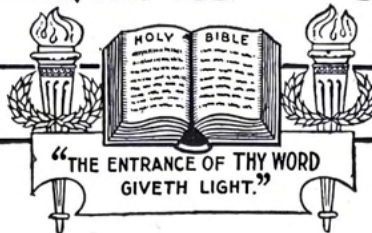


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*To-morrow's World Appeals for Help To-day*





ARE NOT THE CHILDREN OF THE SLUMS ENTITLED TO ENJOY SUCH HAPPINESS?

## *The universal church is better fitted to-day than at close of World War I. to Reconstruct the World for Christ*

### I.

THERE are between seven and eight million people in Australia. Most of these live within reach of places of Christian worship, yet according to a review in one town, only about one in every eight attends a church or Sunday school regularly. Now when we say a million Australians are strong supporters of the Christian church, we are making a big claim. There is no other organisation that can claim such a degree of loyalty from the rank and file of the Australian community. We are perhaps underestimating the numerical strength of the church. There are those who are hindered from attending regularly for various reasons. Even if we estimate that two million persons help the church in some effective way, we are left with five or six millions who are indifferent, ignorant or antagonistic toward the Christian church. If the reader is sceptical of the truth of these figures, then let him calculate the number of persons in his town or suburb, and compare that figure with those numbers in actual attendance at church services and Sunday schools conducted within the area.

We are not claiming that the present position is worse than it was ten, twenty, thirty or forty years ago. We recognise that the church has been a minority movement within society throughout most of its history. However when Christians were seized by the urgency of Christ's command to go and preach the gospel to every creature, they saw the unbelieving community around them as a harvest field awaiting laborers. They were not appalled by the worldly indifference, neither were they moved to criticise one another for such a state of affairs, but they laid hold of every opportunity to preach Christ Jesus.

This is not the day for a despondent church, but for a church that is confident that faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Christians in such a church will not wait to be told by this person or that committee what to do, but, under the guidance of God's Spirit, will undertake surrounding tasks that have been unattended.

### II.

THERE are some who find it difficult to speak to an adult about the necessity of accepting Christ as Saviour, but surely there is no hardship in telling the stories of Jesus to a little child! Among the millions who are not coming under the influence of Christ, there are many who are children. In a few years they will be adults. Here is a field that provides pleasures and rewards, and yet it is being neglected.

Of the one million and more children between the ages of five and fourteen in Australia, about 570,000 do not belong even to a Sunday school. Many others do not get much direct help because of irregular attendance. With the return of the counter-attractions of the days of peace, only the personal touch of consecrated Chris-

tian teachers will hold and win young Australians for Christ. Remember Christ alone can bring true happiness into the lives of children. The church must save children from the sins of the slums, from the evil suggestions of modern literature and from the false glamor of theatres, bringing them into the Christ who is able to mould them into worthy citizens.

There is a demand for youth leaders and Sunday school workers. Able and consecrated Christians will find opportunities to serve Christ and youth, if they are prepared to pay the price of responsibility. Let us not wait until we are asked, but let us seek an avenue where we may meet the needs of this hour.

### III.

IF we think there is enough being attempted in the homeland, and there is nothing left to do, just let us lift our eyes and gaze on the fields that are white unto harvest in those crowded regions north of Australia. This war has turned on the hands of time by half a century in many of those lands. Instead of the walking pace of pre-war days, the racing speed of the athlete is demanded if our efforts are to catch up on this new turn of events. Great highways, railways and air-ways are opening up the vast areas in New Guinea, in the Pacific Islands, in India, in Burma and in China. According to Dr. Frank G. Laubach, it is likely that within fifty years 500 million people will come out of the darkness of illiteracy into the light of knowledge. Most of those people will be very likely in the areas mentioned.

Around this favored Australian continent, blessed by a Christian tradition, there are countries where millions in darkness are emerging to the point where they are ready to hear and to read of Christ's message of salvation. Can the Christian church meet this new situation? Despite the laments of the pessimist, the world church is stronger to-day than it has ever been. We support this claim by quotation from Professor Kenneth S. Latourette's book entitled "The Unquenchable Light." "When one views the entire globe geographically," he says, "Christianity is stronger in A.D. 1941 and in a better position to influence the human race than it was in A.D. 1914."

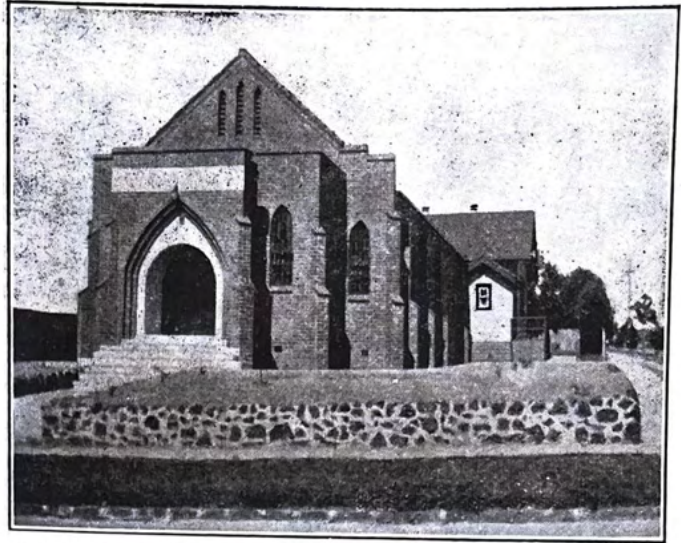
Why ought this not be one of those periods when Christianity, on the wave of missionary enthusiasm, makes great advances? There are opportunities in the homeland and on mission fields. The call of New Testament Christianity is being heeded now. It is opportune for members of the Restoration Movement in Australia to lead in the great evangelistic efforts. Let these days of peace be days of victory for the kingdom of God!

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SHOULD NOT RURAL AREAS BE EVANGELISED ALSO?

*W. Gale, Home Mission Secretary of Victoria, says*

## Reform Country Communities Around Christ

RURAL Victoria presents a particularly attractive picture for those who are enthusiastic advocates of the Restoration Movement. Its position is unique amongst the States of the Australian mainland. The Victorian countryside has better railway facilities, is better watered—both naturally and by irrigation supply—and has at its command a more evenly distributed system of electric power. Yet with respect to water and power distribution we are seeing only the very beginnings. It carries the most even distribution of population in the Commonwealth. It is true there are two spots where the above does not hold—in the Mallee and in the mountainous east. This is the favorable setting in which the advocates of the Restoration Movement find themselves to-day.

It is interesting to note that rural Victoria, as a whole, has the greatest population per square mile of any State. There are, strange to say, few large towns. It is a territory of comparatively small towns, each with a surrounding area of evenly distributed country population. Outside the three cities of 30,000 and over, few centres exceed a population of 10,000, and many well-known towns are in the 3000 to 6000 class.

Prior to the war, 50 per cent. of the membership of the Restoration Movement was located outside the Melbourne metropolitan area, which is on a par with the distribution of population in the State.

The Movement is represented in almost every large centre with the exception of Gippsland—a vast territory in which small congregations once existed. Upon closer analysis, it will be seen that the Movement is one of the towns rather than of the countryside, which is significant. To this there are a few exceptions. Thus the cause has been situated strategically for effective witness. Had this not been so, it would certainly be our present lament. But this significant fact leads to the discovery of another. The towns have in them a large proportion of people who move from place to place more frequently than those residing in the surrounding country sections. Consequently, in the past twenty years, which have seen one of the greatest migrations in our history from the country to the metropolis, it has been from the towns that they have gone in greatest proportion. As a result, the migration has very severely affected the small town membership of the Movement.

Moreover, the fact that the Movement has not extensively entered the rural population surrounding the towns, has resulted in very few effective circuits. The distance between nearby churches in neighboring towns has been too great for reasonable circuit success. It would seem from this that the Movement will need to develop a means of reaching out into areas surrounding the towns and linking small congregations into circuits of up to half a dozen causes. The town will give each circuit the sense of centrality, and the surrounding membership will assure permanence despite the changing personnel of the towns.

