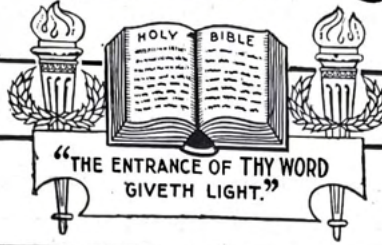


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G. B. Shaw and War

OU^{GH}T we take seriously any statement made by that outspoken British critic, George Bernard Shaw? Just as we may consider a cartoon drawn by David Low or by Armstrong to be partly serious and yet somewhat humorous, so also may we treat many of G. B. Shaw's criticisms. The cartoonist gains his point by skilful exaggerations. Now Mr. Shaw has pointed out how he goes out of his way to overstate deliberately the facts of a situation so as to make people sit up and take notice. So although people may smile smugly at some of his sayings, they are foolish if they treat all his warnings with contempt.

Last week G. B. Shaw made a statement that was reported in the daily papers under a heading suggesting humorous disdain.

Mr. Shaw had been asked concerning the manner in which Japan ought to be treated. In his reply he said, among other things, "We will never have peace unless we respect all peoples and countries as equals. Of course, there'll be another war—all the factors that caused this one still remain—but not right away, because we are all thoroughly bankrupt."

Now Mr. Shaw does not claim to be an orthodox Christian, but it is evident that in part of his statement he has set out a Christian principle. Many people find that principle difficult to accept. How many are ready to practise the ideal in which they are urged to treat all peoples and nations as equals?

After the flood of cruel war-stories pouring out from Europe and Asia, it is difficult to accept and practise that truth of life. Many will not desire to face up to the precept taught so clearly in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Under the stress of days full of terrible anxiety, it is easy to let ourselves go and to speak of other peoples as being "sub-human" creatures or "monkey races." If those expressions are trying to suggest that

some races of mankind are on a lower biological plane and must not be treated as human beings, we should reject and condemn such sayings. However, if they aim at pointing to the fact that sin has gained a greater hold on some peo-



Charter of United Nations

*THE document lies finished upon a central table,
Behind four pillars, in a mighty hall;
The nations pass, and in their script and language,
They write their names, one hundred fifty-three in all.*

*So now is signed the Charter of United Nations,
This much of this world sick of war, and blood and death;*

*Far-visioned men uniting to plan future ages
Without great wars and their sad aftermath.*

Dear Father of all time, list in your vast recording

*This mighty moment in the reach of man
For peace, and give him thy great love and wisdom,*

That this war-battered earth may find a plan.
—Beulah M. Huey.



ples and has dragged them to the level of beasts, they are but crude expressions of the fact made clear in scripture; namely that sin mars the image of God in man, robbing him of original and natural love and godly virtues.

But can anyone boast of his freedom from sin, thus being better than another? What do we read in scripture? "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of

God." Some, however, by the goodness of God have found in Christ a better way of life. Dare they boast of something not gained by their efforts, but received as a gift from God? No grateful child of God would be so foolish as to speak so.

Christians cannot be moved by hatred to act cruelly or unseemly toward human beings who have been so unfortunate as to become slaves of the Power of the darkness of sin. Out of a motive of pity and out of a desire to bring sinful pagans to Christ, they will do all possible to tell men of Christ, the Saviour.

G. B. Shaw's second principle is also important. He infers that war is not the cause of all the evils in the world as some seem to suggest, but rather war is caused by the evils within society. Therefore we cannot hope to get rid of war until the vices that cause war are destroyed. So long as those evils exist we shall fail to get goodwill among nations. So long as millions are living at the point of starvation there will be a cause of war. So long as there is religious intolerance between castes and sects, there will be danger of war. So long as there is ignorance and superstition society will not be safe. So long as there is greed in class strife, there will be trouble.

If we are to help to banish war, we must see that efforts are made to cure the causes of war. To such an end the church was called into being. The only remedy for these diseases at the heart of society, causing war after war, is the gospel of Christ. We do not have in mind a limited view of the gospel, but one that touches the whole of life.

In these days of peace may the church take every opportunity to fulfil its divine mission, by reaching out to every community and nation, announcing a message that can provide hope for a peaceful future!

Splendid Work by Island Pastor

Pentecost Baptisms

MR. RON SAUNDERS, who was associated with Mr. Finger in the Islands, supplied some additional information regarding the progress of the work on Pentecost.

"Mr. Harold Finger, in a previous report, mentioned 35 baptisms on the Island of Pentecost, and gave the membership figures as 380. In August he visited these Pentecost churches again, and reports that Seth, who is the leading pastor of the group of churches in the Narua area, has since baptised 29 more, most of whom were young people from his school,



Island Church Buildings and Congregation.

and some men and women who were converts from heathenism, thus bringing the membership figures for Pentecost to over 400. Mr. Finger and I visited these churches several times in 1943-44, and now Mr. Finger has contacted them again this year. They are in a very isolated area in the mountain ridges of central Pentecost. Praise God that such a great harvest has come from the faithful preaching and teaching of Pastor Seth of Narua."

Pig Worship

"The spirit of the pig is worshipped by the heathen. When attending the service of

dedication for a new church building in one of the newer established villages in this area, Seth and Abraham said to us, 'We not have any pigs in this village for kal-kai. S'pose the heathen see our pigs, might they think we not true Christians?' So these humble, devoted servants of our Lord waived their liberty of eating pork, because it might cause some heathen soul groping his way out of darkness of heathenism into the light of Jesus Christ to stumble and to fall back. Having put away their chief meat supply, the only meat in their diet was an occasional fowl. It is worthy of the sacrifice and loyalty of these people that they saw, with joy, in August the baptism of 29 more whom they had won into the kingdom."

Mrs. Waterman

Mrs. Waterman finds herself comfortable in the small house sent down, and busy and happy in her work. "Thank you. The furniture has come, or at least most of it, and I am comfortable. I love this quiet little house; and as it is, it is very cool. I am still very happy here, and love my work very much. I do so love the children, and think they return that love too. You should see the array of gifts that come for the teacher. On the window sill one day there were oranges, grape fruit, a pawpaw, and best of all four tomatoes. I took the tomatoes home and put them into Mrs. Finger's hands, and was she pleased?"

Furloughs and Departures

No definite word has been received from Mr. Finger as to when he and Mrs. Finger can be expected in Australia. By now we anticipate they will know of the proposal to send Mr. and Mrs. Smith forward. It is likely that Mr. Finger will plan accordingly. Present indications suggest that Mr. and Mrs. Smith cannot go forward till at least late November, so it looks as if we cannot expect our workers from the Islands till nearer the end of the year—a little later than anticipated.

Tasmanian News-Letter

S. H. Wilson, of Launceston, Tas., reports on the activities of churches and preachers in island State.

Church Anniversaries

TWO churches in the State recently celebrated their birthday under very promising circumstances.

The Devonport church, which has just attained its majority, is situated on the north-west coast of Tasmania. Speaking of this district the Federal Attorney-General said that any man would be devoid of imagination if he failed to visualise the great future of this part of Australia. Dr. Evatt added that he was impressed with the industrial possibilities of this area. We are glad that a church so strategically important should have Mr. and Mrs. Grainger located with it. Mr. Grainger has ably represented our movement in all local inter-church enterprises. The brotherhood notes with much satisfaction the progress of the church at Devonport.

At a meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Warmbrunn on August 26, 1920, the church at West Hobart was constituted. On the following Lord's day twenty-two members met for the breaking of bread in the Crescent Institute. All meetings were held here until the opening of the splendid brick chapel in Hill-st. on June 17, 1923.

A loan of £100 was made available to the church by H. Kingston, of Kingston. This amount was later made as a gift to the Church Extension Committee. The building was erected by J. C. Woolley. The present school hall was built in 1928. The manse was purchased early in the ministry of Mr. Tease. The following brethren have been called to labor as preachers with the church: J. Barnes, A. C. Thurrowgood, T. W. Bate, G. O. Tease and R. V. Amos. The church now has membership of forty-eight, and there are nearly 100 scholars in the Bible school. All join in wishing this progressive church abundant blessing in her future ministry.

The Travelling Evangelist

In view of the advent of Messrs. Grainger, Steele and Amos to serve at Devonport, In-

vermay and West Hobart, respectively, these fields have been removed from the travelling evangelist's sphere of work. Dover, Geeveston, Mole Creek and Caveside have been unable to find suitable accommodation, thus imposing further limitations on the services of the evangelist. In addition to this, climatic conditions make it inadvisable to minister at Nubeena, Highcroft and Premaydena during the winter months. With these facts in mind the Home Mission Committee, last May, offered Mr. Hill a re-engagement for six months. Mr. Hill's ministry as State evangelist will terminate at the end of next month. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have not spared themselves in the service of the churches. They have won an honored place in the hearts of the brotherhood by virtue of their Christian character and consecration.

