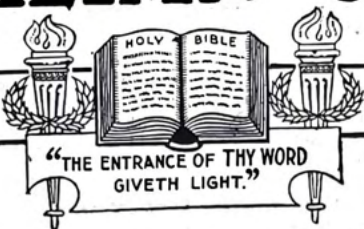


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Lost Opportunities

C. H. J. Wright, preacher of Blackburn church, Victoria, requests that Christian ideals be applied to world problems to win the peace.

OPPORTUNITY has been represented by a human figure with hair falling over its face and wings upon its feet. We do not recognise opportunity as it approaches, and once it has passed us it moves so quickly that we cannot overtake it.

There are three things that never return—the spoken word, the sped arrow, and the lost opportunity. Yet while the lost opportunity never returns, if we learn our lesson we shall not lose the next one. Let us recall one or two historical situations in which unprepared minds and undisciplined lives have been responsible for the tragedy of lost chances. Let us recall these without prejudice that we may prevent bungling in the future.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

Half a century ago, Professor Henry Drummond urged the churches in Great Britain and America to send their best missionaries to Japan. Japan's remarkable birth and growth as a civilised nation provided the chance of the centuries. Japan freely selected patterns for efficiency in national life from other countries. A pattern for her army from Germany; for her navy from Great Britain; for education from America, while France provided her with a pattern for her laws. She copied the Western nations in most things, but this was the tragedy. Her leaders agreed that some sort of religion was necessary, yet somehow they could not be persuaded that the Christian religion would be adequate to sustain advancing humanity. The seamless robe of Christ was in tatters. There was no unity. Although these Western powers professed Christianity, in life and conduct they denied the spirit of Christ, and so the chance was lost. Returned missionaries from Japan have told us that their attempts to bring Japanese to the place of commitment to the Christian faith were frequently replied to in this manner, "Japan's great need is for unity, but if we accept Christianity we shall be divided into opposing sects and our unity will be destroyed." So Japan turned within and developed a nationalism calling for a fanatical devotion and sacrifice of which we have abundant illustration.

If we had been more alive to our opportunities, more faithful in our representation of Christ, this present holocaust in the Pacific might have been avoided. Yet there is slight evidence that any guilt has been acknowledged.

In Tokio Henry Drummond asked a group of Japanese Christian leaders for any message

he could convey from them. Their spokesman replied, "Tell them to send us one six thousand dollar missionary rather than ten thousand dollar missionaries." But the opportunity was unheeded. We lost our chance. We weren't big enough in our outlook or enterprising in our faith. We might never get another opportunity like that; the recent onslaught against Japan has produced a reaction that will make any missionary enterprise in Japan in the future a thousand times more difficult than many seem to realise at present.

But there is a lesson to learn from this awful mistake, a lesson that is staring us in the face. India! China! Never were these countries more open to the evangel of Christ. In 1943 a million inhabitants of Bengal died of famine; India's present economic distress is well known. Unless something is done for India, she will be enveloped in a sea of misery compared with which the famine of 1943 will be nothing. It is said to-day that China's government has the most Christian leadership of any nation in the world; whole-hearted believers in the gospel are at the head of her government. Surely these two countries would welcome ambassadors for Christ, but they will want and will need "six thousand dollar" men, men inspired by him who is the true light of men, first-class brains united with first-class characters who are more concerned with making a life than in making a living; men who really understand the tremendous implications of the Christian gospel. God make us big enough in our outlook to seize this golden opportunity!

1918-1945?

So much depends on what we make out of our present opportunities. Every sensitive heart is crying, "There must be no more war. We must not fall this time to win the peace." World War II, surpassed World War I, in bestiality, and we dare not even think of what World War III, would be like. If we fall this time, how could we bear the accusing glance of our children who would become the victims of our shameful failure? Any decent man now is compelled to serve the cause of peace, and to serve it intelligently, to do all within his power to outlaw war.

There was a great opportunity at the end of World War I, to win the peace. The Allies won that war, too, and failed to win the peace. Why was the war to end war in vain? The methods of 1918 will not do us in 1945 if we are to have a world organised

for peace and goodwill and not for war. Surely we must realise now that war never ends war. Peace shall not be won by the forces of coercion but by the powers of persuasion. At the height of the American civil war, when feeling was most bitter, Abraham Lincoln one day passed a hopeful remark about the South at a White House reception. An elderly woman flared up at him, wanting to know how he could speak kindly of his enemies when he should wish above all else to destroy them. And the record runs that Lincoln answered, "What, madam? Do I not destroy them when I make them my friends?" Granted there are stern necessities of immediate action confronting us, but the outlook of Lincoln is the long view.

The only way we can destroy our enemies is to make them our friends. Have we enough Christian spirit to settle down to that task? We must empty our hearts of the poison of hate and pride; we must be big enough to forgive those who have wronged us, and ask the forgiveness of those whom we have wronged. The words of Mrs. Browning have to-day become practical politics:

"Why conquering

May prove as lordly and complete a thing
In lifting upward as in crushing low."

Let us make the most of this opportunity, for the sake of our children.

IF THOU HADST KNOWN

When our thoughts run in these channels, we inevitably picture Jesus as he stood weeping over the doomed city of Jerusalem, "O Jerusalem, if thou hadst only known, even thou, in this thy day, the things which belong to thy peace. . . ." Surely we know now the things that belong to peace—it is only in a world organised for goodwill and brotherhood, where the Prince of Peace has won his victory, that war shall be outlawed. Then let us give ourselves to this task with clear Christian thinking and honest endeavor. This is a great day of opportunity for the church fearlessly to proclaim the things that belong to peace. It is in Central Europe, where Christianity has had its longest chance, that the devastation of war is most complete. Let the distinctive message of the Christian gospel be clearly proclaimed by the church to-day, so that if civilisation falls again it will not be the fault of the church.

This is a challenge that should send every Christian upon his knees, seeking the strength and wisdom of God for the great task before us. We dare not fail again.

Social Service Work in Qld.

P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., our Queensland correspondent, points to social needs of State, to growth of denominational pride, and to failure to spend greater wealth in efforts to save life.

CHURCHES of Christ social service work in Queensland as an organised effort has practically lapsed. If my memory serves me correctly, it came into existence during the years of the depression, when Chaplain C. Young rendered memorable service to needy cases, while he was minister of the church at Annerley. Since then several have carried on the committee's work with great credit. In more recent years there seemed to be little the committee could do. And yet there is a work to be done. The conscience of the brotherhood must be kept alive on social problems. It is reported that there are 300 girls left as destitute mothers. The government is appealing to churches to appoint probationary officers to the police courts. What would help us in the metropolitan area is one who would make social service work his special concern. Such a one would render valuable service to the church he served and to the brotherhood.

A Survey of Churches.

During the war years, churches were willing to co-operate as far as possible. With the advent of peace some are manifesting a desire to strike out on their own. The Presbyterian church feels that it is losing status in the community, and contends that its Moderator should receive the recognition accorded to the two archbishops on public occasions. We note that the Roman Catholics are holding what they call a young Christians' conference for those between the ages of 14 and 25. We have heard that the Roman Catholics hold retreats where their young people receive special training in personal work, and these young people are then placed in business houses to bear their witness. The Methodist plan seems to be to erect a building wherever possible. In that way they touch all communities. Our work in many country

centres is very healthy. We should like to see some of our suburban churches stronger. But we are still feeling after something that would mean a definite forward move in our brotherhood.

An Appointment That Pleases

We learn with interest and pleasure that Mr. W. G. Henderson, M.Sc., has been appointed to succeed Mr. R. A. Kerr, M.A., B.Sc., as headmaster of the Ipswich Grammar School. Mr. Henderson has been Science Master at the school for 22 years, and was at one time the champion tennis player of the Ipswich district. But why we refer to the appointment here is that for over 20 years he has conducted the Ipswich Salvation Army Band. It pleases us to see a man prepared to stand by his colors and at last win the highest honors a community can bestow upon him.

Our Best Brains Last

It has come to us as something worthy of serious consideration that some of our most brilliant men have had to go abroad to do their research work. The discoverer of penicillin, Sir Howard Florey, was an Australian who had to go to Oxford to find the opportunities to make his great discovery. Many others have had to go to other countries because we did not pay them sufficiently to carry on their work here. At present we spend £82,000 on medical research, which is an average of 3d. a head, but what is that compared with the £7 a head we spend on alcoholic liquor! There is much to be done to eliminate diphtheria, typhoid fever and other infectious diseases. £625 million was spent to perfect the atomic bomb. Should not we be willing to spend a similar amount to save life?

Opening of Bethesda, W.A.

