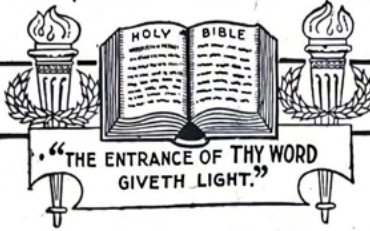


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## College of the Bible Issue

### TRUE EDUCATION

**I**T has been reserved for Christianity to give us the true education. In her analysis of man she has discovered three things - body, intellect and heart, or sensibilities - and she regards the last as of equal importance with other factors. In her education she seeks to cherish and direct the feelings or desires. She seeks to cause her subject to love right things, to be in sympathy with the good and the pure. She seeks to develop heart power, than which there is nothing greater and, above all, she seeks to bring the student into sympathy with men, to create in him "the enthusiasm of humanity," to destroy all class or caste spirit and kindle a deep, consuming love for mankind, akin to the love of the infinite Father.

E. V. ZOLLARS,

Formerly President Hiram College, U.S.A., and  
later, President Oklahoma Christian College, U.S.A.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

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## *The Chairman says:—*

**A** NEW spirit is astir. Opportunities for cultural, recreational and individual development will be made through democratic and community ideas and ideals. The problems now facing all communities, civilised and uncivilised, call for deepest thought and profoundest understanding for their solution.

There is the imperative need that the church of the living God present the message and claims of the Almighty to the individual and nation in no uncertain way and with such convincing power that there will be an acceptance of the gospel of the grace of God.

With the problems to be overcome a plan is needed, a vision—a long-range programme of development for the enlarging horizon, and a long-range plan must be regarded as a continuously evolving process.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." The city architect of Coventry, on the night that Coventry suffered from its devastating blitz, turned—tired, dirty and exhausted—and, point-

ing through the fire, said to a friend, "That's where we will build a new Town Hall."

Our Federal college proposes advancing, to meet these increased needs, by sound education of the future leaders of the churches.

Professor David Christie, M.A., D.D., in the preface of his little book on "The Service of Christ," writes, "Give us this day our daily idea, and forgive us what we thought yesterday, is the prayer for all thinking persons who engage themselves in the service of Christ. They must not stand in any echoing awe of any golden era or gilded name. If the Irish woman quoted by Dr. L. P. Jacks was right in saying that to be educated is to be able to do a job you never did before, it is no less true that to be a Christian is to be fitted to do your job in a way it was never done before."

So, because of the changed and changing conditions of our communities, the presentation of the eternal matchless Christ as Lord and Saviour of mankind must be presented understandingly and with conviction both by preaching and by practice, and to this end the college pursues its plan.

*W. A. Kemp*

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## New Men and New Methods

**T**O conquer the new paganism of this century, the church must modify the methods used last century to contact people. In the nineteenth century the church was a victorious force. Remarkable virility was shown then in efforts to meet the needs of children by establishing Sunday schools, in helping to bring light to millions in pagan darkness by sending out large companies of missionaries, and in awakening the conscience of citizens by conducting great evangelistic missions in city halls or in large marquees. During that century vast crowds were brought under the influence of Jesus by the enterprising methods developed by the church of that day.

The methods used in the nineteenth century to reach the people were different from those practised by the victorious church of the first Christian century. The gathering of children into Sunday schools and the crowding into large city halls of nineteenth century people to listen, night after night, to some popular preacher were not features of first-century Christianity; but in both periods the growth of the church was rapid. This makes it clear that the life of the church is not dependent upon any particular method. Different days present different problems, and varying methods must be used to overcome changing conditions. The first century was the day of the personal evangelist, but the nineteenth was the period when the public speaker could dominate vast congregations.

**L**IFE and power are evident in the church when new means are found to evangelise the masses. At present, the conditions existing in Europe, America and Australia make it difficult for the church to influence, with methods successful forty to fifty years ago, large groups within the community. Any section of the church holding to out-of-date methods of evangelism is likely to dwindle, but those who shake themselves free from the shackles of rusty methods, and discover new ways of reaching the multitudes, must go forward to victory.

**T**HE Christian faith is not suffering a defeat to-day, but its methods of evangelism are failing to bring the masses face to face with Christ. Such a break-down in evangelistic method has occurred time and again in the church's life; but new ways were found to meet new situations so that the church surged forward again after each period of recession.

New methods and consequent victories were not gained without effort. It may be shown that often, when the church seemed to be struggling against overwhelming odds, some leader or group of believers returned

to the truth in the life and teaching of Christ, and then became zealous for the cause of the church. Then a new restoration of New Testament truth brought more men and women under the direct, dynamic influence of Jesus Christ. Let any man find Christ anew and he will become so enthusiastic for him that he will find some means of passing knowledge of Christ on to others. To find new methods we must first come under the direct influence of Jesus. We must go to the Christ of the New Testament, face up to the demands he lays before us and yield to the command: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." The principle seems to be: Back to Christ and then on to victory. When men are zealous enough they soon find the method needed to convince men of the Saviour's love.

**I**F the church is to meet the demands of this hour, men and women must rediscover Christ, yield themselves to him, and be willing to serve the church. Experience has proved that the Master used disciples who had various degrees of ability and training. However, men with special training like Paul, Augustine, Wesley, Scott and Livingstone, were used as mighty instruments; they had been fitted by education and by experience for the duties entrusted to them, and won many into the kingdom.

Whether the new method for this new age be some form of personal evangelism or tent missions, or literature campaigns, or preaching through the eye gate by means of films, or special radio programmes, or social work, men and women with consecrated hearts and well-trained minds will be needed. Therefore the church must make it possible for devout young men and women to be trained in institutions where God's word is revered, where Christ is honored as Lord, where zeal for evangelism is quickened and where a passion for souls is developed.

**Y**ES, there is a call for evangelists, missionaries, and full-time Christian workers, but that does not mean that any person who offers himself is able to measure up to the demands laid upon one in such an important office. Besides being consecrated and of good character, he must be qualified also by training and by experience, if he is to serve well and to reach the unbeliever. Bible colleges aim to give the required training, but that cannot be achieved unless they are given adequate financial support. It is hoped therefore that every member will share in the appeal and give a worthy contribution on October 7.



Exit Group, 1945.

Back.—R. H. Hindman, K. J. Patterson, C. J. MacKenzie, C. B. Cartmel, J. A. Hindman.  
Front.—A. G. McDonald, Miss C. N. M. Charles, F. B. Alcorn, Miss I. V. Gill, V. Quayle.

# As a Dying Man to Dying Men

E. Lyall Williams, M.A., principal of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.  
shows that, in this dark hour of history, the world's dire need is the gospel.

FOR nigh six years we have been depressed and shamed by the horror of war. We have gazed into the pits of Belsen and Buchenwald, and the fact of human sin—"man's inhumanity to man"—has filled us with horror. It is hard to believe that it is all true, but the evidence seems too conclusive. The thing is well-nigh incredible. But it happened. If any had doubts about the fact of sin they are surely shattered by this "atomic" bomb.

Let us not think that these horrors are confined to any one race or nation, for evidence is not wanting to prove that most revolting practices and cruelty have disgraced all nations on different occasions. But have we ever stopped to ask why this exceptional and demonic evil? Is it not due to a loss of the sense of the reality of God? When men lose God they lose their grip upon the eternal, absolute values of life. All convictions about a common and all-inclusive brotherhood disappear. They are filled with contempt for the sacredness of life. They worship at the shrine of their own power and self-aggrandisement. All this horror is the inevitable result of a drift from God. This drift is all of one piece. We can conceive of it as consisting of a large mass of people in all nations marching in a broad, long line. At one end are the respectable, moral pagans who are indifferent to the creative claims and challenge of Christ, while at the other end are the perpetrators of Belsen and Buchenwald. The respectable at one end may deny kinship with those monsters at the other end of the line, but they are all of the movement. The moral pagans do nothing to stem the tide of evil or to save and uplift this ailing world. The respectable indifference to Christ sooner or later means Belsen's and Buchenwald's of some kind somewhere.

