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Evangelists in Demand

"WE want a teacher," an elderly church member pleaded. It was a cry of the soul for spiritual food. Sermons may be delivered with appealing grace and may be clothed in pleasant words, winning popular praise, and yet may be as void of the truth as sounding brass and clashing cymbal can be of music. John Milton voiced the complaint of those who attend services of the church, hoping to gain strength, but leave spiritually hungry, by saying, "The hungry sheep look up, and are not fed."

There has grown up a false idea suggesting that a teaching ministry is dull. One of the greatest preachers of the church was John Bunyan. "Pilgrim's Progress," while presented in book form, really is a sermon in which the facts of the Bible are presented in a simple and delightful style. Millions have given heed to that sermon without being wearied, and have been taught Christian facts that satisfy the soul. To nourish souls with the gospel, it must not be offered as a dish of dry bones. As a teacher Jesus won the ear of the common people because he taught great truths in refreshing stories. He told in parables how much God loves sinners and how vigorously he is seeking them. When the Master saw the multitude wandering about like sheep without a shepherd, he gathered about him those spiritually hungry people and taught them.

To-day, in this restless age, people still need a knowledge of God's safe road to heaven. Many who attend church services are not aware of that way of life. Such ignorance may be due to the preacher's failure to present the gospel facts, or to his inability to convey to people, in an arresting manner, the Bible story.

Some have the notion that a teacher cannot be an evangelist; while others have also suggested falsely that an evangelist cannot be a teacher. The evangelist is really one who announces good news about the way God saves sin-

ners. He cannot tell out such truths unless he knows them. The true evangelist is one who finds in the New Testament vital facts in God's revelation and teaches sinners. By studying the messages of the preachers of the apostolic church, he will learn what they taught and what they urged men to do to gain salvation. Whenever a man has been able to gain such an insight into New Testament truth, and has the ability to pass those facts on persuasively, he has become a great evangelist.

Thomas and Alexander Campbell were great students of the scriptures; but in the early days of their ministry in the Restoration Movement, they failed to win popular support. However, a young co-worker, Walter Scott by name, studied the methods of New Testament evangelists, and found that their appeal to sinners sets out the need of faith, repentance, confession and baptism. The word of God made it clear that, when sinners completed certain well-defined conditions, God fulfilled his promise to forgive and to save them. It is an error to suggest that the conditions save. It is God's act that saves. The Lord has promised to save any man who satisfies

Bunyan in Prison.

"Pilgrim's Progress"



The Man with
the Burden.



Crossing the River.

A WORD-PICTURE
SERMON.



Fighting the Dragon.

the conditions of the gospel. The aim of the New Testament evangelist was to inspire action rather than to stir up emotions. When Walter Scott preached powerfully the New Testament gospel truths, he won multitudes to Christ. His example has been followed with success by many.

Too many modern preachers are content to appeal only to the emotions, suggesting that "faith alone" is required of God. This false doctrine is not supported by New Testament facts, because the apostles preached, not only to create faith, but also to move men to repentance and to urge that faith be expressed in action; holding that faith without works is dead.

Christian baptism is an act of faith, an outward expression of faith. Baptism marked the beginning of a life full of acts of faith in response to the love, and to the goodness, of God.

Judaizers were condemned because they made "works," apart from "faith," the ground of salvation; but Paul, the great New Testament evangelist, urged that faith, as expressed in the acts of the new life in Christ, is the condition required by God. It was in baptism that New Testament Christians expressed their faith, and began to walk in newness of life with their Lord.

There are evangelists who are declaring these truths clearly and persuasively and are bringing many into Christ. They find that the New Testament gospel is still the power of God. There is a demand still for many more such evangelists, so the good news may be preached with power to the masses.

This is the Victory

Chaplain L. G. Crisp, of the R.A.A.F., gives reasons why Christianity is a power for good in the world, and why it must be preached among all nations.

I WAS awakened early in the morning by a young medical orderly who wanted me to drive him to the air-strip. One of our aircraft had crashed on a dawn take-off, had burst into flame, and was burning fiercely. The two men were listed as dangerously ill with third degree burns.

Two days later, the pilot, who was affectionately known amongst us as Squadron-Leader Jim, was free from all pain. His navigator took a turn for the better and has been improving ever since.

The memorial service for Jim was crowded that night. There have been fewer things in Service life I have found more difficult to do than this. The next day we paid our last tribute at the beautifully laid out little war cemetery at Adelaide River. The Air Commodore was the chief mourner. Overhead a fellow pilot dipped the wings of a silver Mosquito in farewell salute.

Jim had been a skilful pilot with several thousand hours to his credit. The shock was great to us all, but greater indeed to his wife and two children, one of whom was born since he came North.

After letters of condolence had been sent and his personal affairs had been adjusted, we looked on his passing as a posting from us and turned our minds again to routine life.

His passing symbolises the great loss in many homes for whom the war will not end with the news of victory. There are homes in which suffering and anguish will continue for many years. And the great question will frequently be asked, Have such lives been given in vain?

Most of us have viewed with horror the atrocity pictures wherein has been revealed the grossly inhuman treatment of prisoners of war. A camouflaged Japanese hospital ship, recently captured, depicted indescribable scenes of filth which could only reflect an outlook of degraded human creatures.

The British nation has much within itself to be deplored, and has much that is shameful, but at least its treatment of prisoners of war was not brutal and bestial, our hospital standards are much higher, our pity for the wounded more manifest, our consideration for the enemy more gracious. For this there is a very real reason.

The flag we serve is a combination of the crosses of St. Andrew, St. George and of St. Patrick. These patrons were inspired by the cross which stood on a lonely hill.

Thus Christianity is to be seen basically at the background of British justice and fair play. The spirit of Christianity has been embedded into the very heart of our nation, since the first missionaries took it there.

This transforming power, down through the centuries, has accomplished much. Sometimes we seem impatient with gospel work, but at least we have gained a victory over some phases of life. We see this when we contrast our standards of life with those in some



nations. It is a great missionary challenge, and ought to encourage us to go with the gospel to lands where Christ's standards are unknown.

Let us resolve to play our part in the world of to-morrow, by remaining true to our Christian convictions, so that, on the solid foundations of the chief Corner-stone, a better world might be constructed.

Go But Tarry

Thomas Hagger, of Frankston, Vic., sounds an evangelistic note, and urges the need to go and preach the New Testament terms of salvation.

JUST before his return to the glory which he had with the Father "before the world was," our Master gave to the little group of disciples around him a great world-embracing, age-lasting commission. They were to go, preach, make disciples, baptise, teach. The record of this commission is found in Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15, 16; and Luke 24: 44-48. But, said he in Luke 24: 49, before you begin: "Tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

The command to tarry could not apply to disciples down through the ages and in all lands because it has a geographical limitation—"in the city of Jerusalem." Some very sincere people to-day talk of tarrying for this promised blessing of power; but that only shows how, although sincere, it is possible to be wrong.

The promised power came upon that little band of disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). It came through the descent of the Holy Spirit. Once the Spirit came he was to abide forever (see John 14: 16). Consequently we have not to tarry for him; he is here; it is ours to receive him. To tarry for him to-day would be to tarry for One who has already come, and that is surely absurd.