Our Western Australian correspondent, R. Raymond, reports on new hospital, on movement of missionaries and preachers and on C.E. activities.

ON Saturday, July 21, friends came together in hundreds to share in the opening and dedication service of the "Bethesda" Hospital. The service was conducted in the open, the weather being fine but cold. The visitors had opportunity of inspecting the wards, theatre and the grounds. The writer of this note, as chairman of the board, called upon Matron Hill to declare the hospital open. The matron told the gathering that just ten years before, she had stood on that very spot and there confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at a house party being held there. One of the party had said to her then, "This would be an ideal place for a hospital." The vision of that day was now fully realised. Mr. J. Wiltshire offered the dedicatory prayer. Ladies of the Women's Auxiliary Conference provided afternoon tea. The Minister for Health, members of the medical profession, professional and business men, with members of our brotherhood, were unqualified in their praise of the hospital.

Visitors

We have been happy to have the three missionary ladies—Misses Vawser, Taylor and

Walker—en route for India, with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer, in Perth for a little while. By a happy arrangement they were all present at the opening of Bethesda Hospital, and thus able to meet numbers of friends whom otherwise they could never have seen here. Fremantle church had the honor of entertaining the missionaries at a well-planned farewell tea on the same day as the hospital function. There were many members of the metropolitan churches present to share with Fremantle in bidding Godspeed to the missionaries.

Preachers

It is now known throughout Australia that this State is to lose the services of J. Wiltshire. To say he will be missed is putting it lightly. He has so many things in his hands that the W.A. brotherhood will only with great difficulty be able to carry them on after his departure. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire have been with us about six and a half years, and have been interested in and made an impression for good upon every phase of our work. We are sorrier than words can express that experienced men so frequently

leave the West. Hosts of friends here will be wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire increasing blessings in their closing months here and for their new work in Victoria.

A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., has been released by the Education Department, and immediately following upon his release from the R.A.A.F., he will enter the full-time ministry of the word with one of our metropolitan churches. This is great news for us. Mr. Elliott is a Western Australian, and will readily come to a prominent place in the leadership of the work here. He has had much preaching and executive experience. He was for years on the conference executive as assistant secretary, and was also assistant secretary of the Federal Conference executive when that body was last located here.

Christian Endeavor Day

The second Sunday in August every year is known by Endeavorers as "Orange and Flower" day. Every hospital within reach is visited by Endeavorers, and oranges and flowers are distributed to the patients. Some societies also include the sick and aged of their churches. The arrangement is organised by the State C.E. Union. This year's observance was most successfully carried out by enthusiastic Endeavorers.

Thanksgiving

I write this in victory week. What a great week it has been! For days before the final news of victory was made known—and made known so convincingly, the great excited city crowds, growing increasingly impatient in anticipation of Japan's surrender, and led on by prematurely released reports of the surrender, seemed at times to lose all self-control. What happened here when the great news did come was simply a grand miniature of what happened in all the larger cities of the Empire and America. At the great thanksgiving service on the Perth Esplanade the 100,000 present constituted Perth's biggest crowd in history. The march through of about 7000 Servicemen and Service-women, and ex-Servicemen, including detachments of wounded in Red Cross vehicles, provided a colorful reminder of both the pageantry and the inhumanity of war. Services in all the churches have been well attended, and the thanksgivings have been deep and real. The war is over, and we face the future with concern but not without confidence.

Sunday

SUNDAY is a day for renewal of the religious life. Every day, to be sure, is a holy day, and the whole of a man's life, in study or business or play, should be worthy of a child of God. We cannot serve God aright on the first day of the week unless we are also trying to serve him on the six following days. But even as the feet of the disciples of Jesus were soiled by the dust of the roads and needed the cleansing they received at the Master's hands, so our lives become stained by contact with the world and need cleansing. Sunday is peculiarly a day for recreation of the spiritual life, for renewal of enthusiasm, for inspirational influences. Worship, on any day, provides this, and the day of worship is a great gift for the refreshing and invigoration of the religious life. Set apart for that purpose, it is the great day, the best day of all the week.—Perris L. Farvell.

The Australian Christian

Banish the Color Bar

Only wise decisions by white races will justify their
stewardship in lands where colored peoples live.

[Harold Moody, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., being a native of Jamaica, naturally knows a great deal about the above question. Being a "colored" man he has suffered in his experiences. To be chairman of the great London Missionary Society is an honor for any man, and Dr. Moody was so honored for the years 1942-43. The directors of the mission, in making the announcement, said: "The L.M.S. is proud to welcome Mr. Moody as its chairman." His illuminating and trenchant article should cause the mere 700 million "whites" out of a world population of 2100 million to think, and think furiously. Dr. Moody is the founder and president of the League of Colored Peoples.]

"TWENTY years ago it was considered 'not done' to talk about the color bar. Today, thanks to the work of the League of Colored Peoples and aided by Hitler's methods, most people have become aware of the great evil enshrined in this thing. I suppose that one of the best ways to stimulate our desire to get rid of an evil thing is to see it in its worst garb. This Hitler has done for us by his treatment of the Jews, the Poles and his statements about the Africans—all the direct result of his herrenvolk theory. The L.C.R. has insistently been directing attention to the need of our colonies. The response hitherto evoked from those in authority and from others has been that it will take centuries to develop Africa and the other colonies, and we must in any case 'go slow.' Then came the marvellous reply of Russia to Hitler's attack, and for the first time the Press of this country could no longer hide from us the fact that Russia had carried through an 'inexplicably successful experiment.' She has made her people literate, developed her colonies, abolished the color bar, and given to her many millions the concept that each of them had a stake in their country; all in the space of twenty-five years.

"Britain and the world have stood aghast at the spectacle, and are just getting awake to the fact that what Russia has done, they too can do. China got into the van of progress, and now India and Britain are bringing up the rear. All of them are expressing their debt to Russia's great example, and now the fact is being irresistibly brought home to us that there is no such thing as an inherently backward race. The whole question of non-development largely rests upon lack of opportunity. Britain came to realise, as a result of the disturbances in the West Indies and elsewhere, and also as a result of the fall of Malaya, Singapore and Burma, that she had somewhat defaulted in her duty as the trustee of one-quarter of this world's population. The spiritual side of her responsibilities has rested very lightly upon her, and while she had given her wards good government, she had failed to prevent them from being exploited, and she had not stimulated, as she should have done their economic, intellectual or political development. She had not seen the necessity to identify herself with the spirit of the people over whom she ruled, and to understand that they were an end in themselves, and not merely a means to an end." Dr. Moody then tells of a recent experience of an Indian friend of his in England. An Englishman accosted Dr. Moody's friend in a public tram car, and the following dialogue took place. "Do you come from India?" "Yes," came the reply. "I have been in India and know it well." "Did you enjoy being there," observed my friend, "and did you like the people?" "I enjoyed



The rising generation in India will not tolerate the barriers of "the color bar."

myself thoroughly," came the reply to my Indian friend, "and used to kick the natives about." "How would you like the Indians to kick you about?" The reply came, "No other race except the British can do such things." "Thank God that some of us know such a man is not typical, but suppose he had uttered such words to an Indian with stronger nationalistic views and less balanced than my friend, just imagine how much harm could have been done. Christian folk must be alive and aware of these things which happen far too frequently to go unchecked. The world of to-morrow is certainly not going to put up with such actions. They will be real 'explosive material' when India and China find

their feet. British people have more than a touch of the 'Herrenvolk' in them. They must be brought to understand that this is wholly un-Christian and dangerous. The Christian church is in my opinion the only agent that is able, wisely and effectively, to carry out this task.

"The Christian church has already given a great lead in the shape of the successful delegation of authority to the younger churches. It now remains for the older churches in Britain and America to declare in no uncertain sound that they will not tolerate in any shape or form this un-Christian expression known as the color bar. This is the task of the church, and she must bend herself thereto."

Social Service Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay.

Special Issue of the "Australian Christian"

BY arrangement with the Social Service Committee, 2500 extra copies of "The Christian" were printed and distributed amongst the churches. The committee planned to have one in every church home in Victoria. Some very complimentary references to the issue have been received. Special thanks are due to W. T. Atkin, associate secretary, who was responsible for gathering the special articles and providing blocks and photographs.

Christian Fellowship Association

The tenth annual meeting of C.F.A. will be held in Lygon-st. school-room on Oct. 18. Agents will meet with the committee at dinner, after which members will meet to receive the report.