One commentator has said: "The horror of the Nazi concentration camps is the horror of humanity itself when it has surrendered to its capacity for evil . . . we are looking into the very pit of hell which men disclose yawning within themselves when they reject the authority of moral law, when they deny the sacredness of human personality, when they turn from the worship of the one true God to the worship of their own wills, their own states, their own lust for power. Buchenwald and the other memorials of Nazi infamy reveal the depths to which humanity can sink, and has sunk, in these frightful years. They reveal the awful fate which may engulf all civilisations unless these devils of our pride and of our ruthlessness and of the cult of force are exorcised. And they reveal that the salvation of man, the attainment of peace, the healing of the nations is at the last a religious problem. The diplomats may mark out what boundary lines they please, the victorious armies may set up what zones of occupation they will, but if man continues his self-worship, the pit yawns for us all. . . . Unless there is a great upsurge of testimony to the power of the Christian gospel to save men from the sin which is destroying them and their institutions, all the reconstitution of church paraphernalia now being planned will be so much building on sand. In this crisis the gospel cannot be preached dispassionately, tentatively or listlessly—not and save civilisation from the pit. A time has come when the Christian must proclaim his gospel 'like a dying man to dying men.'"

The only answer to the world's dire need is the gospel of Christ as Saviour and Lord accepted by the reason, by the heart and in the total life of man. He is the answer—the only answer. For the task of presenting this gospel in word and deed we need men possessed by a burning conviction, moved by deep consecration, endowed with real capacity and adequately trained. A divided church is simply not equal to the task. It can only be a stumbling-block to the sceptical. We need men fired with the vision that made us a people.

men of conviction and consecration, and urge those of conviction, consecration and ability to fit themselves for this great task; send them to our college with the assurance of your support and co-operation in our common responsibility."

If it be asked whether the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, grounds young men in deep convictions concerning the facts of human sin, the reality of God, the reality of Christ as Lord and Saviour, and man's need of salvation through the gospel, the answer is an emphatic "Yes." One conviction possesses all who teach in our college, that the whole purpose of preaching is to win and build men into the saving knowledge and likeness of Jesus Christ. If that be not the aim and achievement in training men for the ministry and in their preaching, all our labor is in vain. We do not merely teach these things, we "thunder" them.

Remember that local churches, when seeking preachers, home missionary committees in search of preachers, overseas missionary departments wanting missionaries, youth and social service departments, when seeking organisers, all turn to the College of the Bible.

We have gone far in the development of our Federal College—it is a work of many years—but we have yet far to go in building up a college which in every way is worthy of our brotherhood and the task set before a training institution.

Brethren, we depend and count on your continual moral and financial support. Will you make your gift to the college on Sunday, October 7, a peace thanksgiving offering? Remember that the college in preparing men to be messengers of the Prince of Peace is a great, enduring peace venture.



The Faculty, 1945.

Back.—A. W. Stephenson, M.A.; C. G. Taylor, B.A.; T. Hagger.  
Front.—R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.; E. Lyall Williams, M.A. (principal); J. S. Taylor, B.A.

To our churches we would say, "By our life and ministry produce young

# Meeting the Urgent Need

Chas. Schwab, T.D.L.C.M., president of Federal Conference of Churches of Christ, calls for a ministry trained to present the gospel in its simplicity and power.

**F**EAR, perplexities and suspicions are evident as some men discuss the many things, which, to their way of thinking, matter most in the present hour. It is astonishing that so much can be said about the world situation without any reference being made to Jesus Christ and his church.

One hastens to say that the church must not be silent in such an hour. The church of to-day must be so vital, so evident, as to make it impossible for her to be by-passed. Hence the church must know her mission and destiny; she must ring true, render practical service to mankind, be very progressive, actively loyal to her task, always demonstrating a genuine passion to save men.

The church was designed to launch a relentless attack against the gates of Hades, to take men and women alive and admit them into a new world here and now, by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Tidal waves of salvation will roll across the world to-day if the church will function up to her commission, privileges and possibilities.

The preacher is a key man. His leadership is a big factor in the status and service of the church. The preacher's calling is a grand one, demanding special personal and intellectual qualifications. The office of the minister of the gospel is dignified only by that outright service to humanity which is impelled by the spirit of the Christ of Calvary. The preacher must speak with all the authority provided by Christ; and realise as never before that his pulpit becomes impotent if it be used for the purveyance of idiosyncracies, fine fancies, scriptureless themes, doubts and theories. The man without the positive New Testament message has no worthwhile contribution to make in this day.

A new revelation of power, with destructive propensities of a staggering nature, has been made by scientists. Man is fearful to-day lest what he thought he had mastered should prove to be his master.

The preacher has the word of God which is quick and powerful—the gospel which is the power of God to save mankind. That power must be used to-day as never before!

It has been said that once again in this unhappy world the Saviour of mankind stands, eager to repeat his miracles because he is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. He is searching for those who will, with power, proclaim him as the Lord of real life. The supporting miracles of the changed life will come with the faithful witness of the Word, by disciples who believe in Christ with all their heart and are willing to fulfil his requirements. It is therefore essential that all believers should have a vital faith commanding the whole life and urging them to present the gospel in its simplicity and power. All who believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ delivers man from the handicaps of sin and gives to him the full freedom of life must make a deliberate advance toward meeting the tremendous challenge of the hour.

The major item in the after-war programme of the church must be a virile evangelism. Somebody has said that a living alliance with Christ, a personal and corporate attestation of the gospel, and a new audacity in ways of proclaiming the glad tidings are the essentials of the evangelism for our time. The College of the Bible is dedicated to the task of promoting New Testament evangelism.

Down through the years young men have been discovered within our congregations who have passed through our institution, and have gone out to render service in the name of Christ. Their labors have been determined, to a great degree, by the excellent and very necessary equipment secured at Glen Iris. College graduates readily acknowledge their indebtedness to the institution for the training which has fitted them for the varied aspects of the task of evangelism.



Western Australian Students.

L. K. Wedd, Miss G. J. Wells, S. F. Davey.  
J. Holliday, absent.

Suitable young men will be inspired to enter the full-time ministry of the Word through the churches being sensitive to the world's appalling condition, and the urgent necessity of having the saving power of Christ made available through efficient servants. The very best of our young men must be encouraged to be the means whereby a full-orbed evangelism will be exercised in a day when the destiny of men is being determined. Only the very best can be big enough to meet the situation. They must be devoted to Christ and the Book; be vitally aware of the need of humanity; be potential leaders; they must be prepared to hazard all in a life dedicated to the salvation of others. These men must be honored and appreciated by the brotherhood in a manner that becomes the gospel.

Let us now be reminded that man's supreme need can be effectively met by the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that there is no other reliable remedy for the malady of sin.

The college board of management, staff, and students, along with preachers in the field, deacons and church members generally, must in this hour be challenged by the conditions

prevailing and resolutely advance to serve humanity with a new zeal.

The opportunity for service is greater than at any other time in our experience! Our witness must exceed that of all other days!

Jesus Christ has provided us with a matchless message for a war-weary world—a message worthy of all our powers of heart, mind, and money. Hence our forthcoming demonstration of alertness, loyalty, zeal and service as Christians must match the whole situation. It's time to advance! The command of Christ is "FOLLOW ME!"

## The College from the Women's Viewpoint

Mrs. Adelaide C. Green,  
President Federal Women's Conference.

**I**S there a point of view exclusively and distinctly "the woman's"? Some little experience of life in general and women's organisations in particular would almost persuade us that there are very few—if any—matters upon which there is a specifically woman's angle of thought. So much are we all wrapped up together in the bundle of life that the nearer we approach the ideal on any question, the nearer our interests become identified one sex with the other, and the more our views coincide. It is highly probable that a Gallup poll in the churches would reveal considerable unanimity, among men and women, in opinion on matters concerning the college and in hopes and ideas for its future.