It is worthy of note that in the earlier days, prior to the advent of the Australian College of the Bible, the preachers paid much attention to the more rural areas and with much success. In this regard one would think of the ministries of A. W. Connor, Thos. Hagger, H. P. Leng, T. H. Scambler, G. H. Browne, D. A. Ewers, Stephen Cheek, A. R. Benn, to mention but a few. Since that day one would think of the earlier rural work of D. A.

Cockroft as typical of those who have since succeeded in this work. To such work, and perhaps in conjunction with it, there is the need for the colporteur—but this latter is essentially for the individual who has a personal flair for it, and who is given adequate if costly motor transport, and electric public address equipment.

If the State is zoned, each with an officer of the Home Missionary Department—for all this is essentially home missionary work—in close touch with the men in his area and with the State home mission secretary, there is prospect for a bright and most thrilling period of witnessing for the one Movement that has a clear and sensible plan for Christian unity.

Existing churches are strategically situated. One of the areas of most promise is that of the Murray Valley, with its great irrigation undertakings and the prospect of a vast new development with the promised increases in catchments. All down this valley, in almost every large town, the Movement is represented. But it urgently needs the linking up of the surrounding countryside, in addition to the opening of causes in the new irrigation centres. One other section of great promise is the valley of the Goulburn and its tributaries. Here the cause is represented, but not to the same extent as in the great Murray Valley, and there is wide scope for extensive link-ups.

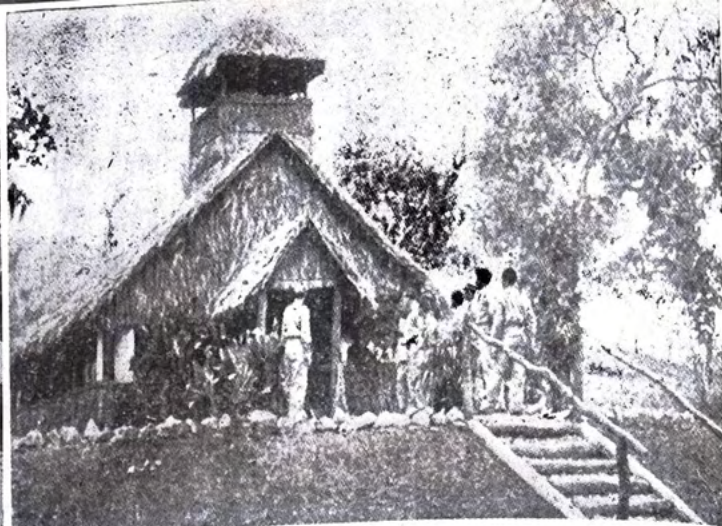


Gippsland, with its rapidly growing towns, now that the Country Roads Board has given it wonderful roads and means of transport, is open for the witness of the Movement. It needs a Gippsland home mission evangelist, with supporting preachers and fully-equipped colporteur vans. In this portion of the State one can live over again all the thrills of pioneering experienced by the earlier preachers before mentioned, for before it are all the stages through which the Movement in the rest of the State has passed.

Preachers for the work that is before rural Victoria should be chosen for their keenness for and knowledge of the Restoration Movement—historically and doctrinally, and for their passion for evangelism. Equally must they show capacity to inspire and train in every centre, speakers and teachers in scores, who will support them in the extensive circuits that alone will make the coming years successful. As the common people catch a vision of the genius of the Restoration Movement, and its adequacy to answer the great need of our day—Christian unity—and thrill in the prospect, so will the vested interests be overcome which to-day hold the great church of the Master in the stifling grasp of suicidal, senseless sectarianism.

Now, that is Rural Victoria with a prospect for the Restoration Movement as bright as the promises of God. A prospect calling for specialist treatment by passionate pioneering hearts, who will break out into a ministry that has in it more of the characteristics of the great men of the early days. To some extent the day of the sermon has gone, and once again the day of witness is here.





NEVER HAVE MORE PAGANS NEEDED THE CHURCH THAN TO-DAY.

A. Anderson, Federal Overseas Mission Secretary, points to task of  
**Reclaiming Native Races from Paganism**

**THE PROBLEM STATED**

ONE hundred and sixty years ago, William Carey spent his waking hours thinking of a world without Christ. Even in his dreams he was visiting little-known races of people and preaching the "un-searchable riches of Christ." One wall of his workshop was almost covered with a home-made map of the world to which he was constantly adding. He literally devoured any books telling of peoples and places far away. He could tell without reference the population of countries, their customs and habits, and often his glowing eyes would dim as he exclaimed passionately, "And all these people are pagans—pagans!"

The population of the world has more than doubled since Carey's day, and the latest survey (June, 1945) reports that there are more non-Christians in the world now than there were ten to fifteen years ago. To-day the world's population is stated to be 2100 millions, made up of the following groups:—

White races . . . . .	700
Yellow races . . . . .	700
Brown races . . . . .	450
Black races . . . . .	200
Red races . . . . .	50

2100 million.

Of these, the "Christian" population numbers approximately one-third (718 million), only about 10 per cent. of which are Protestant; and still further, sad to relate (vide Tambaram Conference report, 1938), not more than "50-70 million can be considered effectively Christian." By way of comparison, Christians in Europe and America are estimated at two out of three, or more accurately 67.8 per cent., whilst throughout the rest of the world there is one Christian to every one hundred and five people; that is less than 1 per cent. of the population. This disparity is further accentuated when it is noted that the area of "Christian" lands is about two-fifths of the land surface of the world, leaving the remaining three-fifths of the land surface of the world practically non-Christian. Herein therefore lies the task of reclaiming more than two-thirds of the world's population, occupying more than two-thirds of the world's land surface.

**AN UNRESPONSIVE CHURCH**

PROFESSOR LATOURETTE, church historian, has effectively pointed out that since the first initial advance, ending about 500 A.D., church history reveals three major periods of recession, or lack of concern for the rest of the world. The great advance, which he calls "the great century," dates from 1814-1915. It remains to be seen what will be said of this 20th century, which has produced two catastrophic wars, killed, wounded and maimed countless millions of people, and squandered millions of pounds. It has contributed much to the world's sum total of human misery, but added little to the world's sum total of human happiness. These major calamities have retarded the work of Christ, the repercussions of which will be felt for generations to come.

To-day in Asia there are only thirteen missionaries and five thousand Christians to every million, among more than half the world's population. Well might we exclaim, "What are these among

so many?" But more to the point, what is the Christian church doing about it, and what are we, as individuals, going to do about it in the near future? It cannot be said that the average member of the churches of Christ in Australia has played a very creditable part in sending the gospel overseas. Our last returns to Federal Conference show (1944—the greatest giving year in our history) that we gave 7/4 per member for the whole year for general funds; or in other words, slightly more than 1½d. per week per member. Probably many who read this record gave a much greater amount; but the average figure remains, and those who only gave the average or less, or maybe nothing, have sufficient cause to bury their heads in shame. Perhaps the latest world survey is right when it says that out of a world's Christian population, only about 10 per cent. are effective Christians. If these statements cause disquiet, they might also cause heart-searching introspection.

**THE CHALLENGE OF TO-MORROW**

"YOU told us to be kind and forgiving; but, for twenty solid centuries, wretched, incorrigible men have gone on being merciless, full of violence and hatred. Religious men and atheists alike have lived and ruled in a non-Christian way—and look at us now; we've never been in a worse mess!" So whispered Eve Curie as she stood reverently at the traditional site of the Saviour's birthplace and noted the fact in her latest book, "Journey Among Warriors." She had gone from place to place, seeing military camp after military camp, and at last arrived in Bethlehem, where the Prince of Peace was born, to find it an armed camp. Eve Curie knew what it meant to sacrifice for a great cause: she saw the heartache, the hunger, the cold, poverty and pain that came to her parents as they sought to confer on mankind one of the greatest blessings of the age—the isolation of radium salts. To bestow this blessing they sacrificed much. Thus must we think of the Master, standing amid the ruins of man's world—not his world, for he created *cosmos*—man creates *chaos*. Christ's spirit still broods over his world, a world yet to be won. Because of the vast areas still unoccupied, there must be a wide expansion of missionary activity. Let us remember, too, that the resources of the church must be sufficient to meet the challenge of this new day.