A Forward Move.—For some time past the Social Service Committee has been planning to appoint a field representative to visit the churches in the interests of C.F.A., and the general work. It was also intended that he would conduct special evangelistic meetings while with the churches. The committee has completed arrangements with F. E. Buckingham to accept this position. Mr. Buckingham is a member of the Social Service Committee, and is completing a six years' ministry with the church at Malvern. It is hoped to publish later a short history of his life. He expects to take up his new position some time during November. The board of officers of the church release their preacher with sincere regret, and at the same time offer him their best wishes for the future. He will deliver the address of the evening at the annual meeting of C.F.A. and outline his plans.

The Secretary.—A period of nearly one year has elapsed since the secretary of the committee intimated his desire to be released from his duties. His health at that time was causing much anxiety. After some weeks' rest he was able to resume his attendance at the office on alternate days, and transact business from his home on other days. With

the coming of W. T. Atkin to the office and F. E. Buckingham to his special work, the committee have asked the secretary to accept six months' leave of absence. He has intimated that the acceptance of this offer will depend upon his state of health. For the next few months the pressure of business will demand his attention.

Dinner and Discussion

The next occasion is to take place on Monday, Sept. 10, and will take the form of the open forum, the subject being "The Church God Wants To-day." F. Oswald Barnett, M.Com., a member of the Housing Commission; C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D., minister of Swanston-st. church; and A. E. White, B.A., youth director-elect to N.Z. churches, will present their views, and will be prepared to meet a barrage of questions following. These occasions are proving most popular and helpful.

Opportunity Clubs

Clubs for boys in particular, and also for girls, have sprung up in the city and suburbs during recent years which have attracted the attention of all sections of the community. Judges and barristers, doctors and prominent business people have been giving freely of their time and money, and many other business people are giving their services. Perhaps the most promising aspect of the matter is the association of the police with the movement. Commissioner Duncan, of the Police Department, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Melbourne Y.M.C.A., and it is certain he will make a worthy contribution to the functions of this body. Police throughout the State are being encouraged to take an interest in the young life of the community, and reports indicate that, as a result, in many cases, the antipathy of most boys to the police no longer exists, and real friendships have been formed. Such friendships must surely make for a greater respect for the law, the effects of which will be seen in the not distant future.

W. Beiler, preacher of church at Grote-st., Adelaide, passed through Melbourne on Sept. 3, while travelling to Sydney to take part in a conference.

From Swan Hill, Victoria, the following telegram reached us on Sept. 3: "Increasing interest; crowded meeting Sunday; one decision; brotherhood prayers sought.—Walmsley."

A. R. Main is in Melbourne, having come from N.S.W. to assist at the anniversary services of church at Gardiner, Victoria. His visit on Sept. 3 to Austral Co. was appreciated.

Services at Parkdale, Victoria, are well attended. C. J. MacKenzie spoke morning and evening on Sept. 2. Sympathy is offered relatives of J. M. Gilmour, who died on Aug. 28. Mr. Gilmour had been treasurer of church for many years. His help as church officer has been much appreciated.

In a letter appearing in "The Clarion Call," Len Hutton, a champion English cricketer, writes: "To win the best in life one must value one's mind and body as they would value a brand new bat. I strongly advise young people to be teetotal and play with a straight bat, not only in cricket, but in whatever walk of life they are concerned."

Congratulations are extended to C. R. Burdeu, who has been appointed chief rehabilitation officer of the Government. Our brother has for many years been most prominent in matters of social importance, and his work has received special mention in the Federal Parliament. He is a most approachable man, and without doubt will render a good account of his office. It will be surprising if the Government is ready for the tremendous task which is the responsibility of this new department.

In reply to a question concerning the re-education of Germans, Martin Niemoller said: "I see hope. Perhaps this is due to my long understanding of human beings. Hope lies in the group from sixteen to twenty-two years of age. In these youth the critical faculties are still alert. They must be given honest answers to their questions until they come to believe the answers are true. The educational policy must be one of truth-telling. Truth must be told and re-told, the whole story of Hitler, the truth concerning Nazi thought and practice at home and abroad."

Writing in "The Spectator," Chaplain H. T. Shotton, referring to the return of men from the Services to church life, says: "We must prepare to appeal to them through mediums that they understand. The services to which we invite them must be services in which they can feel at home. Frankly, a big number could scarcely bear much of our anthem singing, our new hymns, our addresses meant for folk who have a different background. Where the congregation is busy meeting their own friends, and there is no definite attempt to make them feel welcome, there is not likely to be a second visit."

South Australian churches are holding their 71st annual conference from Sept. 5 to 12. The president, T. Butler, will be chairman for most of the sessions. The programme includes addresses by C. G. Taylor and R. L. Williams, both of Victoria. The new youth director of the State, G. R. Stirling, and the State evangelist, G. T. Fitzgerald, are also to take part. The statistical table shows that, while 219 were added by faith and baptism, there was a nett loss of 19 in membership for year. The membership now stands at 6534. Bible school scholars have been increased by 64 to 4873 and teachers by 12 to 790.

The church at Grote-st., Adelaide, held quarterly social on Aug. 22, when work of the church was featured, and a helpful discussion followed. Men of church provided and served refreshments at close. A happy social time was enjoyed. Mr. Beiler spoke at both ser-

VICES on Aug. 26. Morning service was broadcast. It was the commencement of preacher's second year with the church. On Aug. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Beiler entertained the officers and their wives at their home, when a very pleasant evening was spent. The choir, under W. W. Watson, renders inspirational singing which is much appreciated by the church. Mrs. Vincent has been laid aside with sickness for some time.

Help For Britain

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION

TO help those who suffered in the bombing raids, women of Australian churches of Christ sent a sum of more than six hundred pounds in Australian money to Wm. Robinson, principal of Overdale College, to be distributed by the Social Questions Committee to those in need. In the following reply, Dr. Robinson mentions the sum in British currency. Mrs. W. Green, the president of the Women's Federal Conference, reports that another £30 is on hand to be forwarded later to Britain.

"Some weeks ago I got a pleasant surprise when the Bank of Adelaide wrote me to say that they had orders from Brisbane to credit me with £479/7/3. I knew at once that it represented some most generous action on the part of our brethren in Australia, and immediately sent it on to the treasurer of our Social Questions Committee. But I did not know whether it was the churches of Queensland or of the whole Commonwealth. And I certainly didn't know that it represented the heroic self-sacrifice of the women of our churches! Now your air-graph letter has come and cleared the whole matter up, and the S.G.C. have got their air-graph letter too. I have taken the liberty of publishing your letter to me in the 'C.A.' for July 27, so that all may know of your most generous action.

"The fund will be administered by our S.Q.C., and they will inform you from time to time how it is being distributed. But I may tell you that in my own church in this city there were four homes completely destroyed with scarcely a thing retrieved. Unfortunately in the one case all in the home were destroyed too. We had our worst experiences in 1940, 41, but also had some bombing in 1942 and 43. We had one church building in the city utterly destroyed, and another very much damaged. My own escaped with a fire-bomb through the roof of the schoolroom and damage from blast. Here, too, in my home I had nothing worse than blast damage and shrapnel damage to the roof, but about a mile from here the devastation begins.

"Certainly the major burden fell on the women folk. All the homes I referred to above were of women, one a widow, and the others unmarried. It was amazing how our women stood up to it, in what may be described as the front line of battle. Our children, too, were mostly in it, for by that time they had returned from evacuation, as nothing had happened in the first year. My own girl, then 11, slept through most of the bombing, and so did we the nights we were not on duty. London, Southampton, Hull, and Bristol had it even worse than we had. But, you know, generosity is a greater virtue than courage, and it is generosity that our Australian women have shown, and such generosity too! Christian fellowship is a very real thing, and the only hope of this darkened world. We are indeed most grateful to you all, far above what we can express. Please thank everybody most warmly for us, and know that your gift will not only literally warm many homes this coming winter, but it has warmed our hearts. In another two weeks conference will be meeting, and I know they will take note of what you have done."

By-products

IN great industries by-products have proved extremely useful and profitable. It is also so with the by-products of life. I should like every Christian to realise that in the service of the Master there are recompenses which are given over and above our primary aims or expectations. We do not make them our aim—to do so would spoil the service or even prevent our obtaining the extra rewards. One of these precious things is the love of the brethren whom we serve. Our preachers are poorly paid so far as pecuniary rewards are concerned, but the faithful servant of Christ and the church feels he has a reward in the confidence and love of his fellow Christians. Again, we should regard happiness—that fleeting thing at which some constantly aim and miss—as a by-product of true service to God and man. Pleasure is not an end in life—see the miserable state of those who so regard it. Even happiness in its better sense is not a thing to be pursued and grasped. Dr. Lyman Abbott once quoted some words of a friend which contain an important lesson for all of us: "If one seeks happiness, it flees from him. If he seeks an opportunity to render service, happiness is his companion."

