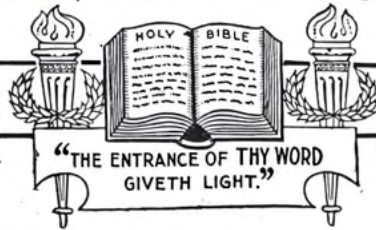


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Old Customs in New Dress

BETWEEN the old and the new there is a constant fight. A new book, or a new hat, or a new fashion in thought may make a popular appeal; but to add the word "new" to a book or to a fashion does not make it new. Much presented under new names are old ways of life; ways that have been neglected because they have led men to evil ends.

Adolf Hitler's new order, in which he urged that might is right, was, in fact, an old order. Years ago Socrates, at the old port of Athens—the Piræum—heard Thrasymachus shout, "What is just is nothing else but the advantage of the more powerful." For him it was a just principle that the spoils go to the victor. So, after all, Hitler was speaking about something old not new.

We must be alert also to the tendency of taking over old and evil manners under new names. A bad idea can be like a wolf dressed in sheep's clothing if presented under a new form of expression. It is not the type of dress that makes an idea good, but its origin. Since Christ is perfect, teachings coming from him are without a blemish. His ideas are always good and new; they remain fresh and do not grow old. If we want to be new and up to date we must hold always to the truths taught by him.

The Master turned from the old paths and urged men to walk in a new and living way. The rituals of Jewish worship and the customs of an imperfect religion that cannot provide men with real help were set aside. Under a new agreement with God, made by his own sacrifice, Christ offers a perfect and a new way of life. That new life is expressed in new forms; what is old, no matter under what name it may be disguised to make it appear new, will not be satisfactory.

When it was asked why the disciples of Jesus did not observe the special days of fasting, Jesus replied with two stories. Men do not, he said, sew new patches over a rent in an old garment, lest the new cloth shrink from the old, making the rent worse. Neither, he continued, do men pour new wine into old bottles, for new wine bursts old bottles; but new wine is poured into new and flexible skins.

In those stories it is made clear that Christ's followers are not under the rules of the old covenant, neither are they bound to the teachings and customs presented in the Old Testament.



Christ Cleanses the Temple of False Worship.

No matter how well those Old Testament traditions are dressed to make them look new, they are still old, and will cause senile decay when introduced into spiritual life. The dog returning to his vomit is despised, and so must they be who go back to the customs of the Old Testament.

I.

The priesthood of the Jews was rejected by Christ. We find nothing in the teaching of Jesus suggesting that one class in the church is to do all the praying and pleading before God for another. If there is a ministry, it is a mutual ministry. All in Christ are priests. The exalting in church life of those called "clergy," with special titles like "reverend," is an example of how the new teaching of Jesus has been neglected and how easy it is for old ideas, in new dress, to deceive. This old love of being in a priestly class apart and this wearing of special titles and dress are hard to kill. Let us always beware of the enticing appeal of old ideas in new dress!

II.

The stress on formalism in worship and the stiff and set order in the observance of the (Please turn to next page.)

Church Services of the Future

Is a Change Necessary to Meet New World Conditions?

Chaplain G. O. Tease gives his answer to the question in the following article.



I AM strongly of the opinion that the Christian church must face the fact that she cannot maintain her present types of services and hold her own. Many believe these services have served their purpose, and a change is necessary to meet the progressive changes of the age.

In the past the teaching and services of the church have been challenged from within, but now they have been challenged from without. The church has remained unmoved as though "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" applied to the mechanics of service rather than to the church itself.

Now a further change is taking place in the world's attitude towards the church. It no longer challenges; it ignores. The church just isn't noticed. No objection is made to a man having faith so long as he keeps that form of amusement to himself. In face of these facts, what is the church going to do? We are thinking particularly of the services of the church. Most of us are conservative in the matter of changes in our order of public worship, but the church has got to realise that she cannot be the only institution in the world that refuses to improve its methods and retain public interest.

The present types of services have largely served their purpose and must be changed. They have no appeal for that large percentage of the population which is without church affiliation. We should do wrong to plan a service to suit frivolous critics of the church, but we have to face the issue from the two-fold point of view of supplying the intelligent enquirer with a free type of service which embodies "the real spirit of worship," and of



stimulating interest in those who are now entirely disinterested.