The Strong Help the Weak

While Mr. Hill has been located at Sandhill and later at Ulverstone, Kellevie has been helped by regular visits from brethren of Highcroft and the Hobart churches. Mole Creek and Caveside churches have had assistance from Launceston churches. Rural districts have suffered badly by wartime restrictions. Our country brethren and sisters have in many cases maintained the work only at great personal sacrifice, and in the face of most disheartening circumstances. Their devotion to the cause of Christ has never failed to inspire the city members who have visited their gatherings from time to time.

"Hymns for the People"

Under this title the Tasmanian Home Mission Committee sponsored a broadcast session every Sunday evening from 5.45 to 6 over a Launceston station. After twelve months the station notified the committee that the cost of their session would be raised 150 per cent. In view of the increased cost the committee decided to forego the session. This broadcasting time was then taken over by the Seventh Day Adventists, who already had a period of twenty minutes preceding our session. The local congregation at Margaret-st. now broadcasts an announcement of its Sunday services over this station immediately after the national news each Saturday night.

Being Justified by God's Grace

(Romans 3: 24)

DISTURB or challenge complacent folk, especially if they are smug as to their morals and their religion, and you will likely meet with a barrage of indignant, self-justifying questions. Paul met such questions as he challenged men in regard to God's judgment and their accountability. Have we really faced the fact of God's judgment?

The Christian prophet's purpose is to move men from tragic conditions of false assurance. Limit your interpretation of the law to the letter of it, and you may be smug about your morals. Attend to the ritual of your religion and you may be in a mood to congratulate yourself. But the realist knows that God's law was given to bring home to men a sense of the guilt and power of sin. It was designed to produce penitents and not to produce Pharisees. "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in God's sight: for through the law cometh the knowledge of sin."

Then, the Christian prophet has this positive proclamation, that our only real justification is acceptance of God's grace in Christ Jesus. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." That is a gospel for men like the Marquis of Lossie, dying. A gospel also for Christian living, as Luther proved.—G. J. Andrews.

Housing and Employment

In his Social Service Notes and Comments, Will H. Clay touches on matters vital to the community.

THE problems of housing and accommodation were never more acute than they are today. Yet we in Australia are not so badly off as are the people of the devastated countries. Perhaps we should view the position rather in the light of our blessings than by the measure of our discomforts, yet we must not overlook the difficulties under which so many of our people are living. The social service office is to many a clearing house for every kind of problem, and that is what we wish it to be. We have enquiries for houses and accommodation, and we have at times the information to satisfy them. The trouble is to make both fit. Those having rooms to let or offering board are naturally desirous of finding the kind of person to suit them. The questions of sex, age, profession, habits, church, temperament, children or not, married or single, front and back rooms, kitchen, gas and electricity, and many more enter into the case. To be the referee in such matters is an unenviable thing. However, we invite members to see us, and we promise to do our best to please. At present we have some confidences which we may be prepared to give. We also invite our brethren of the churches, having accommodation to offer, to let us know. In the difficulties of transport which are still with us, the request to "move up" is quite in order. Perhaps we could carry this suggestion into our homes. Let us "move up," if this is possible, and make room for another.

Employment

The war is over—well, so we are told, and we can resume our pre-war place and position. But is this so? Can we fulfil our promises? Is every returning man to have employment? Freedom to worship as we choose, and freedom to say what we want to say, two of the four freedoms which were promised, appear to be preserved to us, or nearly so; but the other two, freedom from fear and from want, are doubtful. Already there are men whose services are no longer required for war for whom peace holds no immediate prospect. Fear is real, and unless something is done almost at once, want will

be just as real. The promise of the new order is more a problem than a promise. The end of hostilities has come suddenly upon us, and we were not ready for the big job of rehabilitation. This must first devolve upon the government; but the church must see to it that it is squarely faced. Employment for all was promised and this must be honored.

The Social Service Offering

Churches and schools which have responded to the Victorian appeal have, in most cases, exceeded last year's figures. Only half of the churches, however, have so far forwarded their returns. We are still hopeful of reaching the objective of £1000. The coming of W. T. Atkin and F. E. Buckingham to the staff has largely increased our commitments, but we are confident that the effects of their coming will more than justify the confidence of the churches. We are undertaking a programme of development which will prove a blessing to the individual churches and to the whole conference.

Victorian News in Brief

The C.F.A. board and agents are meeting at dinner in the Lygon-st. school hall on Thursday, October 18, prior to the tenth annual meeting of the association at 7.45 p.m.

The dinner and discussion on Sept. 10 were a great success. The open forum proved a most interesting and profitable time. The kind of church that God wants to-day, all agreed, was the church which recognised its obligations to God and man, and its purpose was to bring the kingdom of God on earth.

The Christian Guest Home is still waiting to hear from any woman who is able and willing to join the staff. A cook is urgently needed.

Churches desiring the services of the Social Service field representative are invited to contact the office without delay.

The Social Service Committee has taken a lead in a press campaign against the proposed beer garden, and in advocating food for Britain.

Notes on Various Topics

Liberal Giving

IT has been gratifying to note the increasing and record offerings given to brotherhood work in recent years. In the "Australian Christian" for August 15, Mr. Anderson, our Federal F.M. secretary, stated that from July 1, 1944, to June 1, 1945, £11,459 had been received for overseas work, an increase of £273 over the amount given in the preceding year. For our State work there have also been liberal giving and substantial increases, indicating that members have a sincere desire to further the Lord's work. Of course we should remember that more money has come into many Christian homes during the war years than ever before, and hence proportionate faithfulness would yield larger offerings. This is true, yet we have also to remember the unprecedentedly high level of direct and indirect taxation, the advanced costs of living, and the numerous calls for patriotic and social service needs. Our people have given a ready response to Red Cross and other war-time appeals. With all these extra calls, it is a cause for thanksgiving that the contributions for local church work as well as to the growing appeals for brotherhood work should have increased so much.

No Ground for Boasting

Our Federal F.M. secretary rightly reminded us that the average amount which we give for overseas work is still a low one, only 7/4 per member per year, which is less than one penny three farthings per week. When it is put that way, we feel like re-echoing Paul's words, "Where is boasting then? It is excluded." No remembrance of the great number of calls can make the average member happy as he thinks of a contribution of 7/4 per annum for world evangelism. Is there a believer who will acknowledge, "My interest in the conversion of the non-Christian people of other lands—men, women and children for whom our Lord gave his life—is accurately assessed at 1/4d. per week"? Of course we know where the trouble is. Many churches do well, and many individual Christians make liberal and sacrificial offerings because they love Christ and have a heartfelt interest in the salvation of the world. But many are indifferent, and great numbers do nothing and give nothing. The love of Christ has not yet gripped them. "Thy people offer themselves"—and their gifts—"willingly in the day of thy power."

Improving the Position

Two things would greatly help our work. One is the securing of a better education in church privileges and obligations. Many new converts have not learnt of these. These and young Christians generally should be taught the joy and grace of giving as an act of worship, the teaching not to be confined to the time of an annual offering or linked with a special appeal. The second helpful thing is the development of a sense of Christian stewardship—of life, talents and money. To many this might lead to tithing, and that would be a great advance. Yet there is a better thing even than a tithing law, the constraint of love and not legalistic requirement. This was behind that regular, systematic and proportionate giving which the Apostle Paul urged. Our financial problems would be solved if we all or most of us were to act as faithful stewards, to remember the grace of our Lord Jesus who gave himself for us, and so be constrained to abound in what the apostle calls "this grace" of Christian giving.

A. R. MAIN.

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

"HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?"

THERE is no royal road to success in attracting and holding children to the Bible school. Its task of conveying the message of God's word needs the accompaniment of energy, enthusiasm and efficiency. Three States have laid plans for efficiency and new scholar drives—Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Material for this has been prepared under the above caption. It consists of a large poster to be colored, a small colored chart giving instructions, and words and music of a very lilting chorus, "The Garden of the Lord." The large poster is colored as certain objectives are reached in the school. Trees are colored when for three Sundays, not necessarily consecutive, there has been possible teacher attendance. Birds represent new scholars. Flowers, fountain, sundial, shrubs, summerhouse are colored when other goals are reached such as punctual commencement, attendance, all present with Bibles, and so on.

Schools will conduct the campaign at a time best suited to local conditions, and may vary in method. Two posters will enable a school to make the drive competitive.

The Victorian department has over-printed in order to help schools of non-participating States. If such desire to use this campaign material, will they write to the Director, Churches of Christ Young People's Department, Room 321, T. & G. Building, 147 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I., enclosing 6d. for postage.

PRIZE-GIVING DEMONSTRATION

THIS event at Lygon-st., Vic., on Sept. 20, recalled previous years. It was preceded by a tea for superintendents and secretaries of Bible schools. Greetings were conveyed from Western Australia by C. H. Hunt visiting Melbourne. B. F. Huntsman presided over tea and demonstration, F. H. Elliott being song-leader. Conference president, A. W. Cleland, in presenting scripture examination awards, referred to importance of Bible school work, and congratulated prize-winners and scholars who passed. Victorian candidates who were successful in gaining Federal awards were Joy Aileen Gray (Box Hill), Marjorie Buckingham (Caulfield), Dorothy Brogan (Blackburn). Items included solo by Miss Lola Lingard, of Cheltenham; percussion band, Brunswick kinders; juvenile operetta, Cheltenham scholars.