Clerical Collars

DOUBTLESS reporters thought they had good copy when they recorded the discussion at the Anglican Synod in Sydney of such a vital question as the shortage of clerical collars. One minister, it is reported, sought a high priority for the manufacture of clerical collars to replenish "the sadly depleted stocks remaining in possession of the clergy." Archbishop Mowll thought that, if the clergy exercised reasonable economy in the use of collars for a short time longer, the difficulty would be removed. He advised against the seeking of a high priority. I confess to entertaining the opinion that it would be one of the brighter results of war-time restrictive priorities if clerical collars were abolished. Some people give them a derisive name which I would not care to use.

Anglicans and Social Reform

THE Anglican Synod had more important discussions than that on the shortage of clerical collars. One was on housing reform and the abolition of slums, on which the Synod decided to make recommendations to both Federal and State Governments. Another important discussion was on liquor reform. The Synod, with one dissident, decided to send a deputation to the Government to request a Royal Commission to investigate fully the political and financial activities of the liquor traffic, its influence on the war effort, political life and national morale, and the administration of the liquor laws. The one dissident (Mr. R. Clive Teece, K.C.) advocated a deputation to the Government to demand immediate reforms, and said that "When governments wished to dodge responsibility through fear of alienating votes they appointed Royal Commissions." Mr. Gordon Smee, chaplain at the Children's Court, spoke strongly regarding the lawlessness of the liquor traffic. According to the newspaper report, he further stated that even the press did what it was told by the liquor monopolies. Frequently he had been asked by the press to comment upon extension of hours or the establishment of beer gardens, but as his comments were against such developments they were never published.

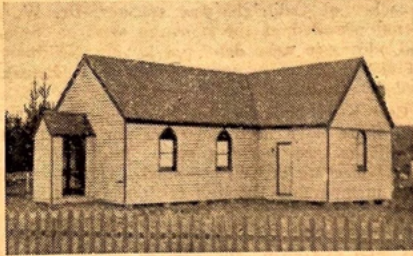
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News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Thanksgiving service on Aug. 16 was very well attended. R. V. Amos conducted. H. Cooper has returned to his unit after being home on leave. All services on Aug. 19, which was beginning of church's silver jubilee celebrations, were very well attended. S. H. Wilson was guest speaker. At gospel service Miss D. Kay was soloist. Attendances at Bible school continue to be very encouraging, and Boys' Club is going ahead.

Nubeena.—On afternoon of Aug. 19 a thanksgiving service was held, conducted by F. H. Burden; there was a well filled chapel. Church



The Chapel at Nubeena.

work is carried on by local effort, assisted occasionally by brethren from Tunnel Bay. Bible school is fairly well attended, there being about 40 names on roll.

Western Australia

Perth.—Attendance at Bible school reached century recently. School is practising for anniversary. Dorcas Society had a busy day, a further 170 garments being packed for UNRRA. Nursery continues its appreciated ministry. On morning of Aug. 26, A. Wright was welcomed by transfer from Gnowangerup. A talk by W. H. White helped all. At 7.30 p.m. a song service was led by E. R. Berry. South Perth CE. Society sang a chorus. Reference was made to work of B. & F. Bible Society. J. K. Robinson showed lantern pictures of "The Pilgrim's Progress."

Fremantle.—Ladies of Dorcas and Church Aid have been making, buying and collecting clothes of excellent quality and in commendable quantity for UNRRA. News has been welcomed of safe arrival in India of the three ladies of the missionary party, including Fremantle's "living link," Miss Kath Taylor, in support of whom the church's financial effort has now reached £68. By the time this reaches the West, Mr. Hunt will have reached the East; he travels to Melbourne on important deputation work. Thanksgiving services brought better attendances than for months past, and an hour of pleasant fellowship was spent after the thanksgiving on Aug. 19, a number of American naval personnel joining in. Among recent worshippers have been A. Johnson (R.A.A.F.), home from Eastern States, and the preacher of Nailsworth church, S.A., H. Manning. Sympathy is felt for Mrs. Cowley (Stella Vanston) and her husband in the loss of their four-year-old daughter.

Northam.—The church recently cleared balance of liability under new building debenture scheme of 1927. Duke-st. frontage, abutting rear of church property, comprising cottage and vacant allotment, has also been purchased. The church has now an excellent prop-

erty, extending through from street to street, with two tennis courts midway. D. G. Hammer was recently motored to Northam from Perth for the day by J. W. Gordon. He spoke morning and evening, and at Meckering in afternoon, to appreciative audiences. Mr. Gordon presided at morning meeting. Bible school anniversary services and annual demonstration were held on Aug. 12 and 15 respectively. E. R. Sherman was guest speaker on Sunday. A girl from Bible school confessed Christ. Adding to their previous gift to church of a new communion table and chairs, Dorcas Society presented church with a beautiful hymnboard. This gift was suitably acknowledged at a recent church social. Following his discharge from Services, G. H. Martin is leading a promising youth work on Friday evenings. On evening of Aug. 26, special reference was made to B. and F. Bible Society, and a freewill offering received in support of its work. At close of address a married woman made the good confession. With deep regret the church records the death of T. M. Hinde on Aug. 3, and that of S. J. Paine on Aug. 11, at 68 and 79 years of age respectively.

Queensland

Charters Towers.—Annual meeting on July 25 showed all auxiliaries in good form. Balance sheet had good credit. All officers were re-elected. Sunday school gave a splendid demonstration on missionary work in India at evening service on July 29. Sister McCauley is in hospital as result of accident. J. Duval has been home on leave.

Bundaberg.—There were good attendances at meetings on Aug. 19; 160 worshipped. E. McIlhagger, of Rockhampton, was speaker in morning, and also took part in evening service. A message in song was brought by Miss S. Booth. A young woman made the good confession at evening service. A move is under way to start a church choir. A social was held in S.S. building on Aug. 14 by Women's Guild.

Mackay.—Mr. Milne, secretary B. & F. Bible Society, spoke to juniors on Aug. 12. R. Haley, national field secretary of C.E., was speaker at inspirational rally in chapel on 24th. He also exhorted church on morning of 26th. Several Endeavorers journeyed to Sarina on Saturday night, where Mr. Haley gave helpful addresses. Friends from Methodist church are showing interest in our plea, several coming frequently to Sunday morning meetings. Some Methodist Endeavorers also visited our society on Aug. 17.

Roma.—On afternoon of peace day Mr. Wylie took part in public thanksgiving service in Queen's Park. At night a thanksgiving service was held in chapel with a good attendance, service being conducted by Mr. Wylie. A thanksgiving offering was taken, and £22 was contributed, to be devoted to building fund. During month A. S. Cooke and L. R. Pitman conducted evening service in Methodist church during absence of their preacher. Evening service on Aug. 26 was broadcast, conducted by Mr. Wylie, and Les. Ross was soloist. Mrs. McIntosh has returned from Brisbane, but is still confined to her home owing to illness. Bible school and Y.P.S.C.E. are practising for anniversary.

South Australia

Mt. Compass.—On Aug. 19 a fine united thanksgiving service was held in chapel. A representative audience gathered and B. W. Manning gave the address. Monthly young people's social was held on Saturday evening. Mrs. Noel Jacobs was received into fellowship by letter from Victor Harbour. Brian Simons and Ray Bishop and Mrs. Hugh Jacobs gained prizes in scripture examinations.

Pt. Pirie.—The 70th anniversary services of church were held successfully on Aug. 26. Mr. Tomlinson, from Evangelisation Society in Adelaide, spoke at both services, his messages proving very helpful. On Aug. 25, approximately 100 sat for anniversary tea, and a happy time was spent. In evening Mr. Tomlinson spoke. Plans are well in hand for tent mission to be conducted by G. T. Fitzgerald from Sept. 16 to Oct. 7.

Whyalla.—Mr. Cox has been appointed secretary of United Christian Men's Fellowship. Lining has been purchased for kinder room. It is proposed to erect same by voluntary labor. Nurse H. Brougham returned home for week-end and had fellowship with church. Mr. Matthews gave address at civic thanksgiving service conducted by fraternal. 350 articles were collected and packed by Ladies' Guild for UNRRA. Religious service at launching of s.s. "River Murray" was conducted by Mr. Matthews. On Aug. 26 Sunday school again reached record attendance of 82.