This can be achieved by the church developing a vigorous life. It is not idle criticism to say the life of the church to-day is not vigorous. The lamentable church, Sunday school, and prayer meeting attendances prove this, as does the small amount of Christian social service done by the church. If this latter were vigorous, there would not be the need of such organisations as Legacy Clubs to do what the church has largely failed to do.

Further, it will be achieved by a revision of church services. I do not advocate change for its own sake, but we must review the mechanics of our work in the light of modern development. Future services must breathe the atmosphere of reality, a spiritual quality resulting not from what is done but from what church members are.

The service of ceremony and ritual is on the wane. It could not be said that it has ever appealed very strongly to the extremely

practical Australian mind. It is too unrelated to life. I have seen an Anglican church parade in which the large majority of men (Anglicans, of course) were talking or sleeping because the ceremonial (vestments were changed five times!) meant just nothing.

Whilst of all church services I believe those of the churches of Christ are the best, they, too, must be brought under close scrutiny. They need a vigor and spontaneity which are expressive of prayerfulness, consecration and conviction of the world's need of the plea we once advocated with more zeal than now.

We will consider some details of regular church services. Congregational singing is of extreme importance. It gives people a part in the service. We should retain very many of the old hymns—not all—for they will live as long as the human heart needs God.

But in the singing portion of the future services we must be guided somewhat by the modern desire for changes in songs. This in itself is not an evil. It is a circumstance of which we must take cognisance. We can meet it by using hundreds of Sankey's hymns, for instance, that are never sung or by using different hymnbooks in turn.

New hymns must be written. Church publications could offer awards for suitable songs. Christian poets should be employed to write them as publishers and Hollywood employ lyric writers to write new numbers.

Congregations must abandon their general lifeless manner of singing, so unlike the zealous and understanding way they join in radio community singing.

Solo or other special singing in church services comes under the comment of those whose interest we hope to attract. It is not always wise, nor should it be necessary, constantly to use local talent. We value highly the willing spirit of all our local singers, many of whom possess beautiful voices. But willingness alone does not make good singing, and good singing we must have. We should aim to secure the best Christian talent available. The radio has accustomed the public to the best (and worst) singing in the world. They cannot understand why the best is employed for their amusement, whilst the church, making the claims she does, persists in using singers who would never pass a radio audition.

I believe the sermons of the future must receive special attention, for they receive much criticism now. A common request among men to-day may be expressed thus: "Christ's teachings are the best in the world, but tell us how to link them up with our lives?" For the earnest preacher this is not difficult.

Future sermons, whatever those of the past have been, must be positive preaching. I do not mean vocally emphatic, but statements and propositions must be positive and convincing. They cannot be so if a preacher puts over the stuff that sickens the real Bible student, psychologist or scientist in the pew. Nor can it be so if a preacher has slipshod ideas about Christ's deity, the love of God,

inspiration of the scriptures, the need of salvation, repentance, eternal punishment, and so on. When he questions any of these things in his own mind, it is time for him to quit and cease poisoning the minds and faith of others.

It is imperative that, in the services of the future, the Lord's supper be observed weekly. But it must be explained intelligently. It must be distinguished from ritual. We must avoid the cold, post-Reformation formality as we do the mechanical nature of the Mass, and the Anglican system of sacramental grace. Its profound significance as a commemorative and prophetic act, without doubtful definition, must be retained. Men learn to appreciate it as the scriptures pertaining to it are explained.

Concerning the general order of service, there should not be any set pattern, and one set order should not be followed for a long period. Rigorism must give way to a free order that is worshipful and which does not lack reverence or coherence. Singing, instrumental music, sacred films and playettes, addresses, recorded music, outdoor summer services and elocutionary items must be considered with a view to their exploitation in the services of the future. The latter is often neglected in spite of a substantial amount of religious poetry which is available. Care must be taken that erroneous sentiments are avoided, and the elocutionist be chosen with as much care as the soloist.

Whatever ideas we might have on the future popularity of church services, we cannot deny the fact that comparatively empty church buildings point to the wisdom of the church reconsidering her methods of work. We as a people should lead the way. We are to recapture a manifest sense of destiny. We are to demonstrate to the world and to history that the strength and integrity of our great plea are as potent to-day as when, in the heyday of the Restoration Movement, men and women found in it spiritual and mental liberty from the shackles of mediæval creedal and theological tyranny.