Writing in the "Australian Intercollegian" on "The Challenge of the World Situation," J. W. Burton, after commenting on the significance of Christ's death, said: "There must be a reshaping, in the light of that self-giving act, of human ideals. Lord Beaverbrook has given ambitious young men some recipes for success in life—success that may lead to being a millionaire or even a multi-millionaire. How would those recipes appeal to David Livingstone of Africa, to Robert F. Scott of the Antarctic, or to Albert Schweitzer of the Congo? The future of the world is not with the Lord Beaverbrooks, but with the men who die that others may live more richly. The challenge of the world situation is a personal one. . . . May I ask you, in view of the vast need of the world, to hold your life for a moment at arm's length away, and ask reverently, 'What shall I do with it? Shall I keep it for myself—or yield it up to others?'"



# The Evangelistic School

## Various Topics

ANY programme that is carried on in the Bible school depends for its success on the leadership of the school. The superintendent is perhaps the key person, but of almost equal importance are the teachers. Therefore let us make a few observations regarding them.

### They Must be Thoroughly Christian,

as teaching without example is ineffective. They must be loyal to the New Testament teaching regarding the church and the Lord's plan of salvation, for unless they believe these things they will not urge others to believe them. They should have a world vision of the church; in other words,

### They Should be Missionary-minded.

One with a narrow view of the kingdom will not be a good evangelist even in his own church. They should practise and teach financial stewardship, nothing less than tithing. Faithfulness to the Lord in service and in financial matters are brothers.

### A Regular Workers' Conference.

In order for the school to work effectively and efficiently, there must be opportunity for the workers to come together and talk over progress and make plans for the future. Therefore a regular workers' conference is a necessity in every school. Goals should be set for the year and for shorter periods. But merely to set goals is not enough. There must be constant reminders of these goals and responsibility placed on individuals to help reach them. Then, as an encouragement for future work, achievement should be honored.

Successful businessmen take an inventory at least once a year. A Bible school should



do likewise. If we have succeeded or failed, we should know who or what is responsible and profit by the knowledge gained.

### Evangelistic

The Bible school is, primarily, an evangelistic institution. It must continually be reaching out and bringing in new people. There can be no conversions where only saints are present. The Bible school that is not continually bringing non-Christians into its classes is not fulfilling its mission as an evangelising agency of the church. Then after they have been brought in the new converts must be taught concerning salvation, the church and Christian living. This sounds easy as we read it, but it will take all of the ability, consecration and love of the finest people in our churches to make it work successfully.—From the "Lookout."

that renunciation, a million pounds would have come into the pocket of Mr. Charrington, during the half century of his Christian life. Though practically a poor man as the result of his renunciation, God sent him the money—many thousands of pounds—to build the Great Assembly Hall in East London, in which thousands of souls have been born again.

### "We Give Thee Thanks, O God"

"In this hour of deliverance it is fitting that we should give humble and solemn thanks to God." So said King George in his speech at the opening of the British Parliament.

It is good to see the stressing of this note of thanksgiving in the messages of national leaders, such as the Prime Ministers of Great Britain and Australia. As a leading article in "The Sydney Morning Herald" said: "It would be strange if we did not share with our kinsfolk the deep conviction that the hand of Providence was stretched forth in emergency to save us when all the valor of ourselves and our friends might have been unavailing." I was glad to see in the "Herald" in large type in an enclosed panel the following beautiful thanksgiving prayer written by George Herbert over three hundred years ago: "Thou has given so much to us, give one thing more, a grateful heart, for Christ's sake. Amen."

### Contrasts

Great numbers of people were angered by the unseemly conduct of revellers in Sydney on Sunday night, August 12, when a gang of young hooligans set fire to the flower stands of returned soldiers in Martin Place and uprooted a Flanders poplar by the Cenotaph. That this memorial of heroes who gave their lives for us should be desecrated thus was a shocking thing.

A contrasting scene took place three days later, as the following newspaper report indicates: "Amid the noise and excitement in Martin Place, a soldier in jungle green knelt in quiet reverence, in front of the Cenotaph. An elderly woman joined him immediately. It was not long before twelve women were kneeling around the soldier. They were all visibly affected, and some were weeping. The scene hushed the crowd."

### Church and Politics

Dr. W. H. Inge thinks that the main danger to our religion is that "the church may be tempted to be false to its principles, in the hope of regaining its popularity." He says that "a church that goes into politics always comes out badly besmirched."

J. H. Oldham, the well-known editor of "The Christian News-Letter," expresses his view of the relation as follows: "The church is not a political party, but it is a pre-political organisation. Within the church people should be able to discover the grounds upon which they make political, and indeed all other, decisions. The church cannot enter the political firing-line, identifying itself with one political party, forming a party of its own, officially supporting a programme of its own. But it stands at the base: from it men and women derive their conception of justice, mercy, truth; their perception (always partial, always liable to be corrupted by sin) of the things which have to be fought against and fought for; to it they return for faith renewed and visions re-enlightened; within it common political judgments should take place." Mr. Oldham adds that "disagreement between Christian people on means is no reflection upon the gospel. It is pure fallacy that if all of us were fully Christian we should reach political unity, for it is as the fight proceeds that the vision grows."

—A. R. MAIN.

"Briefly do as thou wouldst be done unto, Love God and thy neighbor, watch and pray; These are the words and works of life: this do And live; who doth not this hath lost heaven's way."

## The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

LIKE thy springs of running waters, make me crystal pure,  
Upon thy rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.  
Like thy dancing waves of sunlight, make me glad and free,  
Like the straightness of the pine trees, let me upright be.  
"Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above,  
Turn my dreams to noble actions—ministries of love.  
God who touchest earth with beauty, make me lovely, too;  
Keep me ever by thy spirit, pure and strong and true."

### BIT OF RIBBON COST A FORTUNE

MANY years ago a young man in a London omnibus noticed the blue ribbon total abstinence badge on a fellow-passenger's coat, and asked him, in a bantering tone, "how much he got" for wearing it. "That I cannot exactly say," replied the other, "but it costs me about twenty thousand pounds a year." The wearer of the badge was Frederick Charrington, son of a rich brewer, and the intended successor of his father's business. He had been convinced of the evil of the ale and beer trade, and refused to continue in it, though it would have brought him an income of twenty thousand pounds a year. But for

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—ORDINANCES MADE INEFFECTIVE

- Sept. 3—Acts 5: 1-11.
- " 4—Acts 8: 14-34.
- " 5—1 Cor. 10: 14-21.
- " 6—1 Cor. 11: 17-34.
- " 7—Rev. 3: 14-23.
- " 8—Rom. 2: 17-24.
- " 9—Isaiah 52: 1-10; Rom. 2: 25-29.

ORDINANCES, Paul argues, are ineffective unless their observance is prompted by a sincere desire to do God's will. As with circumcision under the law, so with baptism under grace; the outward observance is unacceptable to God, and, indeed, displeasing to him, minus the antecedent of faith and the succedent fruits of righteousness. It was certainly not enough for the Jew to practise circumcision. Without a desire to please the Lord, circumcision became uncircumcision. In like manner, the outward act of baptism is of no avail unless the right motive prompts the deed and the right results follow. But when this ordinance is preceded by a fervent desire to obey the Lord and a firm resolve to follow such obedience with a life wholly devoted to his service, the act is illumined with heavenly radiance, and is seen to be of great value to him who judgeth not by outward appearances, but looketh upon the heart.



# Here and There

A. B. McDiarmid, M.A., expects to conclude his chaplaincy work with the N.Z.R.A.F. on Sept. 30. It is his intention to return to Australia.