Prospect.—Anniversary services were continued on Aug. 23. Items were rendered by visiting artists. Prizes were awarded to scholars. Aug. 26 concluded anniversary services. A. R. Jones (Henley Beach) exhorted church; 110 present. In afternoon B. W. Manning spoke, when chapel was full. At gospel meeting A. E. Brown gave an interesting talk to young people. Items were rendered throughout the day by scholars. In evening V. Conigrave (R.A.A.F.) rendered a solo. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors at all services. R. Allison (College of Bible) had fellowship with church. Church regrets death of the sister of Mrs. Shrubsole on Aug. 26.

Henley Beach.—Work continues happily. Activities amongst young people give cause for thankfulness. Tuesday evening prayer and Bible study meeting is helpful and inspiring. There has been improvement in attendances at Lord's day services. On Aug. 19 thanksgiving services were held with large congregations morning and evening. At night the Mayor of Henley and Grange attended with some Council members. A powerful message was given by A. R. Jones. All services during month were taken by A. R. Jones with exception of Aug. 26, when F. G. Stock addressed church in morning. Mrs. Hurcombe was back after illness. There is still much sickness.

Queenstown.—At 11 a.m. on V-P day a thanksgiving service was held with 77 present. J. M. Hall exhorted at one morning service and Mr. Brooker preached at other services held during month. Girls' Club held a social, when gifts were given for Naval Union Christmas cheer fund. J.C.E. is still increasing—53 present on Aug. 19. Bible school had 130 scholars present the same day. Mrs. Bevan, who had been a member for over 50 years, passed away after a short illness. Sympathy of church is extended to her family who survive. W. Adair has been received into fellowship by letter from Cheltenham, and Mr. and Mrs. Hawker have transferred to Cheltenham. Alan Martin and Ron Watkins are in-patients at Dawes-rd. hospital.

Nailsworth.—Sisters' annual meeting was held in June. Mrs. Duguid was speaker. Musical items were given by visiting artists. Twelve scholars sat for examination. Mrs. Philips, of North Adelaide, has been received into fellowship. Annual business meeting in July showed all auxiliaries in pleasing condition. A kitchen evening was given to Lila Dockett prior to her wedding to Jack Couche, R.A.N., in chapel on Aug. 2, Mr. Manning officiating. In absence of Mr. and Mrs. Manning on annual holidays, the church was grateful to visiting speakers, Messrs. Durdin, Butler, Riches, Bridgeman, Lambert and Steward. Mr. Manning was called to West Australia a week prior to his holiday to visit his brother who has undergone a serious operation. He is progressing favorably. Church is planning a mission with G. T. Fitzgerald. Visitors have been welcomed, including several boys home on leave.

Naracoorte.—A monthly fellowship meeting was inaugurated on Aug. 17 with a social evening attended by about 45 members and friends. Supper was provided by ladies at close. V-P thanksgiving services were held on Aug. 19. A combined thanksgiving service on V-P Day, conducted by ministers of town, was held in town hall, which was filled to capacity. Eleven Bible school scholars sat for scripture examination, all passing, and a first and third prize being gained by two entrants. A good response



The Chapel at Naracoorte.

has been made to appeal for UNRRA, the Ladies' Guild having packed over 120 garments. Bible school and C.E. attendances have been interfered with by sickness. Practice has begun for Bible school anniversary.

Cottonville.—Attendances at morning services have been excellent, and evening services good. Average weekly offerings for August were £9/3/6. A thanksgiving service was held on V-P Day, and thanksgiving services on following Sunday. Juniors are building up again after graduation and have had as many as 23 present. Intermediates have reached attendance of 27, including four new members. A drive is being commenced for increased efficiency. A tea and fellowship meeting took place from 6 p.m. to 7.30 on Aug. 29, with a view to interesting young people in re-forming Young People's Society. Thirteen Endeavorers attended rally at Unley on Aug. 25. Mr. Brooke went to Pt. Lincoln for services on Aug. 19. In his absence Dr. Turner and Senior Chaplain H. R. Taylor ably deputised. Ladies' Auxiliary sent more parcels of clothes to "clothes for Europe" appeal. Mrs. Caldicott, Mrs. Ern Stephenson, Mrs. Mortimer and Mr. Schmidt have recovered, and have attended meetings. Mrs. Ray Beaumont has also had fellowship after illness. Geoff Hollands is convalescing on West Coast, following a nose operation. Marlene Brand is home from hospital following operation. It is intended to revive tennis club this year. Leila Jackson (W.A.A.A.F.) and Garth Williams (A.I.F.) have been home on leave.

New South Wales

Rockdale.—A farewell social was tendered Hilda Sainty and Jim Cook, on eve of their marriage, by church and Bible school, and presentations were made, also from C.E. A happy evening was spent. Our sister has been pianist and organist for a number of years. On Aug. 26 Mr. Burns spoke morning and evening. A young lady decided for Christ. Bible school had a visit from R. Greenhalgh, who gave an illustrated address. Two scholars took their stand for Christ.

Wagga.—Overseas mission offering was £82/15/6, exceeding last year's by £7. On July 29 Mr. Jenner terminated his ministry with church. During August services were ably carried on by local brethren, assisted by visiting speakers. On V-P day evening the chapel was crowded, when Baptists united in a thanks-

giving service. Mr. Snowden presided. Mr. Logan (Baptist) gave a fine address. Wilkie Thomson, of S.A., has accepted the call to labor with the church, and expects to take up the work early in November. Sister T. Greenway has recovered sufficiently from illness to return home from hospital. Sister Patterson is still in hospital.

Broken Hill.—The G. T. Fitzgerald mission closed at tent on Aug. 16. Final service was held in chapel on Aug. 19, when Mr. Fitzgerald addressed good audiences. Following evening service Beatrice Dyer and Leuna Trebilcock, who confessed Christ during mission, were baptised. They and four others by restoration were welcomed into fellowship at after service communion. G. T. Fitzgerald thanked H. E. Paddick, song-leader; Mrs. A. Clarke, pianist; church officers; co-workers; elder boys of Sunday school, who assisted with distribution of mission literature. A thankoffering realised £30 in cash, promises bringing amount up to £54. At a church meeting H. E. Paddick was invited to stay for another two years. In scripture examination Brian Hosking came second for State in Div. 2; Allan Hosking second in Div. 4; Miss I. Evans third in Div. 8.

Penshurst.—Over recent months, attendances have been reduced, largely as result of continued illness of many members. Mrs. Facey is making recovery after painful bus accident. Shortage of manpower continues to be a serious obstacle in all activities. Church has suffered by removal to Mittagong of Mr. and Mrs. A. Goode, owing to Mr. Goode's ill health. On a recent Sunday evening, at close of Mr. Eager's address, a young man came forward for reconsecration. On Aug. 19, in absence of G. H. Eager at Taree, John Stevens (college) and G. Eager, sen., assisted. On Aug. 26 fellowship was enjoyed with R. Goode (Inverell) and L. Yelds (Bexley North). In recent Bible school examination, Gavin Turnbull gained fourth prize. Bill Byrnes (R.A.A.F.) has been admitted to 113 A.G.H. from a forward area, seriously ill. On second day of peace celebrations, some members of church cricket team visited and enjoyed the day at Boys' Home, Pendle Hills.

Georgetown.—Under Mr. Vanham's leadership, work continues to expand. Younger boys are now catered for by an Explorer Club with S. Hill and M. Fraser leaders. Kindergarten play-hour commenced with 50 present on Aug. 23, Mrs. W. Fraser being in charge, assisted by M. Bryan and D. Vanham. At Children's Day F.M. service, Mr. Collins (A.I.M.) and Mrs. Demlin (native worker from Cherbourg) were speakers. Three aboriginal girls gave items. Offering, £14. School gained 5 State prizes in scripture examinations. J.C.E. had 62 present on Aug. 11. Intermediates have increased to 24. On V-P Day an open-air service was held, amplifiers being used. F. Cocking led singing and Mr. Vanham gave a challenging message. Choir rendered an anthem and B. Fraser a solo. Ladies' Guild visited Wallsend Orphanage to entertain children and distribute gifts. Chaplain D. Wakeley was speaker at special meetings arranged by Young Men's Fellowship. Over 60 adolescents gathered for fellowship tea with Mr. Wakeley on Aug. 26. At gospel meeting three made the good confession. Mr. Vanham gives scripture instruction weekly in six schools. Visitors on Aug. 26 included J. Adamson, L. Johnson and J. Moran. Mrs. Bell is recovering from serious illness.

Victoria

Newmarket.—On Aug. 26 Mr. Funston, of Nth. Essendon, presided and Mr. Gross, of college, spoke at both services. On Sept. 2 Mr. Allison spoke at both services.

