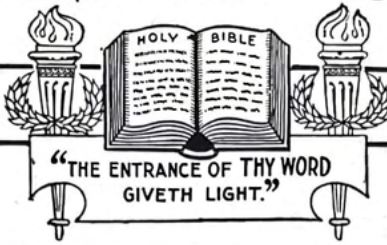


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Rebuilding a World in Ruins

THE lessons of history are lessons many will not learn. Few are ready to profit by past experience. Overlooking how other generations have suffered disasters by neglecting to face up to the dangers that threatened them, they seem to remain inactive in the midst of destruction. Like creatures fascinated by the fixed gaze of a hungry serpent, they are held spellbound while evil is about to spring upon them. By changing the metaphor we can describe the present in a picture which shows men being drawn by a whirlpool. So long as they are without help they must drift to the fate awaiting them.

How men can be saved from this evil end may be learnt from the lessons taught by history, for in history we are able to look at events from some high vantage point and see the direction in which the stream of human life is flowing. "History is that which enables us with regard to the past to mount up with wings and survey broad scenes, looking before and after. We are able for a moment to see, as it were, with the eyes of God."

We see clearly marked out in a survey of history that, so long as men are set in their wills to build their own "tower of Babel" to save themselves from ruin, they will not heed the warnings of God. Because of their foolishness and blindness of heart, they go on to defeat and confusion. When they reach the limit of their resources, they are ready to listen to divine wisdom; then their time of extremity is God's opportunity. As Dr. John Forster says, "The period of ruin provides the opportunity. It must be so. It can be little use talking of fundamental things when the walls are up and the roof is on. Ruin, and its consequent rebuilding—that is the time for those who have a message concerning the One Foundation."

(1) Those who study the period of history belonging to the time when Christ was born know that multitudes in the Roman Empire had lost their old moorings, and were drifting. The old order influenced by Greek philosophy was at an

end, and men had lost confidence in themselves and were confused. It was just then that men, guided by the spirit of Jesus, went out and preached, with no uncertain sound, the truths of Christ's way of salvation. In those times of unrest and distress, many thousands were brought into the Christian church. Hope then took the place of despair.

(2) As the culture of the middle ages came to an end under the criticism of the teachers of the Renaissance, people were at a loss as they saw the old order passing away. The future was uncertain, they were confused. At that time men who had discovered the spirit of Jesus of Galilee by a fresh approach to the New Testament, went out and preached Christ confidently, and brought in the period of the

Reformation. Then, instead of being sceptical, men and communities gained a new confidence in life.

(3) Do we need to tell of the darkness of doubt brought into Europe by the teaching of the Deists—those polite nature-worshippers, and then how men found Christ again by a renewed study of the Scriptures? The revival led by Wesley, Whitfield and others can be accounted for by an understanding that, in a period of doubt, when man's tower of Babel was falling into disrepair, preachers were restoring, at least in part, the truths of the Christ of the New Testament.

This day in which we live is full of uncertainty. The old order is giving place to new. The promised "new order" is no more than a dream—it might turn out to be a nightmare—so confusing is the political and economic world. We are witnessing a collapse of the structure of society; the roof is falling and the walls are tumbling. This is a day of judgment and yet of opportunity for the Christian church. History has shown how in such times in the past, the church took up the task of rebuilding society around Christ. Difficult periods for the world are opportune times for the church. Only those who are prepared are able to undertake this task of rebuilding. History has made it clear that those who go back to Christ and learn the pristine truths of the New Testament have the spiritual equipment needed for the work of reconstructing a world in ruins. If churches of Christ can enter fully into the truths of the Restoration Movement and can come directly under the influence of the Spirit of Jesus, they are destined to play a vital part in the immediate future. While the social orders in Europe, Asia, and even in Australia, are awaiting constructive builders, the call to serve goes out to Spirit-filled followers of Christ. If Jesus is to save the world from despair, then Christians must be ready to make sacrifices to serve on his behalf. Through devout followers Jesus can meet the needs of the hour.

Watch With Me

As Jesus looks at our world from His Twentieth Century Gethsemane, and finds us asleep on our job, is He not saying to us, "Couldst thou not watch one hour?"



"He cometh and findeth them sleeping and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch one hour?"

South Australia Prepares for Centenary

THE 71st annual conference of South Australian churches, held in Adelaide from September 5 to 12, was an outstanding success, and a fitting preparation for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Restoration Movement in Australia, which will be celebrated here by the Centenary State and Federal Conferences next year.

Conference was greatly helped by Interstate visitors—C. G. Taylor, B.A., who preached the conference sermon and addressed the preachers' session; Mrs. Taylor, who delighted at several meetings with her solos, and R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D., special speaker for Social Service demonstration. The youth sessions particularly, and conference generally, felt the stimulation brought by G. R. Stirling, B.A., the newly-appointed full-time youth director, who had a large part in this his first conference since arriving from New Zealand. Other Interstate visitors whose presence was greatly appreciated were C. H. Hunt, Western Australia, and T. Hagger, Victoria.

The president, Trevor Butler, gave his address on the opening night. As in his visitation of the churches throughout the year, he dealt bluntly and realistically with the practical problems which are preventing progress, and appealed for greater support of church services, particularly of the gospel services; larger giving, and more adequate provision for preachers' security. His straightforward remarks, together with his manifest spirit of deep concern, made a great impression upon all.

R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D., was speaker at the Social Service meeting, urging, in a fine address, that the church must not strike a narrow, individualistic note, but must resolutely apply Christ's message to the whole range of life. The Social Service Department is anxious to introduce the Christian Fellowship Association to support the proposed Christian Guest Home and other social work in the brotherhood, and Mr. Williams also spoke during conference, recommending the C.F.A. for the splendid work it had accomplished in Victoria.

The town hall was crowded on Sunday afternoon to hear the conference sermon by C. G. Taylor, B.A. It was a strong and encouraging utterance. A church loyal to its Master, its message, and its mission, unafraid of new truth and new tasks, may face the future, however dark, for it is "The Church with God's Future." Mr. Taylor followed on this message and developed several aspects of the theme with an address to the preachers' session entitled, "The Fight is Still On" (a survey of church-world relationships).

Youth sessions of conference were vibrant with fresh interest and enthusiasm. G. R. Stirling, B.A., gave several stirring addresses. At well-attended Christian Endeavor rallies on Saturday afternoon and evening, he was the speaker, challenging young people to meet the rising tide of modern paganism by out-thinking, out-living, and out-dying the world. At the Bible schools' demonstration in the town hall on Tuesday night, A. E. Brown was warmly thanked for his services as chairman of the combined department for the year, and presented with a book. Mr. Stirling again impressed with the striking relevance of his address on "Christianity and the Current Revolution." Fascism calls for political, and communism for economic revolution, and democracy for change through education. Christianity demands all these, and more. It demands a deep-rooted revolution in men. The Christian revolution in man gives life a new direction and a new power.

Interesting details and aims of 71st Annual Conference in S.A. are presented by J. E. Brooke.

Interest in overseas missions was stimulated by the presence and bright messages of Ron Saunders, who spoke of his experiences in the New Hebrides, and showed interesting films of the work there. It was reported that last year's offering for this State was a record. F. A. Halleday was introduced as incoming chairman of the Overseas Missions Department, and presented a Bible to his predecessor, E. V. Lawton.

Home mission work was reviewed in short addresses by M. T. Lawrie, Kadina and Wal-



Keith A. Jones,
Newly-elected S.A. Conference President.

laroo; A. E. Cremin, Murray Bridge; Theo. Edwards, Moonta; A. C. Killmier, B.A., Naracoorte; F. Cornelius, Edwardstown West—Col. Light Gardens; L. G. Johnson, Berri—Winkie—Moorook; W. N. Bartlett, Gawler—Williamstown; H. E. Paddick, Broken Hill—Railwaytown; F. Collins, Victor Harbour—Goolwa; S. E. Matthews, Whyalla; N. G. Noble, Cheltenham.

New areas have been under observation and, in conjunction with the Building Extension Committee, suitable land has been secured at Kilburn and Woodville Gardens, in the midst of Housing Trust homes and further building operations.

The State evangelist, G. T. Fitzgerald, gave a stimulating review of his work, and of his views on evangelism, based on the missions he had conducted at Edwardstown West and Broken Hill. He stressed the importance of making personal contact with people, and gaining entrance into their homes.

The home mission tea in the town hall on Wednesday evening was a great success, and was followed by an enthusiastic home mission meeting, which closed a fine conference on a splendid note. Trevor Butler was thanked for his untiring services as president, and presented with a Bible. K. A. Jones was given a warm-hearted welcome as incoming president.

G. T. Fitzgerald's address was a forward-looking message, calculated to make a fitting preparation for the centenary year. In a fresh

and forceful manner, he reviewed the rise of the Restoration Movement, and pleaded for greater faithfulness and more enthusiastic advocacy of its plea.

A. E. Cremin (Murray Bridge) and F. B. Stowe (Cowandilla) were welcomed as new preachers to the State, and gave appreciated devotional addresses.