We are to raise "a standard to which the wise and honest can repair." We are to proclaim valiantly the whole counsel of God so that neither the spirit of unbelief nor the slackness of professing Christians will succeed in hindering the progress of our divine mission; for as George Washington said, "The event is in the hand of God."

Old Customs in New Dress

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Lord's Supper are encouraged by those who are in love with Jewish or pagan temple worship. The meetings of the disciples of Christ, while orderly, ought to be like the homely gatherings of a family, being, in fact, the communion of brothers and sisters in Christ. In such meetings spiritual kinship is expressed in deeds of love and in practical goodwill, rather than in empty formalism. Surely it is better to give expression to the new spirit in Christ in kind deeds and in brotherliness rather than to attempt vainly to do so in the pomp of the old order of Judaism that is so prone to encourage hypocrisy.

When we want to introduce something new and up to date into the life of the church, let us not be deceived, therefore, by old customs dressed in fancy terms, which are actually ideas from the Old Testament era or from paganism, but let us return to the teaching of the New Testament and let us learn from Christ what is really good for life and for worship. May we not be deceived by vain show, but be encouraged by Christ, who renews the right spirit within us when we worship in spirit and in truth.



The Church and the Returning Servicemen

W. R. Hibburt

UNDERSTANDING must characterise the attitude and activity of the church toward the returning Serviceman. He will appreciate the warmth of our welcome. After

that is over he will need our understanding and unobtrusive help. Rehabilitation to civilian life is more than "getting the old job back again." Despite the fact that he has been kept in touch with home, church and friends, he discovers that subtle changes have taken place. He is conscious of a strangeness. Life has been lived at a high tempo; the routine of civilian life gives it a dulness. The regimented life and the support of splendid comradeship have been suddenly removed, and he finds the necessity of accepting individual responsibility. The hurly-burly of war is apt to make some natures critical and others sceptical. We must be understanding even if our best lads do not find it easy to start where they left off. They may even find the length and regularity of church services irksome. Many veterans will refuse if asked to take part in a service because they are not in the mood. We must avoid estrangement by forcing them to conform to old patterns and formal expressions. A friendly congregation will not need to invent high pressure means of capturing returning Servicemen. The easiest way is to catch him up in the service tasks of the church and the normal healthy social life of the congregation.

The Serviceman will find the local pastor, as he did the chaplain, a friend, guide and counsellor. Many ministers are keeping themselves up to date on all possible information that will enable them to understand, to appreciate and to serve veterans.

A Vital Ministry

Chaplain E. C. Nance, preparing churches for their part to returning Servicemen, writes as follows in a recent issue of "Front Rank":—

"It is through her disciples of instruction, her faith-inspiring ministry of moral enlightenment, and her spiritual direction that the church can bestow the most valuable and most lasting benefits on veterans. This emphasises our obligation to let the light of God shine in the message and activities of the church, and of its membership, that men may see the good works of God in us, and the power and possibilities of religion in the larger life of the world. Among Servicemen there is very little hostility toward the church or religion. There is indifference on the part of many, but there is also friendly interest and goodwill."

The Mood and Might of the Churches

The Victorian Young People's Department, in its concern for returning Servicemen, has prepared a special poster with a view to focussing the attention of the church on its immediate duty. The posters are being dis-

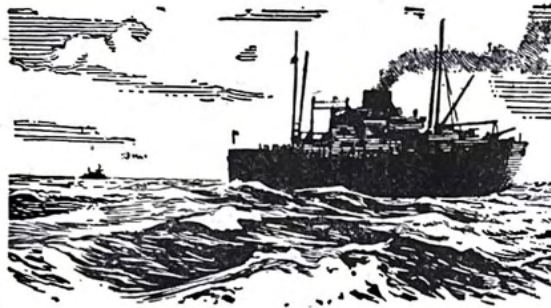
tributed free to the churches in Victoria and to State youth departments for circulation in various States. The might of the church will only be released through individual awareness and understanding action. A representative group, who acted as an advisory committee on post-war problems in United States of America for the International Journal of Religious Education, gave the following answers to the question, "What must the churches do to take account of the life-changing experiences of Servicemen?"