Here and There

Chaplain W. Wigney has accepted a call to labor with church at East Kew, Victoria.

From N.S.W. the following telegram reached us on Oct. 1: "Had good meeting at Grafton last night; six confessions due to P. J. Pond's influence.—Hinrichsen."

K. A. Jones, preacher of church at Maylands, S.A., is the new president of the South Australian conference. A report of conference will appear in next issue.

Brethren in Western Australia entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. Bolduan and family on Sept. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan have been rendering splendid service on Indian mission fields. We learn they are travelling to Melbourne on the "Reynella."

Victorian churches have planned a mid-year inspirational conference from Oct. 22 to 28. This will take the form of a series of night meetings in the Assembly Hall, Collins-st., with a concluding meeting on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, in the Independent Church.

Chaplain E. J. Miles, who is now at Headquarters 3 P.O.W. Reception Group, Manila, has met some of our American brethren who were interned during the Japanese occupation. They speak very lovingly of the late A. G. Saunders, who was at one time a missionary in the Philippines.

The Interdenominational Missionary Fellowship has arranged a three-days' missionary convention to commence at 7.45 p.m. on Oct. 11, services on Oct. 12 and 13 being at 3 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. in the Nicholas Hall (next Wesley Church), Melbourne. Speakers include Dr. C. I. McLaren, Mr. J. W. Searle, of Melbourne Bible Institute, and W. H. Arrowsmith.

Considerable interest has been aroused at Port Pirie, S.A., in the tent mission being conducted by G. T. Fitzgerald, evangelist, and by A. E. Arnold, song-leader. Under stormy conditions the tent was erected by church members on Sept. 15. The preacher, A. Pigdon, made good preparations in district prior to mission. Miss Wright was baptised on Sept. 21 and has been received into fellowship.

P.B.P. and K.S.P. organisations have been established for some time in our churches, and have worked commendably among adolescents. State Scribe of Victoria is Hector Campbell, of Gardiner church. After recent conference the clubs associated with churches of Christ became affiliated with the Victorian Young People's Department, being now represented on the committee by G. Pearson. On Sept. 25 a combined spiritual rally was held in Collins-st. Baptist church.

At Wedderburn, Vic., in absence of Mr. Long at Shepparton mission, brethren from the college (Smith, Barton, Roberts and Grant) gave helpful addresses to good meetings. Sympathy of church goes out to Deed family in death of F/S Cyril Deed, who lost his life over Holland two years ago; also to family of Gregsons in death of Mrs. G. R. Gregson, at Inglewood, who had been connected with church for 66 years. At a memorial service on Sept. 23 a young lady made the good confession.

News of the death of Alan Garland, a former preacher of Victorian Home Mission Committee, causes deep regret. Our brother came from South Australia and received training in the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He served churches in Victoria very acceptably. Entering the Army Medical Corps of the A.I.F., he went to Singapore. According to the last information card received from Borneo, our brother died on March 18. Deepest sympathy is offered relatives and friends.

At Bordertown, S.A., Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell were farewelled in town hall supper room, which was packed to capacity. Many speeches of regret were made by church auxiliaries, representatives of other communions, and the town. Presentations were made from W.C.T.U., Mission Band, C.E. and church. A presentation was also made from C.E. and S.S. to Lester. Ray will continue to live at Bordertown. Mr. and Mrs. Russell were continually referred to as a brother and sister beloved. Members are thankful for their eleven years of faithful service, and wish them Godspeed in their service at Forestville. Mr. Russell concluded his ministry on Sept. 9. A. O. S. Baker has accepted a call to labor with the church and plans to commence on Oct. 14. Ted Buckley, Don McDonald, Ray Fisher and Ross Smith have received discharge from Services. Church of Christ, Congregational and Methodist churches have commenced a district Youth Club, to be run in conjunction with S.A. National Fitness Council. Ted Verco is in hospital after car accident, with severe lacerations. Church held annual business meeting in August. All officers were re-elected with addition of V. Dungey, P. Reschke, I. Dinning and A. Milne to board.

Fifty-fifth anniversary celebrations of the church at Perth, W.A., concluded with half-yearly business meeting. A. M. Bell, secretary, showed that there had been five additions to membership through transfer and four by faith and baptism. There were now 170 resident and 44 non-resident members. Mr. Bell noted with delight that men absent in the Forces were serving again in church and two would enter full-time ministry. Bible school had attendance of 100. House system had helped school to attain first place in recent State-wide campaign. Boys' Club, under J. Collingwood and Girls' Club with Mrs. Robinson leader, continued successfully. Young Women's Fellowship serves a useful place. J. K. Robinson had served diligently as minister. One of his most successful undertakings was children's "Happy Hours" in May last. Spread over 12 days, there were 1800 in attendances, and opportunities to bring boys and girls to a knowledge of God, many having no other prospect of knowing him. South Perth school was still maintained. A breaking of bread meeting would shortly be established in district. Dorcas Society had worked unassumingly but effectively in services to UNRRA, Aborigines Missions and other needy causes. Church treasurer, A. B. Povey, reported that further contributions had wiped out debt on church property and left a credit of 2/6. For upkeep of local work £396/7/5 was contributed. At close supper was served. On morning of Sept. 23, L. Park (Kalgoorlie) gave appreciated help. Welcome home was extended to Gordon Ewers after absence in Canberra. A talk by Mr. Robinson helped all. Owing to electric light trouble there was no evening service.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF TASMANIAN CHURCHES

AN attempt to revive the above conference, which had lapsed over a number of years, was made at Devonport on Sept. 22. Representatives came from Margaret-st., Invermay, Caveside, Sandhill and Ulverstone. T. Orr, State president, was in charge of afternoon meeting, when H. Steele introduced helpfully a discussion on evangelism. A fellowship tea followed a brief business session at which R. L. Pitt was elected president. G. A. Grainger was elected secretary. The new president led a well-attended gathering in evening, R. V. Amos being speaker. Supper concluded a very enjoyable day.

THAILAND CHURCHES OF CHRIST

DON. THOMAS, a former student of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, who was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, in a letter to his brother in Melbourne, writes of several items of interest.



Don. Thomas.

Replying to the first real letters received after a lapse of 3½ years, he says: "After walking round in clogs and banana leaves, we are now once more decently clad and becoming civilised. Our camp is about a mile from the town of Nacou Patom which has been quite a flourishing centre for 2000 years. We are about 30 miles from Bangkok where many of our lads have already gone. Our sick are gradually being moved into good hospitals in that city. In Nacou Patom is a very fine churches of Christ Mission (British churches)—Mr. and Mrs. P. Clark have been here since 1903. There is a fine Thai church and a self-supporting Chinese church on the other side of the town. Yesterday morning we had a beautiful service in the Thai church, a very fine building seating about 150. I gave the message, and it was interpreted into both Thai and Chinese. In addition there were not a few Australian, British and Dutch troops present. We have had one or two pleasant times together with Mr. and Mrs. Clark, and last night we had dinner with the secretary of Thai church of Christ and the preacher of the Bangkok church, who is secretary for all our churches in Thailand. There is also a Presbyterian mission (American), and there is very good understanding between the two bodies. Our membership in Thailand is 10,000. Little did we realise before freedom what fine Christian fellowship awaited us."

ADDRESSES

W. R. C. Bell (secretary Forestville church, S.A.)—454 South-rd., Glandore.

A. W. C. Candy (preacher Wollongong church, N.S.W.)—26 Rowland-ave., Wollongong.

SPRINGVALE CHURCH OF CHRIST, MECHANICS' HALL, BALMORAL AVE. FOURTH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

Special Thanksgiving Service, 3.30 p.m.

All visitors welcome.

OCTOBER 14.

SOUTH RICHMOND (BALMAIN-ST.), BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

OCTOBER 14—

3 p.m., Mr. Bethune. 7 p.m., Mr. S. Robertson. Special singing by scholars.

BRUNSWICK CHURCH 63rd. ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28.

11 a.m., T. Fitzgerald.

3 p.m., (P.S.A.), W. Bell. West Coburg State school choir.

7 p.m., C. Watson. Soloist, Mrs. Palmer.

Tea for visitors. Past members and friends are invited to these services.

—A. Marsh.

A THANKSGIVING CONCERT, CHURCHES OF CHRIST LADIES' CHOIR, assisted by

Miss Sylvia Oliver, Miss Frances Scarcebrook, Mrs. Winsor Coe and Mr. Arthur Wallington.

OCTOBER 15, 1945,

in

SWANSTON ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Proceeds in aid of Dhond Hospital, India. Admission, 1/6. Members of Services free.

News of the Churches

Queenland

Charters Towers.—Temperance Sunday was observed on Sept. 9. Three young men presented a temperance playlet at evening service. The church has been sorry to say farewell to G. Ryman, R.A.A.F. His help in the work while stationed here was greatly appreciated.