It is the future that is important. Consideration of the past is good if it provides inspiration for work yet to be done, or warns of dangers to be avoided, otherwise our eyes are better focussed ahead. All professions and industries are preparing for an influx of new life, looking for promising young men and women who can be trained to take part in the hoped-for expansion of the amenities and comforts of civilian life. Shall the church wait till her most gifted sons have been snapped up by those who handle their affairs more wisely than the children of light? It would be well if church officers and members had an eye open for young people of sterling character, suitable personality and sanctified commonsense, who could be advised to consider equipping themselves more fully for service in the church. The injunction to lay hands hastily on no man might well receive a wider application than that given it by the apostle. Take a keen interest in the young people, foster the unfolding life, give kindly guidance, and then, when development has reached a stage that warrants further training, the college can fulfil its task with satisfaction to all concerned. Any young person who has first proved him, or her self, is not likely to be a disappointment later if encouraged to prepare for and take up full-time church or social service. The emphasis must be on "first proving," and the looking out for such potential workers should be the responsibility of local assemblies. Which also means that, where necessary, some material assistance be given to students during the time required for adequate preparation and study.

Progressive business houses and the radio have made us talent conscious. Business considers it worth while seeking out ability and giving that ability a chance to develop. The talent scout is an indirect product of industry; the church of God at least should cultivate a like discerning faculty. While this is certainly not an exclusively woman's viewpoint, a continual effort to secure the best for the work of the brotherhood will receive the full support of the women of the churches.

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# The Voice of Brotherhood Leaders

## Marshal Our Forces

T. Butler, President, S.A. Evangelistic Union.

**I** URGE the entire brotherhood of South Australia to take an active interest in the annual offering for the College of the Bible. Like all other projects for the Master, the college needs money. The well-being of our students, the well-being of our preachers, indeed, the forward march of evangelism, depend upon our giving. Let us be practical in our witness for him, by generously returning to his service, a portion of the gifts he has freely given to us.

This post-war period is not going to be an easy period for the church. We will need to marshal all the forces at our command to combat the evils that war brings. The church will have to advance in keeping with the progress of the world. Too long we have remained stationary, and by so doing have lost prestige. Let us take this opportunity of lifting ourselves out of our depression by contributing to the training of personnel to lead us in the fight for right against might. Truly "It's time to advance."

## Expect a Masterpiece

A. W. Cleland, President, Victorian Conference.

**S**ITTING by the fireside with thoughts centred on the college at Glen Iris, my mind goes back to the group of men who, 40 years ago, assembled together in what was then known as the A.B.C. (Australian Bible College). I imagine the thought they had in mind, "It's time to advance." They had a vision, and, because of their zeal and enthusiasm, the urge for larger and more intensive development of the work. Some of these forerunners still are a great force in our

brotherhood, and we thank God for their leadership.

I picture the faith, the enterprising courage and intense planning of those who laid the foundations of our present college. The scene of the classes in Rathdown-st. and Lygon-st. school hall comes to mind, and then in 1910 the wonderful opening day at Glen Iris.

Time marches on! The devoted, loyal services of the principals and teachers crowd in on my thoughts. Then the students as they enter and graduate. I see evidences of the college in every phase of our work—in our home-land, abroad, amid the youth and in the community social life. The men and women of fighting units pay their tribute to the college, because, through its influence, they have shared the joy and comfort of the love of Jesus Christ.

Home and family life have been enriched by those who have received training and inspiration at Glen Iris.

"It's time to advance" brings to mind that "Jesus came preaching" and that our great task is "Go . . . make disciples of all nations," but "How can they hear without a preacher?"

A passion for evangelism is essential today, for unless men and women are fully convinced of the need for uncompromising loyalty to God and an allegiance to Jesus Christ they will continue to seek the systems and philosophies of men, and new orders based on materialism which are bringing to the world disastrous results.

To accomplish successfully the important task of the church, there must be a constant stream of trained leaders with consecrated love for Christ. Without a training centre it is a "hit or miss business," and so, as the college has answered the challenge over the years, with the loyal support of every member there is no limit to the advance of the spread of the good news.

John Ruskin wrote, "When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece." With the love of Christ in their hearts, men and women called to serve their Lord in full-time ministry may equip themselves more fully at the college, and we may expect great things for the Master.



New South Wales Students.

Back.—J. A. Hindman, V. Quayle, R. H. Hindman.  
Front.—Misses M. E. McDonald, C. N. M. Charles.



Victorian Students.

Back.—R. W. Vautier, P. R. Whitmore, R. W. Saunders, R. T. Roberts, A. H. Graham, M. L. Symes, C. C. Fletcher.

Second Row.—J. G. Shaw, D. Grant, K. J. Patterson, J. B. Baker, H. M. Long, C. B. Cartmel, M. D. Williams, D. W. Cartmel, G. W. Barnett.

Front.—A. G. McDonald, E. J. Sewell, Miss J. G. Waterman, Miss I. V. Gill, H. F. Gross, R. H. Hillier.

## Co-operation in Future Advancement

Thomas Bamford, President, W.A. Conference.

**T**HE Western State appreciates the value of the College of the Bible to the churches. Its greatest contribution is sending forth men and women adequately prepared in heart and mind to preach the gospel. Western Australian churches are grateful for their share of this contribution. We believe the slogan for this year, "It's time to advance," both timely and challenging. To advance, more capable leaders are required, and we look to the college to prepare those whom the Lord thrusts out into the work.

In this State we are attempting to supplement the work of the college by giving certain preparation to young men who have been called to the work. The studies are related to those of the college by examinations. We thus recognise the work and the necessity of the college. There is a growing demand for more and more preachers, and we desire to co-operate with the college in providing them.

The world is thinking in terms of post-war

reconstruction and rehabilitation. This is one way in which the church must think as the world does. Indeed, we must think in advance of the world, and work harder and be prepared to give more than the world. Peace with honor and justice for all men can be assured only if the peoples of this world are imbued with spiritual ideals. These spiritual ideals only come from God. We have seen much of man's ability to build, but he builds only to destroy. He cannot build security or for eternity, unless God gives the aid required. Men and women, filled with the grace of God, must go forth to teach the spiritual ideals of God as found in the gospel. The College of the Bible helps these men and women in their training for the task. We help the college when we make a worthy offering in the annual appeal.

## Christian Manpower

A. Anderson, Secretary, Foreign Mission Board.

FOR six years vast resources were brought together, and hurled into the conflict, for the purpose of winning this global war. Never in history have such quantities of materials been used, nor such methods introduced. A few years ago such materials and methods were hardly imagined. Back of all these material resources were the men and women who planned and produced them, and even the things produced would have remained powerless and impotent without the hands and brains of men. In the final issue, manpower won the war for the allied nations; first of all, those on the home front who produced the food and the weapons of war, and then the men at the front who used the means so given them.

During the next decade or so, the Christian church will have, without the shadow of doubt, the greatest opportunity for bringing the non-Christian peoples of the world into the kingdom of God. Let it be emphasised that of the 2100 million peoples in the world, 700 million only are white. As these non-Christian lands emerge into the fuller light of civilisation, less and less will they be influenced by outsiders, mainly white people, but more and more will they be dependent on their own peoples and an almost totally secular environment. Woe is unto the older churches if they have not bestirred themselves during these formative years. If the younger churches in what we call the non-Christian lands fail, or at best become weak and ineffectual, the blame will lie at our door.

Just as this world war was won by manpower, so will the kingdom of God come to men. This also means war—war against misery, sin, superstition, darkness, illiteracy and pain. Material resources for this war will be needed more than ever before, but back of all these resources will be the need for men. All mission boards plan forward moves, and all plans include men and women prepared for service. The churches of Christ will play their part, no less effectively than will others, for though relatively small as a people, the truth holds good for the few as for the many, "for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Jesus Christ requires men for his service, and such men need adequate training. When trained, many will go to non-Christian lands to meet the challenge of the present opportunity. Will the brotherhood of Australia let it be said that little manpower is available for overseas work because few have been trained? The College of the Bible is one big effective answer to the problem of manpower for overseas service. Most of those

servicing overseas were trained there, and from this institution will come most of our future missionaries.