The churches must—

Challenge themselves and their people to make their spirit and their practice match the high level of their faith.

Welcome those returning from war with warm fellowship and services that take into account their new growth.

Touch with gracious love and wise guidance all those bearing wounds on body or mind.



Provide "creative listeners" for all who are confused by the problems of war, and let them talk it out.

Transfer the native heroism of all youth from the destructive tasks of war to the building and healing ministries of the kingdom.

Make a new thrust forward in enriching the personal, spiritual life of all church people.

Re-think, re-make and re-vitalise all that the church has ever done for its youth and its young adults, and find a place for veterans to fit into their organisation.

Match the united power of the forces of evil with the greater impact of the churches working together.

Thy Will Be Done

NOT in dumb resignation
We lift our hands on high;
Not like the nerveless fatalist,
Content to trust and die.
Our faith springs like the eagle
Who soars to meet the sun,
And cries exulting unto thee
O Lord, thy will be done!
Thy will! It bids the weak be strong,
It bids the strong be just;
No lip to fawn, no hand to beg,
No brow to seek the dust.
Wherever man oppresses man
Beneath thy liberal sun,
O Lord, be there, thine arm made bare;
Thy righteous will be done!

—"Harper's Magazine."

Notes on Various Topics

Effective Speech

THE Melbourne "Herald" has given prominence to the views of some Federal parliamentarians on grammar and life. One senator is said to have hazarded the assertion that "nearly all Australians dropped their aitches," and that it was "a form of snobbishness to take strong exception to a person who said 'done' instead of 'did.'" It is certainly right to condemn snobbishness, but it is no less right to endeavor to raise the standard of education and encourage the use of correct speech. That we all slip at times is no excuse for our being content with illiteracy and slovenly diction. Mr. W. M. Hughes is quoted as truthfully saying that the test of a speaker's effectiveness was the effect of his speech upon his audience. He also said: "What is wanted in parliament is not grammarians, but men who understand the needs and wishes of the people," and that uneducated men may be most effective speakers. I fancy none of us will object to this conclusion, though it remains highly desirable that a proper regard for grammar be combined with an understanding of the people's needs. Mr. Hughes himself has been a great and effective speaker, his famous addresses of past years having been praised for their literary value. As a frequent listener to the broadcast utterances of politicians, I could wish for a considerable rise in the average standard of culture and effectiveness. It is a pleasure to switch over from mediocre talks to the addresses of our better informed and more effective speakers. Neither in politics nor in religion should we put form above matter, mere polish above earnest and sincere advocacy; but a due regard for both matter and form makes an address more pleasing and effective.

The Apostles' Education

Mr. W. M. Hughes is reported as having said: "Take the apostles of Christ. These were men who started something that has changed the world. They were all uneducated men." I fear that in his desire to make a point he was led to exaggerate. I have not known any man who would regard the Apostle Paul as uneducated. We have no reason to believe that the original twelve apostles were highly educated, though the common view of their comparative illiteracy is based on a misunderstanding of the meaning of the words "unlearned and ignorant" used in Acts 4: 13 to describe the Sanhedrin's view of Peter and John—they were untrained in the rabbinical schools and unauthorised teachers, mere laymen. But the apostles had been for three years pupils in the school of the greatest Teacher, and moreover, had the help and inspiration of the Holy Spirit; and so they had an education of a value above that of any earthly school or university.

Money For Bibles

A paragraph in "The British Weekly" refers to the generous help given to the British and Foreign Bible Society by the British Commonwealth of Nations. "Canada has never before raised so much, £67,258. New Zealand has never before raised so much, £14,769; Australia has never before raised so much, £24,624; South Africa has generously sent £8918; and Ireland has increased her contribution to £8819." Increasing help has been received through all the war years, and the estimate of the society's total income of £497,372 for the past year is the greatest on record. This makes good reading. Rarely is money better spent.

A. R. Main

A Story and a Programme

F. E. BUCKINGHAM, who is taking up work as field representative of the Social Service Department, particularly the Christian Fellowship Association associated with the department, enters into his responsibilities with a wealth of experience behind him and with a future full of possibilities.

