service in chapel. Bible school has commenced anniversary practice under baton of Mr. Gadge. School attendances are best for considerable time. Thanksgiving services on Aug. 19 were well attended.

**St. Kilda.**—G. Parker has been welcomed into fellowship. R. Matthews (A.I.F.), of Dulwich church, S.A., was a recent visitor. On Aug. 12 N. Harvey was morning speaker. Special evening services during August have been conducted by church officers. On 5th short addresses were given by two members of board. On 12th service was conducted by tennis club in form of a discussion group. On 19th, at a youth service, speaker was R. S. A. MacLean, from college. A youth fellowship tea was held. On morning of Aug. 19 Mr. Hunt gave a helpful address.

**Mitcham.**—On Aug. 4 a kitchen tea was held in view of approaching marriage of Miss Lorna Tudor and Andrew Baillie. Young people from Blackburn and Ringwood were also present. A very enjoyable time was spent, and the young couple were recipients of many useful presents. A presentation of a set of saucers was also made by Mr. Pratt on behalf of Sunday school and C.E. The marriage took place on Aug. 11, Mr. Banks, of Doncaster, officiating. Sunday school is increasing in numbers, and is pleased to have the help of a Blackburn member (Miss D. Brogen).

**North Essendon.**—Mr. Baker (B. & F. Bible Society) spoke at a morning service and Ron Saunders (college) conducted gospel service on that day. W. Alves (Essendon) presided on Aug. 12. A thanksgiving service was conducted by A. E. White on Aug. 16. The Sunday school scholars are practising for anniversary, led by Mr. Burns. A block of land has been purchased, not far from chapel, and this will be used for providing a manse for a full-time preacher. A. E. White conducted both services on Aug. 19, and at gospel service, after a challenging message, Ruth Funston confessed Christ.

**Mont Albert.**—Mr. Geyer, of Gardiner, addressed church on morning of Aug. 19. Exchange of preachers brought Mr. Hurren, of Balwyn, on Aug. 12. W. J. A. Smith gave an appreciated message on morning of July 29. Misses Joan Mott and Esme Quirk were re-

ceived into fellowship by letter in July. At combined church service of Strathcona Girls' School and Carey Baptist Grammar School, at School and Carey Baptist Church, Jessie Smith made Collins-st. Baptist Church, Jessie Smith made her decision for Christ. At recent talent quest her decision for Christ. At recent talent quest her decision for Christ. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors.

**Camberwell.**—Communion services continue to be well supported, average breaking bread was during month being 120. A youth service was held on Aug. 17. Miss D. Clark, of Box Hill, was soloist and Joy Turner read scriptures. Attendance was 85. Tennis team, which replaced Box Hill, has been very successful, winning last four matches. Social service offering was £26/17/2. Following July and August monthly officers' meetings, Mr. Abercrombie has delivered talks on responsibilities of elders and deacons. Unnecessary detail has been eliminated from meetings so time could be used for instruction and discussion of topics.

**Footscray.**—S.S. hall was crowded on both nights of V-P holidays. A thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 15, and a "peace party" on Aug. 16. These meetings were arranged and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ritchie, and use was made of lantern, microphone, radio-gram, piano, organ and other instruments. The hall was decorated, and supper was served. D. C. Ritchie assisted in civic thanksgiving service on morning of Aug. 16, when 5500 people were present on Footscray Oval. Mr. Ritchie was also one of the visiting party who addressed State schools of district on occasion of end of war. Ladies' Aid held a musical afternoon on Aug. 14, when Mayoress, Mrs. Beaton, was present.

## New South Wales

**Rockdale.**—On Aug. 5 Mr. McMillan exhorted church. In afternoon Mr. Mottram, of Postal Sunday School movement, addressed school. Young people's fellowship tea was held. Gospel service was in charge of men in the Forces, several taking part by testimonies, readings and prayers. Mr. Burns preached. A successful concert was arranged by W. Grigg in aid of youth centre, and £25 was handed to Mr. Greenhalgh, Y.P. organiser, for same. On Aug. 12 Mr. Parker exhorted church and Mr. Burns preached the gospel.

**Fairfield.**—Meetings were well attended during past month. Work is in very good heart and all auxiliaries are in splendid spirit. Members appreciated the visit of the State missionaries, E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris, who showed slides dealing with home mission work. Roy Greenhalgh, youth director, conducted well attended meetings on Aug. 5, young people assisting in evening. Sisters enjoyed fellowship with sisters of Parramatta district on Aug. 9. On morning of Aug. 12 A. W. Morris welcomed into fellowship five sisters and a brother, presenting each with a copy of the New Testament. In evening Mr. Morris spoke at a well attended gospel service. Services of Mr. Peiper, of R.A.N., have been appreciated.