Stawell.—Mr. Evans has given helpful addresses in past few weeks. Mrs. Boag has been ill, but is recovering. A social afternoon was held in home of Mrs. Shuttleworth, sen., on Aug. 30. Endeavorers and S.S. scholars visited hospitals with oranges and violets on Aug. 26. Bible school is preparing for anniversary.

French Island.—A thanksgiving service was held on V-P Day at home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller; 25 were present. On Aug. 19 T. Hagger (Franks-ton) presided at communion service, later conducting gospel service in hall.

Hampton.—On morning of Aug. 26 the church expressed good wishes and made a presentation to C. L. Lang and Miss Edna Kirby, who were married on 28th, W. T. Atkin officiating. Excellent addresses were given on Sept. 2 by V. L. Gole and W. R. Hibburt.

Shepparton.—The church is happy to have back in fellowship, after long illness, Mrs. Harback and Miss Hilda Doncon. Lantern slides greaves and Miss Hilda Doncon. On Aug. 26. Speaker were shown at Bible school on Aug. 26. Building was at morning service was H. Long. Building was crowded at gospel service, F. E. Buckingham being visiting evangelist.

Essendon.—On Sept. 2 there were good congregations at both services, when S. Neighbour, preacher at Oakleigh, was speaker. Dr. W. A. Kemp presided at the morning service. Splendid addresses were delivered by Mr. Neighbour. At close of evening message Misses S. Hemsley and B. Bone confessed Christ.

East Kew.—Splendid meetings have been held and there have been decisions for Christ. All auxiliaries are working well. Mid-week devotional meeting is well attended. Those received into membership through faith and baptism include Sister Sturgess and Jim Sturgess, also Don Oaks and Billy Brooks. Gospel meetings are well attended. On Aug. 26 Mr. Burden addressed the church, and at night Mr. Duff-Forbes preached to a full meeting, when four responded to the invitation to accept the Lord.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Mr. Graham gives splendid and helpful messages. At gospel service on Aug. 19 junior Endeavorers assisted. Mr. Graham conducted an impressive thanksgiving service. Wally Hearn is home on leave after some months in hospital owing to wounds received in action. Social Service offering was £3. On Aug. 26 S. Nicholson, Local Option Alliance, gave interesting outline of the work. Mr. Graham gave a helpful address at night. Ladies' Guild is working hard to raise funds for clearing church debt.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Sept. 2 K. W. Barton was morning speaker. At Bible class H. Host, from Mission to Blind, was guest speaker. At night R. Enniss made reference to the passing of J. Barclay Jackson to a good number of relatives and friends. The large number gathered in chapel on Monday afternoon, Aug. 27, for brief service, led by C. G. Taylor and R. Enniss, bore witness to the high esteem in which our late brother was held. A lady made the good confession at the close of meeting on evening of Sept. 2.

Collingwood.—On Sept. 2, Sunday school anniversary was celebrated. In morning R. Bethune was speaker. Afternoon speaker was E. Harris, of Westgarth Baptist church. The children sang well under leadership of Mr. Hopkins. Items of kindergarten were especially enjoyable. A solo was sung by Miss C. Bethune. In evening the speaker was L. Brooker. Young men of school contributed a duet and quartette, and a solo was rendered by Mrs. Campbell. In interval between afternoon and evening meetings, tea was served by teaching staff.

Red Hill.—Mrs. H. Bowring was baptised on Aug. 19 and received into fellowship Aug. 26. A series of special meetings commenced on Aug. 18, and ended Sept. 2. At three week-ends addresses were given respectively by E. L. Williams, A. B. Withers and A. W. Stephenson. Attendances were good throughout. On Sept. 2 Moorooduc was represented. E. Kingston led four week-night and P. R. Whitmore two such meetings. Mr. Whitmore led singing. Church has been strengthened. Presentations were made to Messrs. Kingston and Whitmore and Miss Betty Holmes.

Footscray.—A memorial service to the late Mrs. Annie McNab was held on evening of Sept. 2. Eulogies from J. I. Mudford, D. D. Stewart and W. Wakefield were read during the meeting.

Geelong.—At Endeavor meeting on Aug. 30, an "object night" was held, when members brought objects, and each gave a scriptural reference. On Sept 2, at service for breaking of bread, one lady, an immersed believer, was received into fellowship. At both services special reference was made to Father's Day by the preacher, D. R. Stirling.

Preston.—A social evening was held on Aug. 22 to welcome home Alan Paterson, recently discharged from military service. Representatives spoke on behalf of church, officers and auxiliaries, and a pleasant evening was spent. Attendances on Sept. 2 were fair, Mr. Combridge speaking at both services. There were two baptisms at night, when young people's choir also took part. Miss Margaret Jenkins rendered an enjoyable violin solo.

Warragul.—Mr. Baker resumed duty on Aug. 26 after absence of two weeks, during which time Mr. Byard was in charge of all services and gave helpful messages. C. F. Waters (treasurer) recently met with a slight accident whilst engaged in lopping some trees near his home, a falling branch coming into contact with his upper lip, inflicting a wound which necessitated insertion of a few stitches. Young people of church have been successful in recent competitions held under auspices of local "Christian Youth Organisation," gaining at present second place in aggregate of points. Thanks are tendered to Sister Keetley for advice and help in training these young folk.

Gardenvale.—At evening service on Aug. 12 R. Burns, of Sudan Mission, conducted a lantern lecture dealing with the work of the mission. Thanks are extended to speakers who readily helped when Mr. Anderson was called to Swan Hill. The church has had fellowship with Messrs. Les and Maurice Keatch, R.A.A.F., of Mile End, S.A. Mr. Barrow has returned home after many years of active service. Of twelve scholars who sat for examinations, five received honors and six passes. A baptistry has been installed, and thanks are extended to Mr. Saunders for his work. On Aug. 17 the Girls' Club's first anniversary party was well attended. Mr. Tippett has resumed as church secretary after being in North Australia for more than two years. Church thanks Mr. Sumpton for carrying that office during Mr. Tippett's absence. Boys' Club held second anniversary on Aug. 21, with attendance of 76. Parents and friends of boys were present, and musical items and games enjoyed. Mr. Anderson conducted gospel service on Aug. 26, Maurice Keatch being soloist.

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BIRTH

MANALLACK.—At Essendon, on July 29, to Jack and Jean—a son (William Alexander).

DEATHS

HEDGER.—On Aug. 20, 1945, at a private hospital, Arncliffe, N.S.W., Ernest Thomas, beloved husband of Alice Hedger, of 25 Dora-st., Hurstville, N.S.W. Aged 69 years.

JACKSON.—On Aug. 26, 1945, at private hospital, John Barclay, of 26 Hernda-ave., Glenhantly, dearly loved husband of Annie and loved father of Joan, aged 57 years. "Peace, perfect peace."

IN MEMORIAM

LYALL.—In loving memory of Alexander Lyall, who passed away on Sept. 2, 1937. Loved husband of Nellie and loving father of Sydney and Clifford (deceased). "Till the day breaks and shadows flee away."

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"I heard a voice from heaven saying; Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
—Inserted by her husband, J. C. F. Pittman.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16, 23 and 26.—Northcote. Sept. 16, 3 p.m., W. S. Lowe, M.A., B.Com.; 7 p.m., W. T. Atkin. Sept. 23, 3 p.m., R. Muller; 7 p.m., E. L. Williams, M.A.; Sept. 26, 8 p.m., Picture Talk by C. L. Lang. Distribution of prizes. You are invited to attend these services.

BIBLE TESTIMONY

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THAT churches of Christ are endeavoring to advance the youth interests may be judged in such facts as the following:—

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The 1945 directors' conference took place in Melbourne from Aug. 29 to 31, and was attended by R. Greenhalgh, H. E. Greenwood, V. C. Stafford and W. R. Hibburt and A. E. White, who has accepted the appointment with the New Zealand Young People's Department. The conference is promotional, and refers its consideration to State departments. As a result of previous conference State work is being co-ordinated and Federal patterns are taking shape.

EFFICIENCY COUNTS

YOUTH functions and programmes merit our best endeavors. The Victorian Department conducted an efficiency course during August in the following subjects: "How to become a good M.C.," "How to prepare and stage religious drama and pageantry," "How to develop leadership ability," "How to talk and teach through models," "How to build worship and educational programmes," "How to advertise church activities." The lecturers included Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mrs. D. Kent, Messrs. R. L. Williams, R. P. Morris, V. N. Jame, V. C. Stafford, W. R. Hibburt.

WHO SAID RURAL WORK WAS SAGGING?