The churches have added 219 by faith and baptism, 177 by letter, 6 formerly immersed, and 11 restored, a total of 413. 187 were lost by roll revision, 52 by death, and 193 by letter, a total of 432, making a nett decrease of 19. The full membership is now 6534. Bible school scholars number 4873 (increase of 64), and teachers 790 (increase of 12).

The president presented a plan for the equalisation of preachers' salaries, which the executive had asked him to prepare, and the executive was empowered to visit the churches in personal deputation and put this plan before them.

The State paper, "The South Australian Fellowship News," was reported to be well supported, and on a firm financial basis.

H. G. Norris, ex-chaplain, and H. Cave, former Y.M.C.A. welfare officer, presented very helpful addresses on "The Spiritual and Social Rehabilitation of the Service-man." Arising out of suggestions made, a resolution requested the executive to examine the possibility of instituting a chaplaincy body in peace time on a united basis, to minister to men in workshops and hostels.

Brief talks from T. Hagger and C. G. Taylor helped to keep fresh interest in the college at Glen Iris.

T. McD. Smith, an Anglican missionary from the Northern Territory, gave an address on aborigines work. D. G. Hammer was remembered in his work at Carnarvon, W.A.

The Moriatta Protestant Children's Home report contained the sad reminder of the passing of two stalwart brethren in S. Price Weir and E. W. Peet.

Officers and Committees

Past-president, Trevor Butler; president, K. A. Jones; president-elect, Dr. T. Turner; secretary, H. R. Taylor; assistant secretary, F. K. Glover; treasurer, F. P. Langlois.

Executive.—A. G. Hinde; G. S. Bartlett; D. H. Pike; E. C. Mauger.

Seal-holders.—T. Butler, A. Anderson.

Auditors.—T. P. Richardson, A. V. Hollands.

Home Mission Committee.—T. Butler, W. L. Ewers, W. S. Harris, M. Jacobs, W. Stanford, A. W. Tompsett, J. T. Train, J. E. Webb. Sitting Members.—A. Anderson, W. Beller, A. V. Hollands, A. S. Shepherd, H. R. Taylor, C. M. Verco.

Foreign Mission Committee.—A. Anderson, A. C. Glover, R. Bradshaw, F. A. Halleday, Miss E. Messent, W. J. Rudd. Sitting members: P. Blanden, A. J. Ingham, E. H. Kentish, E. V. Lawton, H. P. Manning, Mrs. A. L. Read.

Young People's Committee.—Bible school representatives: W. Beller, H. W. Hannam, F. K. Glover. Sitting members: S. R. Beck, C. L. Johnson, Miss D. Wood.

Christian Endeavor representatives.—H. G. Norris, D. K. Beller, F. Cornelius. Sitting members: F. Hollams, R. Potter, Miss C. White.

Social Service Committee.—A. O. S. Baker, J. E. Bridgman, H. A. Dunkerton, G. T. Fitzgerald, F. B. Stowe, A. H. Wilson, R. W. G. Lomas. Sitting members: F. A. Halleday, A. E. Mauger, H. Cave, Miss V. Mann, Mrs. J. Graham.

Building Extension Committee.—J. W. Cosh, H. J. Horsell, A. W. Tompsett. Sitting members: F. P. Langlois, O. V. Mann, C. M. Verco.

Aborigines State Committee.—W. L. Ewers, H. L. Davie, E. H. Kentish. Sitting members:

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Seeking Unity in N.Z.

E. P. C. Hollard, of Wellington, N.Z., reports on unity moves and on activities of churches and preachers.

THE church life of New Zealand during Aug. 28—Sept. 4 was centreing around the New Zealand Council of Churches in their conference at Christchurch. Bishop Moyes, of Armidale, N.S.W., and the chairman of the A.B.C. were among the guests for the occasion. All of the churches co-operated in this venture and discussed the necessity of a voice in the social and economic future. By the same token, several politicians have voiced over the air recently, in parliamentary speeches, that the only way out for the world is the way of Jesus Christ. It's nice to hear someone else, aside from the preachers, say it, but the future will reveal just how it will be acted upon.

The Anglican Church in Wellington has sponsored an energetic campaign for a cathedral to be a centre of worship in the capital. We presume from the appeal literature that it will be a centre for all Christians, as all church people are being urged to give of their means to build it. It savors of the usual "state church" idea, which is never far from the surface of things.

Brotherhood

The University of New Zealand is offering divinity degrees of B.D., M.Th., D.D.; and honor has been conferred upon Principal Haddon in that he will become one of the lecturers, and Glen Leith in that it becomes one of the accepted colleges for these degrees.

Honor has come to another of our members, Miss Elsie Moyle, M.A., Dip.Ed., of Ponsby-rd., who has been called by UNRRA as

a rehabilitation officer to devastated peoples in Europe. The tasks involved are well known, and it speaks well for Miss Moyle that she has been chosen for such a work. The brethren will follow her work with prayerful interest.

The Dominion home mission offering has been received with rather disquieting results, as figures so far reveal a distinct falling off in response from the churches. The H.M. Committee had planned to engage an evangelistic team from U.S.A., even to entering into negotiations with the Alber Party, but these plans have since been cancelled. The inability to secure a home mission organiser and evangelist has set the work back considerably. However, the committee is not without plans.

The church of Christ-Baptist church at Orakei is probably one of the most progressive churches in the Dominion. Associated with conference of both bodies, and under the leadership of G. C. Reay, the folk there are in earnest.

The Happy Hourman (H. C. Bischoff) is still busy commencing this pleasant innovation in other churches. Gisborne has begun with most encouraging results. Our churches are fast becoming "Happy Hour" conscious. Norman Haig began his work at Seddon-st. with such a venture.

The Department of Religious Education of the Department of Religious Education of the Department of Religious Education is awaiting eagerly the coming of A. E. White from Melbourne. The department engaged in a special advertising campaign this year which must result in a good offering for youth work.

vanced sections and covering a wide and necessary curriculum to be worked out in each of the States for which diplomas will be granted.

There was a greater need also for ministerial training in theological colleges in qualifications essential for successful handling of young people.

The work among adolescents received special attention. This is a department of work to which much more attention and planning must be given.

The next convention is to be held in Brisbane in September, 1947. The theme of the convention was, "Christian Youth in a Changing World." Addresses were of a high order, and full of thought and inspiration. That youth is in a changing world no one will doubt. Changes are seen in every sphere, moral, economical, political, geographical, religious. To capture youth for the noblest and best means they must become Christian. The church cannot give itself to a more important, more fundamental or more encouraging task than saving youth for Christ.

Out of the Darkness

Hymn for October, selected by F. J. Funston, is No. 479, for October 14.

A FEW years ago I heard from an unknown station a splendid organ sounding out a well-loved melody, then a great congregation singing the equally cherished message of the Love that will not let me go, the Light, the Joy and the Cross. Then followed the benediction; the congregation moved out, and after a moment's silence came the words, startling in their clarity: "This is Singapore calling" . . . and I knew that the words of the saintly George Matheson had come to me across 4000 miles of land and ocean.

George Matheson—what a man! A few moments with his farewell message to his Edinburgh congregation: "Have I not been with you for 13 years in sunshine and in shadow, caught the spray of your baptismal founts, heard your marriage bells, seen your courtships and your courtesies, brought the grapes of Eshcol to your hours of sickness? I have been with you in your Canas, your Nains, your Bethanys. I came a taper amid the torches—an atom in the crowd—a tragic spectacle—blind Samson with his hands upon the gates of Gaza. The Philistine laughed, but I think I lifted these gates one inch. The sons of toil said: 'Here is a man barred by every gate of fortune, yet refusing to give in—overtaken by the night, yet confident of the morning. My sermons may have flown over your heads, but my life has been level with your own—obstructed, circumscribed, but a life of boundless sanguineness and quenchless hopefulness.'"

The brilliance and beauty of that passage is typical of all his writings—his scholarly theological studies, his expository writings, his portrayals of Biblical characters, and then, with his face towards the morning, his devotional works. . . . And 46 of his 64 years were spent in blindness!

He was sure his noble hymn was completed in five minutes, dictated by some inward voice rather than worked out himself. A few months before his death he received the striking story of it being sung on the reputed site of Calvary by 1800 people, representing 55 denominations and 26 lands. May it never fall to bring a message of courage and eternal hope, the memory of an author triumphant over and radiant in deep and constant affliction, but still by his writings in prose and poetry calling men and women into the Light that followed in all his darkened way.

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Christian Youth in Changing World

N.C.R.E.A. Conference plans for future work among young people in Australia.

THE N.C.R.E.A. (National Council of Religious Education of Australia) convention, held in Sydney, proved worthwhile, seven constituent bodies pooling their knowledge so as to be able to face the task of winning, encouraging and training youth for Christian citizenship.

The convention, which was presided over by Will Beller (who has completed four years as national president) was represented by delegates from Queensland, Victoria, N.S.W. and S.A.

The president expressed the immediate aim of the council as: (1) To teach young people Christ's way of life; (2) To lead them to acceptance of him as Saviour and Lord; (3) To encourage them through the fellowship of the church in the development of a Christ-like personality; (4) To train them for a wholehearted Christian citizenship and service for the kingdom of God. This will not be accomplished merely by education nor merely by religion or by knowing the facts of the Bible, or by what is called national fitness,

but by Christian education. Young people must be definitely related to Jesus Christ and his power to be able to achieve God's will. The statistics (S.S.) for Australia revealed that there were 7404 Sunday schools with 52,774 teachers and 404,362 scholars; churches of Christ had 280 schools, 3254 teachers and 20,883 scholars.