Such a thing as that which happened at Pentecost in Jerusalem (Acts 2: 1-13), and again at Caesarea (Acts 10: 44-48), are not common occurrences. That baptism in the Spirit, as it is called in Acts 11: 15, 16, was not to continue throughout the Christian age; it occurred once for all. And the manifestation of such was to cease, and so Paul says, "Whether there be tongues, they shall cease" (1 Cor. 13: 8). Even during the time that such were present in the church Paul saw something more important, for he said that he would "rather speak five words with the understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (1 Cor. 14: 19).

There is "one baptism" to continue throughout the Christian age (Ephesians 4: 5), and that we are to endeavor to keep (verse 3). That would be the baptism commanded in the great commission (Matt. 28: 18-20).

While we are not to tarry for the Spirit who is already here, we should tarry to know the will of God for us, and should seek it in prayer and in the Word. Then we should go forth to do that will for the glory of God and the good of our fellow-men.

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New South Wales Bible College

To help meet the churches' demand for trained evangelists, financial aid is sought for the maintenance of this Bible College.

A. W. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip.Ed.; R. P. Arnott, M.A.; and five other lecturers, each a specialist in his own department.

(V.) Fifty young men and women have been enrolled as students.

(VI.) Letters of thanks come from churches served by our student preachers, and especially from those now being served by churches full-time.

(VII.) 200 souls for Christ. More than that have been won by our college men.

The Atomic Bomb

Great is the devastation when the papers can tell us that one bomb killed 100,000 people, and is capable of killing 1,000,000. Some say that the atomic bomb will either end war or war will end us. Probably neither statement is true.



E. C. Hinrichsen.

There is a power greater than the power of the atomic bomb, and that is the power of God . . . that is "the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation." The bomb can only bring death, but the gospel can bring life. "He that hath the Son hath the life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." The atomic bomb can bring hate, suffering, sorrow and death. The gospel brings peace, joy and life.

Now, more than ever, must this gospel of love and life be preached. More than ever must our men be qualified to proclaim that gospel. A spiritual famine in the future will mean that atomic bombs will almost certainly later fall in Sydney and other Australian cities.

We have had our thanksgiving for peace. By the time you read this the excitement will be over. Sit down and think. How did your thanksgiving express itself? Mere lip-service, or did you appropriately return thanks to God by a worthy gift? Ask God! (1) Is the college a worthy institution? (2) Is it fair that I should leave its support to others? Is not this the most appropriate time in my

life for a worthwhile offering? Why not attend to the matter now!

DON'T WAIT—OCTOBER 7 IS THE DATE.

The Best for the Best!

—E.C.H.

"Give Our Best"

Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A., tells of progress being made by the college.

FOR the churches of Christ in New South Wales, the establishment of the college was a great venture of faith. That it was a sound venture needs no argument, for the work which students and the first graduates are doing is ample evidence.

1. It was commenced less than four years ago upon a good solid basis. Mr. A. R. Main, as the first principal, and out of a long and rich experience, contributed his best, and any success of the present or future will be in large part due to his wise planning.

2. The college board of management is convinced that an adequate training for leadership is a necessity. In respect of training and scholarship, nothing is too good for men who present the claims of Christ. To this end students are encouraged to seek a higher standard. A diploma is now given to students who, in addition to successfully completing three years of a theological Bible course, have passed in certain specific subjects in public examinations. For the tutoring of students for the public examinations and the teaching of New Testament Greek, Mr. R. P. Arnott, M.A., a graduate of Glen Iris and Master at Sydney Grammar School, has been added to the faculty of the college. In addition, Mr. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip.Ed., and other competent men continue to render splendid service.

3. The sixteen students enrolled at present come from three States—South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales. Some of these are already good preachers of the word, and all but two are actively engaged in preaching each Lord's day. We earnestly commend them and the work of the college to the brotherhood. Let us give our best for the best.

My World Task

I CAN pray for the work.
As I pray for myself and my friends, and for our needs, I can include a petition for the world task.
I cannot pray without learning.
If I am in earnest in my praying, I must soon face questions about the field for which I pray.
I cannot pray without giving.
Every prayer brings the desire to help answer it.
I cannot pray without telling.
I may never preach from a pulpit; I may never make a public address; but I must tell the story.
I cannot pray without going.
If God wants me to go in person he will open the way.
If the doors remain closed, I can still go.
As I pray—I go in spirit to touch the field with power.
As I study—I go in thought to dwell among the people and learn to love them.
As I give—I go in actual labor, made possible by my gifts.
As I tell—I may go, through the lives of other people in the same processes of praying, learning, giving and telling.
This is my share of the world task.

—Author Unknown.

GOD said that in Psalm 50: 1. The cattle upon a thousand hills are his. Yes, "the world is his and the fullness thereof." Somehow there is a danger that that great truth may be forgotten, and many a Christian holds on to certain possessions as though they are his. Of course, they always intend to do "something interesting" later on—but they fail to do it, and at last stumble into the grave, leaving their assets to be divided between and fought over by the Government and relatives. In many cases it is not a blessing to the latter.

Hungry?

Not in this country. In others, yes. In Europe and Asia at this moment there are millions starving or on the verge of starvation. During the eight years of war it is safe to say that more than 20,000,000 have died of starvation in China. In Europe hundreds of thousands have died. The "horror pictures" are heartrending. Most thought it was not possible for men and women, boys and girls, to get so painfully thin and weak. Did you see them crawling into drains, looking for a place in which to die alone, after having eaten dogs, cats, rats, human flesh, and any other thing available?

Famine in Australia

God sees not only the starved condition of the body, but that of the soul, and to him the sight is as ghastly as the physical. Prophecy foretells a spiritual famine. Amos 8: 11, 12 says, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread nor thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

The Woolwich College to the Rescue

To avoid the famine of the word of God in New South Wales, the Woolwich Bible College was brought into existence.

Four Years of Achievement for Which We Praise God

(I.) The splendid original building and equipment, out of debt.

(II.) Two fine properties adjoining the college acquired.

(III.) A magnificent start made under the most capable guidance of A. R. Main, M.A.

(IV.) The faculty is thoroughly qualified and consecrated: H. J. Patterson, M.A., principal;

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Films For S.A. Children

COMMONWEALTH-WIDE interest has been created by the comprehensive report submitted to the Youth Welfare Co-ordinating Council in Adelaide.

The special sub-committee made very exhaustive investigations concerning the type of films being presented in theatres during children's sessions. It was declared that the cinema was not providing all that is necessary or desirable for the entertainment and education of children. The ordinary film was described as being unsuitable for such essential purposes. Special recommendations relative to the classification of films are to be sent to the Commonwealth Government. The classification recommended includes the following: Films suitable for adults and adolescents over sixteen, screenings to which parents may take their children knowing the films will contain no scenes of characters likely to frighten or disturb them, or be morally injurious, and films which may be viewed by children alone because of there being no detrimental features.

A request for shorter sessions was also included in the approach to the authorities. The thoroughness of the work done by the above sub-committee is worthy of commendation. The local press gave excellent publicity to the report which indicated that a very constructive research had been made and practical findings had been impressively tabulated.

Sunday Sport

During a recent visit to Whyalla our conference president, T. Butler, was apprised of school boys being engaged in a "curtain-raiser" football match on a certain Sunday. Mr. Butler very promptly arranged for a strong letter of protest to be sent to the chairman of the Whyalla Town Commission. The letter expressed the attitude of our conference executive. Provision was also made for similar communications to be sent to the Education Department and the Council of Churches. The letters urged that in the interests of the future well-being of our State, steps should be taken to stop such an obvious desecration of the Lord's day.