His Early Years

It might be truly stated that he was educated in the school of experience. When quite a young man he was a master coach-builder, and conducted a successful business. At the age of 24 he was elected as a councillor of the North Perth Municipality. During his association with the council he was chairman of the Health Committee and town treasurer for two years. He was also one of the three members of the council appointed to confer with the representatives of the Perth City Council to prepare a basis for amalgamation under the Greater Perth Scheme which was accomplished. He then contested a seat for the Perth City Council, and was narrowly defeated by the sitting member. At the age of 28 years he was elected to the position of Grand Master and Grand Trustee of the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows of Western Australia, and probably holds the unique distinction of being the youngest man to hold that honor in the history of the Order in any part of the Empire.

His Association with the Church

His association with the churches of Christ began as the result of a mission conducted by Thos. Hagger. Later, the late H. J. Banks, who lost his life in the tragic boating fatality at Bunbury, W.A., was largely instrumental in directing this young promising life into the full-time service of the Master. He was able to use the defeat for the council as a means of showing that there were even higher heights to which one might climb by a fully-surrendered life to Christ. Acting on his suggestion he entered the College of the Bible. As student preacher he assisted the churches at Middle Park, South Richmond and Malvern. While at Malvern he was associated with Bert Oldfield (now Dr. Oldfield) when the church met in a small hall in Valetta-st., and prepared the way for the Chandler-Clay mission which resulted in the securing of the property in which the church now meets. It is fitting that his most successful ministry should be associated with this church. He completes a ministry of nearly seven years. Returning to Western Australia, he served the churches at Brookton, North Perth, Bassendean and Northam. In the latter place he was instrumental in securing the present property at the cost of nearly £4000, and which is probably the most valuable and best situated property in the town. The whole debt has been liquidated. He also served in Western Australia as State evangelist, and won many souls for Christ. When leaving Western Australia for Hartwell, Vic., he was immediate past-president of conference, being the first Western Australian born man to occupy this position, and a member of the Church Extension Committee. It was during his ministry at Hartwell that the present building was erected.

His Future

Being a member of the Social Service Committee, he is well aware of the character of the work—its challenge, its difficulties, its

possibilities, its scripturalness and its opportunities. In committee he has betrayed his deep interest in the social programme, and his enthusiasm in the prospect of achievement. To suggest that he has decided to change his vocation is to acknowledge an entirely false impression. As opportunity will be afforded he will visit the churches with a full and comprehensive gospel. Not only will he tell of the love of God toward men everywhere, but he will tell of the obligation men have

In an effort to meet the requirements of changing conditions, the Victorian Social Service Department has approved of a plan involving the calling of a special worker to serve among churches.



F. E. Buckingham.

toward one another. He will stay long enough with the various churches to tell the whole story of the department with which he is associated. He will reveal the vision of his own mind, heart and soul, and it is confidently believed that he will be used of God to lead the churches to new heights of achievement, to win many souls for Christ, and to bring nearer the kingdom of God. He is a vigorous man, full of enthusiasm, with a God-given helpmeet who shares his whole life and service. The committee earnestly solicits the kindly co-operation of the churches and remembrance in their prayers.

A New and Better Era

The coming of F. E. Buckingham to his new work synchronises with the coming of W. T. Atkin to the position of associate secretary to the department. Those who are acquainted with these two brethren, each a leader in this special field, and the secretary, W. H. Clay, will see in them diversity of gifts which could scarcely be more pronounced in any other three workers we might bring together. In spite of this diversity, never were men more single-minded in heart and purpose than these to do something to extend the kingdom of God. The Restoration plea will be both preached and practised. Victorian churches are invited to write to the secretary for information and appointments.

A In Every Church



THE Federal Young People's Department has been concerned about—

- (1) The anæmic condition of Bible Class work,
- (2) The poverty of leadership for young adults,
- (3) The division of youth forces occasioned by a variety of organisations,
- (4) The lack of adequate leadership,
- (5) The absence of a literature to aid Bible study and a magazine with a Christian content.

A Corrective

The Christian Youth Fellowship is a practical attempt to correct the weaknesses. The C.Y.F. is more than a study manual. It is a name that embraces all youth units recognised in the various congregations, such as Bible classes, Christian Endeavor Societies, Kappa Sigma Pi, Phi Beta Pi, Good Companion and Explorer Clubs, Sports Clubs. All these units should demonstrate their oneness in an encircling movement. That is the particular design of the Christian Youth Fellowship.