The correspondence and mail-bag schools had made great strides in each State, and thousands of outback children, away from areas where there are Sunday schools, are being supplied with lesson material. The need for partnership in the work of community centres was recognised. They must not be lost to secular interests, or to physical sections, or to political partisans to provide and to control these organisations. The need for a deeper religious atmosphere in our State schools was emphasised. The schools ought to begin each day with some devotional exercises, with at least a hymn and prayer.

Much emphasis was placed upon the necessity for a trained leadership. A threefold educational programme for Australia was agreed upon, providing elementary, standard and ad-

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

LIFE'S what you make it; an' the bloke who tries
To grab the shinin' stars frum out the skies
Goes crook on life, an' calls the world a cheat,
An' tramples on the daisies at 'is feet."
—Dennis.

THE TEST

THE one who will be found in trial capable of great acts of love is ever the one who is always doing considerate small ones.—F. W. Robertson.

CO-WORKERS OR ON-LOOKERS

THE Lord ever looks for the co-workers, but too often gets on-lookers. Every disciple ought to be a soul-winner. Each one should win one. It is far better to bring souls to the Lord one by one, than in a crowd. You may shake a tree and speedily fill a barrel with apples, but they will not stand shipment. Hand-picked fruit is the best. One soul saved by personal contact and definite instruction, is one to whom you can look for growth and perseverance in the Christian life.—Selected.

"Now," said the bridegroom to the bride, when they returned from their honeymoon trip, "let us have a clear understanding before we settle down to married life. Are you the president or vice-president of this society?" "I want to be neither president nor vice-president," she answered; "I will be content with a subordinate position." "What's that?" "Treasurer."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—SONS, HEIRS, JOINT-HEIRS

- Oct. 15—Eph. 4: 17-32.
- " 16—2 Tim. 2: 1-12.
- " 17—Hebrews 2.
- " 18—1 John 3: 1-12.
- " 19—Jude 17-25.
- " 20—Rom. 8: 1-11.
- " 21—Psalm 39; Romans 8: 12-25.

IN Christ, says Paul, we are so highly exalted that we become sons, heirs, and joint-heirs. Could greater honors than these be conferred upon mortal man? First we become sons. No longer are we slaves, for we have been adopted into God's great family. Fear is now exchanged for confidence, servitude for loving obedience. Second, we are heirs; for we are as those who succeed to estates; but with this difference; we are heirs to riches of grace compared with which earthly treasures are but dross. We enjoy the favor of God here, and look forward to the fullness of the inheritance hereafter. Third, joint-heirs with Christ, to be sharers with him in the felicities of heaven. Yet it should be noted that a condition is attached to the promise; "if so be that we suffer with him." Together we must suffer if together we would be glorified. We cannot, of course, suffer to the same extent as our Saviour, yet we are called upon to endure the same kind of suffering. "If we die with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him."

Christian Endeavor Activities

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

A QUERY

DO you take an active part,
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?
Do you help your fellow-members
To draft things out and plan?
Or leave the work to just a few
Who do the bit they can?

Attend the meetings often,
And help with hand and heart;
Don't just be a member,
But take an active part!
Just think this problem over,
You know the right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you "just belong"?

WESTERN Australia Union plans the establishment of a lending library. Any having books suitable for Endeavor work and who are willing to donate them to the C.E. Union, are asked to forward the titles to the State C.E. secretary. This union has also pledged a choir of 200 voices for the combined youth rally organised by Rotary National Fitness Council and Youth Council of Churches as a starting point for "Youth Week" on Oct. 14.

Western Districts, Victoria, C.E. Union at its sixth anniversary rally honored T. V. Weir by electing him president for second term.

Mrs. Clark, wife of the founder of Christian Endeavor, was called home on Sept. 24.

New South Wales welcomes Mr. R. A. Haley, field secretary, who will address the district

union's rally, Friday, Oct. 26, at the 54th annual convention of N.S.W. Endeavor Union.

We congratulate the following on their success in the C.E. Efficiency Diploma Examination held in Western Australia on June 16:—
Honors, First Year.—Betty McIlwraith, June Simmons, Eric Gough, Subiaco; Hazel Pallot, Claremont.

Pass, First Year.—Pauline Vigus, Daphne Simmons, Subiaco; Joy Ineson, Cottesloe; Leslie M. Smith, Claremont; Beth Tunbridge, Mosman Park.

Honors, Second Year.—Miss J. Birch, Lake Toolbrumup.

Pass, Second Year.—R. J. Duckett, Collie; Colin Lansdowne, Fremantle.

Brighten
Your
Corner



IF any little word of ours can make one life the brighter,
If any little song of ours can make one heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word,
and take one bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale, and set the echoes ringing."

S.A. Conference

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W. R. C. Bell, A. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. S. E. Riches.

College of the Bible State Committee.—A. E. Brown, F. Hollams, J. E. Shipway, R. H. Lampshire. Sitting members: S. E. Riches, J. E. Webb, W. B. Wharton.

Training Committee.—C. L. Johnson, K. A. Jones, H. P. Manning. Sitting members: W. C. Brooker, C. Schwab, H. R. Taylor.

Preacher Placement and Advisory Board.—A. Anderson (chairman), J. E. Shipway, D. K. Beller, A. McGlasson. Sitting members: W. C. Brooker, W. S. Harris, K. A. Jones, C. M. Verco.

S.A. Alliance.—J. T. Train.
Moriaht Protestant Children's Home.—Mrs. H. Bartlett, T. M. Glover, F. A. Halleday.

Council of Churches.—W. Beller, H. Cave, J. E. Webb, J. E. Shipway.

Christian Union Promotion Committee.—W. Beller, T. Butler, W. L. Ewers, A. G. Hinde, F. Hollams, H. G. Norris, J. E. Webb, C. M. Verco, J. T. Train, H. R. Taylor.

Proposed Centennial Plans

(1) Centenary Fund.—C. Schwab and a small sub-committee have been active in the effort to raise £5000. They hope that the brotherhood will rise to the occasion ere December 31, 1945, the closing date. 80 per cent. of the total amount raised is to be used in establishing a "Christian Rest Home" and 20 per cent. for State evangelism and Christian education. So far the total sum raised is £2274/17/10 (including cash and promises and a bequest of £200). A fresh drive is being carried on to reach the aim of the executive. Of the 20 per cent., the Home Mission Department will receive 65 per cent., and the Christian Education sub-committee 35 per cent. The Sisters' Conference is heartily co-operating in the effort.

(2) Christian Education.—(a) The period from March to August, 1946, is to be used to give special emphasis in all the churches to five branches of Christian teaching: doctrinal, historical, ethical, evangelical, and social. The principals of Glen Iris and Woolwich colleges of the Bible are co-operating with the sub-committee in setting out in detail the subject matter. Preachers and speakers are to be asked to treat the subjects at Sunday services and continue them with discussion groups on a week-night. (b) The Young People's Department has mapped out a programme adapting the above general aspects of the Christian faith to the minds of the young. (c) "The Story of a Century," sketching the history of the Restoration Movement in South Australia, is being prepared for publication next year.

(3) Home Evangelism.—With G. T. Fitzgerald as State evangelist, the series of campaigns will be continued and intensified to inform and quicken church members, minister to the general community, and multiply the membership.

(4) Overseas Evangelism.—(a) A visit to the Centenary (1946) Conference by one of our leading Indian workers. (b) A record centenary annual offering. (c) An Endowment fund of £200 (to be raised in addition to, but in conjunction with, the annual overseas mission offering), to endow a South Australian cot at Dhond Hospital as a centenary memorial.

(5) Youth Work.—(a) Dramatic presentation of the first century of our churches. (b) Literature on the history and meaning of the Restoration Movement for young people. (c) Training for church membership. (d) A vigorous prosecution of every phase of youth work.

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Our China Greets Our India

Notes on Various Topics

VISIT PLANNED TO DHOND

LETTERS received from India indicate that a meeting of unique interest is likely to take place in "Our India." Just as we speak of "Our India," so we could speak of "Our China." From "Our China" comes one of our own girls to greet "Our India." Pearl Anderson, who has been at Lahore on a special mission in connection with the Chinese Army in Northern India, has written to Dr. Oldfield stating that she is due for leave and plans a trip to see the Indian missionaries. If this meeting takes place, it will be the first direct contact our Chinese Christians will have had with those of India. In Pearl's latest letter (August) she says that, after four years in the Army, she would like to be back in full service again with the mission hospital.

CHINESE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY SEND GREETINGS

DR. COONRADT, who left Australia for Kunming (Yunnanfu) about twelve months ago, continues to send full reports of the work of the Chinese Home Missionary Society, and in particular the work at Hueili. Speaking of Pastor Heo, he says: "Mr. Heo, missionary of that city and centre, has now returned from India, and a clearing up of the status and needs of the Hueili and other fields of the Home Missionary Society is being gone into. Pastor Heo is a consecrated and competent leader, as you well know, the kind so greatly needed in the work, especially at this time."