Brisbane (Ann-st.)—On Sept. 16 F. C. Hunting was speaker in morning and Chap. Crossman in evening. Attendances, 200 and 99. In afternoon the prize-giving demonstration of Young People's Department was well attended. On Sept. 23 Mr. Hunting spoke at both services. In morning a delegation from W.C.T.U. was present. Attendance was 256. In evening J. O'Toole, who made the good confession at Albion mission, was baptised and received into fellowship.

Gympie District.—An excellent service was held at Gympie on Sept. 23, when Dr. F. C. Schwarz preached a farewell sermon. He was given a presentation in Town Hall on Sept. 22, A. J. Fisher presiding over meeting. Monkland school combined with C.E. for Children's Day service on Sept. 25. Final Children's Day offering from Monkland reached £2/10/6, an increase on last year's. Ross Mount united C.E. held a successful social on Sept. 10 and a good meeting on Sept. 24, when some new young people attended.

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Attendances on Sept. 23 were good. In absence of R. V. Amos, who was conducting Youth Week services in North, G. E. Ashlin was speaker at worship service and B. J. Golder conducted gospel service, at which Mrs. G. E. Ashlin was soloist. Bible school was conducted by G. E. Ashlin. There were 20 present in kinder department, including one new scholar. Keen interest is maintained in Faithful Fishermen competition.

Devonport.—Speakers who helped during September were F. T. Burt and W. E. Northey. Mrs. Pitt, Mrs. Byard, and Mr. and Mrs. Harman have returned to meetings after sickness. Mrs. Jean Smith is still in hospital. Two scholars, Zita Jubb and Elsie Harman, gained prizes in scripture examinations. School attendances are growing, with interest in Fishermen campaign giving incentive. Mrs. Knight has been received into fellowship, having returned from Geelong. Ladies are raising funds to obtain a gallery for school.

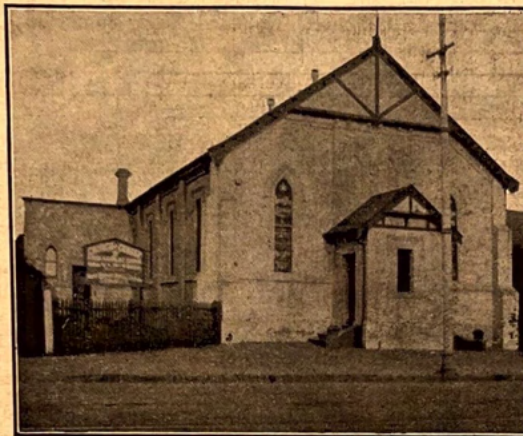
Hobart (Collins-st.)—Mr. Steele, of Invermay, was guest speaker at Mission Band Fellowship on Sept. 16. His addresses at morning service of Sept. 9, and at gospel meeting on Sept. 16, were appreciated. Church welcomed Mrs. Dale back after serious illness. Deaconesses arranged church social on Sept. 26, which proved enjoyable. Dorcas sisters arranged a pleasant surprise for one of their oldest, faithful members, Mrs. Boxall, on occasion of her birthday. She was made a presentation in appreciation of her long service, twelve years, as vice-president. "Happy Hour" for school children opens on afternoon of Oct. 5 for two weeks, conducted by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Amos. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Park attended annual meeting of Australian Temperance Council in Melbourne, also annual meeting of the Australian Council of Churches.

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Miss P. Munden was welcomed into fellowship on morning of Sept. 16. S. E. Riches, deputation secretary, Mission to Lepers, was speaker in evening. Following gospel meeting, Mr. Riches gave a lantern lecture in school hall concerning the mission. A retiring offering at lecture raised over £7 for the mission. S. H. Wilson exhortated church on Sept. 23. R. V. Amos de-

livered gospel message, opening the special Youth Week celebrations. Youth Week will take form of a "Victorious Living Campaign" with theme "Onward with Christ." Junior choir, under leadership of T. Wilmot, rendered special anthems. Mrs. Viney received the home call on Sept. 19. Church extends sympathy to family. I.C.E. held successful former members' meeting on Sept. 16. Ten former members took part, and a number of greetings were received from former members in various parts of State, also Victoria and Queensland. Church was thrilled with news that Sister Jessie Symons had been released from Japanese prison camp after over three years' captivity. Eric N. Street has arrived home, following release from Singapore.

South Australia

Prospect.—Services on Sept. 23 were well attended. I. Durdin spoke in morning and Dr. Trevor Turner in evening. A. E. Brown conducted Bible school anniversary at Gawler.



The Chapel at Prospect.

Fellowship was enjoyed with Ralph Brokensha (on leave). Brian Barrett (R.A.A.F.), in England, is well and will return soon. News has been received that Don McLaren, P.O.W. since fall of Singapore, is safe, and is returning. Mr. Roberts, who has been in W.A., was also present.

Wampony.—The church regrets conclusion of a very successful ministry by Mr. and Mrs. Russell. Over 70 were in attendance for his closing message on Sept. 9. A presentation of silverware and notes was made at conclusion of a young people's social in August, and many speakers testified of the esteem in which they were generally held. Mr. Russell feelingly responded, and thanked brethren for their co-operation. A. O. S. Baker has accepted a call to the circuit, and will commence his ministry during October.

Forestville.—On Sept. 20, an induction service and welcome social were held in connection with the coming of the new preacher, W. A. Russell, late of Bordertown. The charge to the church was given by W. L. Ewers; that to Mr. Russell by C. Schwab. At the social, representatives of auxiliaries presented greetings. Opportunity was taken to make a presentation to P. R. Baker in recognition of his freewill services as preacher for three months. For some weeks Dorcas sisters have held all-day sewing meetings preparing garments for UNRRA. A total of 866 articles (new and secondhand) has been sent, including five new blankets. On Sept. 15, 34 assisted in a busy bee held to clean chapel and grounds. Tennis club is entering at least two teams in church tennis association.

Nailsworth.—Bible school is practising under baton of Geo. Clarke for anniversary. G. T. Fitzgerald, State evangelist, is to lead in a mission commencing Oct. 21, and there is much activity in preparation. Bruce Bristow has been discharged from Army and led C.E. meeting on Sept. 18. Mr. Manning, back from visit to W.A., has been taking all services. Mr. Howell is making good progress after serious illness. Ladies' Guild made a presentation and expressed deep gratitude to Mrs. Hughes for splendid service over a number of years. Secretary of church, Mr. Dockett, and Mrs. Dockett are in Victoria on holidays.

Semaphore.—Women's Mission Band held monthly meeting on Sept. 4, when J. C. Stanley was speaker. W. Diplock has returned to his home in Newcastle after some months' stay with his aged mother. At evening service on Sept. 9, S. Matthews, of Whyalla, was speaker. Church was well represented at conference gatherings. G. Woolcock has received his discharge after over five years in Navy, and F. Knight from Army. Miss Mary Weeks and Merzell Bennett were married recently in chapel, W. L. Ewers officiating. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Smith in the death of her mother (Mrs. G. Pell), who was a faithful member for many years. Miss Rhonda Garth has been appointed kindergarten leader.

Unley.—T. Hagger spoke on Sept. 26 to combined gathering from churches in southern district. His practical presentation of claims of College of Bible, plus his own enthusiasm, stimulated interest in this cause. Members sorrow with Mrs. Laurie Kirk (Miss Peggy Smyth), who received word that her husband had been killed in a plane crash off Borneo. At Ladies' Mission Band, Mrs. P. S. Messent spoke on a visit to Ashwood Memorial Guest Home, N.S.W. Senior C.E. Society held a bright and happy service at Sunset Lodge on Sept. 24, when Mr. Norris spoke. A unique record is held by Unley church in C.E. circles in that it is the only church in the State where four grades function—Senior, Y.P., Inters, and Juniors. In addition, it has enrolments in Nursery Department and Comrades of C.E. (those who have been active in days gone by).

Adelaide (Grote-st.)—On Sept. 9 Mr. Lawrie, of Kadina, addressed church. Ron Saunders spoke at night. Their messages were appreciated. On morning of Sept. 16, a visit from T. Hagger and his message to church were enjoyed. A number of visitors have had fellowship with church. On Sept. 18 Ladies' Mission Band held a successful concert. On Sept. 23 Mr. Beiler gave inspiring addresses.

New South Wales

Kingsford.—On Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 services were held with inspiring messages from Mr. Reed. On Sept. 9 Mr. Reed spoke at both services. In morning sympathy was expressed to Mr. Smith in the loss of his brother. On Sept. 16, at gospel service, Mr. Cole, of Sudan United Mission, gave a helpful address.

Taree.—Meetings during September were marked by good interest and attendances. The church renewed fellowship with G. D. Verco, of Doonside, Sydney, on Sept. 2, and enjoyed his addresses. P. Retchford, of Merewether, Newcastle, was speaker on Sept. 9. At conclusion of evening service three young people decided for Christ. A visit was paid by J. Grant, preacher of Beverley Hills, Sydney, on Sept. 16. He addressed all meetings. Mr.

and Mrs. D. G. Meyers, of Newcastle, visited on week-end of Sept. 23. Mr. Meyers gave encouraging addresses.