The Foreign Mission Board, therefore, pays tribute to the College of the Bible, and urges the brotherhood to respond generously to this first post-war appeal. Remember that the training of Christian manpower is the King's business, and "the King's business requireth haste."

## Challenging the Brotherhood

V. G. Boettcher, Qld. Conference President.

PREACHING the gospel is still the paramount need of the age, and supporting it is as vitally important. Immediate post-war years will present great demands upon the Christian church, and we will need to be prepared to meet these fresh issues successfully.

The college seeks to train fully and equip men and women for this gigantic task—physically, intellectually and spiritually—and the challenge is to the brotherhood to aid the board and faculty to continue their worthy work by a liberal response to the college offering on Oct. 7.

The slogan chosen ("It's time to advance") is very apt. This, I take it, applies to the Australian brotherhood, not only in maintaining the college institution, but also in enlarging the borders of the kingdom throughout the various States. In every State there is need for more preachers of the gospel. Two things are clearly evident: (1) That more young men must be encouraged to train in order to enter the ministry; (2) That the brotherhood must be prepared to offer salaries commensurate with the qualifications and training of the preacher.

It is in these two particulars that our progress lies. Given the men the college will, in the future, as in the past, faithfully fulfil her function in sending forth highly trained men to proclaim the message, and it is the obligation of the brotherhood to provide the means to the men.

## Lord's Day, OCTOBER 7.

A DAY OF OPPORTUNITY IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

IT'S TIME TO ADVANCE!



South Australian Students.

Back.—A. G. Thurgood, R. F. Allison, W. E. Fisher, J. A. Mannallack, C. L. Smith, P. S. C. Ryles.

Front.—K. W. Dixon, A. J. MacKenzie, R. S. A. McLean, N. Gavros.

## Brief Messages From Busy Men

"To realise what Glen Iris has meant to our brotherhood one only has to recall the position prior to 1907. It had some bright spots, but left much to be desired."—W. Gale, Secretary Victorian Conference.

"The need to-day is as vital as ever for men who know the distinctive position of churches of Christ, and for men who can impart it winsomely to a war-torn world. The function of the college is essential if we are to make a real advance. Give liberally on October 7."—H. E. Greenwood, Secretary Queensland Conference.

"The function of the college is: To teach ministers to be imitators of God; to be effective co-workers with God; to be worthy ambassadors for God. To this enterprise let us give with a prayerful generosity."—J. Wiltshire, Secretary W.A. Conference.

"The world has been ploughed and harrowed by the ruthless instruments of war. The soil is ready—the seeds of the kingdom must be sown. Let us maintain the supply of trained workers—It's time to advance."—Harold E. R. Steele, Secretary Tas. Conference.

"Thomas Magarey at 21 started a movement in Australia, the centennial of which churches of Christ celebrate in 1946. Young men with a passion, and God-directed, can do wonderful things. The College of the Bible, Glen Iris, has proved it can promote the passion, provide the training, and give wise direction that enables young people in Christ's name to perform a wonderful ministry at home and overseas."—W. R. Hibbert, Secretary Victorian Y.P. Department.

"Christian youth work will keep a steady supply of the right kind of men for our college. It is up to the brotherhood to supply funds to get them through. I see no other way of brotherhood impact on the Commonwealth."—G. R. Stirling, Secretary Y.P. Department, S.A.

"'It's time to advance.' The war that caused us to mark time is over. Post-war days are here demanding us to advance in order to achieve a better world. Glen Iris college is essential in that advance. Worthwhile advance always is costly. Increase your offering and make the desired advance possible."—Jas. E. Webb, Secretary S.A. College Comm.

"120 millions in Europe have been left without anything to believe in or to live for; they challenge the peace and progress of the world. Let's advance every Christian agency—not the least of which is the College of the Bible."—S. H. Wilson, Secretary Tas. College Committee.

"The times in which we live are urgent. The peoples of the earth are advancing. Leadership is the world's most insistent need. This the college can provide, if liberally supported. Therefore on Oct. 7 let us not fail."—W. Rothery, Secretary Qld. College Committee.

"The atom has at last been split and a tremendous power is let loose in the world. The gospel of Christ is a moral and spiritual force more dynamic. Let it loose."—E. R. Sherman, Secretary W.A. College Committee.

# Here and There

W. J. Bensley, of Ascot Vale, Victoria, terminated his services as preacher with church on Sept. 16.

The following telegram reached us on Sept. 17 from Swan Hill, Victoria, giving news of Macnaughtan-Saunders mission: "Crowded out Sunday; five decisions; total twenty-five.—Walmsley."

The pictures in this issue are from photographs by C. Stuart Tompkins, of Camberwell, whose help is greatly appreciated. We are indebted also to F. T. Saunders for his careful work of gathering and preparing copy.

The Hon. D. R. Hall, a member of the City Temple church, Sydney, died on Sept. 6. Our brother had been on a visit to London and had returned to Australia recently. His services amongst N.S.W. churches were much appreciated. We offer deepest sympathy to relatives and to brethren of N.S.W. churches.

At Footscray, Vic., elaborate floral decorations to chapel, 162 beautifully colored lantern slides, vocal solos and duets by H. Easton, Mrs. G. Graham and Miss Hilda Easton, organist Mrs. J. Carter, and use of amplifier, marked a successful "Spring" service on Sept. 16. Service was arranged and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ritchie. More than 200 people attended. Two young men made the good confession. At close the flowers were distributed among congregation.

October 7, 1945, has been set apart by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of America as World-wide Communion Sunday. Christians of all races, and in many lands, will come to the Lord's Table as a testimony to their essential unity in him. Members of churches of Christ welcome this move to make the Lord's Supper central in world-fellowship. We are sure efforts will be made to urge every member to be present at communion services held on October 7.

North Suburban Churches District Conference (Melbourne) held quarterly rally at Thornbury chapel on Thursday, Sept. 6. There was a good attendance, all churches affiliated being represented with exception of one. D. D. Stewart, president, was in the chair. In a short business session it was decided to con-

tinue support to the work at East Preston. The splendid support of combined church choirs was appreciated. G. J. Andrews presented a well-prepared address on "Visual Education and Evangelism."

Good news of release of prisoners of war is bringing joy to many homes throughout Australia. Some names reaching us include a former preacher of church at Wagga, N.S.W., Cpl. D. H. Butler, whose address appears elsewhere; Don. Thomas, a former student of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic.; Major A. E. Sagers, former secretary of church at Subiaco, W.A.; and F. Sargent, of Wangaratta, Vic.

The church at Swan Hill, Vic., is having a time of fellowship and spiritual uplifting with K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders in the marquee. Folk from Woorinen, Ultima and Tresco attend regularly, and appreciation is felt for their witness and support. Members have attended from Boundary Bend, a distance of 55 miles, also from Murrabit and Kerang. Mr. Saunders is congratulated on his ability as song-leader and the success of the children's "Happy Hour." Mr. Macnaughtan's addresses are not only winning souls but strengthening the members. Twenty have made the good confession to date.

Subiaco church, W.A., celebrated 47th anniversary on Sept. 2. R. Raymond spoke at all services. In evening a married woman decided for Christ. On Sept. 6 the annual church fellowship dinner was held, accommodation being taxed to capacity. The chairman of official board (J. W. Gordon) presided, and R. Raymond laid before the gathering plans for jubilee, particularly with regard to suggested new buildings. The church took the opportunity to express pleasure in Mr. Raymond's ministry, and a token of appreciation was made in a gift from the church. On Sept. 9 a men's tea was held. Seventeen men of the Services, several returned, were welcomed. This was a most successful function, the first of many to be held monthly for welcoming home returned men. Evening service was in the form of a men's meeting, with Service men assisting. Recent visitors have included F/L Hadley Banks.

Young people who are planning to enter college in 1946 are reminded that applications for admission should be in the hands of F. T. Saunders, secretary, by October 31.