From Swan Hill, Vic., the following telegram reached us on Aug. 27: "Increasing attendances at happy hour and mission; splendid messages; many contacts; prospects bright.—Walmsley."

On Aug. 12 T. A. Fitzgerald commenced his sixteenth year of service as part-time preacher of church of Christ at Collingwood, Vic. Prior to his call there he served in a similar capacity with church at Fairfield, Vic., for nine years.

Mrs. T. J. Gore, who was associated with her husband in outstanding pioneering work among South Australian churches, died on Aug. 11. Deepest sympathy is offered relatives, but thanks are raised to God for a life of fruitful service.

Mr. W. H. Hall has been elected unanimously chairman of the Preachers' Provident Fund Committee in place of the late Mr. T. E. Rofe, and Les. Stimson, son of the late Joseph Stimson, has accepted an invitation to serve on the committee.

On Aug. 12, at Bundaberg, Q., 132 worshipped together. Miss Marcia Jones rendered a solo in evening. W. Proudley was speaker in absence of preacher owing to a call to Kingaroy. A thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 15; 105 attended. On Aug. 18 Capt. A. DeOberitz, A.I.F., was married to Miss J. Wearing, of A.I.F. E. McIlhagger, of Rockhampton, officiated.

The church at Swan Hill, Vic., is indebted to Bentleigh-Gardenvale churches for releasing J. Anderson to help in preparations for tent mission. K. Macnaughtan is giving stirring addresses. W. Saunders' work as song-leader is appreciated. Children's "happy hour" each day after school is a wonderful success with community singing of choruses, Bible competitions, and lantern slides in serial form of life of Christ. Average of 120 children attend each afternoon.

Maston Bell, secretary of Executive Committee of W.A. churches, telegraphed that Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammer were farewelled on August 22 at a meeting held at the Perth Y.M.C.A., before leaving on their long journey to Carnarvon, W.A. The mission party left on Aug. 23 in a very suitable motor vehicle that was released and equipped for mission needs. The Australian-wide brotherhood prayers are invited for the support of this great pioneering project for the uplift of the Australian natives.

Attendances morning and evening are maintained at Port Pirie, S.A., under preaching of A. R. Pigdon. E. H. Tomlinson (Evangelisation Society) is present for week of special meetings in preparation for visit of G. T. Fitzgerald from Sept. 16 to Oct. 7. Plans are well in hand for the tent mission. This is the church's 70th year of witness in Pt. Pirie. C.E. is maintained; junior and Y.P. societies fairly well attended. Annual business meeting of church was held on Aug. 9. Invitations to attend worship have been personally delivered to 670 homes in Pirie West.

At Kalgoorlie, W.A., 103 attended gospel service on Aug. 12, closing a day of excellent services. F. Stephenson exhorted church in morning, Mr. Fitch speaking in evening. Bible school attracts crowds of young people, new scholars being added almost every Lord's day. UNRRA appeal for clothing met with wonderful success, and sisters are sending parcels forward. Some time ago Mr. Story held a lantern lecture in chapel. All auxiliaries are functioning well, and senior boys of Bible school propose to form a "Young Explorers' Club." Older girls intend to form a "Good Companions' Club." The church is commemorating 47th anniversary.

Our reporter from Inglewood, W.A., states that a Bible school has been started at Morely Park with about 30 scholars, both Inglewood teachers giving service at both places. On Aug. 5 A. McRoberts gave morning address, and in evening young people contributed to a successful meeting. Newly-formed young people's choir made first appearance, and E. Sherman gave the main address. On Aug. 12, while preacher was at Northam anniversary, D. Hammer was morning speaker and L. Peacock conducted gospel service. After a fine address a young lady decided for Christ. Ladies' Guild has made many garments for aborigines. Church has unanimously asked E. Sherman at conclusion of present five years of happy service to continue for a further two years.

Work at Hindmarsh, S.A., continues healthy. Two car loads of garments, etc., were gathered for UNRRA—a wonderful response from church and auxiliaries. Children in S.S. examination did well. John Allan gained 100 marks and Margaret Magor 99. Albert Harding has been home on leave. Several members have been in hospital for treatment, but all with exception of Mr. Whitford are home again. There was good response at recent social for organ appeal, and a splendid gathering at thanksgiving service on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. with parade of Protestant institutions. Two representatives of these assisted J. E. Shipway in service. An enlarged choir sang splendidly. It is expected that teams will play cricket and tennis again during coming season. Auxiliaries of church are proceeding satisfactorily.

From Swan Hill (Vic.), where he is teaming with K. A. Macnaughtan in youth and evangelistic work, W. W. Saunders writes: "We are having good times in the children's meetings at which an average of 119 has been in attendance each school day to date. Our experience in these meetings is proving that our equipment is limited and incomplete without a movie projector. Some few weeks ago we appealed for the possessor of a movie projector to make it available to us for use in this work. No response was made. It has been suggested that owners of projectors may have received the impression that a loan of the machine was requested. We wish to correct that impression and intimate that it was our intention to purchase a projector if anyone would make it available. We appeal again for some brother in the church, who owns a projector and who uses it only at rare intervals for pleasure, to make it available to us that it might be put to constant use in the interests of the kingdom of our Lord."

At Burwood, N.S.W., attendances at morning services have been maintained; 131 broke bread on Aug. 19; 20 more at evening service. P. E. Thomas, of Marrickville, was speaker on morning of Aug. 12, and Dr. Roy Millar, home on leave from N.G., spoke on 19th, both being much appreciated. The church has also welcomed home on leave G. Marley, from North Queensland; K. H. Wakeley, from N.G.; and Ruth Taylor, from Wagga. Other Servicemen present during recent meetings included A.C.1 R. Jarvis, of Maylands, S.A., and L/C. Len Smith, from Brooklyn Park, S.A. 101 attended united youth fellowship tea on same date, when Principal H. J. Patterson was speaker. Representatives were present in good number from local youth groups. The preacher, D. Wakeley, led thanksgiving service on Aug. 15, which took the place of usual prayer meeting. Bible class celebrated third birthday on Aug. 17, when several excellent items were presented, including an original song by president, Ken Taylor, and a poem by Jean Noakes, both of considerable merit. As a result of special efforts the Bible class is now able to present the church over £50 for purchase of a piano. 17 sat in recent examination and 15 passed. Verlie Piper in Division 5 gained highest marks,

with 95. Mrs. Cundill, of Perth, W.A., was a visitor on Aug. 19.

## ADDRESS

A. H. Pratt (preacher Hamilton church, Vic.),  
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## DEATHS

GORE.—On Aug. 11, at her residence, 64 Fairford-st., Unley, S.A., Sarah Santo, dearly loved wife of the late Thomas Jefferson Gore.

JACKSON, J. Barclay.—A tribute of loving esteem to our beloved brother, who fell asleep in Jesus, Sunday, Aug. 26, 1945. For 15 years secretary of Lygon-st. church of Christ. A faithful servant of his Lord, a gentle Christian, a loving friend of all.

—Inserted by officers and members of Lygon-st. church.

## IN MEMORIAM

BROWN.—In loving memory of my dear sister Emily, who passed away on Aug. 28, 1944; also her dear husband, who passed away March 23, 1944. For ever in my thoughts.

—Inserted by her loving sister, Rose Cantwell.

DOWELL, Thomas William.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandpa, passed away Aug. 28, 1944.

Just a token of remembrance,

A memory fond and true.

—Inserted by daughter Lily, son-in-law Bill, and grandchildren Joan and Elaine.

LIGHTOWLERS.—In loving memory of John, passed to the higher life on Aug. 27, 1933; loved husband of Ethel and loving father of Alma, Irene, Dorothy, Jessie and Phyl.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus."

SILVER.—In memory of my brother-in-law, Henry D. Silver, who passed away Sept. 7, 1944. "Uncle."

—Inserted by Ida M. Potgieter.