It was also pointed out that the training of future citizens was seriously interfered with, and that children brought up in such an atmosphere would have little reverence for things related to the Christian faith. There are indications that Mr. Butler's prompt action has produced the desired results.

Peace Celebrations

Unrivalled demonstrations of varied natures have been in evidence since the declaring of peace. It is probable that more religious gatherings have been held than ever before in the history of this State.

An extraordinary situation developed in an unexpected quarter in relation to the liquor trade. The president of the L.V.A. made public the fact that the trade would keep hotels open during the two special holidays as provided for by the Federal authority. However, the barmen held a meeting and passed a resolution including the following: "In view of the disturbance and vandalism that had occurred in South Australia before peace being declared, it is in the best interests of the public that the bars be closed on V-P holidays." It is also reported that the men suggested that a telegram should be sent to the Prime Minister asking that hotels be closed on the holidays. Hence Adelaide was delightfully free from much of what the barmen feared.

Vigorous Visitation

The conference president, T. Butler, has completed his strenuous effort to visit the churches during his term of office. Mr.

★ Our S.A. correspondent, C. Schwab, reports on efforts being made to improve standard of films shown to children, on other social problems, and on the activities of the conference president.

Butler's achievement is probably without parallel in South Australia. His business-like and practical approach has been of an exemplary nature. The president's openly declared "stock-taking" has been a revelation to preachers, deacons, and church members generally. The unvarnished statement of his findings, so courteously, plainly and courageously presented to all concerned, will prove to be one of the finest contributions ever made to the South Australian brotherhood. The capitalising of



Christian Endeavor Activities

R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. Youth Director

THE N.S.W. C.E. Union has decided to launch a drive to secure funds for a C.E. headquarters building which will be an interdenominational youth centre.

The sum of £20,000 is aimed at. The Thanksgiving Expansion Fund, which now stands at £58, will be the nucleus of the headquarters fund.

National Union Notes

The model C.E. constitution, specially prepared and printed separately for young people's and intermediate societies, should soon be available at State C.E. Union offices.

C.E. Emblems. Polished C.E. pins and brooches will also shortly be available. These will sell at 2/6 each. Keep in touch with your State office for these.

Stamps for Missions

Does your society save stamps? Why not do so now? Your State overseas mission secretary will dispose of them and apply the money to missions. Here is an excellent way to preach the gospel and encourage our missionaries.

State C.E. Magazines

Do you take your State C.E. magazine? As we look through these each month, we see much that would help all grades of Endeavor. Suggestions for meetings may be had by reading of the activities of other societies. Most State papers are only about 2/- per annum, and every society should take at least one. It would be a better idea to take the paper of each State and keep abreast with new ideas. Write to your State Union for subscription rates and get the paper from now on.

Getting C.E. Out of the Rut

Madge Memorial, S.A., J.C.E., under leadership of Sister Dorothy, every Tuesday afternoon, holds its meeting at which every Endeavorer is given a cup of cocoa and a piece of bread and jam. They then spend the time around tables, painting and doing various forms of expression work, and then the meeting commences at 4.30 p.m. Attendances are in the vicinity of 40—and are rapidly increasing.

the unstinted labors of our esteemed brother will in itself provide a centenary challenge of great significance. His investment of talents, time and energy at no meagre financial outlay should call forth a worthy response from a grateful brotherhood.

Additions to Staff

The coming of Gordon Stirling as youth director, and F. Stowe as preacher at Cowandilla, provides encouraging increases to our staff of workers.

Mr. Stirling will find ample scope for service among the young people.

There are indications that more teachers are needed to fully implement the privilege of giving scripture instruction in day schools. Among church members who have given much assistance in day school work are to be found John Harkness, of Owen, and W. E. Grosvenor, of Port Noarlunga.

The supplying of an adequate and efficient staff for this important work will challenge all interested in the welfare of youth.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONFERENCE ON COMMITTEE WORK

PITHY points from a paper written by Miss Clugston (assistant junior superintendent of Queensland Union), especially for the Junior Workers' Conference at recent State convention:

1. The committee system is absolutely necessary machinery, if we are to carry out the third element in the ideal C.E. constitution: "Constant religious training for all kinds of service."

2. The child needs to give expression to its activity; don't deny it the opportunity of doing committee work.

3. Committee work trains for the present and for future service.

4. No junior is too young to learn to serve; all should have a part in committee work.

5. Only an active member should be convener.

6. It is wise to hold committee meetings at some other time than the society meeting. Give time to planning work. Let each committee meet separately at times in the worker's own home.

7. Encourage conveners to present written reports every month of work done.

8. Prayer Meeting and Syllabus Committee is the heart of the society. Keep it virile and strong.

9. Let the Sunshine Committee remember the birthdays of sick and aged members of your church.

10. Give each convener a little book, containing suggestions for work of their particular committee.

11. If conducting a cottage meeting, brighten it with flowers and singing especially.

12. Read missionary stories in serial fashion, always leaving a desire to hear more.

13. Encourage juniors to correspond with children in other lands, and to exchange snaps, stamps, etc.

14. If every junior worker would add a clause to their C.E. pledge, promising to be at home at least three nights in the week, much more committee work could be planned and fostered among the juniors.

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Human Life Not Valued

Various Topics

The following article is direct from the heart of Miss Elsie Caldicott. After nearly thirty years' service she feels the problem, and her heart is "moved with compassion."

HER parents and others from a distant village brought the poor little sufferer. She was about six years old, and very sick. All her body was a distinct yellow color like a severe jaundice case might be. Her abdomen was so distended, we wondered how the patient could bear it. The parents said she had had smallpox, and has never recovered her strength, and now seems worse, and has little appetite. When asked why they had not taken the patient to a doctor they answered, 'Oh, where is there a doctor

them that the baby's eyes were blinded, they just said, 'How did we know? What can we do?' Truly ignorance and lack of medical help in the villages of India account for such a lot of suffering, blindness and death. Are we doing all we can and should to relieve these people?"

DO YOU KNOW?

1. That India's "flying bomb" is T.B.? Every minute 10 die of it; 1500 daily; 500,000 annually—mostly youth.
2. That Hot Springs Conference laid down, as the minimum of safety, the consumption of 21 ounces of milk per head daily? India consumes only 4 ounces daily per head.
3. That India has the largest single temple area in the world—thirty acres, at Madura?
4. That in India 90 per cent. of people live in villages, but 90 per cent. of doctors practise in towns? So death rates among children and maternity cases are many times too high.
5. That in India literacy is 10 per cent.? In U.S.A. it is 95 per cent.
6. That cow-worshipping India refuses to kill useless cows, even though 70 out of every 100 give no milk? So the average milk yield is 750 pounds a year per cow, as against 7000 in Holland.
7. That more than 50,000,000 in India believe that evil spirits cause disease?
8. That half the babies of India are given opium while their mothers are at work?
9. That "the curt refusal of the Government to sanction rations for the Hindu gods, and open shops for them, has perturbed the public mind?" (Quoted from a Hindu newspaper "World Dominion.")

THANKS FOR GLASSES

SEVERAL pairs of glasses have been forwarded to Mr. Ira Paternoster, State F.M. secretary, New South Wales, church of Christ, Falcon-st., Crows Nest, Sydney, for use of our natives in the Islands. Mr. Paternoster voices his appreciation to the donors. If others have glasses no longer in use, please forward promptly. Just ordinary reading glasses are required; corrective glasses or bi-focals should not be forwarded.