W. Gale writes: "Mr. A. W. Cleland, president of conference, Mrs. Cleland, president of women's conference, and the writer visited the home mission churches at Ararat and Stawell on Sunday, Sept. 9. This same party, accompanied by Mr. Reg. Enniss and Mr. J. Holloway, visited the churches in the Brim, Warracknabeal and Minyip districts on Sept. 15 and 16. Business sessions were interspersed between splendid meetings in the churches. Mrs. Cleland's messages to the women were an inspiration. These personal contacts of our gracious and gifted presidents are contributing more to the spirit of brotherhood than words can estimate. We all felt delighted with the spontaneous expressions of the good-will and hospitality of our brethren in our rural areas. These are not the brightest days for them, but the spirit of the brethren is undaunted."

## Dr. Kagawa

TOYOHICO KAGAWA, the Christian reformer and social worker in Japan, has been in the news in recent weeks. L. S. Albright, assistant secretary of International Missionary Council, gives some facts concerning this leader, based on a study of Federal Communications Commission (U.S.A.) and Federal Bureau of Investigation Service, and on reports as compiled by the Office of War Information. Here are some of the points made by Mr. Albright on June 15, 1945:

Dr. Kagawa continues to express himself vigorously, sometimes without sufficient data and frequently in extreme form, on public questions in sermons and evangelistic addresses, in bulletins and magazine articles.

Statements made by Kagawa in speech or writing are used by the Japanese Government in radio broadcasts for propaganda purposes. But "Kagawa has not actually 'broadcast anti-American propaganda.'" (O.W.I.). Indeed, his voice has not been heard up to April 30, 1945, by U.S. monitors (O.W.I.).

In an English language broadcast on May 3, 1945, Domei quoted an address on the San Francisco Conference stated to have been delivered by Dr. Kagawa on the radio the same day, presumably in Japanese. As recorded by the F.C.C., this secondhand report is critical of the motives and structure of the organisation being planned as based on "organised military force centralised in the great powers," and so incapable of preventing wars. Such an opinion may reflect Japanese national bias, but it can scarcely be regarded as a repudiation of Christianity or an endorsement of Japanese militarism.

Dr. Kagawa has not sought martyrdom. Since the Government has not attacked the church or Christianity as such, it is pointless to compare his case with that of Pastor Niemoeller. Kagawa was arrested for questioning in October, 1943, but was released.

If Dr. Kagawa has condemned our warfare against Japan, he has also condemned Japan's warfare against China. Evidently he thought he had a right to expect more of us. Now that his Government has admitted that it made war for its own reasons, he will have a still heavier cross to bear. Meanwhile, we do ourselves no credit in over-rating or belittling an earnest Christian leader who may yet be the hope of Japan.



New Students, 1945.

Back.—H. F. Gross, J. G. Shaw, K. W. Dixon, C. L. Smith, F. Collingwood, E. W. Heard, J. A. Manallack, S. F. Davey, W. B. Burn.

Front.—E. J. Sewell, Miss M. F. Pitman, R. T. Roberts, Miss G. J. Wells, D. Grant, Miss M. E. McDonald.

Absent.—J. Holliday, L. R. Lanston, D. W. Hibburt.



# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Invermay.**—Attendances were well maintained during August. Average attendances: morning, 58; evening, 58; communicants, 55. R. W. Benefield has been laid aside. Mrs. Walters is again in fellowship after illness. Mr. Steele ministers faithfully. Soloists during month were Mrs. Alderton, Margaret Smith and Mr. Steele. On Aug. 12 Mr. Park, from Collins-st., Hobart, was speaker at gospel service. Mr. Edmund's exhortation was inspiring on Aug. 19. On Aug. 8, a kitchen tea was tendered Joy Fleming in honor of her approaching marriage to Albert Porter. The wedding was conducted by Mr. Steele on Aug. 11. On V-P Day thanksgiving services were conducted in chapel. Sisters' auxiliary conducted monthly meeting. Mrs. Burden led devotions.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.)**—Sept. 2 was celebrated as Bible Sunday, with appropriate addresses by S. H. Wilson. A display of exhibits relating to the Bible and Bible lands was held in school hall; this was interesting and instructive. A retiring collection in evening was donated to B. & F. Bible Society. In afternoon Mr. Northey, district secretary of Bible Society, addressed Bible school, and offering was donated to B. & F. B.S. Temperance Sunday was held on Sept. 9. S. H. Wilson gave an inspiring temperance address at 11 a.m. The church has made arrangements with radio station 7EX to broadcast a news flash every Saturday at 7 p.m. immediately following news service. Carl Annear is home on leave and has had fellowship with church. Mrs. P. J. Byard is an inmate of general hospital.

**West Hobart.**—Sept. 2 was Bible Sunday. R. V. Amos conducted both services. At annual business meeting of church on Sept. 5, reports showed work to be happy, harmonious and progressing. Officers elected: B. J. Golder (secretary); K. Woolley (treasurer); T. W. Lillye, H. England, J. C. Woolley, G. E. Ashlin, S. Bellette and R. Ferguson. Mrs. H. Cooper was appointed organist, M. Davis door-steward, and G. E. Ashlin reporter to "Christian." The preacher of Invermay church (H. E. R. Steele) was speaker at tea held in connection with Youth Week, and also at gospel service, which took the form of a young people's service. Malcolm Davis was leader; Kevin Bellette and Norman Beechey read scriptures; Miss D. McQueeney was soloist, and a duet was rendered by Misses N. Woolley and D. McQueeney. Owing to school holidays Bible school attendances are not as high as usual. In examinations Ross Davis gained State prize in Div. 6, and Mrs. E. Ashlin second prize in teachers' division.

## Queensland

**West Haldon.**—Ten broke bread on Sept. 2. Bible school welcomed back two former scholars. Noel Carless, who was present at opening meeting six years ago, was a visitor.

**Ma Ma Creek.**—All services reached high average attendances during August. Bible and temperance Sundays were observed suitably. Endeavorers had an enjoyable picnic at West Haldon on Sept. 1. Noel Carless was a visitor, and addressed meeting following Wednesday evening.

**Townsville.**—The church still enjoys fellowship of personnel in Services. On Aug. 24 the church held a successful musical evening, when local talent was expressed and over 50 people were present. Members regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Culbert to Brisbane; they proved a big help to church. E. Day

is back after holiday in Bundaberg. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Cox and family in the passing of Mr. Cox. There is increase in Bible school attendance. Three scholars and one teacher sat, and passed, in scripture examination.

**Bundaberg.**—On Aug. 26 there were good attendances. Morning service was broadcast. Solos were sung by S. Booth and S. Haaman. Church choir resumed practice on Aug. 30 under leadership of V. Cedergreen. On Sept. 2 Mr. Cannon was received into fellowship in morning. Sisters J. DeOberitz and M. Larder sang solos in evening. "Come to church" campaign commenced on Sept. 9.



Queensland Students.

Back.—N. Kingston, F. Collingwood.

Front.—F. B. Alcorn, Miss M. F. Pitman, C. J. MacKenzie.

**Charters Towers.**—Harvest festival was held on Aug. 19, with sale of gifts on Aug. 20. Y.P. Club held a "wog" evening on Aug. 22. On Aug. 26 Mr. Shakespeare, of Bible Society, spoke in morning. Church still enjoys fellowship with members of Forces. Mr. Burn continues to give bright and helpful addresses.

**Roma.**—On Aug. 7 a party of 15 Endeavorers, including Mr. Hogg, president North-western Downs C.E. Union, and Mr. Haley, national field secretary of Endeavor, visited from Chinchilla and district to hold annual C.E. Union rally. A service was held at night with good attendance. Mr. Haley gave the address and Endeavorers rendered items. On Saturday afternoon the young people held a picnic, and a camp fire service during evening, when several gave testimony of answered prayer. Services on Sunday had splendid attendances. Two young men from Chinchilla who decided for Christ were baptised at night. J.C.E. gave a demonstration during afternoon, and gospel service was an inspiration. Mr. Wylie's addresses at all meetings were of a high order. Before visitors left for home after gospel service, refreshments were provided by Endeavorers. Illness of A. S. Cooke necessitated a short time in local hospital.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—Conference president (T. Bamford) opened a successful men's sale of work; £100 was received. On morning of Sept. 9 the service was broadcast. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. McDonald (Hindmarsh, S.A.) E. R. Berry was soloist. A talk by J. K. Robinson held attention of hearers. At 7.30 p.m. a men's service was a finale to recent efforts for debt reduction. Mr. Berry, A. B. Povey, W. R. Bennett and Frank Ewers rendered a quartette. Mr. Robinson was preacher. Prospects of wiping out debt on church property by end of year are very bright.