SEWELL.—In fond remembrance of dear mother, who passed away Aug. 31, 1944. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

—Inserted by Florence and Frank Clough, Hamilton.

SEWELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandpa, who passed away at Coburg, Aug. 31, 1944.

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest."

—Inserted by her family and grandchildren.



# News of the Churches

## Queensland

**Boonah.**—On Aug. 12 Jack McCormick gave morning address. Young Worshippers' League has been formed under leadership of Mrs. Anzac Muller. Bible school has sent donations to Norseman aborigine mission, milk for India fund, and Queensland Y.P.D. toward camp site. Retiring offering for Soldiers' Help Society on Aug. 19 amounted to £2.

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—On Aug. 5 H. Nichols was morning speaker and H. Greenwood in evening. Attendances, 176 and 96. Mrs. Woolfe was received into fellowship. On Aug. 12 F. Hunting was morning speaker and Mr. Crawshaw, of Mission to Lepers, in evening. Literature and publicity offering amounted to £10. V-P thanksgiving was held on Aug. 15. Conference president V. Boettcher was speaker. On Aug. 19 Chap-General A. Brooke was speaker at both services. Attendance, 216 morning, 142 evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hunting and family have been holidaying at Caloundra. D. Stocks, R.A.A.F., is home on leave.

**Maryborough.**—Meetings continue to be well attended, average attendance at Lord's table for past five weeks being 51; 65 broke bread on July 22. B. O'Hanlon and Sister Deighton have returned to their homes from hospital. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors. A pleasant social evening was held on July 27. Ladies' Guild held a successful floral afternoon on Aug. 2. H. C. Spratt presided at annual meeting of B. & F. Bible Society on July 18. J. Ingham and H. J. Wiltshire preached at services on July 29. Mr. Haley addressed a united C.E. meeting held in chapel on Aug. 11. H. E. Spratt assisted at united thanksgiving service held in town hall on Aug. 16. There were good attendances at thanksgiving services on Aug. 19; 64 broke bread for day. Sympathy is extended to relatives of late Sister E. Laing, who passed away on July 24. Well attended meetings continue to be held fortnightly at Urraween.

## Western Australia

**Bassendean.**—Orange and flower Sunday was celebrated by both intermediate and junior societies visiting "Eventide" old ladies' home in morning, and by older representatives of societies going to Perth hospital in afternoon. Services have been well attended for month. On July 29 Geof. Whiting, from Wembley, gave an appreciated message to church. A combined meeting was held at Bassendean town hall to render thanksgiving on V-P Day. Bible school has recommenced house system, which is progressing steadily and keenly contested by scholars. Girls' Club is preparing for sale of work. Ladies' Guild has sent a parcel of socks for Woolooloo, and has handed in a large parcel of clothing for UNRRA. Frank Butcher has obtained a discharge from R.A.A.F., and was welcomed into fellowship again. Norm. Woods, of Navy, has had fellowship with church, and has rendered great service in teaching in Bible school. Bible school anniversary is being planned. The work is in happy condition.

**Palmyra.**—The church gave Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowe a social and presentation on eve of their departure to Latham. Band of Hope held first anniversary on Aug. 13. Children presented a good programme under direction of Mrs. W. H. Nightingale, superintendent. C. H. Hunt, of Fremantle, delivered an address which gripped attention. Three more young

folk were added to growing Bible class on Aug. 19. On that day the preacher conducted thanksgiving services for V-P and to seek guidance for tasks ahead.

**Harvey.**—On July 20 Methodist young people spent a happy evening with Youth Fellowship Club. The church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Fryer, of Meckering, who at an early date will make their home in Perth. In absence of L. Roesner and Mr. Bamford, who visited Bridgetown for morning service, M. Livingstone spoke. Mr. Bamford returned for evening service. On Aug. 12 Mr. Hicks, of Bunbury, spoke at both services, Mr. Bamford being on presidential duties. On V-P Day, after attending local thanksgiving service, ladies of church enjoyed an afternoon given by Anglican ladies.

**Cottesloe.**—Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammer on Aug. 7 told of their mission work. They were en route to Carnarvon. A number of scholars sat for examination. School is preparing for anniversary. W/O's Norm Grant and Bob Kidner (R.A.A.F.) have returned from England, where they have been for some time. H. Vawser is rendering appreciated service at weekly gospel meetings in absence of a regular preacher. Ladies' Aid recently held a social in aid of home and F.M. work. Kindergarten collected nearly £6 for Indian orphan support. Bible school recently sent £14/10/- for Dhond Hospital. Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday following V-P Day.

**Perth.**—An impressive thanksgiving service was held on evening of V-P day. Each attendant was handed a souvenir order of service. On morning of Aug. 19 Jack Ewers, following baptism, was welcomed into membership. Mr. and Mrs. Loveridge, by transfer from Wembley, and Mrs. Bruce, from Collie, were also received. Mr. Robinson spoke at both services. Evening meeting was broadcast. Increased attendance sang heartily many favorite hymns. Afterwards in church hall a social hour was enjoyed. R. Elliott (North Perth) screened natural color moving pictures of Great Barrier Reef. Welcome was extended to V. Conigrave, Frank Ewers, R. Blackman, R. Ellis, K. Povey, T. Kingman after absence in Forces. Supper was served.

## South Australia

**Semaphore.**—Women's Mission Band held monthly meeting on Aug. 7; Mrs. Searle was speaker. Girls' Club held a social evening to raise funds for UNRRA, realising £8. The 35th anniversary of church was held on Aug. 12, tea and public meeting on 14th, young people's and thanksgiving service on 16th, and final services on 19th. J. E. Webb, of Mile End church, was speaker at all but one of the services, when W. L. Ewers gave the address. The meetings were well attended, and the messages appreciated. Bible school is preparing for anniversary.

**Murray Bridge.**—Return of peace was marked by special services of thanksgiving conducted by preacher, Allan Cremin. At annual business meeting a constitution was discussed and adopted. W. Harper and L. Fitzgerald were elected elders and F. Mitchell (secretary). A. Coote, D. Butler, A. Page, D. Dix and C. Harper were deacons. C. Grundy was elected morning organist; Sister Marion Mobbs night organist, and Doug. Butler assistant. Other officers appointed or re-appointed were Allan Harper, agent for church papers; Lin Fitzgerald, Bible school superintendent; leader of the Girl Companions, Mrs. E. Brake.

**Prospect.**—Bible school anniversary services were held on Aug. 19. Mr. Cave (Dulwich) exhorted church. In afternoon the chapel was full, and young people rendered choral items. S. Riches gave address. Items were given by

juniors and kinders. I. Durdin, on behalf of school, presented A. Roberts with a baton for services as conductor of choir. A. E. Brown spoke in evening, when a large crowd gathered. Thanksgiving services were held on Aug. 16; about 100 attended. Of 61 young men and women on service from church, two made the supreme sacrifice and three are prisoners of war. News from those on service shows all are well.

**Cheltenham.**—At church annual business meeting on Aug. 15, reports were cheering. A vote of thanks was minuted, with names written in, to each retiring office-bearer. Henceforth elections are to be annual. Elders, deacons and deaconesses were appointed, with H. S. Watkins, secretary; A. S. Stewart, treasurer, and L. Kappler and C. G. Vincent, auditors. Carried that the church assume full responsibility for Bible school, and that official board appoint school officers, and staff, on behalf of church. Eight of twelve entrants won certificates at scripture examinations. Peace messages were appreciated from Chaplain N. G. Noble on Aug. 19.

**Mile End.**—During J. E. Webb's absence conducting special services at Semaphore, G. Stirling and W. L. Ewers gave appreciated addresses. Mr. and Mrs. K. Averay, from Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. Lane and Sister Frearson, from Cowandilla; and Mr. and Mrs. Stirling have been welcomed into fellowship in recent weeks. On Aug. 19, thanksgiving services were held, speakers being J. E. Webb in morning and G. R. Stirling in evening. Anniversary of Women's Mission Band was a splendid success. Mrs. Webb presided over gathering of 90 ladies. Mrs. Crowe was soloist, and speaker Miss Kate Cox, of Brighton Babies' Home. K.S.P. Club recently had an enjoyable visit from Cowandilla chapter, and also had a social evening to which friends were invited. Church mortgage has been reduced by another £115, and now stands at £760.