ANNUAL OFFERING

ONLY progress figures can be reported, as no detailed report has been received from Western Australia, and all States have balances to forward after the end of August. To date the Federal Board has received or had reported about £5234. Our aim was £7000. The following shows the progress of the States to nearest pound:—

Victoria	£1869	(£2040)
South Australia	£2073	(£2257)
New South Wales	£412	(£844)
Queensland	£629	(£610)
Western Australia	—	(£620)
Tasmania	£250	(£290)

Figures in brackets refer to last year's totals.

Queensland is congratulated as having already exceeded last year's totals. Victoria and South Australia are certain to come close to last year—perhaps even go beyond, and Western Australia will have a substantial sum to forward. On present indications, it appears that we will reach last year's record figures; but there is insufficient evidence to suggest that we will reach the £7000 aim, which would mean about £350 above that received from all States in 1944.

PLANS for world reconstruction are about to be put into operation. It were well if we remembered the summary of his first chapter on "What is Wrong with the Old World?" which the late Archbishop of Canterbury put in his book "The Hope of a New World." Dr. Temple wrote: "The summary of the first chapter is this: we have neglected God and his laws." He condemned "the attitude which regards God and faith in God as an optional extra," and also "the attitude often expressed in the astonishingly silly saying that a man's religion is a private affair between him and his Maker."

Record Divorce Petitions

There has been a sad decline in standards of morality in recent years. Due in great part to war conditions, there has been a great increase in the number of broken marriages. The results of this on the nation are serious and evil, and the effects on the children of such marriages are deplorable. A report by the N.S.W. Registrar in Divorce (Mr. C. K. Body) to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Downing) shows a record of 5246 divorce petitions lodged in N.S.W. in the year ended June 30. This was an increase of 1011 on the total number of petitions for the previous year. Mr. Body reported that the average number for some years immediately before the war, and up to 1941, was about 2300. This lamentable increase is not confined to N.S. Wales or to Australia. I note that the divorce roll in Great Britain has reached alarming proportions. Let us hope that with the passing of war conditions there will be an improvement. But pious hopes are not enough. We must meet and fight the new paganism which challenges Christianity.

The Meaning of Words

In June "Contemporary Review" Dr. Edgar Stern-Rubarth refers to "the repellent perversion of the vocabulary of language" by Nazis. He writes: "The Nazis use 'justice,' 'liberty,' 'charity,' 'progress,' 'equality,' 'cleanliness,' or even 'God Almighty,' with a meaning as far removed from the established one as if they spoke the language of another planet. . . . Neither 'love,' nor 'Europe,' nor 'world,' neither 'religion' nor 'education,' neither 'truth' nor 'treaty,' let alone verbs like 'to pray,' 'to serve,' or 'to teach' mean, in the mouth of the 100 per cent. Nazi anything like what we understand them to mean."

The foregoing statement regarding the Nazis furnishes a special case of what is quite a common practice. Words do not mean the same to all users of them. Hence come misunderstandings and fruitless discussions. Socrates of old strove to get people to attach clear and definite meanings to words. Many serious controversies might be avoided if we agreed upon definitions of terms. Even in religion we have the evil results of varied and private meanings of biblical terms. Some use scriptural language but empty the words of their scriptural content. The worst examples are perhaps found in the use—or misuse—of phrases like "the Son of God," our Lord's "divinity," and such like, by those who regard Jesus Christ as but the best of men.

Since writing the foregoing, I have read a paragraph by Dr. F. D. Kershner in the current "Christian Evangelist" on "What is Democracy?" in which he emphasizes the point I have made. "There is no greater fallacy," he writes, "than the assumption that words mean the same thing to everybody. Democracy conveys one idea to a Russian, another to a South American, and still another to a citizen of the United States."

A. P. Main



Babies' Health Centre, Baramati, India. Ratnamalabai, Bible-woman and helper, with Indian mothers and babies.

in Sangavi, or any such small village?' (Sangavi is about 20 miles away from Baramati.) 'We did all we could to appease the gods, and gave what the holy men said should be given, but she is worse. We heard you could help us, so we have brought the child here.' I advised them to take the patient to Dhond, as it is the only place where they could get the necessary treatment and give the patient a chance to live. They sat and thought for a while, then decided they would not go. (You see, the patient was only a little girl—it probably would have been different if the patient had been a boy.) Thus they took that poor girl home to die. Callousness weighs on my mind. No value for human life—that seems to be the attitude of so many people of this land. I went home from the centre sad because I could do no more for such sick ones.

"The same day a man came running to the door of the bungalow. 'There is a baby with very swollen eyes needs treatment,' he said. 'I have just come from the centre; you should have brought the child there.' 'We came from Guzbai village, and could not get her earlier. Shall I bring the baby here for you to see?' 'Yes, go and bring the child,' I answered. He returned in a short while, accompanied by the mother, carrying the baby in a basket on her head. Poor little soul, both eyes were terribly swollen; but worse still, on examination I knew both eyes had been burnt and ruined. The baby was blind. I asked what they had done when the baby's eyes were first infected. 'Oh, what could we do?' We used the juice of the neem tree leaves to put in the swollen eyes.' This tree does contain medicinal properties, but of what efficacy or how much juice the leaves contain, I know not. When I told

News of the Churches

Queensland

Albion.—The church has been preparing for a mission to be held from Sept. 9 to 23. Overseas mission offering of £82/2/3 was a record for church and State.

Rockhampton.—While Mr. McIlhagger was in Bundaberg on Aug. 19, F. Nielsen was speaker in morning and L. Maycock conducted gospel service. Bible school continues to make progress. Mrs. N. Watson has joined kinder-



The Chapel at Rockhampton.

garten teaching staff, and on Aug. 26 four new scholars were enrolled. Mr. Winter, from Alpha, has entered hospital for operation; Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Atkinson are also in hospital. Visitors have been welcomed.

Gympie.—There were two confessions on Aug. 26 and one on Sept. 2, with a baptismal service that night. A successful united mission, arranged by C.S.S.M., was held in Salvation Army citadel, in which our members assisted. Mr. Feldhahn, of Brisbane, and Mr. Milne, of B. & F. Bible Society, have preached here. An offering was contributed to Bible Society. School has reached enrolment of 100.

Monkland.—Meetings are well attended. Messrs. Feldhahn, Vening and Milne (B. & F. Bible Society) have exhorted church, and Dr. F. C. Schwarz preached at monthly gospel service on Sept. 2. Offerings have been contributed to patriotic fund and B. & F. Bible Society. O. Porter, of C.S.S.M., visited State school, and several from Sunday school joined scripture union. Monkland was well represented at C.S.S.M. united mission, Aug. 24-Sept. 1.

Maryborough.—At combined C.E. meeting held in chapel on Aug. 18, Baptist, church of Christ, Methodist and Christian Mission societies were represented. T. Halley gave an inspiring address. Alan Andersen, R.A.A.F., and J. Schibrowski, who has taken up work at Bundaberg, were present on Sept. 2. Sister Trussell, who has been ill, has sufficiently recovered to attend meetings. Visitors during past month included Capt. Doebritz, wife and sister; and Mrs. Bonnie, of Kilkivan (isolated member).

Rosevale.—Attendances at worship services are exceptionally well maintained, although there is no settled preacher in the circuit. The work is carried on by local brethren, and occasional visits by brethren from sister churches. Thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 19. T. A. Ferguson, from Brisbane, was speaker. On Sept. 2 Dr. W. Hinrichsen, from Melbourne, conducted worship service and gave the address. E. C. and A. Hinrichsen, of N.S.W., were also present. A. Jensen is making satisfactory progress after serious operation in a Brisbane hospital. The organist is

well again after some time in hospital. The church sympathises with Mrs. F. Lobegeiger and J. Christensen in the passing of their brother, H. Dickfos.