Earlwood.—At morning service on Sept. 23, Les. Hewitt, of Merewether church, was welcomed. Three adults were baptised, and one young man came forward for reconsecration at gospel service. Bible school quarterly business meeting was followed by a happy fellowship tea, when A. Hinrichsen gave a helpful discourse to teachers. Officers and teachers on roll now total 26, and scholars 177, with average attendance of 87. A donation of £10 was made to chapel building fund. Women's Fellowship also contributed £40 to this cause.

Victoria

Coburg.—Meetings are in healthy condition, 95 breaking bread on Sept. 30. On evening of Sept. 23, two made the good confession. Mr. Shepherd, of B. & F. Bible Society, addressed church.

Hampton.—S.S. anniversary began on Sept. 30. D. C. Ritchie spoke in afternoon, C. L. Lang at night. Under baton of Mr. Maunder the school sang excellently. Among visitors were Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Jones, of S.A.

East Malvern.—Good meetings continue. Recent speakers have been W. R. Hibbert, F. Collingwood, A. R. Main, R. F. Geyer and A. Thomas. David Ryall, baptised at Carnegie on Sept. 16, was received into fellowship on 23rd.

Dandenong.—On Sept. 23 R. Ennis had tea with men of church, and explained aims and objects of C.M.S. On Monday night the men decided to form a society, electing officers for ensuing 12 months: President, H. R. Frandsen; secretary, A. Shepherd; treasurer, T. Rooks.

Oakleigh.—Bible school is preparing for anniversary under leadership of Mr. Ferguson, of Essendon. Average attendance for past six months has been 165. Nine new scholars were enrolled on Sept. 16. T. G. Westwood concluded a brief ministry with church on Sept. 30.

Haven.—A new building is about to be commenced. Average Bible school attendance is 36. In absence of C. W. Jackel at Dimboola, J. Butler and G. Miller are conducting services. C. Sherriff conducts Bible school, and his services in conveying preachers to meetings are appreciated.

Emerald.—On Sept. 23, both morning and evening congregations listened to addresses from J. W. Tomkinson, of China Inland Mission. F. A. Dowsey, of Bamba-rd., assisted with a solo at each service. For evening service the secretary brought in a car-load of ladies from Avonsleigh.

Geelong.—On Sept. 25 Sports Club held a variety evening, when pictures and individual items were enjoyed. C.E. Society visited Marshall-st. Baptist C.E. on Sept. 28, and after meeting members were entertained to supper. Attendances are increasing at both Sunday services, and a fine atmosphere prevails.

Reservoir.—At a special business meeting on Sept. 19, Mr. Alcorn accepted an invitation to remain with church as preacher in full-time capacity in 1946. All meetings are well attended, and interest is maintained. On Sept. 20 Ladies' Guild held a successful jumble sale. On morning of Sept. 30, V. L. Russell and Ron Vorbach, returned from Service, were welcomed.

Horsham.—Interest in the work is manifest and attendances are maintained. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have been transferred from Colac. Social Service offering amounted to £11. Much prayer is being offered for special evangelistic efforts. The preacher's stipend has been raised to amount suggested by conference. On Sept. 15 Eileen Kerr and C. Hopper were united in marriage. On Sept. 22 Mrs. C. Sheiblick and R. Fechner were married. C. W. Jackel officiated on each occasion.

Newmarket.—On Sept. 16 Ron Saunders, of college, was speaker in morning. Mr. Allison preached at night. On Sept. 23 Mr. Warne, of East Kew, presided, and Mr. Allison addressed both services. A happy time was spent on afternoon of Sept. 25, when a house party in connection with Ladies' Guild was held at home of Mrs. C. Mason. Lieut. Kevin Crawford is home from overseas.

Ballarat (York-st.).—An interesting combined men's meeting was held on Aug. 24. A. Hughes presented a challenging talk which led to much discussion. Highlight of month was anniversary services. Annual business meeting and combined tea on Sept. 8 had good attendance. Members were delighted to have E. L. Williams for all services on Sept. 9, and attendances were very encouraging. Thankoffering amounted to £46. Inter-school competition is maintaining interest.

Sunshine.—On Sept. 30 first services of S.S. anniversary were held in Masonic Hall. Singing of school, under leadership of Mr. Wright, was enjoyed. In afternoon Mr. Wilson (Brunswick City Mission) gave a delightful talk. Kindergarten awards for year were presented. In evening the address, illustrated by a flannelgraph, was delivered by Mr. Giles, from Box Hill mission. Attendances were good. In evening the church renewed fellowship with Chaplain T. O. Fisher, of U.S.A. Army.

East Kew.—Much sickness prevails. Those ill include Mrs. Washbourne, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Watt and Mr. Woodbridge. Church business meeting held on Sept. 26 revealed a good year of progress. Those elected to board of officers were: Elders, Messrs. Watt and Turriff; deacons, Messrs. Arthur, Woodbridge, Hull, Elliott, Mott, York and Hurford. Treasurer's report showed £996 raised for all purposes, and only £61 owing on church building, including manse. Attendances at all meetings are good, and splendid addresses have been given by visiting speakers.

Kyneton.—Addresses by L. K. Wedd, of the college, were enjoyed on Sept. 16, when Children's Day service was also held in afternoon. A. McDonald, R. and G. Goudie in turn conduct weekly Sunday school at Drummond, and two church services each month. Mrs. K. McKenzie, an early member of Drummond church, has been an inmate of Kyneton District Hospital for several weeks, and sympathy is felt for her in the passing of her daughter, Mrs. George Main, in same hospital, on Sept. 26. Temperance Sunday was observed by Bible school, entire session being given to a varied and enjoyable temperance programme.

St. Kilda.—At a "squash" night arranged by C.E., a large number attended to make a happy and enjoyable meeting. Special evening services have been conducted by C.E.—a family service; a temperance service with members of W.C.T.U. and Rechabites parading; a hymn service night, conducted by Mr. Hunt. On Sept. 23, Men's Fellowship led evening service, A. Finger and M. Bailey giving addresses. Sunday school anniversary services commenced on Sept. 30. T. Fitzgerald (Collingwood) gave children an excellent address. Singing, conducted by A. L. Finger, was very good. Mrs. Finger conducted kinder section of afternoon service. Appeal from C.E. for bottles for hospitals has brought good response.

Essendon.—On morning of Sept. 23 Chaplain L. G. Crisp, R.A.A.F., gave a helpful address. Misses Betty Bone and Sylvia Hemsley, recently immersed, were received into fellowship. On Sept. 30 Mr. Neighbour brought to a conclusion his interim ministry of five weeks, giving splendid addresses at well attended meetings. At night a duet was rendered by Mrs. N. Hutton and Mrs. V. Marr. At end of gospel meeting on Sept. 30, in school hall, at a social hour, appreciation of Mr. Neighbour's splendid work was shown. The secretary, W. W. Pearce, made a presentation on behalf of church to Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour. Eric Jenner, A.I.F., who had been a prisoner in Germany for several years, was welcomed home.

Hamilton.—At meeting of Women's Mission Band on Sept. 13, welcome was extended to Mrs. Pratt. Mr. Pratt visited Portland on Sept. 15, and Mr. Robb spoke at Hamilton. A successful social was held on Sept. 20, when an enjoyable programme was presented, a feature being the number of young people who rendered items. Officers and wives were guests of Y.P.S.C.E. on Sept. 25, when topic was given by W. G. Hadden. C. Curtis has accepted a call to Hamilton, and will take up duty about end of November. Several members who have been ill are recovering.

Warragul.—There was a good attendance at morning service on Sept. 23. Mr. Baker gave a helpful address. Mr. and Mrs. Byard are spending a brief holiday in Tasmania. Ladies' Guild has provided funds for tuning and repairing church organ. Sister Hinkley, who has been in hospital for past eighteen months, reached her 91st birthday on Sept. 28. Sister Thornton, at one time connected with church at South Yarra, but now residing in Drouin, has also been in hospital for some weeks. She expects to leave the institution in a few days' time. Bible school scholars are practising under leadership of Mr. Baker and Sister Keetley for anniversary.

Croydon.—A. A. Hughes spoke at combined service at chapel on Sept. 16. Miss G. Finger, of Boronia, was soloist. Church anniversary services on Sept. 23 were well attended. Mr. Cleland, conference president, spoke in morning, and Miss Clark, of Box Hill, was soloist. In afternoon F. Morgan, of Box Hill, was speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of Nth. Richmond, rendered a duet and Miss Morley, of Burwood Methodist church, a violin solo. In evening Mr. Quayle gave the address and Mrs. Hall sang a solo. Mrs. Morley helped with violin at all services. Many visitors were present throughout day. A literature rack has been installed. Church is making good progress.