**Unley.**—Sunday school held a social on Aug. 17, which was well attended by scholars and parents and opportunity was taken to welcome the preacher, his wife and four children, all enrolled in Sunday school. With deepest regret members learned of the death of Mrs. T. J. Gore at the age of 94 years. She and her late husband were well known throughout our Australian brotherhood. The sweet influence of the life of our late sister through messages and flowers will be missed, but the fragrance of her memory will remain. A successful social afternoon was organised by Ladies' Mission Band on Aug. 22, when relatives of Service men and women met for afternoon tea and listened to a talk by Mr. Norris on how to help our Service men and women on their return. Thanksgiving services were held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings when peace was declared, and continued on Aug. 19. C.E. anniversary services on Aug. 25 and 26 were successful. G. Stirling gave a splendid talk on Saturday evening to a good audience of young people. Special singing was rendered by C.E. choir and male quartette. B. W. Manning spoke at morning meeting on 26th, and H. G. Norris in evening, when young people assisted. Recently young people enjoyed a social evening with Mr. Stirling, and a Christian Youth Fellowship group was launched. Tennis club is to be re-formed and a team entered in C. of C. Association. Frank Nankivell gained second prize in Div. 7 of scripture examinations; five scholars gained certificates of merit and seven certificates.

## New South Wales

**Kingsford.**—On July 29 Mr. Morton gave an inspiring message in morning and Mr. McMillan preached at night. On Aug. 5, at gospel service, one young girl made the good confession. On Aug. 12 Mr. Stevens, of Enmore church, spoke in morning. Mr. Shepherd gave an inspiring address at night. Mr. Greenhalgh, of Youth Department, addressed church on Aug. 19. Mr. Reed was the preacher at night.



**Bowral.**—Splendid meetings are being held. E. C. Hinrichsen's messages are much appreciated. Practically every member breaks bread each Sunday, and all departments are working happily. Members regret that permission to erect a building has not yet been granted.

**Paddington.**—Thanksgiving services were well attended. R. Wilson gave earnest messages at both services on Aug. 19. There was a fine attendance at a very enjoyable banquet given to Bible school scholars on Aug. 17. One of the teachers, John Dean, was married on 18th to Miss Dulcie Button, of Marrickville Bible school. Good wishes go with them in their future.

**South Auburn.**—Services on Aug. 12 were addressed by R. Wilson, of Paddington, and E. Davis, and on Aug. 19 by W. Youngusband and Mr. Murphy, of Marrickville. Victory celebrations commenced with largely attended service of thanksgiving at war memorial. At 8 p.m. on V-P Day in chapel, a good many assembled for thanksgiving, Mr. Davis conducting. Thanksgiving continued on the Sunday, when floral decorations, prayers, singing and message re-echoed the glad tidings of peace.

**Marrickville.**—Thanksgiving services were held on Aug. 12, 15 and 19, choir rendering special anthems. Dulcie Button, superintendent J.C.E. and kindergarten teacher, was married on Aug. 18 to John Dean, of Paddington church. At a pre-wedding social on Aug. 11, they were presented with a cheque on behalf of church by Mr. Thomas, who expressed the esteem in which they are both held. A lady responded to invitation at gospel service on Aug. 19. Pte. Marge Dunster, of Lismore, who has been attending services whilst stationed in Sydney, has been selected for service in P.O.W. hospital in Singapore.

**Lismore.**—Some members of Ladies' Guild spent an afternoon packing clothes for UNRRA. Members of local Baptist guild paid a visit to our guild and took charge of meeting. A successful coin afternoon was held at manse. Members of C.E. held a social evening to say farewell to Miss E. Robinson prior to her leaving for Sydney. Mr. Cunningham made a small presentation on behalf of Endeavorers. A gift from church was also presented to her at morning meeting. Mr. Cunningham was speaker at one of the united thanksgiving services on proclaiming of peace. A successful hike was held for Sunday school scholars on Aug. 18. Recent visitors have included Pte. McGregor and Sgt. Alan Rossiter, of A.I.F., and A.C.1 Ray Campbell, of R.A.A.F., all home on leave.

**Bexley North.**—On Aug. 4, cricket club held a social evening, raising sufficient to purchase a £10 kit. Over 100 were present. J. Henderson spoke at both services on Aug. 5, which commenced youth month in celebration of 15 years since Bible school was commenced here. On Aug. 9, girls of physical culture class gave a display and football team gave an item. R. Greenhalgh spoke to church on Aug. 12, at direction of elders and deacons, calling members to an 8 to 11 p.m. prayer meeting on Aug. 18. This proved a great success, and a time of heart-searching and inspiration. On Aug. 19 W. C. Roffey, first Bible school superintendent, presided at communion, when 40 broke bread. J. Henderson spoke to crowded meeting at night, when Bible school presented Children's Day overseas mission dialogue.

## Tasmania

**Devonport.**—A wave of sickness has swept membership recently; several have spent periods in hospital. Sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. R. Pitt in a succession of misfortunes. Mrs. Pitt is the latest addition to hospital list. Sickness and resultant isolation have affected attendances and teaching staff. School has begun practice for anniversary. In an efficiency campaign interest is good; girls have slight lead. Mission Band is doing good work in assisting deserving appeals.

**Hobart (Collins-st.).**—Inspiring thanksgiving service with a splendid gathering was held in chapel on Aug. 13, conducted by Mr. Hughes. Choir sang an anthem. At night church tea meeting was held, every member being invited. This was followed by half-yearly business meeting. At Mission Band fellowship tea and annual meeting on Aug. 19 speaker was Tom Street, former missionary at Derby, W.A., home on Army leave. Some Collins-st. members, including choir, visited West Hobart silver jubilee on Aug. 18. Choir sang two anthems. Miss Kath Kingston is now home from hospital, greatly improved in health.

## Victoria

**Middle Park.**—Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of Mrs. Potter. Good addresses were enjoyed from Messrs. Cartmel and Randall on Aug. 19. Interest is maintained at midweek meetings, at which Mr. Randall continues addresses on book of Revelation.

**Fairfield.**—On night of Aug. 16, a thanksgiving service was conducted by K. Patterson. During absence of Mr. Patterson in N.S.W., meetings on last two Sundays were conducted by Mr. Roberts and D. Cartmel, both of the college. In recent scripture examinations two scholars of Bible school secured prizes.

**St. Arnaud.**—On Aug. 19 Mr. Quirk, of Mont Albert, gave morning address. W. Baldwin has been welcomed home on leave, and has assisted at morning services, Mr. Sandercock and A. Chiswell giving evening addresses. Owing to weather Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been unable to be present at services during recent weeks.

**South Richmond.**—On Aug 19 there was a good attendance at gospel service. After a forceful address by N. Gavros a young lady confessed Christ. On Aug. 26, in absence of N. Gavros, meetings were conducted by D. Grant and G. Thomas. Recently-formed Junior Boys' Club is making progress, and has been a help toward increasing Sunday school attendance.

**Geelong.**—On Aug. 24, C.E. arranged a kitchen tea in honor of Miss O. Thomas, late secretary of society, whose marriage is to take place shortly. On Aug. 25, Sports Club held a social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Drayton. At morning service on Aug. 26, Norman Jeffries, R.A.A.F., gave a helpful address to church. At gospel meeting Mr. Stirling spoke to a good congregation.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Services on Aug. 26 were well attended. C. G. Taylor was speaker at all meetings. Evening service was broadcast; Mrs. C. G. Taylor soloist. Sunday being orange and violet day, many were brought, and afterwards given to Carlton Home. Sympathy is with Mrs. J. B. Jackson and Joan in the passing of J. Barclay Jackson. Mrs. McKean was present last Sunday after long illness. Ian, on leave, was welcomed at fellowship.