Western Australia

Perth.—At men's concert an excellent programme included moving pictures of some industries and other interesting scenes in States and N.Z.

On morning of Sept. 2, church extended good wishes to Miss Evelyn Watson on her approaching marriage; and with regret said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. S. Nelson, who will leave shortly for U.S.A. A talk by J. K. Robinson was uplifting. At night Mrs. C. Ewers and B. Povey rendered a duet; Mr. Robinson was preacher.

Wembley Park.—On morning of Aug. 12 Mr. Ware was speaker, and on morning of 26th Mr. Pyne spoke. Mr. Whiting preached at all other services. A girl from Bible school took her stand for Christ on Aug. 12, and on Sept. 2 two more young people decided. A service held on V-P Day was well attended, as was following Sunday evening service, when four young people were baptised. Men's Fellowship spent an interesting evening on Aug. 18, when Lyell Dixon, of North Perth Congregational Church, spoke from personal experience on London in the blitz. A delegation of men from Wembley Methodist Church attended.

Tasmania

Mayberry.—Morning services are still held, although numbers are few. On Aug. 12 and 19 Sister Jessie, of Hobart City Mission, gave a talk.

Mole Creek.—On Aug. 26 C. Burt spoke at morning meeting, and conducted gospel service at night. On Sept. 2 Mr. Gibson gave the use of his car for Launceston party who visited Caveseid and Mole Creek. Mr. Alderton spoke at three services. Mrs. Alderton's solos were appreciated.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Average attendances for August were: 11 a.m., 107; 7 p.m., 106; communion, 124. Speakers on Aug. 19 were P. J. Byard and R. Edmunds, and on Aug. 26 Mr. Northey, secretary B. & F. Bible Society, and W. H. Brice, city missionary. H. E. R. Steele addressed monthly Bible school teachers' conference. I.C.E. held a "twin" meeting on Aug. 26. Miss G. Iken, secretary Launceston District C.E. Union, was speaker.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—On Aug. 2 Youth Fellowship and tea took place, with interesting talk by J. Park. On Aug. 9 temperance services were conducted by Mr. Hughes. He will be conducting meetings at Nubena and Highcroft churches during next two Sundays. A number of sisters visited City Mission on afternoon of Aug. 5 to conduct devotional meeting. Mrs. Hughes spoke; Mrs. Boxhall presided. Two of the elderly members, Mrs. Dale and Miss Stenhouse, are still in hospital, but improving.

South Australia

Hindmarsh Place.—The Fellowship Club organized by S. L. Patching is progressing splendidly. Some happy evenings have been spent listening to instructive addresses on important subjects, followed by social games, etc. On Aug. 15 (V-P Day), Hindmarsh Salvation Army visited the club and rendered items. The bandmen rendered some splendid part singing, and

a mixed choir sang items. An offering of £3 was handed to treasurer of band. A profitable evening concluded with supper. A splendid collection of goods for UNRRA has been handed to the authorities from Ladies' Guild.

Dulwich.—Annual business meeting of church was held on Aug. 22. Reports from all branches of church work were considered satisfactory. Considerable concern was noticeable because of small gatherings at gospel meetings, and efforts are being made to improve them. Following were elected: A. G. Rudd (elder); Messrs. Maddern, Kentish, Allison, L. Brune and Maxwell (deacons); secretary, F. G. Cleveland. The building has been repaired in preparation for 25th anniversary. Sisters collected a fine parcel of clothing for UNRRA. H. D. Black is home from hospital after serious operation. Mr. Cave gave an address at chapel of Methodist Memorial Hospital on evening of Aug. 12. Eleven scholars sat for scripture examination; all passed; Adeline Hurst secured first prize. Services on Aug. 26 were taken by A. G. Rudd and G. Bridgman owing to illness of Mr. Cave. Betty Daly has been received by letter from Maylands.

Maylands.—On evening of Aug. 15 a combined thanksgiving service was held in local Methodist chapel, K. A. Jones and A. Anderson taking part. Services on Aug. 19 were excellent, and people joined in thanksgiving for successful termination of war. Choir rendered anthems at both services. In evening one young lady decided for Christ. Members of Bible school who sat for scripture examination gained a first and three second prizes. Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on Aug. 22. Reports revealed church and auxiliaries to be in healthy condition. Men's Brotherhood met on Aug. 24, when Rees Thomas, minister Clayton Congregational Church, was speaker. Services on Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 were good. Keith Jones was speaker, and there were decisions for Christ on each Sunday. On Sept. 9 (conference Sunday) conference president, T. Butler, presided in morning and Ron Saunders was speaker. In evening C. G. Taylor, of Melbourne, was preacher, and Mrs. Taylor delighted with solos.

Brooklyn Park.—Much interest is evident. Young people combine in many ways. On Aug. 15, at 11 a.m., members gathered to return thanks for peace. Mr. Baker led the service. Appreciation is felt for God's care of all young men from church who are serving their country. Those in actual membership have all been wonderfully kept. Two young men who at one time attended Bible school—J. Button and M. Willing, both R.A.A.F.—have been called to higher service. To their relatives sympathy is extended. Choir continues to render service, ably assisted by Mr. Baker. Bible school has increased in numbers and interest. Young folk are enthusiastic regarding weekly quiz. Ladies' Guild renders valuable service. Over 300 garments were packed for UNRRA. A few outside friends also sent many gifts. On Sept. 1 a social was especially attended by Bible school scholars. Spring festival was held on Sept. 2. Mr. Baker's topics were suited to the occasion. In evening there was special singing by choir.

New South Wales

Bankstown.—Work continues to progress under leadership of Mr. Latimer. On evening of Sept. 2 David Schofield was baptised. C.E. had fellowship with Rockdale society on Sept. 3. Bible school is planning anniversary services. During August, a visit from Messrs. Hinrichsen and Burns was appreciated. They met officers at tea, and conducted a combined meeting at 8 p.m.

North Sydney.—On Sept. 1 Mr. Daniel, baptised in June last over age of 92, was called home. Sept. 2 marked beginning of Mr. Paternoster's ninth year of service, and congratulations were expressed. Celebration was continued on Sept. 5 with a family tea ar-

ranged by Dorcas sisters and followed by a social. A presentation was made to Mrs. Paternoster, and a new record was made by preacher and church in length of service. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family, of Wagga, via Petersham, have been welcomed into fellowship.

Taree.—During August helpful and encouraging visits and messages were received. A Norling and Miss A. Bevtitt were welcomed on Aug. 5. Mr. Norling, preacher at Loftus Park, Sydney, spoke at all services. Miss J. G. Porter, of Children's Special Service Mission, was speaker at worship service on Aug. 12. F. W. Hewlett, minister of Presbyterian church, Taree, spoke at night. G. H. Eager, preacher of Penhurst church, Sydney, rendered good service on Aug. 19, speaking morning and evening. On Aug. 26 L. J. Lincoln, Baptist church, Taree, gave morning message, and W. H. Bingham, representing B. & F. Bible Society, conducted gospel service. Interest in work is maintained by a loyal congregation. Attendances are on upward trend.