IT is granted that there are conditions which call for concern in rural work. The following paragraph, however, indicates that wisely directed it is full of encouragement. On Saturday, August 18, 101 young people assembled at Castlemaine, Vic., from Maryborough, Kyneton, Harcourt and Sutton Grange. This association of youth means business; they have constituted themselves into a Midlands Youth Fellowship. The fellowship is being sponsored by the preachers, G. M. Mathieson, I. J. Chivell, C. E. Curtis. N. A. Read as secretary is showing great initiative. The writer, as State youth director, found himself excited as he felt the impact of those young lives, shared in this brotherhood-making event, and discovered so many lovely Christian lives in a given rural area. It is hoped that the young people in other rural areas may be able to form themselves into such a youth fellowship.

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DEACON OUTRIGHT:

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"Christchurch, 1945"

THIS is the official title given to the historic conference held in New Zealand from Aug. 28 to Sept. 4. It is a local expression of the ecumenical spirit that is sweeping the Christian world as a result of which "Oxford, 1937," "Edinburgh, 1937," and "Madras, 1938" were made possible.

Work of National Council of Churches

This council making its advent in 1941 has four years of splendid achievement to its credit, the Campaign for Christian Order, January, 1942, to December, 1943, being its first major project. The executive is located in Christchurch; the chairman is J. Lawson Robinson, Presbyterian church. H. W. Newell is full-time secretary of the council.

The Conference

The conference of 200 delegates officially selected by the eight constituent churches of the council will be held at Christ's College, Christchurch. Among these delegates will be specially selected representatives of youth, women's committees and the Maori people.

Five Commissions

In 1943 commissions were set up to study various aspects of the one problem, namely, the relation of Christianity to New Zealand. These commissions have been at work on the following: the problem of community in relation to New Zealand and the area of the Pacific which concerns New Zealand; the future of the Maori people; land, industry and commerce; education, its meaning, purpose and scope; the gospel and its presentation in modern conditions. Special panels are considering problems of home and family, basis of a Christian peace. Material produced by Federal Council of Churches, U.S.A., is the basis of the latter study.

Numerically Speaking

The eight co-operating churches represent approximately 1,175,000 Christians in New Zealand, according to the 1936 census. The 200 delegates will form a good cross-section of the non-Roman Christian population. They will be divided into five groups of 40 each. The 200 delegates will discuss reports from the five groups at plenary sessions.

Churches of Christ Delegates

The following have been requested by the general executive to act for our churches: C. G. Flood, N. T. Harg, A. D. Lowe, E. R. Vickery, B.A. In addition to these four, A. L. Haddon, M.A., and R. T. Wright, M.Com., will attend as members of the national council. A youth representative is to be appointed. A. B. McDiarmid, M.A., Dip. Journ., will attend in the capacity of convener of the Publicity Committee. Of the ten official positions (chair-

man and secretary) connected with the five commissions, churches of Christ have held three.

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THE MAN TO BE

YESTERDAY I dragged wearily along, passively resigned—the Man-I-Am—between the Man-I-Might-Have-Been and the Man-I-Yet-May-Be. But now, to-day, I feel that with Christ's help all things are possible to the aspirations, the energy and courage that are thrilling in me in this beautiful new-born life of to-day, and the Man-I-Yet-May-Be draws closer to my side.—Selected.

RETORT

THE life at the court of Charles II., the "Merry Monarch," is well known to readers of history. The king himself one day stopped the notorious Earl of Shaftesbury and said, "Shaftesbury, I believe thou art the wickedest fellow in my dominion." "For a subject, sir, I believe I am," was the ready reply of the earl.

DAY goodly heed all ye who read,
And beware of saying, I can't,
'Tis a cowardly word, and apt to lead
To idleness, folly and want.

Teacher.—"How was iron first discovered?"
Tommy.—"Please, sir, they smelt it."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—WHY BOAST?

- Sept. 10—Matt. 23: 1-22.
- " 11—Matt. 23: 23-39.
- " 12—Luke 18: 9-14.
- " 13—Acts 10: 34-43.
- " 14—Revelation 5.
- " 15—Rom. 3: 1-18.
- " 16—Psalm 14; Romans 3: 19-31.

PAUL asserts that all boasting is excluded, because all alike are guilty before God. This inspired word should not be unheeded, especially at such a time as this.

"If drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not thee in awe,
Such boasting as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the law,
Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

Victory is ours, and we may well rejoice; but why boast? The apostle removes from under the feet of every Christian and even every nation all ground for claims of superiority or supremacy, showing that we are all alike, for all have sinned. It is fitting that, instead of lording it over "the charge allotted to us" and arrogantly claiming that we, as a nation, have been divinely raised to a position of supremacy over all other nations, we should all humble ourselves before the Lord, acknowledging our transgressions, and expressing our thankfulness for a wonderful deliverance. Why boast? "It is excluded."

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Obituary

C. H. Mitchell

ONE held in very high esteem in the city of Melbourne and the church at Swanston-st., received a sudden call home in the person of C. H. Mitchell on August 1. A son of Thomas and Harriet Mitchell, he was born on June 17, 1883, at Melbourne, and spent all his life in his native city. To be equipped for his life work he was educated at Wesley College, Melbourne, and spent time studying methods of business in Germany and other countries. He enjoyed much travel. As secretary of the Sunday school he revealed skill, and was prominent in the work of Christian Endeavor. To be furnished on the theological side, he was one of the first students of the College of the Bible, when it began in Rathdown-st., Carlton. In 1909 he was united in marriage to Laura, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Embley. To this union were given Edward, John, Betty (Mrs. Cust) and Richard, all of whom are a credit to their fine parents. Regular church attendance all his life was characteristic of his devotion, and for over forty years his soul was expressed in playing the organ at the city church where this duty, to him, was one of sheer joy, and profit to everyone. Our brother had many interests, perhaps cricket and tennis being the most outstanding in the realm of sport. He was a member of Riversdale Golf Club and Camberwell Bowling Club. Large gardens at his home provided opportunity to display his love and skill in flowers generally, whilst the walls of his house exhibit a collection of rare china. In business, C. H. Mitchell was managing director of Thomas Mitchell and Co. Pty. Ltd.; director of Independent Silk Mills Pty. Ltd. and Mignon Hosiery Pty. Ltd. He was P.G.J.D. of Grand Lodge of A.F.A.M. of Victoria, and P.M. of Australia Felix No. 1. As one would expect, a large and representative gathering attended his funeral. Mr. C. B. Nance-Kivell conducted a service at the home and burial ceremony at Box Hill cemetery. To Mrs. Mitchell (widow) and children, Mrs. H. Mitchell (aged mother), sister (Mrs. Leane), brother (Mr. L. Mitchell), relatives and friends we tender our sympathy and join them in giving God thanks for such a rich life of service to God and man.—C.B.N.-K

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The Magical Beam

L. R. Floyd, of Surrey, England, tells with a lesson how a pilot of an aeroplane finds his way home.

DO you know what it is that helps our pilots home to their base on a dark night or in stormy weather? The other day I found out and I want to tell you about it. I am not giving away any secrets, for a description has already appeared in one of our national newspapers.

It is an invisible beam something like wireless rays. It runs across the aerodrome and stretches out long distances on either side. As the pilot returns home, he can pick up the signals as far as a hundred miles from his aerodrome. He first switches on his selector apparatus to the number on his station, just as you switch on your wireless. Then, with the help of his earphones, he listens for the signals.

The astonishing thing is that he can tell what direction he is taking in relation to the aerodrome. As he draws nearer, the signals become louder and clearer. At greater heights, too, the signals are stronger.

Now for the magic! Not magic really, but the extraordinary way science helps the pilot. If he flies to the left of the beam he hears dots. If he flies along the beam, which means that he is making straight for the aerodrome, he hears a constant high-pitched sound. There are other sounds, too. As the aircraft approaches the aerodrome, it passes over small wireless beacons, called the outer and inner markers, each of which gives out its own peculiar signal. These signals tell the pilot he can begin to lose height and prepare to land. By the time he has passed the inner markers, he should in normal weather be able to see the aerodrome, and make a safe landing.

In addition to sound signals, there is also something like a clock face in front of him, to enable him to check by sight what he has heard in the ear-phones. Down the middle is a glide-path indicator. As the pilot approaches the aerodrome the needle rises. Underneath is a pointer which "kicks" sharply to the left if the pilot turns left of the beam, and to the right if the pilot turns

right. But as long as he flies along the beam, the pointer remains steady in the centre. At either side of the glide-path indicator is a light which flashes as the aircraft passes over the outer and inner markers.