Future Work

"This mission (C.H.M.S.) probably suffered far more as a result of the war than others, because of their being so completely shut off from their supporters, and not having other friends to call upon for help, as have other bodies. It has been a hard test for them. (In an earlier letter Dr. Coonradt stated that, of all their centres, Hueili area suffered less than other areas.)

"We have organised a 'temporary committee' of Christian leaders with the purpose of aiding and looking after this Home Missionary Society work, in every way as we would like to have our own workers helped out, were they left shut off from their friends and supporters. So we have asked Pastor Cheng to act as the field secretary for the Yunnan churches and work, and Pastor Heo the same for the Sikang (Hueili) field. We have been able to get some funds to tide them over their hardest places, and now we are hoping and praying that the way will open for their going forward to bigger and better work in the future. Just what their plans and programme will be must be decided later. But if the Australian churches of Christ wish to consider the Hueili field as their special mission field, you can now be assured that the funds you send will be all applied in that work, and we shall do all possible to aid in the rebuilding of that work. There is a great need, and I feel sure a very promising future for the work of the field, both present and after the war. We are glad to know that the funds you have sent have not been lost, but have met a real and desperate need for Mrs. Heo and the Christians carrying on in the Hueili field. We shall be glad to hear from you in the near future. We hope ere long you can send a medical worker to this field. This is their most urgent request. Christian greetings to your church people from those of us on the field."

Dr. Walter Hsueh

A great deal of credit is due to Dr. Hsueh for his organising ability and practical help given during the last few years our Australian missionaries were in occupation at Hueili. It was largely through his efforts that the Chinese Home Missionary Society took control of the work, and the fact that the work has carried on for eleven years shows that his judgment was not misplaced. Dr. Hsueh has been very



Tribes Group, Hueili.

The C.H.M.S. have wide plans for these people in the near future. We face the task with them.

sick, but has recovered somewhat. His letter dated earlier than Dr. Coonradt's also tells of future plans. "The Church of Christ in China is a new organisation in Yunnan. The local church of Kunming is self-supporting now. Chinese Christians have given generously for the buying of land and building a chapel, and a few residences for the church workers and missionaries. I have been elected as chairman of the mission committee. I feel embarrassed that I have not done much for the members in the mission. We hope very much that you can send missionaries, teachers and doctors to help us in Yunnan. As the war will be soon over, our relations should be closer and closer."

One of Our Grls

Miss Lee, a girl who previously attended our primary school, is featured in Dr. Hsueh's letter. Our dealings with the girl date back more than twenty years. She was then only a child, and friendly with Pearl Anderson. Because she desired to go to school and church she was severely censured by her grandmother, sometimes even beaten. She stood up, however, against all the persecution of the home, and was finally baptised. Later the home persecution became more severe, and the girl travelled to Kunming (Yunnanfu) to train as a Bible-woman. Then came the war, and we heard nothing further. Now we have Dr. Hsueh's report. "Miss Lee (probably you will remember her) often comes to our house. She is now doing a full nursing course at the C.M.S. Hospital in Yunnanfu, and expects to graduate after a month or so. She is an earnest Christian, and attends church very regularly. She will be a good worker at Hueili if we invite her to go back to her native place to work."

MANY readers of "The Australian Christian" have enjoyed William Allen Knight's booklet, "The Song of our Syrian Guest," based on the twenty-third psalm. Over forty years ago, Mr. Knight (a Congregational minister now living in retirement and aged 81 years) wrote the book, which is said to rank as one of the best sellers of the past fifty years. Several million copies have been sold, and translations have been made into Braille and some foreign languages. The latest of many editions is a pocket edition for Servicemen.

Bomb-crater Baptism

In a brief article in "The Christian Evangelist" (U.S.A.), Mr. Joseph Smith, missionary of The United Christian Missionary Society, interned in the Philippines during the Japanese occupation, tells of his return after release to the city of Bagulo. As he looked upon the charred remains of the city, he says he "began to see something of what it must mean to millions of displaced peoples to be returning now to the ruins and ashes that were once their public buildings, their churches and their homes." He found the blackened remains of his own home: "The silence and smell of death had claimed a community with which we had once identified ourselves."

Continuing, Mr. Smith tells a beautiful story: "Later in the day, an army chaplain whom I had sought out, asked me to baptise two young men who had just come overseas and who wished to unite with the church of Christ. We found, after some searching, a suitable place for the baptism. It was a large bomb-crater filled to the right depth for a baptistery with clear water from a spring which the bomb had opened up. Here, on a Sunday afternoon, the two young men were baptised with the chaplain and his assistant forming the congregation. As we left the place, the mood of depression and futility which had claimed us during our walk among the ruined fragments of the city, lifted as we said to ourselves: 'Here is the symbol of our hope and the substance of our enduring challenge to the powers of darkness and of death—that the cleansing power of God's forgiving love in Christ will raise men from the bomb-craters of a shattered and ruined world to a new and meaningful existence.'"

Bible Society Exhibition

I had the pleasure of attending the splendid exhibition of Bibles arranged in Camberwell Town Hall by the Victorian Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society. The display of Bibles, ancient and modern, in over 500 languages, was interesting and informative, and furnished cogent proof of the great work done by the society and its splendid assistance to the cause of Christian missions. A hearty welcome was given by the Commonwealth secretary, Mr. W. H. Rainey, and the secretary of the Victorian auxiliary, Mr. S. R. Baker. The Chief Commissioner of Police in Victoria, Mr. Duncan, declared the exhibition open in an earnest and appropriate address. Mr. Duncan, who is an elder of the Presbyterian church, is greatly interested in youth work. It was a delight to hear his testimony to the value of religious faith and of the Book of books. Not all who have in past days filled his high office have exercised an influence of moral and spiritual good. The Bible Society's display gave prominence to the tributes paid by King George and famed national leaders to the scriptures. Men in high places who honor God and his word are of inestimable value to a nation.

A. R. Mann

Here and There

Chaplain L. G. Crisp has accepted an invitation to serve as preacher with the church at Essendon, Vic.

A. R. Main is leaving Melbourne for Brisbane on Oct. 10. He has been invited to take part in the anniversary services of church at Ann-st., Brisbane.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan and family, missionaries from the Indian mission fields, reached Melbourne on Monday, Oct. 8. We are glad to learn they are well.

The Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, seats 650 people. Melbourne metropolitan churches should easily crowd this for the five great meetings commencing Oct. 22. Meetings will commence at 7.45 and conclude at 9.30 p.m.

Attendances throughout fortnight's mission conducted by Mr. Burgin at Albion, Qld., were good. There were eight confessions of faith. Average attendance at Lord's table was 103, and 90 at gospel meetings. Members were pleased to see many men and women in the Forces and from other States at mission meetings.

In the three weeks' tent mission at Port Pirie, S.A., which closed on Oct. 7, meetings were well attended. A young man made the good confession on Sunday night, Sept. 30. Visitation of G. T. Fitzgerald and Mr. Pigdon proved valuable, and several have signified their intention of linking up with the church. Church members have been helped by Mr. Fitzgerald's messages. A splendid spirit prevails, and much good will result.

An earnest request is made by C. W. Jackel, of Horsham, Vic., to members to remember in meetings and private devotions the Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Dimboola, Vic. He points out that it is the chief business of church to win souls. The cause at Dimboola is numerically weak, having only 12 active members, and it is desired to establish firmly the Sunday school that is only five weeks old. Because brethren believe it is the will of God to firmly establish a strong New Testament witness in Dimboola, they have asked for this support. We trust brethren in all churches will help as requested.

The Macnaughtan-Saunders marquee mission opened at Dimboola, Vic., on Sept. 30 in a very satisfactory manner. The missionaries are in good form and are working earnestly. K. A. Macnaughtan is preaching faithfully and convincingly. W. W. Saunders is leading singing helpfully and is doing fine work in after-school "happy hour" for children. Attendances are very fair for first week, and interest is growing. Geo. Black, of Warracknabeal, has accepted a call to assist in mission effort. Delegations from Warracknabeal, Kaniva and Horsham were present on several nights. Much visitation is being done, and all advertising mediums are being used to bring mission before notice of people.

The 25th anniversary of opening of chapel at Dulwich, S.A., was celebrated with a home-coming and thanksgiving offering on Sept. 16. W. Beiler (who was present at opening services) delivered morning address. T. Hagger (also present at opening) spoke in evening. There were splendid attendances. On Sept. 17 anniversary tea and public meeting were held, and greetings were received. During week T. Hagger gave a series of inspirational talks on the nature and work of Jesus, concluding on Sept. 23. Sister churches co-operated by arranging delegations. The church has been spiritually uplifted. Fellowship with the following Service personnel has been enjoyed: Ern Jeisman, Murray Richter, Wallis Ludbrook and H. Grim.

From church at Moreland, Vic., at cost of £45, 87 parcels were forwarded to friends and relatives in Great Britain. Inaugural meeting of C.M.S. was held on Oct. 3, when a large number of men heard an address by J. Attasym. A

discussion was followed by supper and fellowship. Christian Endeavor work, junior and intermediate Crusaders, Bible school and youth work generally gains force, and future seems bright. No. 1 tennis team won final of western section of churches of Christ association, and No. 2 team were runners-up in B grade. J. Lindquist, returned P.O.W., was welcomed to his church home on Sept. 16.