Bayswater.—A three months' campaign is being conducted. Meetings are well attended. Some members who have been sick are recovering. Bible school is being trained by P. Jordan, of Boronia, for anniversary. A piano has been purchased for use of church, and gifts are received toward cost. A farewell evening was tendered to Miss Bishop, who has returned to her home on King Island after many years' faithful service with church and Bible school. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been received into fellowship from Doncaster. On evening of Sept. 16, a musical service was held with favorite hymns and commentaries, followed by illustrated address. On Sept. 23, Mission Band conducted evening service. After Mr. Combridge's address, a young man made the good confession. On a Sunday morning, R. Hillier addressed church on college work. In evening two young men were baptised.

Balwyn.—Since last report I. Blenkinson, of South Australia, has been received by letter and three girls from Bible school have made their decision. These additions, together with others reported last month, have helped to raise average attendance at services. Weekly offerings have also improved. S.S. held anniversary services on Sept. 16 and 23. Speakers gave excellent talks, and chapel was crowded for all services. Highlight of afternoon services was kindergarten item. Kindergarten is growing and over 50 names have been added to cradle roll in last twelve months. Concert and prize-giving were a great success on Sept. 26. Sept. 30 was temperance lesson in S.S., and over 60 children signed pledge. Several members have been unwell, three sisters having undergone serious operations. They are progressing satisfactorily. For celebration of church anniversary a peace offering aim of £300 has been set. C. R. Burdeu has agreed to become a co-opted member of board of officers at request of church.

Parkdale.—C. J. MacKenzie preached on morning of Sept. 30. A baptismal service was conducted in evening, when A. W. Stephenson immersed Beverley Ward, who confessed Christ previous Sunday evening. Mrs. K. Mathieson's husband, who had been a P.O.W. in Japan, has returned home. News of N. Halliday, who was in a prison camp in Siam, has been received.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.)—Good interest and attendances are maintained in all phases of work. On Sept. 9, in absence of R. L. Williams at S.A. conference, fellowship was enjoyed with preacher and secretary of Camberwell church, who addressed morning and evening services respectively. During month, addresses by E. L. Williams, W. Nankivell and B. Huntsman were appreciated. Miss B. Mallett and Mr. Watson were married, W. McDowell, of Ormond church, officiating. Reference is made to the faithful and valued work of J.C.E. superintendent, Miss O. Bright, who has relinquished this position after several years of leadership. Miss Amy Keilor has now been appointed superintendent. Many members are sick. Those in hospital include Miss O. Bright, Miss I. Buckingham and Lieut. A. Shannon, recently returned from overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Nance-Kivell delighted all on church fellowship night with their lecture, "Rambling Round the World." The challenging addresses and constructive ministry of R. L. Williams are appreciated.

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Furnished home, all modern conveniences, from Dec. 27, for one month. Close to city and beaches. Reference required and given. Particulars from Church Member, c/o Austral.

MARRIAGE

BARNETT-SURTEES.—On Sept. 8, at church of Christ, Ashfield, by Mr. F. E. Alcorn, Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Surtees, of Ashfield, to Desmond Hilary, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnett, of Ashfield, N.S.W.

IN MEMORIAM

BANKS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away Oct. 2, 1939.

In the sweet by-and-bye,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.
—Inserted by her loving daughter, Annie McHattie.

HOLMES.—In treasured memory of my dear wife, Gladys, and our darling mother, called on Oct. 1, 1944, to be with Jesus. Always in our hearts.

—Inserted by her loving husband Vic., and children Ron, Betty and Phyllis.

TEWKSBURY.—Our loved one, called home Oct. 4, 1939.

"God holds the key of all unknown,
And I am glad."
—Inserted by loving wife, daughters and son.

THOMPSON.—Treasured memories of our dearly loved son and brother Bert, R.A.A.F., who passed away in Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, on Oct. 3, 1941. Some time we'll understand.

—Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brothers, Ross and Rex.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of dear Bert (R.A.A.F.), who died of illness on Oct. 3, 1941.

We have you in our memories,
God has you in his care.
—Inserted by aunt, uncle and cousins, R. and F. Sherriff and family, Horsham.

WINSOR.—In loving memory of my dear ones, who passed away, father, Sept. 29, 1913; mother, July 16, 1941; and my dear sisters, Myrtle, Aug. 6, 1921, and Clare, Oct. 24, 1938. Sweet memories.

—Inserted by their daughter Kitty, and son-in-law P. C. Coe.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 30 (Tuesday, 8 p.m.)—Cheltenham (Vic.) chapel. Brotherhood farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, missionaries-elect for New Hebrides. Reserve the date.

MORELAND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

OCTOBER 7—

3 p.m., A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.

7 p.m., Reg. P. Clark.

OCTOBER 14—

3 p.m., Denzil Ritchie. 7 p.m., W. G. Graham. Scholars' Choir under baton of A. E. Barber.

Bible School Demonstration—

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.

BLACK ROCK, POTTER STREET.

GREAT REVIVAL MEETINGS,

Commencing OCT. 7 to OCT. 21.

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday nights. Prominent speakers. Everyone invited.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANON ST.,

PETERSHAM, N.S.W.

INDUCTION SERVICE AND PUBLIC WELCOME TO MR. AND MRS. M. K. RAPKINS,

on Friday, OCTOBER 12, at 7.45 p.m.

Also FAREWELL TO RETIRING PREACHER, P. V. PARKER.

Chairman, A. C. MacLean,

Conference Vice-president.

Special addresses: Ethelbert Davis, Conference President; G. Burns, H.M. Secretary.

Greetings from other representative speakers.

Social gathering of past and present members at close. You are cordially invited.

—S. Young, secretary.

HAWTHORN CHURCH OF CHRIST,

72nd ANNIVERSARY HOME-COMING SERVICES, OCTOBER 14.

Join in fellowship at following services:

11 a.m., speaker, Mr. A. W. Cleland,

Dedication of memorial Bible.

3 p.m., speaker, Mr. A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.

Soloist, Miss Dulcie Pedersen.

Selections by Malvern Amateur Orchestra.

7 p.m., speaker, Mr. E. Lyall Williams, M.A.

Soloist, Miss Dorothy Clark.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

Members are advised that the tenth annual meeting of the Christian Fellowship Association will take place in the school hall of Lygon-st. church on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7.45 p.m.

Business.—Reception of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Address by Field Representative,

F. E. Buckingham, "The Programme and Possibilities of C.F.A."

—Will. H. Clay, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

RALEIGH ST., FOOTSCRAY, VICTORIA.

OCTOBER 14—

11 a.m., Mr. D. C. Ritchie.

3 p.m., Mr. W. Graham.

7 p.m., Mr. H. Peitzsch.

OCTOBER 21—

11 a.m., Mr. D. C. Ritchie.

3 p.m., Mr. R. Story.

7 p.m., Mr. D. C. Ritchie.

Conductor, Mr. W. Easton.

OCTOBER 24—

S.S. Concert. Directress, Mrs. W. Hughes.

MAKE A DATE TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE

NORTH FITZROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

School Hall, Reid Street,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

BRIGHT SINGING. INTERESTING ADDRESSES.

BURNLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

OCTOBER 14—

3 p.m., Kindergarten Demonstration.

7 p.m., Mr. C. Page.

Bright singing by the scholars.

All friends invited.

BALWYN CHURCH OF CHRIST

HOME-COMING,

OCTOBER 14.

Come home and enjoy the day of fellowship with us.

Dinner in our homes. Tea in School Hall. Morning, Principal E. L. Williams; afternoon, Mr. A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.; evening, Mr. Russell Baker.

Soloists, Miss Gwyneth Finger, Mrs. Cuthbert, Mr. Chris Reekie.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, PEEL ST., BALLARAT,

76th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Guest Speaker, Mr. E. Fisher

(College of the Bible).

11 a.m., Every Member Present. Communion Service.

7 p.m., Great Young People's Service.

Bright singing and inspiring messages. Great thanksgiving offering at both services for Building Fund.

Our Aim: Out of Debt in 1945.

Responses to secretary, P. Graham,

16 Magpie-st., Ballarat East.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

CHURCH OF CHRIST, ST. LEONARD'S ROAD, ASCOT VALE,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14.

2.45 p.m., Mr. Dennis.

7 p.m., Mr. R. Muller.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21,

2.45 p.m., Mr. T. Fitzgerald.

7 p.m., Mr. Carter.

Prize Distribution on Sunday, October 21.

Special singing. All very welcome.

LYGON ST., CARLTON,

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Oct. 14.—7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.

Oct. 21.—3 p.m., R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.

Presentation of prizes. 7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.

Enjoy a visit to "Lygon Street" for these special services.

BAYSWATER (STUD RD.).

CHURCH AND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Oct. 14.—11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., B. J. Combridge.

Oct. 21.—11 a.m., W. R. Hibbert; 3 p.m., S. Robinson; 7 p.m., Bruce Smith.

Oct. 25.—Demonstration Night.

Past members and friends invited.