**Ascot Vale.**—Dave Gardiner (home on leave) addressed evening service on Aug. 5. Mrs. Gardiner sang a solo. Women's Auxiliary held successful afternoon on Aug. 21. Lieut. Cross (Salvation Army) was speaker, Mrs. Buttriss soloist. Over £6 was raised from sale of goods. On Aug. 26 Will Brown was back after illness. Mrs. Easy, Mrs. Moncur, Mrs. White and Miss N. McCallum are still sick. J.C.E. took oranges and violets to new Melbourne Hospital on Aug. 26.

**West Preston.**—There was an excellent attendance at communion service on Aug. 19, when Mr. Withers was speaker. At gospel service one young lady made the good confession. Recently a social evening was tendered Miss Evelyn Stevens and Ray Box, when presentations were made on behalf of members of church and Girls' Club. The two young people were married on Aug. 18, Mr. Withers officiating. In absence of Mr. Withers assisting a country church on Aug. 26, T. Westwood addressed both meetings.

**Warrnambool.**—F. T. Morgan spoke at both services on Aug. 4, and his messages were appreciated. T. V. Weir has been re-elected president of Western District C.E. Union. Bible school attendances have been adversely affected by sickness; Ron Weir is in hospital. Church by sickness; Ron Weir is in hospital. Church has made substantial gifts to UNRRA. Les Le Couteur had the misfortune to break his leg and is in hospital. Y.P. Fellowship and J.C.E. are increasing in membership.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—Attendances at meetings on Aug. 19 and 26 were very encouraging. In absence of Mr. Buckingham, who is conducting a mission in Shepparton, evening services were taken by R. Ennis and L. Williams respectively, who gave inspiring gospel addresses. The church has accepted with great regret the resignation of its preacher, F. E. Buckingham, who has been appointed field representative of Social Service Department. His ministry with the church, which has been a most happy and successful one over a period of six and a half years, will terminate in November.

**Pahran.**—Cottage prayer meetings have commenced in homes of members. Recently-formed Mothers' Fellowship, held monthly for interesting mothers of S.S. children who are not connected with church, is proving very successful. Speaker last month was Miss Anne Dreyer, of Kindergarten of the Air. A fortnight of special services on theme, "The Kingdom of God," recently conducted by Mr. Burt, assisted by Mr. Lang, of the college, as song-leader, proved helpful and instructive. Thanks are extended to all who assisted with messages of song. Over £20 has been contributed voluntarily by members towards cost of a new brick fence for front of church building.

**Frankston.**—Mr. Hagger took part in five thanksgiving services within shire. An impressive service was held in chapel on Aug. 16, T. Hagger conducting. On Aug. 19, F. T. Saunders spoke in morning, A. J. McKenzie at night. Many visitors were present. T. Hagger conducted services at French Island. Solos have been enjoyed from Miss D. McLearn, G. Barnett and J. McKenzie. Young people's evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts, Moorooduc, was enjoyed. Young people have formed a Frankston-Moorooduc fellowship movement. On Aug. 24 a service was held at Mornington in home of Mrs. Kilburn. On Aug. 26 T. Hagger spoke at both services. Hymns of P. P. Bliss were a feature of evening service. School had record attendance of 99.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Splendid interest and attendances are manifest in all departments. Miss Marjorie Buckingham, Valerie Potts, Beverley Grenfell won first, second and third prizes respectively in S.S. examination. Average attendance at Bible school for July, 267. Boys' Explorer Club best attendance, 41. Bible study and prayer fellowship, 32 present. Sunday services are encouraging and well attended. On Aug. 19, 169 broke bread. During month one young man was received by faith and obedience. Addresses of R. L. Williams are appreciated. Literature Committee offering was £3/4/4; social service, £18/7/6. A fine spirit prevails. Mr. Miles and Sister Donaldson are improving after serious illness.

**Hamilton.**—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Forbes have journeyed to Melbourne. Mr. Forbes stood the journey very well, and is reported to be improving in health. Prior to their departure, the church made them a presentation, but owing to the state of Mr. Forbes' health, this could not be made a public function. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pratt, of Ringwood, have been made available for an interim ministry, and have taken up residence at Hamilton. Mr. Pratt preached at both services on Aug. 19, good attendances appreciating the messages.



Members of Forces were present. At an after-church fellowship at close of evening service, opportunity was taken to make acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, and representatives of other churches assisted in welcome. Thanksgiving for peace was observed at both services.

**Footscray.**—Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on Aug. 14. Thanksgiving services were well attended on Aug. 19. Cpl. Marj Shaw is an inmate of Heidelberg Military Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. G. Swalwell and family are transferring to Dimboola.

**Hartwell.**—At W.M.B. meeting for August Mrs. Ledger, of Chaplaincy Committee, was speaker, and ladies brought gifts. Heather Butler and Olive Laird gained second prizes in examination. Cricket Club held a successful house-party on Aug. 18, and at annual meeting on Aug. 21 A. E. Hancock was re-elected president. Thanksgiving service was held on V-P night. J. I. Mudford spoke and choir rendered an anthem. On Aug. 19, Bible classes in district held a combined meeting in chapel. Capt. Gouty spoke on church's part in community welfare. A tea was held, and at gospel service a young lady confessed Christ. Lieut. Len Butler is home on leave. On Aug. 24 an evening was held in honor of May Jenkins and Harold Taylor in view of their marriage. Presentations were made on behalf of church and Bible school, Good Companions and J.C.E.

**Bentleigh.**—Visiting speakers during last six weeks have been appreciated. Morning attendances have been very good, and work is progressing favorably. Offerings have also improved. Mr. Miles is back after a long time spent with Forces. Mr. Winstone is in Heidelberg Military Hospital. In Bible school examinations Pat Hodson received first prize in Division 4; Lorraine Spence fourth prize in Division 3. There were two honors, four merits and five passes. R. Burns gave an illustrated address on evening of Aug. 15 on Sudan United Mission work. It being V-P day, this was combined with thanksgiving for peace. Mr. Anderson has been helping to arrange mission at Swan Hill. Morris Keatch, from Mile End, S.A., was a visitor on evening of Aug. 19 and sang a solo. On Aug. 12, at 3 p.m., F. N. Lee addressed newly-formed Christian Men's Society.

**Mildura.**—Attendances at all services are improving. On Aug. 3 Women's Mission Band held an at home in aid of Christian Guest Home. Mrs. Ward, of Social Service Committee, was guest speaker. On Aug. 5, at close of gospel service, the confession was made by a mother of three Sunday school children. Later the same evening Jim O'Neil, returned P.O.W., received a warm welcome home. He related to interested listeners some of his experiences. Mr. and Mrs. McAlister have been received by letter from Boort, and their daughter Isobel from Balwyn. Thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 19, Mr. Hughes, M.L.A., being speaker in morning, L. Snow in evening. There were good attendances. E. Thorn, A.W.A.S., is home on leave. Mrs. Ketner has returned to Mildura to be with her parents, after absence of some years. Mrs. Davies, sen., is making good progress after operation in Base Hospital. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of B. Jenkins.

**Northcote.**—At annual business meeting of church, the following facts were disclosed: By faith and baptism 6; letter of transfer, 11; total 17 added to membership. £1333/9/5, including £100/1/4 for C.F.A., was received through offerings during year. £512/4/9, or 38 per cent., was given to brotherhood departments. There was average of 163 at communion and 155 at Bible school. £27/15/- was raised by Women's Mission Band and Ladies' Class, £27/11/- for various appeals.