At Ormond, Vic., on Sept. 30, W. W. McDowell gave a good address to church. Bible school anniversary was continued in afternoon with good singing by scholars under C. Gadge. W. Graham, of Moreland, gave an illustrated address. At night the children again sang beautifully. Mr. McDowell gave an address with aid of flannelgraph. After meeting J. Ritchie, superintendent, made a presentation to C. Gadge on behalf of school. F. W. Bradley made a presentation to W. W. McDowell, who concluded his ministry at Ormond. The folk were sorry to lose him. A. Knee conducted prayer meeting and gave talk on Oct. 4. Bible school held a social and prize-giving night. L. Brooker and his son entertained, and supper was served. On Oct. 7 Ron Saunders, of the college, commenced a short ministry with church, and gave good addresses, also taking Bible class.

W. R. Hibbert, at Frankston, Vic., on Sept. 30, gave morning address. T. Hagger preached at night, when a lad was baptised who will take membership at Echuca. On morning of Oct. 7 the address of A. R. Main was greatly enjoyed. After school teachers' meeting and tea were held, when plans for future work were discussed. T. Hagger preached at night. J. McKenzie was soloist. At Women's Mission Band Mrs. Hagger gave a good report of annual Mission Band rally. The convention on evening of Sept. 29 and all day Sept. 30 at Moorooduc proved helpful. Speakers were A. Hurren, T. Hagger, W. R. Hibbert and F. E. Buckingham. There was one confession. Members of Frankston, Red Hill and Parkdale helped with musical items. On Saturday evening about 70 were present, including 20 from Frankston and 20 from Red Hill. Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, N.S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Qld.; Miss Murdoch, S.A.

W. Gale writes: "The president of conference, A. W. Cleland, is determined to know all about home missions by first-hand contact, even though it means learning by the hard way. Although he had a suburban anniversary service to address on Sunday morning, it did not prevent his being present in time to attend the last Sunday night service of Swan Hill tent mission. This was a truly whirlwind trip. To see the missionaries at work was the reason for this big journey, and at the same time to identify ourselves with the splendid people in the churches of our far-flung brotherhood. It is part of the eldership that the Home Missionary Committee feels to be one of its big and difficult tasks. Each missionary fitted into the programme of the service in a capable manner, and the session was evangelistic and bright, yet worshipful. Some brethren had come from Boundary Bend and Murrabit—50 and 35 miles distant respectively—besides those from Woorinen and district. We were pleased with all that we saw and heard. The next day we journeyed to Horsham and conferred with the officers regarding the mission and work at Dimboola. In three week-ends the president has covered 1500 miles in his travel out amongst the churches—he is gaining first-hand knowledge and giving real inspiration to the churches."

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Since it had come to the ears of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board that brethren have been apprehensive lest insufficient care had been taken to ensure the comfort of the missionaries on arrival at Carnarvon, we quote from Mr. Hammer's letter written under date Sept. 3, 1945.

"We are managing quite well in the little cottage, and I can agree with you regarding building on—the part here is certainly solid and good, and I think that the additions will make the house equal to most in the town, in spite of what . . . wrote.

"The people here have received us wonderfully kindly. Mr. Holmes (Presbyterian minister) came and helped us scrub the dirt out of the house. Mr. Wells was very kind, and the Mitchells have received us very heartily. . . .

"We went out to the Mitchell's place during the week, and had a pleasant afternoon. I think that their presence in the district is going to be a tremendous help.

"Sunday afternoon we went to the little native Sunday school held in the bed of the river—Syd Williams started it. Had a dozen bright children, and a few adults. It may help us in our making contact with the people.

"My impressions are that there are big possibilities of work here, if only we can get the right location, and put up a good enough show to impress both natives and whites.

"Race-week is in Show month, and the natives tell me that hundreds of natives from the bush and stations are then camped along the river—they gamble as the whites. I am hoping to make some useful contacts then, that I can turn to good use when I meet them again on the stations or in the bush."

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News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—Despite transport difficulties, Dorcas Society had a successful home mission afternoon. A delightful programme was arranged by Mrs. Lucraft. Proceeds totalled £28/9/-. On morning of Sept. 30 a hearty welcome home was extended to G. Wilson after absence in Services. J. K. Robinson gave an informative talk. At 7.30 p.m., E. R. Berry and A. B. Povey rendered a duet. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Belduan and family, from India, were present. Mr. Belduan attracted attention of an increased gathering in a talk on work at Shrigonda and other mission fields. Mr. Robinson helped.

Subiaco.—On evening of Sept. 23, owing to there being no power on account of coal shortage, a few kerosene lamps provided lighting, but service was inspiring and full of power. There was one decision. On following Thursday evening John Gage, of Royal Navy, confessed Christ and was baptised. Mr. Thickins was present and baptised a young man from Nedlands. The church is overjoyed at safe return of Major A. E. Sagers, for so long a P.O.W. He made a record trip from Singapore to Perth in one day in Duke of Gloucester's plane. The church regrets the sudden passing of Sister Sharman.

Maylands.—Forty-first anniversary services were observed on Sept. 23, commencing with prayer meeting at 7.30 a.m. At worship service L. C. Peacock exhorted church. Many past members and visitors attended, and building was comfortably filled. Greetings were received. Gospel service was held by lamp, lantern, candle and torch light on account of power restrictions. Mr. McRoberts gave an inspiring discourse. Mrs. Marshall was soloist. On Sept. 26 a special meeting was held. E. R. Berry led song service. Mr. McRoberts was chairman. R. Raymond gave a stirring address. Meeting was followed by supper, and happy fellowship was spent.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Services for month were well attended. On Sept. 9 J. Adermann was speaker in morning and W. De'Oberitz at night. Women's Guild held a successful social on 11th. On 26th, F. Hunting, of Ann-st. church, commenced a ten-days' mission, and attendances for children's "happy hour" in evening have been good. Church choir made first appearance on first night of mission. Three sisters have been welcomed into fellowship. To conclude the "come to church" campaign, a procession was held through the streets, and a good response to the call was shown.

Roma.—Mr. Boettcher, conference president, paid a visit during week-end of Sept. 16 and gave helpful addresses. Owing to Mr. Wylie's absence on a visit to Chinchilla and district on Sept. 23, services were conducted by local brethren. Mr. Miller gave an address to children and church in morning, and L. R. Pitman conducted gospel service, which was broadcast. Mr. Shakespeare, of B. & F. Bible Society, addressed church on morning of Sept. 30, and Mr. Wylie conducted gospel service. Members of Y.P.S.C.E. met at manse on Sept. 28 to say farewell and make a presentation to Sister Dorr, who has left Roma to take up nursing duties at Dalby.

Maryborough.—Women's Mission Band had happy fellowship on Sept. 13. The day was divided into three sessions, theme being "Three Days Down in Bethany." Speakers were A. H. Hughes (Methodist), S. T. Douglas (Christian Mission), and Miss Marjorie Peters. Musical items were rendered. Attendances increased as

day advanced, and approximated 130. Miss Peters, Indian missionary, is on furlough, and gave an interesting lantern lecture on Sept. 14, and an address at morning meeting on Sept. 16. She also addressed two State schools, one Sunday school, another church meeting, and the meeting at Urraween. E. Milne, B. and F. Bible Society, addressed morning meeting on Sept. 23.

Rockhampton.—Special services to mark 17th anniversary of Bible school were held on Sept. 16, with large attendances. In afternoon distribution of kindergarten prizes took place, and at gospel service children's choir sang. On Sept. 18, at annual demonstration, children presented an exceptionally fine programme, and senior school prizes were presented. Guest speaker for all anniversary meetings was A. B. Clark, from Bundaberg. School continues to grow, four new scholars being enrolled on Sept. 23. N. Watson, home on leave, has had fellowship with church. Mrs. Leigh has received good news of her son. Mr. Winter has left hospital and returned home. R. Dobbs is in hospital as result of accident.

South Australia

Mile End.—J. Hoyle was speaker on morning of Sept. 16 and Mr. Webb in evening. A successful Bible school anniversary was held on Sept. 23 and 30. There was splendid singing by school under leadership of R. Potter, of Maylands. Visiting speakers were A. Jones (Henley Beach), F. Stowe (Cowandilla), and F. Banks (Croydon). Mr. Webb presented two helpful illustrated addresses on Sunday evenings. On Sept. 25 T. Hagger gave an informative address on the College of the Bible to Y.P.S.C.E. G. Moore, M. Keatch, L. Caldicott, K. Walton and D. Searcy have visited church while on leave.

Cheltenham.—Eleven of Boys' Club enjoyed training, hike and supper on Sept. 1. Angus Young, A.I.F., was received by letter from York on Sept. 23, and Walter Best from Broken Hill on Sept. 30. Mrs. Jas Mitchell is now superintendent of cradle roll of 23. September Service greetings were received from Earl Vincent, Fred Best, Alf Machin and George Frost. A Young Worshipers' League has commenced with Mrs. N. G. Noble superintendent. Three delegates attended Port Line churches of Christ Men's Fellowship at York on Sept. 24. Junior Endeavorers were addressed on Sept. 30 by W. Myall, of Pt. Adelaide C.E. Union. Preacher was guest of Congregational S.S. anniversary on Oct. 2, presented prizes and gave an address. September visitors included Mrs. Bottrif, Vic.