Nothing is left to chance. The pilot hears signals, and sees a shining light which tells him exactly where he is in relation to his home base on the darkest night or in the foulest weather. And by the help of the invisible beam many a tired pilot has succeeded in making a blind landing in conditions when not even the aerodrome was visible.

The young disciple, too, has an invisible beam to help him. Yet although we cannot "see" Jesus in the flesh, we can "tune in" to him, and both "hear" and "see." "He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life." Are you going to listen for the word of Christ, so that you may have a reliable signal in dark and stormy weather?

Christ, however, is also a light for the young disciple, a light you can trust, a light that never fails, a light that will always see you home. "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness."—"The Expository Times."

PRAYER

"DO you think it isn't mainly for a man to kneel and pray?

There is no more mainly action

In the wide world of to-day;

For the best of men—the Lord of all,

Found a strength indeed in prayer,

And we who would be like to him

Must seek and find strength there."

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BUILD ON

By Marjorie Buckingham.

BUILDING—yes, we are building, and we shall build on through time and through eternity, for there is a force within us which impels us to build; and build we must.

Almost before we can toddle we begin to build with our blocks on the nursery floor; then with the delightful extravagance of youth we build our castles in the air, build them great and grand with the stuff that dreams are made of. Then suddenly we awaken to the fact that life is real, and casting aside the mantle of make-believe, we bend to the task of building something real and vital from the intangible things about us.

We are young and strong, the flood-tide of life surges in our veins, and our hearts beat high with resolution and purpose. We gaze upon the unfinished structures that lie about us and with an impatience that will brook no delay, we grasp our tools, determined that we shall build on. It seems so simple a task that we pause a moment to wonder why those who laid the foundations could not have completed the work.

Then with reverence and awe we realise that the place whereon we stand is holy ground, for these foundations are laid in sweat and toil and tears, these stones are cemented with the blood of sacrifice and service, and a thousand voices from the past whisper the solemn warning, "Take heed how ye build thereon."

This thing which we have set our hands to complete is no ordinary structure—it is a living edifice that the passing years cannot dim nor time destroy. It is built upon Jesus Christ, the chief corner-stone, elect, precious, in whom all the building holds together. It rests upon the sure foundation of the Word of the Lord which endureth for ever, and pivots upon the changeless principle of obedience to his commandments. It is an edifice of living stones, for it is built up of lives regenerated and renewed by the power of his Spirit.

These are the great truths for which our fathers lived and died; this is the

rich heritage that, because of their faithfulness, is ours to have and to hold, and to pass on to the generations yet to be. We dare not value it lightly, nor perform our part with carelessness or indifference.

We shall build on—but we shall build worthily upon the foundation that is laid. We shall build prayerfully with a high resolve and a noble purpose. We shall build with materials that will endure the fire of the judgment of God, so that when we stand before him we shall not be ashamed. We shall build on with the things that are eternal.

Though scoffers may taunt us,
Nothing shall daunt us,
We shall build on,
That when he shall come,
We may hear the "Well done"—
We shall build on.

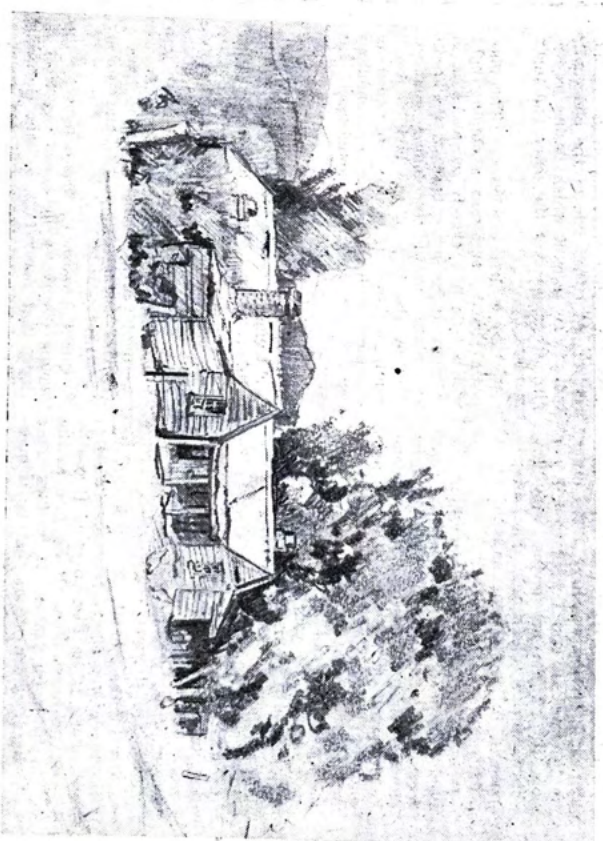
AS HE LOVES US

IT is very easy to fix our attention only on the weak points of those around us, to magnify them, to irritate them, to aggravate them; and by so doing, we can make the burden of life unendurable, and can destroy our own and others' happiness and usefulness wherever we go. But this was not the love wherewith Christ loved us; this is not the new love wherewith we are to love one another."

Y O U T H S ' M A G A Z I N E



Youths' Magazine



From original by Alfred Coleman.

The Pioneers

NOT counting the cost in toil, in hardship, or in loss of companionship, men and women went into the Australian backblocks to win from nature the necessities of life. Little by little they laid bare earth's treasures. Building humble dwellings, either amid rugged mountains or on vast plains, those Australian pioneers grew in moral strength. Yes, they seemed to share in the vigor of their surroundings. Fear of God and love for truth enabled many to make homes that were full of right living. Many made the church the centre of social life. Each Lord's day they travelled miles to gather in worship services. It is no wonder that this nation, though small in numbers and young in years, has begun making a worthy part in world affairs. What the future holds for Australia depends mainly on the character and ability of those who are now young. Right living and fear of God give strength to a nation. Youth must choose to-day's narrow way to enjoy to-morrow's wide renown in virtue. Australia can grow great if her young sons and daughters live and sacrifice like worthy pioneers. Only to-day's best is good enough for to-morrow's world. By making Christ Lord of life young people of Australia can make the future of this nation secure.

Saved From Doubt

GOLD was discovered in New South Wales. News spread around the world. During 1850 ship after ship crowded new adventurers into Australia. Albert Griffen, a young man, made his way from England among the immigrants to Australia. We do not know if he found great finds of gold, but we know he found a rich treasure. When he reached the new land he turned to his Bible for help. He had been taught that he must gain the Holy Spirit if he was to be saved. How could he gain the Spirit? Only by waiting and praying, his friends said. Alas! he could get no comfort from that teaching. There was nothing like that in his Bible. He became so troubled he almost lost faith in God. One day he received news from his brother, Eleazar Griffen, living then in London. He was a member of a church of Christ in that great city. Now Eleazar told his brother of a parcel of books he was sending him. Among the books young Albert Griffen found several copies of a religious paper called the "British Millennial Harbinger." Reading these carefully, he found new truth about the

teaching of the Bible. He opened the Bible to see if this teaching were true. Yes, he found that the New Testament had one clear message for sinners, namely, that if they believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, turn from their sinful ways and be obedient to Christ in baptism, they could claim the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was not a matter of waiting and praying, but of believing and obeying (Acts 2: 38). Albert Griffen did not delay. He sought out someone who would immerse him. After he had been baptised he learned of a Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, who were in Sydney. So in November, 1852, Albert Griffen and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell met to arrange for a regular service for the breaking of bread each Lord's day. From such a humble start, churches following the New Testament order had their beginning in N.S.W. One with an open mind, a willing spirit, although little more than a youth, was able to make a great witness to the truth of the New Testament. Are you not able to do the same in your town or district?

We Hear Chat

Birds of the Bible

Modern dehydration can reduce 80 pounds of peas to 15 pounds in less than ten hours.

Sunflower seed is now one of Argentina's principal crops, and will yield this year a large surplus of edible oil for export.

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1. What birds did Jesus say were sold two a farthing?
2. What birds fed Elijah when he was by the brook?
3. What bird returned to the ark?
4. What bird did Jesus say was to be found about a carcase?
5. What birds provided food for the children of Israel in the wilderness?
6. Were the children of Israel permitted to eat any of the following birds: Eagle, owl, hawk, swan, pelican, stork, heron, or cuckoo? What passages in scripture will support your answer?
7. Yea, the..... hath found an house, and the..... a nest for herself, where she may lay her young. (Fill in this verse from the Psalms.)

ANSWERS.

1. Ravens and magpies.
2. Ravens.
3. Dove.
4. Owl.
5. Eagle, owl, hawk, swan, pelican, stork, heron, or cuckoo.
6. Psalm 91: 11.
7. Yea, the raven, and the magpie.

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