IVANHOE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

Oct. 14.—3 p.m., J. W. Burns. 7 p.m., B. A. Rogers.

Oct. 21.—3 p.m., F. T. Morgan. 7 p.m., L. K. Wedd.

Oct. 24.—Prize Night.

All welcome. Bright singing.

Visitors invited to fellowship tea at close of afternoon services. Please advise Mrs. F. Chipperfield (JX2860).

HARTWELL CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21—

11 a.m., Mr. J. Wright. 3 p.m., Mr. J. Owen.

7 p.m., Mr. R. Muller.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28—

11 a.m., Mr. F. Morgan. 3 p.m., Mr. H. Horsfall.

7 p.m., Mr. J. Mudford.

Prize Presentation Night, November 3.

Obituary

W. H. Downing

W. H. DOWNING, who passed away on July 16, had a fine record of long and faithful church service. He joined the church about 55 years ago, being baptised at Broadmeadows, Vic. As a member of Brunswick congregation for many years, he rendered good service as a deacon and as secretary. After about three years in membership at Prahran, he and his family moved to East Doncaster, where he was very largely instrumental in establishing the church and Bible school. Subsequently he served other metropolitan congregations, and latterly was in membership at Parkdale and Chelsea. In recent years, owing to failing health, he was unable to take the usual active part in church work, but took every opportunity possible to attend at the Lord's table. Of a gentle, kind disposition, he always exerted a quiet influence for good amongst those with whom he mingled, and by his public ministrations for many years, assisted in the edification of churches with which he was associated. His memory will be treasured by many whose sympathy is extended to Mrs. Downing and her family, who together rejoice in the glorious hope of re-union hereafter.—H.McK.G.

D. R. Hall

IN the home-going of D. R. Hall, which occurred at a private hospital, Vauluse, Sydney, on Sept. 6, the church meeting at City Temple has lost one of its most prominent yet humble members. Mr. Hall was loved by all, young and old. He was friend to rich and poor alike, and ever ready to help all who sought his counsel. He was baptised in the old Elizabeth-st. chapel at the age of 14, and his membership remained unbroken at City Temple for 57 years. He was an esteemed and much devoted deacon for many years, and in this office proved himself in every way worthy of his high calling—truly a workman that needed not to be ashamed of his workmanship, apt to teach, lightly dividing the word of truth. Throughout Mr. Hall's life he faced every difficulty and answered every question and argument in life in the light of scripture. His life conveyed the true meaning of a certain faith, hope and trust, thus giving to all associated with him a feeling of security so long as he was at the helm. With Mr. Hall there was only one course to steer, sincerity, loyalty and humility. He was gentle in manner, courteous and kindly—truly a Christian gentleman. He was a man of outstanding character, dignified in his utterances, and unflinching in Christian courtesy, all of which won for him an exceptional place in the affections of all who knew him. Not only was Mr. Hall a good churchman but a great statesman, having occupied a seat in both State and Federal politics. For six years he held the portfolio of Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, and for a time was Minister for Housing, and just prior to the Storie Government he was appointed Agent-General in London. He was a barrister and solicitor of this State, and advisor and company director. Of Mr. Hall it has been said, and rightly so, his word was never doubted. Mr. Hall was the senior partner of the legal firm of D. R. Hall & Co., Sydney. The sympathy of the church and the brotherhood will go out to his partner, Mrs. M. Hall, and his two sons, Ken and Alan, both of whom are in London; also to his brothers and sister, Mrs. Cummings, and other relatives.—A.C.McL.

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S.A. Women's Conference

THE S.A. sisters' fortieth annual conference was held on Sept. 7 in Grote-st. chapel, Adelaide. At morning session the president (Mrs. C. M. Verco) presided. A prayer for the nation was offered by Mrs. H. Bartlett. Devotional session was led by Mrs. Theo Edwards. A solo was sung by Mrs. Townley.

Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Trowbridge.

Obituary reports were read by Mrs. G. Rootes, and Mrs. L. Thomas rendered a solo, "Does Jesus Care?"

Dorcas report, in absence of Miss Grant, superintendent, was presented by Mrs. Kemp.

Literature report was read by Mrs. Charlick, as the superintendent was absent through sickness.

Temperance report was read by Mrs. R. N. Tippett.

Prayer meeting report was presented by Mrs. F. Harding.

Hospital report was read by the superintendent, Mrs. F. Thomas. A letter from the acting lay-superintendent of the Children's Hospital told of the wonderful work done for that institution by the churches of Christ women in S.A.

After the singing of a hymn, Morialta Children's Homes report was given by Mrs. H. Bartlett.

Country reports were read by Mrs. H. Charlick.

Missionary education report was read by Mrs. Green.

All reports were received, and various sisters spoke words of encouragement and praise of the reports.

Roll-call of delegates was answered by 77 city delegates and 24 country delegates.

Officers and Committees

President.—Mrs. F. Cornelius.

President-elect.—Mrs. A. Down.

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Superintendents.—Overseas Mission, Mrs. A. Read (Maylands); Home Mission, Mrs. C. Verco (Blackwood); Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Harding (Queenstown); Obituary, Mrs. McCallum (Unley); Dorcas, Miss Grant (Dulwich); Literature, Mrs. Dodson (Hindmarsh); Hospital, Mrs. Thomas (Nailsworth); Nominating, Mrs. Shipway (Hindmarsh); Catering, Mrs. Dixon (Cowandilla); Temperance, Mrs. Tippett (Forestville); Resolutions, Mrs. W. Green.

Pianists, Mrs. Bristow and Miss Manning.

Afternoon Session

Devotional service was led by Mrs. A. Anderson.

Mrs. C. Verco, president, then occupied the chair and asked Mrs. Cornelius to welcome visitors from Baptist Union, Congregational, Methodist, W.C.T.U., Salvation Army, Women's United Church Association, Presbyterian and Y.W.C.A. Greetings from these representatives were given, and Mrs. Les Warren responded.

Greetings were read from Miss Cameron (India); W.A. Sisters' Auxiliary; College of the Bible; Mid-Northern Sisters' Conference; Mrs. McCallum (N.S.W.); Mrs. H. R. Taylor; Evangelistic Union; Mrs. Palmer (Ireland); Mrs. Bruce Coventry (living link); Federal Women's Conference; Mrs. Nankivell (Melbourne).

Mrs. Russell sang a beautiful solo.

The president's address was delivered by Mrs. C. M. Verco.

Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. J. Graham.

Home mission report was given (in the absence of the superintendent) by Mrs. Fax, who also presented the cheque of £120/12/9 to Mr. D. Verco, treasurer Home Mission Department.

Overseas mission report was read by Mrs. Read, who presented a cheque of £122/10/4 to Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. A. L. Read offered the missionary prayer.

The offering, which was for Centenary Fund, amounted to £9/3/1.

Mrs. C. G. Taylor rendered a beautiful solo, after which came introduction of new president and officers by Mrs. Verco.

Continuation of country reports was read by Mrs. H. Charlick.

Mr. Ron Saunders was present during the afternoon and gave a greeting. Mr. Schwab, Federal president, also gave a greeting.

Evening Session

Mr. H. P. Manning conducted the song service, and the president then occupied the chair. Mr. Butler opened with prayer.

A beautiful duet was given by the Misses L. and P. Bartlett, and Mrs. J. E. Shipway read the scripture lesson. A fine address was given by Mr. C. G. Taylor, B.A., after which Mrs. C. G. Taylor rendered a solo.

Thankoffering amounted to £5/17/9.

Mrs. Bartlett, past president, presented Mrs. Verco with a Bible and a beautiful posy of flowers.

Mrs. Verco introduced the incoming president, Mrs. Cornelius, who responded.

The Misses Brand sang the duet, "The Shore of Galilee."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Rootes, and a profitable and delightful conference came to a close.

Resolutions passed included: (1) Expressions of joy for home-coming of Service men and women. (2) The need for stricter government control of films for children; and (3) The need for the licensing act to be amended so that the liquor trade may be controlled effectively.

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" 10—2 Tim. 1: 3-14.
" 11—1 Thess. 4: 1-8.
" 12—1 John 1.
" 13—Rom. 7: 1-6.
" 14—Deut. 6: 1-12; Romans 7: 7-25.

TO the law of Moses; indeed, to all law, we
are dead, yet alive unto God, declares Paul,
in proof of his claim that law has been super-
ceded by grace. Just as death frees a man
from law, so we are released from law by
the death of our Saviour. As a woman is
free if her husband is dead, so the death of
Christ, into whom we are immersed, frees men
from the claims of law, for it received its
death-blow when our Lord was crucified. And
being free, we are united spiritually with
Christ, and should "bring forth fruit unto God."
As one has well put it, "Out of Christ law
stands in full force, and binds me over to per-
fect obedience which I cannot possibly per-
form; or to exquisite torment and eternal
death which I am never able to endure. But
now that my Saviour hath fastened it cancelled
to his cross, I am free from the curse who
never can be free from obedience." So, free
from the thralldom of law, we cheerfully be-
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we are alive unto Christ.