## South Australia

**Fullarton.**—Church anniversary services were held on Sept. 2. Ridley Kitchen gave a helpful message to church in morning. At night the service was held in Milton Hall, when over 200 people assembled, and a male choir of 16 voices gave two fine pieces. B. W. Manning spoke to a very attentive audience. The church is greatly cheered at progress made during last six months.

**Prospect.**—Services on Sept. 3 were well attended. A. E. Brown spoke morning and evening. In afternoon Dr. Trudinger, of Sudan Mission, spoke on work of mission. Services through week were in recess owing to conference. On morning of Sept. 10 Mr. Bartlett, of Gawler, gave a good address. A. E. Brown spoke in evening. Fellowship with visitors was enjoyed during day.

**Edwardstown West.**—Ladies' Sunshine Circle has commenced new year's work with Mrs. Leggo president. While Mr. Cornelius was at Kadina, D. R. Stirling's visit on Aug. 26 was appreciated. On conference Sunday Theo. Edwards, of Moolta, gave appreciated addresses to good audiences. Church has been well represented at conference gatherings. K.S.P. was strengthened by addition of three adult members being initiated on Sept. 14.

**Tumby Bay.**—On afternoon of Aug. 5 T. Butler, conference president, delivered a fine address. G. Wilson began interim ministry with circuit and preached in evening. Thanksgiving service on night of Aug. 15, conducted by Mr. Wilson, had 70 present. Church extends sympathy to George Young and family in their bereavement. Mr. Savage has returned after long illness in Adelaide Hospital. Mr. Wilson has resumed duties after several weeks in hospital.

**Mile End.**—Bob Allison and Nick Gavros have been welcomed home on vacation from Glen Iris. First meeting of newly-revived Western Group Fellowship of churches was held at Mile End on Sept. 1, when G. R. Stirling addressed a youth rally. On Sept. 2 J. E. Webb entered upon his third year of ministry with church. At recent conference, Y.P.S.C.E. was awarded metropolitan efficiency shield for second year in succession. On Sept. 9 A. R. Pigdon, of Pt. Pirie, addressed church in morning, and Mr. Webb spoke in evening. Soloist was Mrs. A. Townley, from Kadina. Les Keatch has been welcomed back into fellowship after discharge from R.A.A.F.

**Unley.**—News has been received of death of Mrs. J. B. Messent in U.S.A., where she has been living with her son, Keith. She was a member of Unley church for many years. Doug. Lawrence (R.A.A.F.), who was a prisoner of war in Europe for some months, is expected to arrive home any day. An anonymous gift of £10 has been made for equipment in Sunday school. On Sept. 2 Mr. Norris gave splendid addresses. On Sept. 9, E. Paddick, of Broken Hill, spoke in morning, H. G. Norris at night. Mrs. O. Pentelow, of Chatswood, N.S.W., has had fellowship with church for three Sundays. Frank Nankivell secured second prize in Div. 7 of scripture examination. Girls' and boys' clubs held a combined meeting. After dealing with business, there was a debate and social fellowship. (Please turn to page 454)

# Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory cross-firing. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

## "CAN WE THANK GOD?"

**D**OGMATISM on debatable subjects is undesirable, but when the acceptance of any position appears in the eyes of one man as dangerous, he is obliged to protest. In this day of military victory, when rightly we are thankful for peace, we are apt to give thanks to God unreservedly. That a loving, universal, pure, heavenly Father should participate in an immoral conflict seems doubtful. Righteousness, as a part of God's nature, if followed by one of the participants more closely than the other, may enable that more righteous participant to come closer to victory because it will thus be working in harmony with the moral universe, but need not necessarily imply that victory will be achieved in that particular situation.

My point is to separate our heavenly Father from war, the most damnable disease of modernity.—A. MacDonald, Kyneton, Vic.

# Obituary

## Henry Foreman

**A**FTER about ten days' illness following a stroke, Henry Foreman passed from this life in his 82nd year. About the year 1892 he went to live in Cheltenham, Vic., being at the time a member of the Baptist church. Soon after arriving at Cheltenham he became a member of the church of Christ there. He was an officer of the church at the time of H. Mahon's ministry, and a Sunday school teacher for many years. On leaving Cheltenham he lived for two years in Oakleigh, and then came to live in Box Hill in 1932. During the ministry of T. H. Scambler in Box Hill, Mr. Foreman did a good deal of work in visiting the sick. His interest in the young men of the church, especially in their sporting activities, made him popular with them. He was a vice-president of the cricket club for many years. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is with the family, especially with his daughter Linda, who is in India. Since her last furlough both mother and father have passed to higher service. The funeral service at the graveside in Cheltenham cemetery followed a short service in the funeral parlor, where a number of friends gathered.—F.T.M.

## Mrs. D. McCredden

**O**N Sunday night, July 22, Mrs. D. McCredden was called home suddenly. She has left in the hearts of a great number of people a very fragrant memory. Mrs. McCredden was known for her good works by almost hundreds of people. During the years of depression there were more people than anyone ever knew who found a parcel of goods or a banknote left for their help. In other ways she has helped people right to the day of her passing. She believed implicitly that "bread cast upon the waters" would indeed "return after many days," and never hesitated to deplete her own often meagre supplies to help somebody in need. Prior to her marriage she

was for eight years an officer of the Salvation Army, and never lost her interest in the work of that organisation. Some twenty years ago she first came to the church of Christ in Box Hill. During the ministry of J. E. Allan she and her husband and family were baptised and entered the Box Hill membership. The funeral service at Box Hill cemetery was conducted by the minister of the Box Hill church of Christ and the officer in charge of the Box Hill corps of the Salvation Army together.—F.T.M.

## THE BROKEN HILL MISSION

**S**UNDAY, Aug. 19, brought to a close an evangelistic campaign at Broken Hill, N.S.W., in home mission tent under leadership of G. T. Fitzgerald, with H. E. Paddick song-leader. Excellent service was rendered by missionary throughout the four weeks. Many contacts were made, and two decided for Christ. These were baptised on Aug. 19, and four members were restored to fellowship. A thankoffering of over £50 was received in cash and promises. Both churches will benefit through the campaign. Loyalty of brethren, indifference of outsiders, and untiring witness of Mr. Fitzgerald in personal and platform work, were outstanding features. The churches look forward also to return of several members from Forces in near future. Services on Sept. 9 were conducted by local brethren, Mr. Cremer and W. Harris, in absence of preacher at State conference.

## BRIEF MISSION AT SHEPPARTON, VICTORIA

**T**HE mission at Shepparton, Vic., conducted by F. E. Buckingham, with H. Long song-leader, ended on Monday evening, Sept. 3. Attendance at all meetings was good, highest number being 102 on Sunday evening. The singing, under Mr. Long's direction, contributed much in attracting visitors. Mr. Buckingham's messages were of interest throughout, and the question box was used freely. There were four confessions of faith, one reconsecration, and one restoration. A very good attendance marked closing day, when a thankoffering was received to defray expenses. The church has received a great uplift. Thanks were expressed at final meeting, by E. Paul and A. C. Mudford, on behalf of the church, first, to the visiting brethren and to the churches for releasing preachers for this effort. Mr. Hargraves made a presentation on behalf of church.

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 " 26—Heb. 10: 1-13.  
 " 27—1 Pet. 2: 1-10.  
 " 28—1 Pet. 4: 1-11.  
 " 29—Rom. 5: 1-12.  
 " 30—Genesis 3: 1-19; Romans 5: 13-21.