Y.P.S.C.E. gave £6/7/- for others, including £5 for Dhond Hospital. At J.C.E. there was average attendance of 18, who gave £2/17/6 for sundry appeals. K.S.P. has active membership of 26, and of these 18 are members of church. Active membership of P.B.P. is 27, and they raised £11/5/- for brotherhood appeals, including £6/5/- for Dhond Hospital. In I.C.E. a fine group of young people is being trained. Dr. Hinrichsen and T. Gracie were elected to eldership and R. Anderson (secretary), A. Brownrigg (treasurer), C. Arnold, G. Flynn, W. Hill, L. Long and W. McCallum were elected deacons. W. T. Atkin is still faithfully serving as preacher while church is trying to make suitable housing arrangements for his successor, W. G. Graham.

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11 a.m., Mr. Dethune. 3 p.m., Mr. E. C. Harris.  
7 p.m., Mr. L. Brooker.  
SEPTEMBER 9—  
11 a.m., Mr. R. Burns. 3 p.m., Mr. Stan Giles.  
7 p.m., Mr. T. A. Fitzgerald.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 1945.  
3.30 p.m., Mr. F. Prescott, "The Jew, his Past and Future."  
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All welcome. Hear God's word and sing his praises.

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Reserve the date.

## COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7.—Swanston-st. lecture hall, 2 p.m., Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council will meet. Leader of devotions, Mrs. J. Hancock. Spacke, Mrs. Bright Parker, Youth Problems of To-day Committee.

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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Balmoral Ave., SPRINGVALE.  
**BIBLE SCHOOL FOURTH ANNIVERSARY,**  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, 1945.

3 p.m., bright singing by scholars. Presentation of prizes to kinders. Special address. Speaker, Mr. J. K. Bond.  
7 p.m., special gospel service. More bright singing by scholars. Illustrated address. Speaker, Mr. L. Brooker.  
Everybody welcome. Come.

## C O N C E R T

**NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,**  
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Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 503, "Search me, O God, my actions try."

Prayer.—"O God of infinite mercy and boundless majesty, whom no distance can part from those for whom thou carest, be present to thy servants who everywhere confide in thee, and through all the way in which they are to go be pleased to be their Guide and Companion. May no adversity harm them, no difficulty be too great for them. This we ask in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen."

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 19: 1-6.

Prayer Session (extempore)—

Prayer of thanksgiving for the cessation of hostilities.

Prayer of remembrance for the bereaved.

Prayer of supplication for the wounded—physically, mentally and spiritually.

Prayer of penitence for the sins which bring about wars.

Prayer for guidance for those who will direct the affairs of the nations in the days of reconstruction.

Prayer for those whom we called our enemies.

Prayer for the church of the living God, that in these days of opportunities she may be true.

Prayer by Leader.—"O God, who hast given unto us an empire upon which the sun never sets, may we as a nation have grace so to live, both at home and abroad, that we may glorify thy holy name, and may be worthy members of this great earthly kingdom, for thine honor and glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 489, "Now I resolve with all my heart."

Meditation—

"Like the straightness of the pine-trees  
Let me upright be."

In the Bible there are many references to the upright, and for our devotional meditation we shall quote a few of these to-day.

After each quotation is read, let us pause and think of the implication of the words.

Leader—

"The perverse is an abomination to the Lord,  
But his friendship is with the upright."  
(Prov. 3: 32)

"Among the upright there is good-will."  
(Prov. 14: 9)

"Rejoice in Jehovah, O ye righteous,  
Praise is comely for the upright."  
(Psalm 33: 1)

"Jehovah giveth wisdom;  
Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding;  
He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright."  
(Prov. 2: 6, 7)

"Who can discern his errors?  
Cleanse thou me from hidden faults,  
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;  
Let them not have dominion over me:  
Then shall I be upright."  
(Psalm 19: 12, 13)

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah;  
But the prayer of the upright is his delight."  
(Prov. 15: 8)

Prayer.—Help us to remember that—  
"Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever;  
And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."  
(Hebrews 1: 8)

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 176, "O Spirit of the living God."

Business Session—

Minutes.

Roll Call.

Correspondence.

Home Base News.

Missionary Letter.

Solo.

Address.—"Christians in the Class \*Struggle."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 428, "O gracious Father of mankind."

Prayer.—"Among all thy gifts, O God, we would not be ungrateful for our daily work. We are often weary, and think we should like to rest our tired bodies and minds. But we know how soon there comes back to us the need of labor that keeps us in sympathy with all the world of effort and hope. We thank thee, dear Father, for our daily work. But we want always to do our work with the sense of thy companionship. We should like to work with thee at the good and great tasks of the kingdom of heaven. Make us co-laborers with God, and our lives shall be complete. Amen." ("Daily Altar.")

Benediction.



## EXECUTIVE NOTES

### VICTORIA

As the month of August has been set aside for the aborigine living link appeal, an appropriate address was given on August 3 by Miss Sandland, honorary secretary of United Aborigine Mission. Miss P. Ludbrook led devotional session.

Mrs. W. Nankivell and Mrs. C. G. Taylor have filled vacancies in the missionary department.

The Victorian Women's Inter-church Council has prepared a leaflet entitled "A Post-war Career in the Church for Me?" which they are endeavoring to place in the hands of all church girls now in the Services. The council feels that if there are those who have felt the call to do church work in one of its many branches and would like to train for such work, the churches are ready to guide and help them.

### QUEENSLAND

Mr. C. Trudgian, superintendent of City Mission, gave an interesting address at Women's Conference Executive on August 2, when 29 members were present.

Minutes of the Federal Conference were read. It was decided to send £10 to Lismore for members who suffered through recent floods.

The meeting closed with prayer by president, Mrs. Lade.

### TASMANIA

The president, Mrs. Hughes, presided at August meeting of executive, and Mrs. Watkins led devotional session. Splendid reports were given by all superintendents.

Dorcas societies at Margaret-st., Invermay, Caveside, West Hobart and Collins-st. report garments prepared for UNRRA, also sewing and knitting done for "Bethany" Boys' Home and Norseman mission.

Mrs. Tease gave an interesting talk on "Women's Work in Queensland."

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

At Sisters' Auxiliary meeting at Grote-st. on August 3, 79 delegates were present. Mrs. C. Verec presided over business session.

It was announced that Mr. C. G. Taylor would be speaker at evening session of conference.

It was decided to send a letter of appreciation to Miss Messent for her work among girls in Services.

Three hundred books have been sent to Children's Hospital, Home for Crippled Children (Glenelg), Comforts Fund, Navy and Sunset Lodge. It was reported that, before the end of August, 188 tons of clothing would be required for UNRRA from South Australia.

Mrs. Riches addressed the meeting, telling of the work among aborigines of Norseman and Carnarvon, W.A.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The president, Mrs. Digwood, presided over July meeting, which was attended by 72 delegates.

Devotional session was led by sisters of Shenton Park church.

An appeal was received from Social Service Department for clothing for UNRRA. Mrs. Moyle (Dorcas superintendent) was appointed to take charge of this work.

The president represented Women's Conference at a united rally at annual State Congress of Salvation Army. She also visited Northam, Narembeen, Corrigin and Bruce Rock.

Women's Conference is planning district rallies. These will commence in mornings with devotions and a general talk of interest to women, followed by discussion and questions. After basket lunch there will be an afternoon meeting with visiting speaker.

Members were urged to start working for "Bethesda" fete, which will be held shortly in the hospital grounds.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

A good attendance came to hear Miss Eileen Woodward, associate secretary National Missionary Council of Australia, who gave an address on work of the council at overseas rally held on Aug. 3. Mrs. D. Wakeley presided, and led devotional session. Miss Smith gave an appropriate recitation. Over £100 was brought in, but this is a long way short of commitments. Some societies were unable to take the offering so early in the year, and will forward collections later. Mr. Paternoster, F.M. secretary, and Mrs. Day, overseas superintendent, spoke briefly.



### MRS. C. C. S. RUSH

WITH the passing of Mrs. C. Rush, the Women's Conference of New South Wales have lost a loved friend and leader. Mrs. Rush served the conference as president, superintendent of catering committee, and programme supervisor. Her talents were given freely in the service of the church. Her judgment was always wise, and her council was sought even after she had to give up active work through ill-health.



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