Henley Beach.—There has been increase in attendance. A helpful message was received from R. L. Williams, of Caulfield, Vic., on Sept. 9. A. Hemmings (Henley Methodist) spoke on morning of Sept. 23, A. R. Jones taking anniversary service at Grange Methodist. Fellowship of visitors has been enjoyed, and return of more members who have been sick. A. R. Jones has been preacher at all gospel services, and with the two exceptions above, morning exhortations have been given by him. Ladies' Guild met at home of Mrs. Lawrie on Sept. 27 to bid farewell and Godspeed to Mrs. A. O. S. Baker, who leaves with her husband for Bordertown. Afternoon tea was served. Work amongst young is functioning well—Bible school, C.E., girls' and boys' clubs—and recently formed Boys' Brigade promises to be a success, 24 attending for first parade.

Prospect.—At a meeting on Sept. 24 T. Hagger (Victoria) spoke on work of College of Bible. News has been received that D. McLaren and L. Grear (P.O.W.) are safe. Church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. Garland, also with wife of A. Garland, who passed away in P.O.W. camp in Borneo last March. Service

on morning of Sept. 30 was well attended. Fellowship was enjoyed with G. Lawrie, G. Baker, V. Conigrave (R.A.A.F.), on leave, and others. A. E. Brown exhorted church, and R. Dixon (Rendelsham) at P.S.A. was enjoyed. Unley Salvation Army band and songsters provided programme. A. E. Brown conducted evening service. Stan. Terrace has been discharged from Forces. A. E. Brown will finish as preacher of church as from January owing to health reasons.

Hindmarsh.—Work in church and auxiliaries goes along steadily. M. Lawrie preached gospel on Sept. 9. Ladies of fellowship held an evening for Miss Val Jones, at manse, on Sept. 25. In view of her approaching marriage, a silver cake-dish was presented. J. E. Shipway visited Milang and Point Sturt for Sept. 23. Services at Hindmarsh were acceptably taken by A. Chappell and Harold Steward. A well-attended social evening in interests of organ fund was held on Sept. 27; a little more than £12 was received. Opportunity was taken to welcome a number of Service men who are home. T. P. Richardson spoke for church and J. E. Shipway for men's class. On morning of Sept. 27 Harry Sweet, at age of 88 years, received the home-call. In past years he was an officer in church and envelope secretary. Larger attendances are marking Sunday evening services. Cricket team has commenced for season. J. E. Shipway has accepted a further three years' engagement with church, commencing from end of January, 1946.

Cottonville.—Ladies' auxiliary had an "apron" afternoon on Sept. 26. £3/9/9 was donated for church improvements. Mr. Brooke commenced third year as minister of church on Oct. 7. Officers of church and wives were entertained at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ferris to mark occasion, when a book was presented to the preacher. During absence of Mr. Brooke, speaking at Semaphore anniversary, W. L. Ewers gave gospel address on Sept. 30. G. Stirling was present at Good Companions girls' club on Sept. 28, for purpose of guiding newly-formed club. Mr. Rostrom and Mrs. Burt have been sick. Mrs. Max Holloday (nee Audrey Tansell) is seriously ill. Mr. Richards is recovering after illness. Average weekly offering for September was £9/16/1. Half-yearly rally of South Suburban C.E. Union was held at Clarence Park Methodist church on Sept. 29, when a number of Cottonville church Endeavorers represented the societies. Mr. Brooke was speaker. Rowland Butler is expected home from China soon. He has been working for Australian Legation. His wife, who has been assisting in Sunday school, is relinquishing this work to undertake deputation duties for China Inland Mission. Christmas cheer is being arranged for those who will still be in the Services. Girls' basketball team was beaten by Unley team in churches of Christ association final.

New South Wales

South Auburn.—E. Davis conducted services on Sept. 16 and 23. On Sept. 30 Mr. Young-husband spoke in morning and Mr. Jenner, of Wagga, at 7 p.m., while Mr. Davis was touring State on presidential duties. On Sept. 22 church officers gave a social evening to soccer football club in honor of their winning Protestant churches competition for 1945. A happy time was spent. Other church activities continue on a high level.

Wollongong.—The work is very encouraging and meetings are well attended. Special attention is being given to youth work, and C.E. has been reorganised and graded; there are a number of new associate members. A choir has been formed under leadership of R. Warm-brunn. Keen interest is manifested in tennis club. On Sept. 25 Mrs. Candy spoke to ladies on Mission Band work, and with a little adjustment this promises to be an active auxiliary. The guild conducts its "Inasmuch" meeting regularly. The church is glad to welcome back Mr. Gerrel after his serious accident. Mr.

Candy has been visiting homes of S.S. scholars and neighbors, and a number of boys and girls have been brought back. After some weeks of waiting Mr. and Mrs. Candy and family have secured a suitable residence.

Lismore.—The 61st anniversary was held on Sept. 29 and 30. Tea meeting on Saturday was successful. Greetings included those by E. Davis, conference president, speaker for anniversary; Mrs. P. D. McCallum (Women's Conference), Mr. Baker (Ballina), Mr. Snow (Bangalow), Mr. Roots (Byron Bay), Mr. Haley (national Endeavor field secretary). Mrs. Cunningham sang a solo and choir gave an item. Meetings on Sunday were well attended, E. Davis speaking at both services. Visitors were present, A. Baker and A.C.1 Bruce Munro, R.A.A.F., taking part in morning. In evening a solo was rendered by Mrs. A. Rossiter and an anthem by choir. Two meetings were held for Mrs. McCallum on Sept. 26. A meeting of ladies' auxiliaries was held in afternoon and one for ladies of church held on evening of Sept. 27. The messages were enjoyed. Usual monthly meeting was held at home of G. Davis, Lagoon Grass. Mrs. McCallum gave a talk to children and E. Davis was speaker. Endeavorers held a social to raise money to send parcels to those who are still in the Forces at Christmas. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Don Paddon, discharged from R.A.A.F. Others are attending while on discharge leave.

Victoria

Emerald.—On Sept. 30 J. Shaw, from the college, was speaker for day, his addresses being appreciated. Church rejoices with Mrs. J. Legg in the homecoming of her son Jim, ex-P.O.W., Japan, of whom nothing had been heard for 3½ years, until a few days prior to his arrival home.

Mont Albert.—Mr. Gale addressed church on morning of Sept. 30, Mr. Turriff, of East Kew, being in chair. Exchange speakers brought Mr. Hinde, from Balwyn, in evening. Mr. Hillier was speaker at both services on Oct. 7, Mr. Smith taking evening meeting. Bruce Rayment played organ in morning.

Maryborough.—With regret the church has accepted resignation of Mr. Chivell. At half-yearly business meeting reports from auxiliaries showed all were working harmoniously. Building fund stands at £430. Sunday school is in good heart. J.C.E. plans to send parcels to church folk in England. Much sickness prevails amongst members.

Prahran.—On Sept. 29 Sunday school staff spent happy fellowship with teaching staff of East Kew Sunday school. A discussion on ways and means of improving S.S. work was followed by tea, and later Prahran and East Kew young people joined in an evening of happy social fellowship. A time of inspiration and uplift was enjoyed.

Rochester.—Attendances during September were good, and the addresses of Mr. Payne are very helpful. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, from St. Arnaud, have had fellowship with church. They hope to return permanently very soon. Young People's Guild is doing good work. They were invited to Bawwan, where they gave several items at Methodist church anniversary.

Horsham.—On morning of Sept. 30 the church welcomed to district K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders. There was a fine meeting. Mr. Saunders presided and Mr. Macnaughtan gave a challenging message to church. G. Miller gave evening address. Two teams have been entered in National Fitness competitions. Four delegations attended Dimboola mission during week. Special gift day yielded approximately £160.

Red Hill.—On Sept. 16 a party went to Rosebud and a church service was held; 12 adults and 10 children present. N. Kingston presided. Kevin Torney was baptised on Sept. 23 and received into fellowship on 30th. Mr. Aston was received by letter from Geelong.

A. Andrew has returned, also Eric Salmon, P.O.W., Germany. A welcome social was given on Sept. 21 to five returned Service-men. It was held in church hall.

Middle Park.—At morning service on Sept. 23 Mr. Kerrison, of South Yarra, presided. Messrs. Cartmel and Randall were speakers on Sept. 30. Mr. Randall delivered a helpful address on morning of Oct. 7. Gospel address was delivered by Mr. Sewell, of the college.

South Richmond.—There was a large meeting on Sept. 30, when four were baptised. At close of a good address by Mr. Gavros a senior Bible class girl made the good confession. Sunday school shows a little improvement in attendance after much sickness.