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## New South Wales

**North Auburn.**—All were shocked by news of death of Cpl. Allan Wallis, and sympathy is extended to widow and three children. Mr. Gibb has progressed splendidly since operation. His illness has meant an added responsibility to Mr. Winch and Mr. Schofield, to whom church is indebted. On Sept. 9 a middle-aged woman, Miss Lucy Wallis, was baptised. Property has been improved, with new fence on Parramatta-rd.; other improvements are under consideration. Visiting speakers in the past were Messrs. Grant and Membray at morning services.

**Canterbury-Earlwood.**—Seventh anniversary celebrations, on Sept. 8 and 9, were in inspiration. P. E. Thomas was guest speaker after a happy fellowship tea on Saturday evening, and A. Hinrichsen spoke at both Lord's day meetings. Thankoffering reached £144. This, with £197 already in hand, almost liquidates debt on chapel. Ted Holmes returned from Borneo on Sept. 9 after service with Air Force. The church rejoiced to see him and his wife take their stand for Christ before a large congregation the same evening. Hearts were saddened on hearing that Geof., son of Mr. and Mrs. Avard, had died in a prison camp two years ago. Sympathy is extended to the family. Geof. was a beloved junior Endeavorer of other days.

## Victoria

**Emerald.**—On Sept. 9 church celebrated 32nd anniversary. Guest speaker was H. B. Robbins. A number of visitors were present.

**Preston.**—At morning service on Sept. 9 two were welcomed by faith and baptism. Mr. Combridge delivered addresses morning and evening appropriate to Bible Sunday. In evening an offering of £2/17/6 was donated to B. and F. Bible Society. Two young girls made the confession.

**Coburg.**—Good interest is maintained. A visit was paid by Mr. Graham recently, who exhorted at morning service. Young people won Y.M.C.A. musical competition for fourth year in succession. Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. Lloyd, wife of the preacher, in the loss of her father.

**Hamilton.**—On Aug. 26, Mrs. Gill, representing Social Service Department, spoke at morning service. Gospel service was taken by Mr. Pratt, who also spoke at both services on Sept. 2. Bible school conducted radio Sunday school on Aug. 26. Sunday was observed at both services on Sept. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have done extensive visitation during last two weeks.

**Portland.**—Attendances for August were lowest for year. Speakers were A. Langley, T. Davey, T. Robb and E. Gill (Baptist youth director). Teachers and church took part in teachers' conference from August 8 to 12. Features were the splendid attendances (including prayer meetings), the spirit of unity, and the march of witness through town, which preceded a youth rally of 380. A team of specialists from Melbourne rendered splendid service at all meetings.

**Essendon.**—S. Neighbour, of Oakleigh, was speaker at all services on Sept. 9 and 16. Good attendances are resulting, and all have been helped and blessed by fine addresses. At gospel meeting on Sept. 16 Mr. Neighbour immersed two young ladies. Bible school, under N. Hutton, is functioning smoothly, and with kindergarten has average attendance of 100. Young people's group, which meets on Saturday nights, is experiencing happy times. Short talks by Mr. Neighbour are appreciated. At business meeting on Sept. 11, W. W. Pearce was elected secretary in succession to B. J. Kemp. W. Alves and J. Hemsley were elected to officers' board. Basketball team was defeated in semi-final by Gardiner on Sept. 15. On Sept. 13, Mission Band held a successful meeting at which Mr. Neighbour was speaker.

**Geelong.**—On Sept. 15 the marriage of Miss O. Thomas and I. Cutts was celebrated in chapel. Church observed Temperance Sunday on Sept. 16, when Mr. Stirling gave eloquent addresses at both services. At close of morning service two boys made the good confession; and in evening two more made the good confession.



Tasmanian Students.

Back.—C. G. Burt, E. W. Heard, W. B. Burn.  
Front.—Miss A. M. Barton, B.A., K. W. Barton,  
Miss N. Dransfield.

**Croydon.**—At a social on Sept. 8, Jim Smith was welcomed home after service with R.A.A.F. Protestant Sunday schools of Croydon are holding combined drive to increase membership. Church of Christ Bible school is taking active part in this. Kinders are using six extra chairs on loan from Methodist school. Church enjoyed fellowship with visitors on Sept. 9, when Misses G. and J. Scott, of Northcote, rendered an appreciated duet. Attendances keep up, and Mr. Quayle is working hard.

**East Kew.**—Good meetings continue. On Sept. 2 Ralph Davis addressed church and Malcolm Hepburn preached at night. On Sept. 9 Allan Thomas brought a message to church and Geo. Brown preached in evening to a well-attended meeting. Mr. Woodbridge is unable to attend through sickness. Mr. Turriff has returned after a holiday under doctor's orders. Girls' basketball team is having great success. Additions have been made to baptistry, and heaters are being installed. Three sisters were welcomed on Sept. 2, following baptism. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rough in the death of her husband, Major R. L. Rough, killed in action Aug. 31.

**Berwick.**—On Aug. 12 Mr. Smith exchanged with H. Long, of Wedderburn, and at close of gospel service a young man made the good confession. Bible school and C.E. held a combined social evening on Aug. 25, proceeds to help social service work. Mr. Gross, of college, was speaker on Sept. 2. Members welcome back into fellowship Mr. and Mrs. L. Aurisch and family after many months' absence, also Mr. Myer, who has been away some weeks through illness. At close of a well attended gospel service on Sept. 9, A. Funston conducted a baptismal service when Mr. Smith immersed a young man who had confessed Christ. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of S. Hillbrick.

**Middle Park.**—E. Randall and C. Cartmel continue to render efficient service. A. Hartvigsen has been forced to resign as Bible school superintendent on account of ill-health. Mission Band sisters have combined with South Melbourne sisters, and mutual benefit is anticipated.

**Yarrawonga.**—The church was pleased to have the help of Ron Saunders for three Sundays. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, of Albury, N.S.W., were with church for 20th anniversary. Mesdames Jackson and Wright officiated with birthday cake. Thankoffering amounted to £56/5/-. Mrs. Climie and Mrs. L. Jones rendered solos. Dorothy Christy, S.S. scholar, and Mr. Peechey have been received into membership. The church looks forward to having a preacher before Christmas.

**Footscray.**—D. C. Ritchie spoke at both services on Sept. 9. Harold Easton sang a solo at night. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mrs. R. V. Amos, of West Hobart. Ladies' Aid "comforts" committee has forwarded cakes and canteen orders to members of Forces associated with church. D. C. Ritchie gave an address illustrated by lantern slides when Y.P.S.C.E. visited Gordon-st. Baptist society on Sept. 4. Mrs. G. Graham was soloist. W. Buckley has been unable to attend services owing to ill-health.

**Springvale.**—Sept. 16 was set apart for baptisms, there being four candidates, one an elderly lady, one more youthful, and two from Bible school. School anniversary was an unqualified success, and a packed audience enjoyed the items. Evening service was in hands of Les. Brooker. Sisters supplied tea for all who cared to wait, and a happy hour was spent. Mr. Bond has a great grip on the work, and his visitation is yielding good results. He is rendered happy by seeing his future residence well under way. It should be completed in eight weeks or so. Prayer meetings are well attended and full of spiritual vigor.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Good meetings were held on Sept. 9. In morning Miss Zelma Attwell was received by transfer. At night members and friends shared a deeply spiritual meeting, at which fitting reference was made to the life and work of late J. B. Jackson. At close Miss A. Kropp made the good confession. Birthday greetings and congratulations are extended to Mrs. Martin, 80 years, and Mrs. Young, 91. Many excellent reports re the broadcast on Aug. 26 have been received. On Sept. 16 all were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Taylor back from S.A. conference. Mr. Taylor was speaker at all services that day. Friends and relatives of Mrs. G. Tippet received a shock to learn of her death on Sept. 11. Church expresses sympathy to all sorrowing ones. £6/12/- was given by members to B. & F. Bible Society. Many boys away have sent letters of thanks for parcels received.