South Auburn.—Services since Aug. 20 have been of a special nature. The church has celebrated 37th anniversary. On Aug. 20 a youth rally was conducted by R. Bartolomew as leader, and J. P. Henderson, assistant youth organiser of State, was speaker. On Aug. 22 a re-dedication service was addressed by F. A. Youens. On Aug. 25, at anniversary tea, over 100 sat down. Representatives of local churches were present. Greetings were received from Church of England (Mr. Wesley), Salvation Army (Major Pettet), Presbyterian (Mr. Blanchard), from conference of N.S.W. (A. C. MacLean). After tea a service of thanksgiving was addressed by G. E. Burns and presided over by A. C. MacLean. A presentation was given to two of the oldest members who were leaving the district. A drive then took place for liquidation of church debt, during which vocal and instrumental harmony was rendered, accompanied by slides of pioneers, early preachers and church building, also present preachers and new building. Messages by mail and telegrams from recent preachers at Auburn were received. £450 was result of debt drive in cash and promises.

Victoria

Hampton.—In the chapel on Sept. 8 C. L. Lang received "Temple Day" offerings. To date these total £133/16/4. Mr. Lang at both services on Sept. 9 gave addresses appropriate to "Bible Sunday." L. Chapman and J. Hunting, of the Forces, were welcomed home. Miss A. Davis, A.W.A.S., has been able to meet with the church again.

Dunolly.—Ladies' Guild meetings have been held in homes of Mesdames Treble and J. Beasy. Mrs. H. Birkett was welcomed back after a number of years away. Miss N. Treble is congratulated on passing her final nursing examinations. Addresses by J. Hindman are appreciated. A peace service was held on Aug. 26, J. Hindman speaking.

Ascot Vale.—On Aug. 26 J.C.E. visited Royal Melbourne Hospital and distributed oranges and flowers. On Sept. 1 they visited Greenvale Sanatorium and distributed oranges, flowers and books. These visits were much appreciated by the sick. Church sympathises with Mrs. Green in the loss of her son, who was killed in the war. Mrs. Green has been very ill, and is still unable to attend services.

Warrnambool.—Speakers on Aug. 26 were A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., and W. Gale. Their services were greatly appreciated. On Aug. 27 Mr. Gale visited Base Hospital with Mr. Weir. Four folding tables have been added to furniture of kindergarten room. Ladies' Mission Band presented a pair of blankets to UNRRRA. J.C.E. recently enjoyed a programme entitled "A Visit to the Hills," arranged by R. Pritchard; A. Reid spoke to the children. Pleasure is felt in seeing Mrs. T. V. Weir at services again after illness.

Emerald.—On Sept. 2 R. K. Holton, of Upwey union church, completed his short interim ministry. During past winter months Mr. Holton has taken services each Sunday, and his ministry has proved instructive and helpful. He was the recipient of a small present from the church at the close of the evening service.

Collingwood.—Sunday school anniversary services were continued on Sept. 9. Speaker in morning was R. Burns, and in afternoon S. Giles, of "Child Evangelism Fellowship." Evening address was given by T. A. Fitzgerald. Children sang well, and all meetings were well attended. Combined football team won premiership on Sept. 8.

Oakleigh.—T. G. Westwood was speaker at both services on Sept. 2. At Women's Mission Band afternoon on Sept. 4 for Christmas boxes for mission fields, Mrs. Cleland was speaker. F. T. Saunders, representing College of Bible, was speaker on morning of Sept. 9. Cr. and Mrs. L. Ford have been elected Mayor and Mayoress of Oakleigh.

Brunswick.—On Aug. 26 Mr. and Mrs. Kennan were received by letter from South Yarra. Pleasure was expressed in having Capt. A. G. Austin again with church. On Sept. 9, Bible Day, most of local churches exchanged platforms. Mr. Prentice was at Baptist Church, and Major McClure, of Salvation Army, was present. Officers had communion with aged Mrs. Sargent. Plans are being made for church anniversary.

Burnley.—During recent weeks visitors have included Dr. Saunders and K. Dickson (college), also members of Metropolitan Girls' Choir and Malvern Concert Orchestra at special service for September. A thanksgiving service was held on V-P Day. Bible school scholars are practising for anniversary. Combined meetings of all Burnley churches are being held every month. Mrs. Barnett, who has been in hospital for some weeks, is making steady recovery.

Doncaster.—82nd anniversary was celebrated on Aug. 26 with good meetings. Speaker in morning was F. T. Morgan, of Box Hill. Choir rendered an anthem. An offering for church building fund amounted to £135. Evening service was conducted by Mr. Banks. Musical items were given by choir, quartette party, and Gil Tully. There was a large attendance at public meeting held in chapel on evening of Aug. 29. Mr. Banks presided. Principal E. L. Williams was speaker. A splendid programme was presented, after which ladies provided supper.

Moreland.—Recent thanksgiving appeal amounted to just on £100. Church service on evening of Aug. 12 was conducted by younger people, and 30 boys of Junior Crusaders performed well as a choir. H. Gross addressed the meeting. H. Rasmussen has accepted the call to organise a C.M.S. at Moreland. Mrs. Arnold, returning from S.A., has renewed membership with church, and sincere welcome is extended to her and Relma. Mr. Graham continues very definite work in church and community. Mr. and Mrs. J. Nichols have been notified that their son, F/O Mervyn Nichols, R.A.A.F., has been awarded the D.F.C. for outstanding operational work in India-Burma.

Drumcondra.—Bible school continues to flourish. Five scholars sat for examinations and passed with credit. One new scholar has been added. Church attendances improved slightly over past month. Some members have been ill, some are recovered. Aug. 26, J. Small gave a splendid address in morning, while Mr. Methven visited Belmont. Sept. 2 was 20th anniversary of church, and W. Gale gave helpful and uplifting messages. Offering for building debt reduction was approximately £77. During past month Ladies' Aid held a birthday effort and enjoyed a successful day. During past twelve months, Ladies' Aid made contributions to church totalling £93. Christian Endeavor gained a new member, and meetings are proving helpful.

Lower Heytesbury.—On March 19 there was a fine display of fruit and vegetables; and a large congregation, some being members brought by R. Shields from Warrnambool, completely filled the building. The following evening T. V. Weir continued the harvest thanksgiving service by holding a well-arranged social, when the produce was disposed of and realised £5/10/-. On June 3 a united meeting was held in Timboon Hall. W. Gale met church officers prior to meeting, and obtained information about Timboon and its prospects. He gave an interesting and challenging sermon on Christian unity. Attendance was about 40, including several members from other communions. T. V. Weir spent Friday and Saturday visiting members and others, and then presided at the service at Timboon. Meetings at Curdies are encouraging.

Box Hill.—Meetings continue to be well attended. On Aug. 12 the speaker was Mr. Richards, of Methodist Church, whose address was appreciated. Mr. Morgan was speaker at Salvation Army meeting that morning. W. Read has been elected president of Eastern Districts Church Officers' Association for forthcoming year. At Youth Fellowship's talent quest at Hawthorn in August, Dorothy Clark won first place in vocal section. Neil McCredden has been posted to Aitape. Bible school is practising for anniversary under direction of G. Gray, superintendent. At monthly youth tea in August, about 60 young people heard Doug. Nicholls give an interesting talk. Newly-formed Good Companions' Club visited Christian Guest Home on Aug. 25, and entertained the old folks with an appreciated programme, at close of which flowers and fruit were distributed. Mrs. Scott has been laid aside for a few weeks, but is improving. Jack Salisbury is in Heidelberg Hospital with malaria. Renewed interest is manifested in Fellowship mid-week meeting.