**North Auburn.**—A series of gospel addresses on "The N.T. Idea of God" was delivered by A. C. Caldicott, of Bible College, Woolwich, during recent weeks. On July 29, in evening, an inspiring hymn service was held with Miss Meg Smith and Mrs. Wallis soloists and Mrs. Robt. Hickin organist. Mr. Caldicott narrated striking conversions associated with hymns. Visiting speakers, Messrs. Youngusband, Miller, Phillips and Hardiman, have all given helpful addresses. P. Russel, recently baptised in City Temple, was received into fellowship on Aug. 12. Concern is felt for illness of Mr. Walsh and for Mr. Gibb, who is shortly to undergo a serious operation. Preparation for S.S. anniversary is progressing under baton



of Mr. Schofield. The church is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Winch for their work in Bible school. A middle-aged woman of Church of England Boys' Home, Burwood, made her decision on Aug. 12. Mr. Caldicott was speaker.

**Mosman.**—Roy Acland continues a faithful ministry; his evening gospel sermons have been supported by choir under his leadership. K. Goninan, formerly of Wagga Wagga, has been received by transfer; Staff Sergt. Searcy, of Mile End, S.A., has been a visitor. I. A. Paternoster, of North Sydney, exhorted church on July 22. Miss Gwen Stimson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stimson, was married to Cpl. L. Goodman, R.A.A.F., on July 23; Roy Acland officiated, assisted by G. E. Burns. Last year, newly-appointed trustees of church property were directed by church to secure a residence for preacher; they have succeeded in purchasing the house at 111 Ourimbah-rd., Mosman. On Aug. 11 a service was held at manse by Ethelbert Davis, conference president. After the Doxology, prayer by T. P. Dale, and presentation of a statement on behalf of trustees, Mrs. Stimson sang a solo. Mr. and Mrs. Acland responded and invited all to afternoon tea provided by Ladies' Aid. Representatives were present from Manly, North Sydney and Rockdale. Preparations are in hand for happy hour and evangelistic services to be conducted by youth director, Roy Greenhalgh.

#### ADDRESS

B. W. Manning (preacher Fullarton church, S.A.)—18 Sturt-ave., Tasmore.

#### SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1945 N.S.W. PRIZE-WINNERS

Division 1A.—1, Ken Greenhalgh, Bexley North, 90; 2, Brian Powell, Merewether, 88; 3, Brenda Harvey, Merewether, 83; 4, Bruce Armstrong, Lidcombe, 77.

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Division 2A.—1, Joy Kibble, Georgetown, 93; 2, David Patterson, Lane Cove, 89; 3, Marie Warden, Georgetown, 85; 4, Beth Main, Wollongong, 84.

Division 2B.—1, Robert McKillop, Kingsford, 95; 2, Noelene Woodward, Rockdale, 93; 3, Shirley Winch, South Auburn, 92; 4, Dawn Maley, Rockdale, 90.

Division 3A.—1, Brenda McGregor, Paddington, 99; 2, Melva Smith, Paddington, 98; 3, Helen Brown, Petersham, 97; 4, Gavin Turnbull, Penshurst, 96.

Division 3B.—1, Brian Winch, South Auburn, 98; 2, Eric Barnes, Hurstville, 97; 3, Ailsa Morris, Paddington, 96; 4, Keith Fraser, Georgetown, 96.

Division 4A.—1, John Forrest, Belmore, 99; 2, Mary Macfarlane, Paddington, 98; 3, Betty King, Loftus Park, 97; 4, Daphne Carre, Canley Vale, 92.

Division 4B.—1, Beth Stace, Georgetown, 100; 2, Laurence Lacombe, Paddington, 99; 3, Norma James, Belmore, 97; 4, Jean Martin, Granville, 96.

Division 5.—1, Mary Stace, Georgetown, 100; 2, Gwenda Reilly, Paddington, 99; 3, Edna Lincoln, Beverly Hills, 99; 4, Rae Edmonds, Belmore, 98.

Division 6.—1, Colin Bowser, Belmore, 88; 2, Patricia Hogan, Hamilton, 77; 3, David Brown, Hamilton, 72.

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#### DEATHS

VIVIAN.—On Aug. 7, at Kaniva, Olive Grace, dearly loved wife of Philip John, and loving mother of Florence (Mrs. C. S. Crouch) and Ivy, and loving stepmother of William John. Aged 68 years. "Peace, perfect peace."

#### IN MEMORIAM

TRABINGER.—In loving memory of my dear husband Andrew, who died Aug. 26, 1941.

A little while we shall meet  
The loved one gone before,  
And we shall clasp hands again  
On yonder happy shore.