A Unifying Agency

The Christian Youth Fellowship is not another organisation. It aims to unite all existing youth units. Where there is no existing youth unit for young adults, it is urged that young people organise as a Christian Youth Fellowship. All subsequent organisations should be auxiliaries of the Christian Youth Fellowship. This will maintain a unity and prevent the rivalry of independent youth groups.

Federal Dimensions

The pulse of one fraternity must characterise youth work to-day. Youth groups in various districts are organising into District Fellowships. Five such are already in operation in Melbourne. Why should not youth of churches of Christ demonstrate this oneness throughout Australia, and gather their strength into one big youth movement—a Federal Christian Youth Fellowship? Why should it not leap the Tasman Sea and experience the fellowship of the youth of the Dominion of New Zealand? Also youth units of America are using this pattern of the Christian Youth Fellowship to promote a nation-wide unification and simplification.

Wise Direction

In the middle of the Christian Youth Fellowship project is the study of God's word. A study manual and youth magazine are being issued quarterly for those 14 years and over. There can be no permanent growth in Christian personality without it. Church and school officers must not leave too much to chance. A take-it-or-leave-it attitude must not be adopted. Young people will need to be encouraged to secure the study manual quarterly and use it for private study and devotion as well as class work. Over a period of several years it will represent a library of valuable spiritual material.—W.R.H.

No endeavor is in vain;
Its reward is in the doing,
And the rapture of pursuing
Is the prize the vanquished gain.
—Longfellow.

New Arrivals in India Settling In

FOR the time being, Miss Vawser will remain at Baramati, but should Miss Cameron leave, Miss Vawser would then come to Shrigonda to take the oversight of the girls' home. Naturally, Miss Cameron is delighted that such provision has been made. Miss Cameron in writing says, "Miss Vawser will be taking over my work while I am away. This makes it possible for me to go, and she seems quite happy that such an arrangement has been made. . . . The whole family (girls) are well at present. This is a reason for thanksgiving. One of our last year senior girls wrote asking for her leaving certificate, as she was to be given a position as woman constable! This is indeed a new branch for Indian women."

Miss W. Walker on arrival writes: "We only had a short time free in Bombay, but Miss Vawser made the most of that, and took us for a very pretty drive to some of their fine gardens and interesting places. We were very glad to come through to Dhond by the day train. I was most surprised to see such scenery in India so soon—the monsoons had just passed through, and as we came through the Ghats, everywhere was so green, and the foliage and waterfalls made many pictures. We were happy to arrive at Dhond that evening, and know that our long journey had come to an end, most grateful to our Father for journeying mercies, and his many blessings from day to day. Had a very happy family gathering that evening at Dr. and Mrs. Oldfield's. The Bruce Coventrys were, of course, still at Dhond too. Next morning I paid my first visit to the hospital, and went with Doctor and Sister on the rounds; all very interesting, and one can see at a glance that work will be very different in many ways from that at home, but am looking forward eagerly to the time when, with some language study over, I'll be returning to help with the work there. Was glad to be able to spend the first week with them. Miss Foreman was very busy at that time, and was able to help her a little. Came to Shrigonda with Doctor when he brought Mrs. Coventry and babe home, and Kath and I commenced with our pundit the following day, and have both decided that English must surely be easier to learn than Marathi. But we know we'll be given understanding and wisdom from our Father, and he is able and willing to help in all things."

Miss K. Taylor also speaks of pleasant companionship en route and rich fellowship on arrival. She says: "After our months of waiting in Australia, it seems hard to realise that at last we are on the field. Everything appears strange and new to us, and these first few months will mean a time of readjustment in so many ways. I know that during these early difficulties the assurance of the prayers of the members in the homeland will be of inestimable value to us, so we would ask our many friends to maintain that support. The main difficulty confronting Win and me at present is, of course, the language. It is just over a week since we commenced the study of Marathi, and in that time we have learned to appreciate some of its difficulties. For one thing we have to train our tongues to work in a different way from that used for speaking English, and I have found it is not so easy to control that member! Taking all things into consideration, I think we have made a fair start on the road to understanding and making use of the language."

TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA

WHEN transport is available, some further Indian missionaries will leave for Australia. Miss Cameron plans to come as soon as possible; actually she was due in July last. Miss Foreman, due in January, is also making preparations for an early departure. Thus,

for the first time in years, we are likely to have a group home together. There is nothing further to report about the release of Dr. Michael, but we continue to hope his release will not be long delayed, thus enabling Dr. Michael and family to return to Australia. If Dr. Michael were able to take furlough, it would enable Dr. Oldfield to plan, as he is due about July, 1946. A quotation from one of Dr. Michael's recent letters is of interest: "I am transferred to a new unit and leaving by the midnight train. Nearly everything is packed. The dhobi or washerman is still keeping me waiting for my clothes. This is the unit where I have been happiest, but strangely enough I've only been permitted to stay three months. It is the first unit where there has been a group of Christians and where regular worship has been possible. We started only a couple of nights ago having a sing-song around a little organ which the matron only shortly had sent on, and I had sent away for some hymnbooks from Jerusalem. We were hoping to gradually include some system into Bible study and individual prayer; there are a few very fine Christians here. Every night, returning from church, we used to sing hymns and choruses with the help of the mouth organ. It seemed that it was going to be possible to do a little more for Christ, but still he knows best, and we know that 'all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.' It may be that the move will result in my earlier return to India. I could not say, but hope so."

DHOND CONTINUES BUSY
WHEN Miss Walker arrived at Dhond, it was an extremely "rush" period, and fortunately she was able to remain a day or two and help. Staff shortages and extra cases have been the order for the past few years. Apart from the ordinary cases, during a recent rush there were ten mothers and babies in the hospital together. Now supplies are becoming available, there is an urgent need for replenishment of stocks at Dhond. The hospital is not supported from the general giving, but by the special gifts given by schools, C.E. societies and individuals. We will now need a little more concentration, and to this end we invite youth groups in particular to have a share in the maintenance of our splendid hospital at Dhond.



Shrigonda Home.

Miss Cameron is planning for furlough, and Miss Vawser will undertake charge of home in her absence.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

I WISH YOU SUNSHINE

"I WISH you sunshine, sweet, unclouded sunshine!

I wish you sunshine, on life's unknown way;

I wish you sunshine—bright, uplifting, blessed;

I wish you golden sunshine every day.

"I wish you sunshine, 'mid life's toil and trial;

I wish you health, and all we deem as best;

Strength for each day; the substance that is needful;

But—more than these—the sense of being blest."

A PRAYER

BE thou the well by which I lie and rest;
Be thou my tree of life, my garden ground;
Be thou my home, my fire, my chamber blest,
My book of wisdom, loved of all the best;
Oh, be my friend, each day still nearer found,
As the eternal days and nights go round!
Nay, nay!—thou art my God, in whom all loves are bound!

—G. Macdonald.

DIFFICULTIES

ACUSTOM yourself to master and overcome things of difficulty; for, if you observe, the left hand for want of practice is insignificant, and not adapted to general business; yet it holds the bridle better than the right from constant use.—Pliny.

Professor.—"When water becomes ice, what great change occurs?"

Student.—"A change in price."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—PERFECTING OUR PRAYERS

Oct. 22—Matt. 5: 1-15.

" 23—Col. 4: 1-6.

" 24—James 5: 13-18.

" 25—1 Peter 3: 8-12.

" 26—Rev. 8: 1-5.

" 27—Rom. 8: 26-30.

" 28—Psalm 44: 1-4, 15-26; Romans 8: 31-39.

WHO is there that does not at times feel unable adequately to express to God the inmost feelings of his heart? Like Paul, we must each confess that "we know not how to pray as we ought." Too apt are all of us to use words which others use in prayer, or stereotyped phrases of our own without expressing our real feelings or our soul's deepest needs. We may at times stammer and stumble and wonder if our feeble petitions find acceptance with God and will bring to us the blessings we seek. If this is so, our New Testament lesson is full of comfort, for it assures us that God knows and cares, and answers. It goes still further and asserts that he "helpeth our infirmities." And still further, for we are assured that "the spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." So that, if we have the purest desires, although we may stammer and falter, we may be comforted by knowing that our Lord so superintends our minds and guards our thoughts and desires that we are kept from error. In high heaven he listens to the feeblest cry for help, and so perfects our clumsily expressed petitions that they rise to heaven as sweet incense from the altar.