Stawell.—Mr. Gale and Mr. Cleland, who visited district on Sept. 9, took evening service; Mr. Gale preached. Bruce Burns took all services on Sept. 16, W. Evans on Sept. 23, S. F. Davey on Sept. 30. Mrs. Cunningham is improving in health. A birthday party was held by the ladies for Mrs. Jenkinson, oldest member of church, on Sept. 20. Members regret that Mr. Ryles, student helper, has had to take rest on account of health.

Ballararat (Dawson-st.).—Dr. A. J. Saunders has been with church for past two months. His addresses have given a better understanding of India's problems and the value of Christian teaching to the future of its people. It is hoped that Dr. Saunders will be able to spend further week-ends with church pending appointment of a successor to W. W. Saunders. Mrs. Jones lost her life in a tragic motor accident, and sympathy is with husband and relatives.

Cheltenham.—Mission Band ladies raised £13 at an Australian tea. On Sept. 30, 25 were present at a youth fellowship tea, when A. E. White was guest. Mr. White spoke at tea table and gave address at evening service. Several young people assisted. Choir concert on Sept. 29 was appreciated. Misses Loris Wilson and Rose Dempsey assisted. On Oct. 7 an every member present service at 11 a.m. was well attended. A. W. Cleland gave a challenging address.

Doncaster.—At annual business meeting of church reports showed various departments to be in sound condition. Appreciation was expressed for work being done by Mr. Banks. W.C.T.U. held a successful meeting, Mrs. Tennyson-Smith being speaker. To raise funds toward Christmas cheer for missionaries, a concert was arranged by quartette party. There was a good attendance. Over £7 was raised. The church has suffered another loss through death, Mrs. H. Zeliuss having passed away on Sept. 24. Sympathy is expressed to the bereaved family.

Hampton.—S.S. anniversary continued on Oct. 7. The school again sang well, afternoon and night, under Mr. Maunder, who was presented with a souvenir of the occasion. The superintendent, D. Allen, was also given a book in appreciation of his services. Speakers were Mr. Turriff, of East Kew, and C. L. Lang. At night a senior scholar, Marg. Bailey, confessed Christ. College offering for day was £14/19/2. On Oct. 4, church auxiliaries combined in a meeting at which Mrs. Lang was welcomed as the preacher's wife, and gifts for the pantry were presented.

Camberwell.—Bible school anniversary services were held Sept. 23 and 30. Afternoon speakers were A. White and R. L. Williams. Morning and evening meetings were conducted by W. F. Nankivell. Chapel was filled on all occasions, and music by scholars under leadership of E. Peters was excellently rendered. A special service was held on Oct. 7, following a students' fellowship tea. There was a large attendance of university and secondary school students at meeting, which was addressed by W. F. Nankivell. College of the Bible offering was £18/1/-. The secretary, B. F. Huntsman, is making a valuable contribution to the work of Ringwood-Mitcham circuit. At request of H.M. Com-

mittee, he is temporarily taking oversight of this work.

Shepparton.—At gospel service on Sept. 23 speaker was S. R. Baker, of B. & F. Bible Society. Mrs. Thompson was received into fellowship on Sept. 9. Temperance Sunday evening service was conducted by H. Hargreaves. The church is happy to renew fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. P. Bowen after the former's long illness. Also back after service with R.A.A.F. are Jack Furze and Stan. Crilly. On Sept. 30 a girl from Bible school was baptised. A re-union social was held on evening of Sept. 28. Colin Mott spoke to C.E. on Sept. 25. A tennis club has been formed. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hargreaves have left for annual holidays.

Preston.—A concert arranged by Women's Fellowship was held on Sept. 29, when a programme was given by Melbourne Boys' Club, proceeds being donated to Christian Guest Home. Two Bible school girls, who recently made confession, were immersed at gospel service on Sept. 30, when Mr. Combridge conducted a service of song, "Jerusalem Old and New," assisted by choir. Supporting soloists were Mrs. Libbis and F. Lang, jun., in addition to which Mrs. Jenkins and Miss N. Tregurtha contributed a duet. At morning service on Oct. 7 the two Bible school girls were welcomed into fellowship. Mr. Combridge spoke at both services. In evening one young girl made the confession and three others came forward for re-consecration.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—Impressive services and addresses marked commencement of Lord's day meetings for month of October, when special emphasis is being made on Christian stewardship. 177 communed for day. At night a young woman made the good confession. College offering was £18/17/- first day. A brother of the church treasurer, E. P. Padey, and son of Mrs. Carnie, paid supreme sacrifice whilst prisoner of war. Church tennis team won premiership of churches of Christ association, whilst senior and junior K.S.P. won first and second place at Kappa sports on Sept. 29 at Parkdale. Some 43 teachers and scholars of Bible school won prizes, honors, merits and certificates at examination. Christian Men's Society was launched successfully on Sept. 30.

Bendigo.—On Aug. 11, Orange and Violet Day was held. Base Hospital, Benevolent Home and Blind Home were visited. Y.P.S.C.E. paid a visit to Castlemaine on Aug. 18. On Aug. 12 Jean Banninger, Margaret Methven, Ian Crowe and John Pollock were baptised. On Aug. 30 Ladies' Auxiliary conducted a meeting at Baptist church. Song service on Sunday evenings is appreciated, Mr. Legg being leader. With regret the home-call of Mrs. Jackson (mother of Mrs. G. Turner) is recorded. To all loved ones sympathy is extended. On Sept. 13 a peace party was enjoyed. In recent examinations 13 young people passed, 4 with honors and 6 with merits. On Sept. 16 F. T. Saunders gave an interesting address. R. Perl drove him to Castlemaine, where he conducted evening service. Mrs. G. Briggs has been admitted to Base Hospital. Excellent singing, attendances and addresses combined to make S.S. anniversary services successful. C. H. J. Wright appealed to young people to support Dr. G. H. Oldfield's Dhond Hospital work, then challenged church with his address. Mrs. J. O. Methven was conductress of singing. Offerings were over £10. An orchestra was a feature of anniversary. On following Wednesday about 200 children and adults enjoyed tea. Concert, prize distribution and lantern slides (shown by G. W. Wilson) were a great success. On Sept. 30 about 60 members of Loyal Orange Lodge and kindred organisations were present in evening. A solo was rendered by Mrs. J. O. Methven and a duet by Don Streader and Pte. T. Legg.

BIRTH

READ (Beasy).—Aug. 19, at Morwell Shire Hospital, to Ted and Mavis—a daughter (Helen Mavis).

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—Mother, father, Colin, Enid and Marie.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17 (Wednesday).—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. Annual gift sale will be opened at 2.30 p.m. All sisters welcome.

OCTOBER 19 (Friday, 2.30 p.m.).—At Lygon-st. kinder room. Meeting of Ministers' Wives' Association. Speaker, Mrs. Kennedy, missionary from Japan. Full attendance requested.—A. Wigney, hon. sec.

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

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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.
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BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14.

3 p.m., Mr. R. P. Clark.

7 p.m., Mr. J. B. White (of White and Roberts' Mission Team).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21,

3 p.m., Special Kindergarten and Cradle Roll Service.

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Oct. 14.—11 a.m., Mr. Stephenson; 7 p.m., Mr. Clipstone.

Oct. 16, 17 and 18, at 8 p.m.—Mr. Hurren.

Oct. 21.—55th Anniversary Services. 11 a.m., Mr. Hurren; 7 p.m., Mr. Hurren.
5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

All Welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m., Anniversary Social.

HARTWELL CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21—

11 a.m., Mr. J. Wright. 3 p.m., Mr. W. Marshall.
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.

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 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.

SOUTH MELBOURNE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

OCTOBER 21 and 28.

October 21—

11 a.m., C. Cartmel.

3 p.m., G. J. Andrews.

7 p.m., E. H. Randall.

October 28—

11 a.m., E. H. Randall.

3 p.m., B. J. Combridge.

7 p.m., C. Cartmel.

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OCTOBER 21—

11 a.m., Principal E. L. Williams.

3 p.m., Mr. L. E. Brooker.

7 p.m., Mr. R. F. Geyer.

OCTOBER 28—

11 a.m., Mr. C. H. J. Wright.

3 p.m., Mr. E. W. Roffey.

7 p.m., Mr. F. B. Burtt.

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3 p.m., (P.S.A.), W. Bell. West Coburg State
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7 p.m., C. Watson. Soloist, Mrs. Palmer.

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Obituary

Mrs. A. A. Dickens

AFTER an illness of three months in Dandenong hospital, the eldest member of Dandenong church, Vic., Mrs. A. A. Dickens, in her 87th year, received the homecall on Sunday, Sept. 9. About eighteen years ago, she came to Dandenong from the country, where she was in membership with the Baptist communion, and immediately entered into the life and work of the church. She was zealous for New Testament Christianity, and witnessed faithfully for Christ and his church wherever she went. During the past two years, there were occasions when she would walk two miles to meet with the brethren around the Lord's Table. She was a keen thinker, ever proving faithful to the trust which was left her. The church on earth is the poorer for her going. Services at chapel and Springvale Crematorium were conducted by the writer, assisted by W. Atkin. Whilst we give to the family our sympathy, we thank God for such a beautiful and useful life.—R. W. Marshall.