Castlemaine.—Senior Chaplain J. O. Methven has accepted the invitation of the church to become its preacher. An average of 61 broke bread for August. On July 29 the Bible school presented S. G. Lacy with a portfolio as a token of gratitude for faithful and conscientious service to Bible school work for over forty years. On Aug. 18 over 100 young people from Bendigo, Maryborough, Kyneton, Castlemaine and Harcourt districts met at Castlemaine for fellowship tea and rally—the second function organised by Midland Youth Fellowship. W. R. Hibbert presented a unique programme after tea. He spoke at Harcourt on morning of Aug. 19, and at gospel service at Castlemaine at night. A number of scholars from Bible school took part in a hike on Aug. 25, organised by Castlemaine and district Sunday Schools Council. This was an outstanding success. On Sept. 1 the marriage of Miss Rosa M. Lacy to Allen H. Sainsbury took place. On Sept. 2 T. C. Holding, State district C.E. superintendent, spoke at morning service. Three young men have commenced training in course for voluntary leaders with local National Fitness Council. Miss Edna Pryor won fourth prize in sixth division of Bible school examinations. Church recently had fellowship with P/O Thodey, R.A.A.F., and others.

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BIRTHS

BURTT (nee Pollard).—On Sept. 3, to Colin and Lorna—a daughter (Wendy Patricia). Both well.

FISHER (Smith).—On Sept. 4, at Jessie McPherson Hospital, Melbourne, to Enid, wife of Lance Fisher—a daughter (Enid Elaine).

FISHER.—At "St Andrews," to Audrey and Norman, on Sept. 7, Ross William. Both well.

MARRIAGES

BUCKINGHAM-CRAVEN.—On July 17, at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, Joyce, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs. J. Craven, Kangaroo Point, to Capt. Donald J. Buckingham (A.I.F., ret. M.E. and N.G.), third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckingham, "Bangalore," Emma-st., Caulfield, Vic.

MORFFEW-SUMPTER (silver wedding).—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Morffew announce with pleasure the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at church of Christ, North Fitzroy, on Sept. 18, 1920, by late Mr. J. W. Baker. Present address, "Aldersyde," 19 Station-st., Burwood, E.13.

DEATHS

LEE (on active service).—410993 Warrant Officer Mervyn, R.A.A.F., previously reported missing, now presumed to have lost his life on Feb. 12, 1945; dearly loved third son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lee, 38 Elizabeth-st., South Yarra; loved brother of Aub. Ray, Rod, A.I.F., and Kenneth, A.I.F., killed in action N.G. January, 1943.

"Things have changed in many ways,
But one thing changes never,
The memory of those happy days
When we were all together."

—Inserted by his loving mother and father.

LEE (on active service).—A loving tribute to our devoted nephews, W/O R.A.A.F. Mervyn, reported missing Feb. 12, 1945, now presumed to have lost his life, aged 27 years; also Kenneth (ret. M.E.), died of wounds N.G. Jan. 30, 1943, aged 23 years. Devoted grandsons of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long (late of Bendigo). Brothers re-united. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.

—Auntie Beck and Sylvie, and Uncle Tom and Eli.

ROUGH.—VX117208 Major Roy L., killed in action Aug. 31, 1945. Dearly loved husband of Eula and loved father of Ian and Patricia. "Our dad." Aged 35 years.

WHITTINGTON, Sgt. A. V., R.A.A.F.—On Sept. 3, as a result of air accident at Narrandera, N.S.W., Bert, the dearly loved husband of Doris; dead daddy of Claudette; loved son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn; brother-in-law of Bob and Vera.

—5 Corio-st., Belmont, Geelong.

YOUNG.—On Sept. 3, at Tumbay Bay, S.A., Mabel May, dearly loved wife of George, and loving mother of George, Robert, Ellie, Cliff, Doris and Freda. In her 63rd year. "Peace, perfect peace."

IN MEMORIAM

CURZON.—To the memory of our only daughter Marjorie, called home Sept. 8, 1943.

There's someone who never forgets you,
Who thinks of you every day;
Our lives and home are not the same
Since the day God took you again.
In our home there's a beautiful picture,
More precious than silver and gold,
It's a picture of you, dear Marjorie,
Whose memory will never grow old.

Mum, dad and brother.

—Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Curzon.

MACDONALD.—In memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Isabella Macdonald, who died at Horsham on Sept. 12, 1932; also her sons and our loved brothers, Harry, killed in France on Aug. 15, 1918, and Morrison, who died at Beaufort on Sept. 19, 1925. They rest where no shadows fall.

—Ted, Mary and Alan, Quantong.

MILLIS (on Active Service).—Treasured memories of our dearly loved son, Sgt. Alan Squires, passed to higher service Sept. 7, 1942. Dearly loved brother of Isobel, Leslie and Geoffrey. In God's care.

MORLEY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, called home Sept. 22, 1940. Cherished memories. "Till we meet again."

—Inserted by her loving daughter Dora, and son-in-law E. J. Fisher.

NORTHEAST.—In loving memory of my dear wife Dorothy and mother of Paula, who was called home on Sept. 13, 1942. Lovingly remembered.

—Inserted by her loving husband.

NORTHEAST.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Dorothy Northeast, who was called home Sept. 13, 1942, aged 27 years.

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Brief sorrow, short-lived care.

The life that knows no ending,

The tearless life is there.

—Inserted by her loving mother and sister Gladys.

PITTMAN.—In loving memory of our darling sister, Edna Grace, who fell asleep in Jesus on Sept. 10, 1937.

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee."

—Inserted by her loving sister Dora and brother-in-law E. J. Fisher.

SHAW.—Treasured memories of our dear wife and mother, who was called home Sept. 5, 1944.

"Resting where no shadows fall,

In perfect peace she awaits us all."

—Inserted by her loving husband and children.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16, 23 and 26.—Northcote Bible school anniversary. 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.

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Obituary

Mrs. H. Clegg

THE sudden home-call of Mrs. H. Clegg, of Middle Park, Vic., brought another break in the ranks of the church. Our late sister joined the church in Yorkshire, England, over 50 years ago. On arrival in Australia, she with her husband took up membership with the church at Brunswick, where they continued till the work was commenced at Moreland. There they became foundation members. Removing to Middle Park in 1914, they immediately associated with the church. Mrs. Clegg was a faithful member of the church, which she attended regularly and helped as she was able. Her calm Christian character and strong faith in the goodness of God, with an ever readiness to accept his will, were an inspiration to those who knew her. We commend to God Mr. H. Clegg and his two daughters—Mrs. Kinrade, of Gardiner, and Mrs. Roberts, of Middle Park.—E.H.R.