—Inserted by his loving wife, H. Trabinger, 79 Arnold-st., Bendigo.

TRABINGER.—In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law, Andrew Trabinger, who died on Aug. 26, 1941.

Thoughts drift back to bygone days,  
Life moves on but memory stays.

—Inserted by T. and H. Eames.

PIPER.—Treasured memories of our dear mother, Agnes Grace, called home Aug. 26, 1942. "In God's keeping."

—Inserted by her family.

#### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

LEGG.—Mr. H. Legg and family wish to thank those who showed such practical sympathy with them in their recent time of sorrow caused by the passing of their beloved Ruth. The helpful act, the floral tributes, the spoken and written word of loving sympathy all tend to remind us of "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

—H.L.

#### 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.

SEPTEMBER 11.—Annual reunion past and present students of College of Bible, at the College, on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7.45 p.m. Enjoyable time of fellowship assured. Please endeavor to be present. Notify intention by Sept. 4 to secretary, C. Cole. Phone, UM 1248.

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# Obituary

## Griffith Owen Griffith

THE church at North Williamstown, Vic., with many older members throughout the brotherhood, thank God for the privilege of knowing Griffith Owen Griffith, who was called to be with Christ on Lord's day, July 8, after a brief but painful illness, at the age of 85 years. Born in Wales, our brother arrived in Victoria in 1886, and for many years was a loyal member of the Welsh Church in Williamstown. At a mission conducted by James Johnston and F. M. Ludbrook, he was baptised in 1903 and united with the church. A skilful carpenter and cabinet maker, he built the lecture hall, and the pulpit which is still in use, and effected many improvements to the building. For many years he served the church as a deacon and a teacher in the Bible school, and was beloved by all. He was ever ready with a word of appreciation and encouragement to all who help in the services of the church, and especially to his younger brethren. In days gone by, and up to the time of his last illness, our brother exerted a gracious influence and ministry in his visitation of the sick. "He was a good man, full of faith, and of the Holy Spirit." Services attended by loved ones and many friends were conducted by the writer at his home and at Williamstown cemetery on July 9, assisted by the minister of the Welsh Church, Mr. Stewart. His aged widow and sons and daughters are in our hearts as we commend them to the God of all comfort.—J.E.S.

## Miss Anne Jane Hare

AFTER a long illness, our sister, A. J. Hare, was called home at her residence, Langham-place, Upper Hawthorn, Vic., on Aug. 8. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hare, well known to churches of Christ, she was born in Melbourne on Feb. 18, 1875. In her girlhood days regular attendance at the North Carlton Sunday school was the joy of her life, and as was expected, she made her confession, and at an early age was baptised, thereby becoming a member of churches of Christ. At a later date she placed her membership with the church meeting in Swanston-st., where it remained till the day of her death. Her interests were always those that enhance life—a great lover of flowers, very friendly to all, and ready at all times to speak a helpful word, and materially assist those who were finding life extremely difficult. One outstanding characteristic was her devotion to the family of boys and girls, of which she was the eldest daughter. She lived by the Christian faith, and passed peacefully away to a richer experience in glory, of that faith. Mr. C. B. Nance-Kivell conducted a brief service at the home, and later the final rites took place at Springvale Crematorium. We tender to the family and friends our sympathy, and with them thank God for such a fragrant and useful life.—C.B.N.-K.

## Mrs. Annie Neal

AFTER being laid aside for about four months as a result of an accident, Mrs. Annie Neal was called to be with her Lord on July 24. About 31 years ago Mrs. Neal came out from England and settled in Doncaster district. On Nov. 22, 1914, she was baptised by John Tully, and has from that time been a faithful member of the church. She was a regular attendant at church services, and was a splendid witness to Christ. Mrs. Neal was of lovely Christian disposition, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was an earnest and industrious worker in benevolent work, including an active part in Red Cross work during the last war, 1914-1918. R. A. Banks conducted the burial service at Booroondarra cemetery. The church extends Christian sympathy to the loved ones who mourn the loss of a good woman and mother.—R.A.B.