THOUGHT

It is a characteristic of wisdom not
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But the real fun begins when we start school the next morning. Having no blackboard, we write on a piece of canvas, with charcoal, the five vowels with illustrations. The children are simply thrilled, and crowd round reciting the sounds after us. I leave the girls to carry on.

Ere long a big man comes rushing at me, yelling at the top of his voice and in a perfect frenzy. He is a grim-looking object, blackened with soot from his ankles up to just below his eyes. Apparently he had forbidden his small son to come to school, and there the child is sitting down with the other children. From what I can gather he thinks the weird signs on the canvas are a sort of foreign medicine, and once they are learned the children's minds will be under a foreign spell for ever more. He continues to roar at me, accusing me, I assume, of stealing his little boy. All this is hardly conducive to study, and is somewhat upsetting on our first day of school. I do my best to shout above the din and tell him to take his child away if he wants to; we would not dream of teaching him against his father's will. So off he goes, and dragging the kicking, screaming child away from school. He's a chip off the old block, no doubt.

Towards sundown I notice the father sitting by himself making a huge net in which to catch wild bush pigs. My interpreter and I sit down beside him. We admire his work, and ask questions about bush pigs, and his ways of catching them.

This gives us an opening to tell him about the "Good Shepherd" (or rather the "Good Pig-keeper." You see, they have never seen sheep, but they know all about pigs). He stops making his net and listens intently when we tell him that Jesus Christ says: "I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep." One by one, others from the village join us. We tell him of other things that Jesus said and did. How he healed the sick, and opened the eyes of the blind.

We stop talking, and presently ask him if he would like to hear more. He lifts his eyes to mine and raises his eyebrows (which signifies "yes") in answer to my question.

I open my New Testament and put it in his hands. "It's all in here," I tell him, "and we want your children to be able to read for themselves about him." I read a little from the Book. He listens attentively, smiles, but says nothing. We close the day with family prayers.

When all is ready for school the next morning, and the children are quietly sitting beneath the shade of a nut tree, I go down to take prayers with them. Seated in the front row is the small boy of yesterday, and there beside him, scrubbed and beaming, sits his father!

GOD CARES

HOW strong and sweet my Father's care,

That round about me, like the air,
Is with me always everywhere.

He cares for me.

"Oh, keep me ever in thy love,
Dear Father, watching from above,
And let me still thy mercy prove,
And care for me."

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A Church in a Tent



WHAT stirring days were spent by those who came to Victoria to seek their fortunes on the goldfields! That magic word "gold" drew men and women from comfortable homes in England to Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo. On June 23, H. G. Picton, a member of a church of Christ, Kensington, London, left Portsmouth in the sailing-ship "Statesman" for Australia. After spending more than sixteen weeks on the water he reached a Victorian port on Sept. 23, 1852. This faithful disciple looked about for a meeting of Christians who remembered Jesus in the breaking of bread each Sunday, but his efforts failed. During those early days he wrote back to his homeland to Mr. James Wallis, the editor of the church paper called "The British Millennial Harbinger." By looking up the files of that paper, we can read to-day some of the letters Mr. Picton wrote in 1852-3. In one he said, "We are going to arrange for meeting together on Lord's days; I greatly long for it." John Ingram, when aged 24, was in Australia with his wife, and he sought Christian fellowship also. It seems that by means of an advertisement, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Picton met and arranged to hold weekly communion services. In those days the new arrivals could not find houses in which to live, and so they erected tents. Tents were scattered over the country from Melbourne to Prahran. In such a tent Mr. and Mrs. Ingram lived somewhere in Prahran. The next letter Mr. Picton wrote in November, 1853, to Mr. Wallis tells of the services held in that humble dwelling. "I am now glad to say my hopes are being realised," he wrote. "I know you will be delighted to hear that we have commenced meeting together for the purpose of remembering our dear Lord, and showing forth his death, at the tent of Brother Ingram, at Prahran, near my own place of abode."

The pioneering efforts of those young people laid the foundation of the vigorous churches of Christ in Victoria. They did not wait until they had a nice

chapel or hall before they met as a church, but gathered in a humble tent and found much joy in service. Neither Mr. Ingram nor Mr. Picton could foresee what a great work they had begun. Perhaps they did not think that way. They were anxious to be faithful to the wishes of their Lord; and when young men and women are loyal to Christ, there is no knowing what great things the Master will do through them.

Happy Christians

LOOKING at a beautiful display of dahlias, I could not help thinking, "He giveth us richly all things to enjoy." Truly, the world is full of the beneficence of God—beautiful plant life, birds, books, inspiring music, sunrise and sunset, loved ones and friends—all for us to enjoy. But we are so often blinded by the getting of material things we do not enjoy the gifts God so lavishly bestows upon us. We need to sing, "Open My Eyes, That I May See." The chorus of a song used quite often in our primary department and one which the little folks love to sing is, "As we share in his care, we must happy be." It's just a primary song, yet how full of meaning the words are! The world has need of Pollyannas. True, all have sorrow and hardships, but God's blessings are renewed each day and his loving care is over all; so, as we share in his care, let us show our gratitude to him by being happy Christians.

God gives, to all his children,

Rich blessing day by day;

Oh, let us then be happy,

As we journey on our way!

—Mrs. D. A. Kommel.



The Writing on the Slate

A YOUNG missionary was appointed to preach at a little chapel in the country. It had been a pouring wet night, and when he arrived there was only the woman who served as hall-keeper. Later on, an old lady arrived accompanied by a little girl. They lived only two doors away, yet they were quite wet, so heavy was the rain. The service began and the old lady fixed her eyes upon the preacher, and seemed to be drinking in every word. He felt led to give a different message from the one he had brought, making very clear and plain the way of salvation.

When the service was over and he was leaving the hall, he remarked to the hall-keeper that he felt it had been a helpful gathering. "I hardly like to tell you, sir," she replied, "but the old lady who was here to-night is stone dead!"

A year passed by, and again the young missionary went to preach at the same chapel. He arrived early, and getting into touch with the hall-keeper asked, "Will the old lady come to-night?"

With her face full of joy she said: "Yes, and others with her too! After that service last time you came, the old lady went home and said to her little granddaughter, 'I am sure that was a good sermon; get your slate, child, and write me out all you can remember.'"

The little girl had a good memory, and the gospel message was written out. The old lady read it and gave her heart to God. She became anxious about the spiritual welfare of her two sons, and started praying for their salvation. They, too, were brought to Christ.

"So," concluded the hall-keeper, "to-night the mother and her sons and the little girl will all be here to see you—to thank you for the message written on a slate that brought them to Jesus."

The service was well attended, and the young missionary thanked God for that night when only one heard, but through the blessing of God the Holy Spirit, the message was passed on to a whole family.—Selected.

They Say That

ACCORDING to the estimate of the French Academy, there are 2796 languages spoken in the world.

There are in existence in Egypt approximately 75 pyramids arranged in groups which extend in a north-and-south direction from Abu-Roash to Medum on the west side of the Nile. However, a great many of them are in ruins.

Another new material has been produced from wood pulp. By treating wood with soda, chlorine, and alcohol, a tasteless jelly has been produced which is already finding extensive application in "bulking" food. It is also being used as a substitute for putty, and for paste for papering walls.

There are several kinds of zebras, or striped horses, which are really nearer the ass than the horses in character, having generally long ears and bare tails. They have been broken to harness, the young being caught for this purpose; but their temper is always uncertain.

Quiz

Before the Days of Motor Cars.

1. When the children of Israel were escaping from Egypt, in what did the Egyptians pursue them?
2. What conveyed Paul from Troas to Macedonia?
3. Upon what did they take the ark of the covenant to the house of Obed-edom?
4. In what did Joseph send to bring Jacob into Egypt?
5. In what did Noah and his family ride the flood to safety?
6. Upon what did friends lower a sick man through a hole in a roof, into the presence of Jesus?

ANSWERS.
1. Chariots. 2. Sailing ship. 3. New cart. 4. Waggon. 5. An ark. 6. A bed.

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—From a painting by Haddon Sundblom, of U.S.A.

Grace Before Meat

A LITTLE child saying grace with upturned face is as beautiful as the dew hanging lovingly to the petals of a rose and sparkling in the golden light of morn. Rays of heaven's light break into the living-room when the little child whispers,

"Thank you for the world so sweet;
Thank you for the food we eat;
Thank you for the birds that sing;
Thank you, God, for everything."

Although, as Charles Lamb wrote, "Graces are the sweet prelude strains to the banquets of angels and children," ought they be neglected by youth or old age? Those who pray: "Give us this day our daily bread," knowing that without food they cannot live, ought to return thanks to God whenever they sit down to a meal. No one loses a thing if he keeps such a gracious, childhood habit, but loses much if he lets life be robbed of truth.

Unless we continue to see that God lies behind all good—behind the beauty in stars and behind the life providing daily food, we shall live as beasts, and not as human beings. So let us find time before meals to say: "Thank you, God, for everything."