**Echuca.**—Meetings had average attendances during past month. Addresses were given by Messrs. Curtis, Dusting, Symes and Dudley. Sunday school attendances were excellent. Children are learning hymns for anniversary. Two social afternoons have been given by ladies of church, and an enjoyable time experienced. Ladies were invited to an afternoon at Church of England, and had happy fellowship there. A combined church choir has been formed in Echuca, where all churches are represented. Whenever possible the churches here unite. It is a great experience for all. At business meeting on Sept. 11, it was revealed that the church with all its auxiliaries is making progress, and now was the time to launch forward with post-war plans. A suitable block of land for the manse is to be purchased. Church secretary, Mr. Rosendale, has been elected Deputy Mayor of Echuca.

**Kaniva.**—The church mourns the passing of Mrs. Webb on Sept. 2. Her confidence and courage facing the termination of her lifelong association with the church here was an inspiration to all. Social service offering was £58. Seven boys from circuit attended Explorer camp at Monbulk.

**Drumcondra.**—Messages of Mr. Methven on Sept. 9 and 16 were appreciated. C.E. had an enjoyable evening on Sept. 14, when Mr. Symes gave consecration address. Several visitors have attended. Some sick members have recovered sufficiently to attend meetings. Prayer meeting before gospel service is helpful. Bible school is progressing favorably.

**South Yarra.**—The church is happy to have back in fellowship some boys who have been in the Services. At tea on Sept. 2 speaker was Mr. Arthur Jahn, from Malaya, whose parents and family are imprisoned there. Sept. 16 was Endeavor anniversary. R. McLean was speaker in morning, E. Roffey at night. There were good congregations. Endeavorers took part in services.

**Cheltenham.**—Children's Day was held in Bible school on Sept. 9. Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith (missionaries-elect) told of work they expect to do in New Hebrides. Kindergarten materials donated by school for work in Islands were displayed. At evening service F. A. Crawshaw, of Mission to Lepers, gave a color movie film. Offering totalled £6. Four boys and Explorer leader, G. Daff, were present at recent boys' camp. Tennis team won B. grade premiership in south section of C.C.T.A. Social service offering reached £22.

**Reservoir.**—Interest is well maintained in all sections of work, and attendances are good. On Sept. 10 the building was crowded, when choir had a concert to aid thanksgiving fund. Programme was under direction of Mrs. Plummer, choir-leader. Mr. Plummer was in chair. Items were given by choir and by Bette McInnes, Harold and Carol Plummer, Mrs. V. L. Russell, H. Trathen, Norma Allison, Mr. Arnott, of Brighton. Mr. Alcorn, the preacher, was accompanist. Phi Betas and Kappas combined in a well-attended social on Sept. 15.

#### BRITISH CHURCHES' CONFERENCE

**A** VISITOR to Britain, R. Johnston, writes on the conference held by British churches of Christ at Leicester, from Aug. 5 to 8. On Sunday, August 5, at 8 p.m., a united rally was held in the United Baptist chapel, the speaker being W. W. Hendry, a former evangelist in Victoria, N.S.W., and Queensland. Monday morning conference started at 9 a.m. with a worship service conducted by J. W. Black, considered their oldest church member. He is over 80 and still has plenty of life. James Gray, of Overdale college staff, was chairman of conference. Visitors included a Canadian Service-man, Dr. G. W. Buckner, delegate from America, and special speaker for conference. Dr. Jesse Bader was also to have been present, but was unable to get to England.

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#### DEATHS

**FEATHERSTONE.**—VX46200 Pte. Charles Trevor, 2/21st Batt., died of illness whilst P.O.W., Ambon, March 28, 1944, aged 27 years; loved nephew of Syd. and Isabel Anderson, Fairfield; loved cousin of Edna, Jack and Jean.

"How joyful is the hope that lingers,  
When loved ones cross death's sea,  
That we, when all earth's toils are ended,  
With them shall ever be."

**LEE** (on Active Service, Middle East).—In fond remembrance of our loving nephew and cousin, 410993 Warrant Officer, R.A.A.F., Mervyn, reported missing on Feb. 12, 1945, now presumed to have lost his life.

There is nothing so sad as his loss,  
But God in heaven knows  
What his parting cost.

—Inserted by Auntie Millie, Uncle Will, cousins Nellie, Robert, Jean, and Alf (R.A.N.).

**TIPPETT.**—On Sept. 11, Catherine, dearly beloved wife of Ernest, of 44 Dunstan-ave., Brunswick East, and loving mother of Will, Ern, Don, Alex, Alma, Douglas and Haldane (deceased); aged 78 years.

**TIPPETT.**—On Sept. 11, Katie, of Dunstan-ave., Brunswick, daughter of the late Alexander and Annie McColl, dearly loved sister of Jack (deceased), Maggie (Mrs. A. Haddow, deceased), Alex (deceased), Annie (Mrs. N. Haddow, deceased), Jim, Donald (deceased), Florrie (Mrs. Haines), and Haldie. At rest.

**WEBB.**—On Sept. 2, at Kaniva District Hospital, Annie Catherine, dearly loved mother of Coral (Mrs. A. Power, Sale), Rex (A.I.F.), and Valerie (Mrs. W. G. Brealey), aged 56 years. "In God's care."

#### IN MEMORIAM

**CLEMENTS, ALFRED H.**—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who fell asleep Sept. 20, 1941, at Bayswater. Resting in the everlasting arms.

—Inserted by loving wife, daughter and son-in-law.

**DREWETT.**—Sweet memories of our dear wife and mother, who passed away at Mildura on Sept. 25, 1944. In God's care.

—Inserted by her loving husband and family.

**PEDERSEN.**—A thought to-day, a memory for ever, of our dear ones who received their home-call—mother, Sept. 17, 1944; dad, Jan. 27, 1933; and my little nephew Bruce, Feb. 24, 1938. Our thoughts bring many a silent tear of those we miss so much and loved so dear. For ever I'll remember.

—Inserted by their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren at Brunswick.

**TUNBRIDGE.**—In loving memory of Percy Henry, who was called home on Oct. 3, 1944. Loved husband of Amy, and father of Amy (Mrs. Floyd).

"God knows the way, he holds the key,  
He guides us with unerring hand.  
Some time with tearless eyes we'll see;  
Yes, up there, we'll understand."

#### COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 23 and 26.—Northcote Bible school anniversary. 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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truth. No rascal escapes, not even the self-  
deceived critic of others who blankets his own  
sins. 2. God's goodness and mercy precede  
his judgment. The riches of his goodness  
should lead us to repentance. Hence the  
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of God's law, but a blow at his loving  
heart. Said a'Kempis, "The sign of the cross  
shall be in heaven when the Lord comes to  
judgment." 3. God has no favorites. Where  
he grants privilege there is the greater res-  
ponsibility. Let us say: "Because I have been  
given much, I too, shall give." 4. God's judg-  
ment is by Jesus Christ. We are not clods,  
but accountable persons, and life's test is  
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**WE** are approaching a day, an event, an experience, which for years has been a cherished hope.

Reviewing our college experience from that day when, with wonder, we entered upon it until to-day, when, with a certain wisdom we move on from it, we acknowledge that this experience has been truly memorable and priceless. One says that the greatest thing he has obtained from college is an unquenchable thirst for truth; another, that for him it is a deepened appreciation of the world's need of the gospel; yet another, that he has found a fragrant fellowship which will ever inspire him; and still another, that his mental and spiritual horizons have been so extended that he sees his obligation to all the world. All affirm that they have been greatly enriched by their experience in college.

Therefore, we are debtors—to our home, to the churches where first we began to serve, to our lecturers, and to our brotherhood. And as this word is to the brotherhood generally, we want each who has helped the college in any way to know that each exit student appreciates what has been done for him. Each would personally thank the brotherhood, of which we have become so proud during our course at Glen Iris.

And as now we move out and on from this our Alma Mater, whilst pledging ourselves to serve worthily of the gospel, we only ask that our splendid brotherhood's support for the college be continued increasingly—this, that the college may be used of God to send forth more laborers into the fields that are white already to harvest.

*The Australian Christian, September 19, 1945*

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