Sarah Santo Gore

OUR Australian brotherhood has lost the last member of its pioneer families by the recent passing at Unley, S.A., of Sarah Santo Gore, relict of the late Thomas Jefferson Gore, at the advanced age of almost 95 years. Mrs. Gore, who was born at the Burra in South Australia, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Santo who, with Mr. Thomas Magarey and others, established the first Australian fellowship of churches of Christ, in Adelaide, in the year 1846. Early in her life Mrs. Gore became a member of this first church of Christ. It was at Grote-st., Adelaide, where Mr. T. J. Gore had come from America to minister, that Mrs. Gore met her future partner. Most of her life was spent in Adelaide in fellowship with the churches at Grote-st., Henley Beach and Unley; for except for a brief visit to U.S.A. in 1885, the memorable ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Gore was confined to the three named churches. Although she was frail in body, Mrs. Gore gave herself unsparingly to the work of the church. She was an ardent Dorcas leader in her earlier years, and the sick and needy found in her a ready helper and counsellor. Since retirement from the active ministry, Mrs. Gore remained in active fellowship with the Unley church, where the mounting years of a long life steadily increased the deep affection not only of the local congregation, but also of a wide circle of friends. "Given to hospitality" might be used as her epitaph for, throughout her life, her home was the centre of Christian conversation and friendship of many people who found great pleasure in the company of this gracious, calm and gentle woman. Rarely did a day pass when there was no caller. In a remarkable way Mrs. Gore retained all her faculties, and she could be said to be old only in years. Her home at Unley was the "Mecca" of brethren from all over Australia and beyond. Her interest in brotherhood affairs was constant, and she was a true friend to, and deeply interested in, all our preachers. It was always her pleasure to have fellowship with them, and she was a constant encourager of her own minister. As Florence Nightingale has been called the "Lady of the Lamp," so Mrs. Gore has been called the "Little Lady of the Posies." In her later years of life she sent to the sick innumerable posies, usually picked by her own hands, accompanied by letters of comfort and encouragement. There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral services, at which her preacher, H. G. Norris, was assisted by B. W. Manning, H. R. Taylor and J. E. Webb. The sympathy of the whole brotherhood and many other friends will go to Mrs. Gore's family who loved her so dearly. "Blessed

are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Thomas McKinnon Hinde

THE church at Northam, W.A., reports the death of Thomas McKinnon Hinde, at Northam hospital on Aug. 3, at the age of 68 years. Declining health for a year or more was latterly marked by intense suffering, most patiently endured. Born at Balranald, N.S.W., Mr. Hinde came as a young married man to Western Australia over 41 years ago, residing for almost the whole of that time in Northam. After but a few years his wife died, leaving him with two boys, Alan and Ronald. In 1914 he married Miss Hannah Mary Harbourd, and to them were born two sons, Jack and Will. All thus mentioned survive him. Our late brother and his wife united with the church at Northam in 1927, during the ministry of F. E. Buckingham. Quiet and retiring in manner, Mr. Hinde revealed a kind and generous disposition, which won for him a wide circle of friends. Any worthy project sponsored by the sisters of the church had for him a special appeal for practical assistance. The service in the chapel was conducted by James Gordon, assisted by P. N. Jefferies. The service here, as later at the graveside, was largely attended, and paid fitting tribute to a lovable man and a respected citizen. To Mrs. Hinde and sons, Alan (Perth), Jack, R.A.A.F. (Rockdale, N.S.W.), Ron and Will (Northam), the church extends deep and sincere sympathy. The comfort of him who can "turn the shadow of death into the morning" will not fail.—J.G.

Mrs. Annie McNab

IN the home-going of Mrs. McNab, which occurred at Footscray, Vic., on August 7, members of Newmarket and Footscray churches felt that they had lost one of "those women who labored with them in the gospel . . . whose names are in the book of life." Some 60 years ago Mrs. McNab joined the Newmarket church. For over 40 years she enriched the life of that assembly; her later years were spent in the Footscray fellowship. Our friend was a woman of outstanding Christian character: patient and cheerful in adversity; faithful and dependable in service; a veritable tower of strength in the church of God. Nothing paltry or mean-spirited marred her witness for her Master. We who knew her well thank God for a life nobly lived in the service of God and his people. "The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host."—J.I.M.

Mrs. C. C. Rush

LANE Cove church, N.S.W., has lost a dear and motherly soul in the passing of Mrs. Rush on Aug. 4. Of few could it be more truthfully said, "She hath done what she could." And she did it well and with great ability. She was baptised over fifty years ago in Sydney, and through all the years since she has

rendered splendid service to the church. She was a pianist of no mean repute, being a graduate of the Royal College of Music, London. In many churches she was of great assistance as organist and sometimes as choir-leader. She was a woman of many parts, and dedicated all in sacrificial service to her Lord. Over a period of some years she was president of the Sisters' Conference in N.S.W., and a representative of churches of Christ on the Women's Inter-church Council. Her good judgment could always be relied upon. Our sister was also president of Ashwood House Committee. All her church life she was associated with Sunday school work, and many are indebted to her for her instruction and help afforded both in school and club activities. All this, and more, she was able to do in addition to her home duties. As a young woman she accompanied her husband, Mr. C. C. Rush, B.A., to America and Canada, and some few years ago visited England and the continent of Europe. The world will be much the poorer for her going, but many lives have been ennobled and enriched by her gracious ministry. To her husband, two sons, John and Gordon, and other relatives we express our sincerest sympathy.—H.J.P.

Mrs. S. R. Wardle

WITH the home-call of our sister there is severed another of the links with the past. Our late sister was one of the foundation members of the church of Christ at Brim, Vic., where for many years she served her Lord faithfully and well. She was born at Balaklava, S.A., in 1882, came to live at Brim with her parents at the age of seven, and remained in the district until her passing. She was baptised early in life, and served for many years as church organist and teacher in the school, and at the time of her death was president of the Ladies' Guild. During the latter part of her life she was confined to a wheel chair, but her spirit was unquenchable. It was always a joy and an inspiration to see and talk with her. The last twelve years of her life she passed in the Warracknabeal District Hospital, from which she received her call early in the morning of Aug. 7. She is survived by her husband; two sisters, Irene (Mrs. F. A. Wardle, Brim), Sarah (Mrs. G. Clewitt, Surrey Hills), and a brother Fred, of Ballarat. One sister Emma (Brim) and two brothers, Dave and Joshua, are deceased. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who remain and mourn her passing.—R.M.P.

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A SHEEP'S BROKEN LEG

A TOURIST climbing amongst the Swiss mountains once came across a shepherd tending a sheep with a broken leg. "Poor thing!" sympathised the tourist, "did it meet with an accident?" "No," answered the shepherd, "I broke the leg myself. This sheep is a wild sheep, running away continually to the endangering of its life. When it gets well again, then it will follow me wherever I go." The shepherd's way is sometimes God's way. He (God) has often to "break" in order to "make," to "smite" in order to "heal." Happy is he who, by the dispensation, learns to follow more closely and obediently.—Selected.

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" 18—Phil. 2: 1-11.
" 19—Heb. 9: 11-22.
" 20—Heb. 10: 1-18.
" 21—1 Pet. 1: 3-25.
" 22—1 John 1: 5-10.
" 23—Gen. 3: 1-19; Rom. 4: 1-18.

SO argues the apostle, clearly showing that no works are necessary to obtain justification, although we all know, from parallel scriptures, that works of faith are required, that it may be retained. Hence there is not the slightest conflict between Paul's teaching and that of James. If, says Paul, justification is to him that worketh, it is a debt paid; a blessing received for service rendered. It is, on the contrary, a free gift, and we can no more work for it than did Abraham and David; the first was justified because he had faith in the promise of the Redeemer; the second being accounted righteous because he depended not upon what he could do, but upon him whom God had promised to be the world's Saviour. So, Paul argues, salvation is not "of debt," but "of grace." It is "apart from works." James, on the other hand, writing of those who have accepted the Saviour, shows that works of obedience are necessary (as with Abraham) to retain the grace already received. Yet there is no merit in works alone, any more than in faith alone. It is not "of debt" but "of grace." Hence, to him alone be the glory.

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