Mrs. A. Downs

AFTER a short illness, at the age of 80 years, Mrs. A. Downs, of Middle Park, Vic., passed to be with her Lord. Her membership with the church covered a period of over 60 years. She was baptised at Lygon-st. by J. J. Haley over 60 years ago. It was there that she began her life of devotion and service to her Lord and his church, by teaching a class in Sunday school. Upon transferring to the church at South Melbourne, she again engaged in Sunday school work, continuing in active service of the church up to the time when the church opened at Middle Park, where she became a foundation member, continuing in membership there till the time of her death. Feeling a call for a wider work than that of the congregation of her own church, Mrs. Downs served on the executive of the Sisters' Conference for many years, where her sound judgment and untiring zeal for the Lord's work proved a great help and inspiration to all who worked with her. She was highly esteemed by her many friends in the church which she loved so much and to which she brought a consecrated life full of service and devotion. She is greatly missed, but we thank our God for sparing her to the service of the church for so many years. We commend to the blessing of God her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Annetts; her sister, Miss Henderby, and granddaughter, Miss Merie Annetts, who have been called to part with one they loved.—E.H.R.

J. M. Gilmour

A SON of a family that has been associated with churches of Christ since the days of G. L. Surber, the late Mr. Gilmour has left a memory much appreciated by his brethren. In his youth he was in membership with the church at Broadmeadows, Vic. He was also in fellowship with brethren at Williamstown, later at Cheltenham and then in recent years was treasurer and deacon of Parkdale church. His wise counsel and loyal example have been contributing factors in the development of the church there. Within the community the influence of his life was marked. He was a member of the Mordialloc Council for a period. As a Justice of the Peace he took an active part on the legal bench of the local court. All good causes within the City of Mordialloc had his generous support. He died on August 28 and was buried in the new Cheltenham Cemetery. Deepest sympathy has been offered Mrs. Gilmour and family and other relatives.

Will Higgin

A WAVE of sorrow and sympathy passed over the church at Albion, Qld., on learning that Will Higgin was killed at Balikpapan on July 6. This is the only casualty of the 43 who left the church at Albion to serve in the Forces. Will was 25 years of age, and had served for five years in the A.I.F. He had seen service in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo. On several occasions he had had narrow escapes. Once he was a prisoner of war for twelve days. He had risen to the rank of sergeant. Will was a member of the Albion Sunday school and Boys' Club, and was baptised by H. G. Payne. He leaves a wife, and baby three months old. To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Higgin, his wife, and all sorrowing relatives and friends we tender our deepest sympathy. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."—P.A.

H. Sweet

IN the early hours of Thursday morning, Sept. 27, the spirit of Harry Sweet departed to be for ever with the Lord. Mr. Sweet was baptised during the ministry of the late H. D. Smith, and had reached the age of 88 years. For many years, with his late wife, he was in constant attendance at Hindmarsh church, S.A. He was, over a number of years, an officer, and for some time acted as envelope secretary. Mr. Sweet was born at the Burra, on the copper mines, in the early years of that industry. Some of his years were spent at Mootna, but most of his life was lived at Hindmarsh, where he was well known and highly respected. Having no family, and few relatives, he was ministered to most affectionately during the latter years in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Syd. Manuel. There is no doubt that their kindly ministry prolonged the life of our friend, who was never very robust in body. And so another link in the chain of the older members of Hindmarsh has been taken out, and one faithful over the years has entered the Father's house.—J. E. Shipway.

Samuel Witts Taylor

THE death occurred of Samuel Witts Taylor on August 28 at the age of 68. Our brother met with an accident at work a couple of months previously, and was responding well to treatment after being discharged from the hospital, but a relapse took place, and his death came unexpectedly. Mr. Taylor was baptised at Maryborough, Vic., in March, 1902, where for many years he had membership, and served the church with distinction as elder and secretary. The esteem in which he was held in the community is shown by the fact that he was elected for a term as Mayor of that town. In recent years he had fellowship with the church at Preston, Vic., and at the time of his death his membership was at Northcote. To his wife and family of ten children Christian sympathy is expressed, with the hope that they will find comfort in the promise of the word, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."—W.T.A.

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Obituary - Continued

Miss A. Turner

THE church at Dandenong, Vic., has lost another faithful member in the person of Miss A. Turner, at the age of 66 years. It appears that she collapsed in her bed after attending the gospel meeting on Sunday, Sept. 23, and was not discovered for some days. Coming from Bambra-rd. church, about two years ago, our sister was very reserved; still, a regular attendant at church services, and a splendid witness to Christ. R. W. Marshall conducted the service at the graveside.—R. W. Marshall.

Mrs. Olive Grace Vivian

THE death of Mrs. Olive Grace Vivian, wife of Mr. P. J. Vivian of Kaniva, Vic., on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Colin Crouch, South Lillimur, removes from our fellowship a devoted church member of fifty-five years' standing. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams (parents of Messrs. Richard, Albert, and the late John and Arthur Williams, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Furler), she came with her family from Pt. McLeay, South Australia, in 1884, when they settled at Bunyip (now Sandmere). During the ministry of the late Mr. Tomlinson, our sister was baptised into Christ, at her parents' farm. Very active and capable, she endeared herself to a large number of friends by her readiness to lend a helping hand whenever she saw the need. As organist of the church at Bunyip, organiser and teacher of Bunyip Sunday school (the church and Sunday school Principal E. L. Williams and his brothers first attended), and active member of the Christian Endeavor Society, our sister gave years of consecrated service. In 1914 she married Mr. P. J. Vivian, of Strath Farm, where she resided till six years ago, when the family moved into Kaniva. Infirmary prevented Mrs. Vivian engaging in much active work in the church in her later years, yet she was always in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. Her motherly insight and kindly encouragement endeared her to many, who will ever hold her in loving remembrance. A large number of relatives and friends attended the services in the chapel and at the graveside on Wednesday, August 8, conducted by the writer. To the dear ones bereaved we offer our Christian sympathy, and join them in giving thanks to God for a life of devoted service for her Master in the home, community and church.—H.E.

Mrs. Annie Catherine Webb

AFTER a severe illness, Mrs. Annie Catherine Webb passed peacefully into the Father's home on Sunday evening, September 2, at Kaniva Hospital, Vic. The elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sherrif, our sister was born in Adelaide, South Australia, 56 years ago, and came to South Lillimur in infancy. Attending the Sunday school conducted in the public hall by Mr. J. J. Black (now of Ballarat), she was taught by the late Mrs. Donnelly. During the ministry of the late Mr. Oram, Mrs. Webb made confession of her faith in Jesus, and was baptised at South Lillimur. On her marriage to Mr. Arthur Webb, she went to Yanipy, where she had fellowship with the church meeting in the public hall there. The family moved into Kaniva during World War I, and Mrs. Webb's hospitable home became a home away from home for many young men and women in the service of the Railways Department, the banks, and the Education Department. To these young people Mrs. Webb was like a mother. Never was a hungry man turned from her door. In the depression years scores of passers-by were entertained by deceased and sent on their way with a word of encouragement and a shilling or two in their pockets. Ever a friend to the needy, old folk were her special care. For years she gave herself to the nursing of her invalid mother and the sending out of meals, daintily prepared, to

aged and sick people. Mrs. Webb loved the church, and it was her joy to arrange the floral decorations each week, spending much time and thought in this beautiful service. A foundation member of the Women's Mission Band, our sister held the office of president, and at the time of her death was a vice-president. From early years she was a member of the Christian Endeavor Society, and found great joy in encouraging young people to be loyal to Christ and the church. Highly respected and lovingly remembered, Mrs. Webb is survived by two daughters and a son—Coral (Mrs. A. Power, Sale), Valerie (Mrs. W. Brealey) and Rex (A.I.F.), all in the fellowship of the church. There is a brother Fred (Mr. F. Sherif, elder of the church at Horsham) and one sister, Valentine (Mrs. F. S. Crouch, South Kaniva). To all we extend deep sympathy. The funeral service took place in the Kaniva Cemetery on Monday, September 3, after a service in the chapel, conducted by the writer. There was a large company of mourners and many beautiful floral tributes.—H.E.

Mrs. Mabel M. Young

THE church at Tumby Bay, S.A., has lost a dear and gracious member in the home call of Mrs. Young on Sept. 3, at the age of 63 years. Mrs. Young was baptised at Kadina by Mr. Morphett, and joined Moonta church in 1902. She was a foundation member of Butler church (the first of our churches on Eyre Peninsula). Mrs. Young gave herself unsparingly to the work of the church. An evidence of her consistent Christian life is seen in the fact that all her children are earnest church workers. Her home was the centre of a wide circle of friends. "Given to hospitality" certainly applies to her life and ministry. She was a ready helper of all in need. All who were privileged to know her found great joy in the company of this calm, gentle and gracious woman. We who knew her well thank God for a life so nobly lived in the service of God and his people. The world will be poorer for her passing, but many lives have been enriched and blessed by her gracious ministry. Mr. Ira Durdin, who was for many years her minister, conducted the funeral services, when great crowds gathered in tribute to the memory of a pioneer who together with her husband had so nobly upheld the things of God's kingdom. To her husband, three sons and three daughters, and other relatives, we extend deep and sincere sympathy. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. . . they rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—H.G.N.

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