## Mrs. Orr

BY the home-call of our sister, Lillias Duncan Orr, on July 31, Tasmanian churches of Christ have lost a real "mother in Israel." Born in St. Cyrus, Scotland, in 1858, Mrs. Orr, with her husband, Peter Orr, and son John (now Professor Orr, of Edinburgh University), came to Albany, W.A., staying there for a few years before leaving for Launceston, Tas., where they have since resided. Formerly a Presbyterian, Mrs. Orr came into membership with our brotherhood under the preaching of the late J. G. Price, by whom she was immersed some 52 years ago. For many years she held office as secretary of Margaret-st. Dorcas Society. A foundation member of Sandhill church, she continued faithfully in attendance and fellowship till the Sunday on which she was laid aside by her short illness. In the early days of our movement her home was open to our preachers, and many will remember her hospitality with gratitude. Our late sister was one of whom it might truthfully be said, "She did justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with her God." The Tasmanian brotherhood mourns her loss, and extends sympathy to those bereft. Services at home and graveside were conducted by W. Duff, of Launceston, assisted by J. Hodgson and H. S. Wilson, Peter Orr and family are grateful for messages of sympathy and floral tributes received from various churches and a wide circle of friends.—J.P.

## Mrs. Charlotte Jane Screen

ON Sunday, July 1, at Gippsland Hospital, Mrs. Charlotte Jane Screen, of Canterbury, Vic., answered the great home-call, at the age of 74 years. She had been spending some months with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, of Heyfield. Together with her husband, the late Mr. William Screen, our sister transferred from Swanston-st. church to Surrey Hills church in the early years of the latter congregation. Both are remembered and highly esteemed for their Christian love and loyalty. The interment was at Burwood cemetery on July 3.—G.J.A.

## 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.)

## CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

THE ending of the war, earlier than we had dared to hope, emphasises the wisdom and urgency of establishing a Church Men's Society in each congregation without delay. Let us be ready when the men come back. The Christian Fellowship Association mentioned by your correspondent, L. O. Collyer, does admirable work, but neither the C.F.A. nor any other organisation within the church has moved out to provide, at this critical time, for the many fellows shortly to return. The decision of the conference executive to do this through the C.M.S. is therefore most opportune. The raising of a modest monthly amount from the men only cannot greatly affect other appeals, which are made to all persons in the church. Help for the men is the primary purpose of the Church Men's Society. Equipment for our youth camps is secondary, yet quite important if the church is to hold our youth in these days of terrific temptation to low standards.—R. Enniss, Chairman C.M.S. Board.

## ISLAND REINFORCEMENTS

I SHOULD like to extend congratulations to our Overseas Mission Board on the appointments made to reinforce the work on the is-

lands. In view of the difficulties encountered there, workers with such practical capabilities as Mr. and Mrs. Smith should mean much to the cause.

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Wherever we may go.  
We do not have to see  
To know the wind is here;  
We do not have to see  
To know God's love is near."

## UNEXPECTED REPLY

AN amusing anecdote is related of Sir Richard Steele, who received quite an unexpected reply from one of his workmen. He had built himself a pretty private theatre, and wished to try its acoustic properties before it was opened to his friends. Placing himself in the gallery, he asked the foreman carpenter to declaim something from the stage.

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"Right!" said the man. Then squaring his shoulders, he spoke out: "Sir Richard Steele! For three months past me and my men has been a 'workin' in this theatre, and we've never seen the color of your Honor's money. We will be very much obliged if you'll pay up directly, for until you do we won't drive in another nail."

Sir Richard declared that the man's elocution was perfect, but that he did not care much for the subject of his discourse.

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—DIVINE IMPARTIALITY

Aug. 27—Gen. 18: 20-33.  
" 28—1 Sam. 16: 1-12.  
" 29—Matt. 24: 29-44.  
" 30—Matt. 25: 31-46.  
" 31—Acts 11: 34-48.  
Sept. 1—1 Peter 1: 13-25.  
" 2—Jeremiah 17: 1-10; Rom. 2: 1-16.

NOTHING is more clearly revealed in the scriptures than the glorious doctrine of divine impartiality. Our heavenly Father, the apostle declares, will deal alike with Jew and Gentile, in each case according to the eternal principle of divine justice and mercy. Although in the working out of his wondrous plan of redemption he once saw fit to bestow peculiar honors upon the Jewish race, it was his eternal purpose to deal alike with every man of every nation. So that in the final judgment nationality, wealth or position will avail nothing, all men everywhere being judged according to their deserts. So argues the apostle. Further he shows that the Gentiles, not having the law, are a law unto themselves, for their own consciousness constitutes a standard whereby they will be judged. In like manner, no one, be he Jew or Gentile, can escape the consequences of his wrong-doing than he can flee from his own shadow. So long as he is in the flesh, and the sun is shining, the shadow is ever present, and there is no way in which it can be evaded. The only thing to do is to turn one's eyes to the light and walk in it.

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A BOOK purchased recently has a page headed, "Author's Preface," then underneath in brackets, "(To be read)." The author hopes to save his preface from the common fate of such pages. Do we realise that the New Testament lesson, Romans 1: 1-23, is the preface to one of the most powerful books in the world?

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and he that hath found such a one  
hath found a treasure.*

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