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Here and There

Dr. Wm. Robinson, editor of "The Christian Advocate," Great Britain, has been seriously ill. He advises us in a letter dated Aug. 22 that he is much better and is ready to commence duties again. He has been urged, however, to refrain from doing outside work.

Meetings at Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic., are well attended, and the work of Mr. Graham is appreciated. Anniversary services on Oct. 14 were successful, and the fellowship and addresses of E. Fisher, of the college, were appreciated. Special offering for building fund amounted to £77. Young people took part in gospel service.

Despite the printing of copies of the C.Y.F. magazine far in advance of those ordered at time of going to press, the available supply was exhausted in the first week of October. We advise that, to ensure the securing of next quarter's supply, orders reach the Austral Co. by November 1. Bible class teachers ought to note that lessons in the C.Y.F. are Division III. of Austral Graded Lessons.

At the annual conference of churches of Christ in Great Britain, it was reported that the Bible College Committee had agreed to celebrate the 25th anniversary of commencement of college by raising £25,000. Half the amount has been secured already. It is hoped an institution will be established that will be able to attract students from all parts of the world so that they may be trained to become effective preachers of the Restoration Movement.

W. Gale writes: "All will rejoice to learn that the Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Swan Hill, Vic., closed with 43 decisions and a thankoffering exceeding £230, including £85 which the church had in hand prior to the coming of the tent. The church has received a big uplift, and all speak in the highest praise of the mission party. The brethren are now in a tent mission at Dimboola, which is being conducted by the Horsham and Kaniva circuits."

At Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A., on Sept. 30, Mr. Beiler spoke at both services. Mr. Balson, of Brighton, Vic., was amongst visitors. At midweek meeting on Oct. 3, Gartrell Porteous was welcomed home, and he gave an interesting talk on his experiences in Palestine. Refreshments were served, and a happy time of fellowship was spent. At close of Mr. Beiler's gospel appeal on Oct. 7, a young lady made the good confession. Church extends sympathy to Miss Cant in the sudden death of her brother.

With five special addresses, five choirs, and five soloists, the Mid-Year Inspirational Conference in Melbourne promises well. It is hoped members in the metropolitan area will appreciate this opportunity of a series of inspiring spiritual meetings, without any business discussions. Meetings in the Assembly Hall commence next Monday evening, and continue to Friday. It has been arranged that at the Wednesday evening meeting, Mr. R. C. Bolduan, who has just returned from India, will have a place on the programme.

At Perth, W.A., L. Pearock gave an appreciated talk about the College of the Bible, and the training class at Perth. J. K. Robinson was that evening on a similar mission at Basesendean. Mr. Robinson spoke at both services on Oct. 7. In morning a welcome home was extended to D. Johnson and Douglas Pantou after absence in Forces. At 3 p.m. Bible school began anniversary celebration. Calling of cradle roll and an address helped towards a profitable afternoon. In evening the school sang choruses to a large and appreciative gathering.

The following brethren have been elected to serve on the Victorian C.E. Union for the year 1945-46: G. Mathieson (Bendigo), vice-president and president-elect 1946-47; H. Barnden (Coburg), song-treasurer; A. Haskell (Williamstown), song-leader. S. Prentice is churches of Christ representative on the executive.



On October 13, while in Sydney and en route from Melbourne to Brisbane where he was to assist in the anniversary services of church at Ann-st., Mr. A. R. Main, M.A., D.D., died after a few hours' illness. Our brother was well known and honored among churches of Christ throughout Australia and New Zealand. Being a former editor of "The Australian Christian" and having served as principal of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., and later of the Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W., he touched the lives of many persons now in various parts of the world. His loyalty to Christ and to God's word, together with his great ability, made him a most valued co-worker in the church. Many are indebted to him for his wise counsel, his able leadership and his unselfish friendship. The "Notes on Various Topics" in this issue were prepared before he left Melbourne for Brisbane on October 10. These notes were a weekly feature of the paper, and readers will miss the wise judgment expressed by our brother. We mourn the loss of a friend to whom we are greatly indebted. To his son, Douglas Main, and other relatives, we offer deepest sympathy. A fuller account of the work of our late helper will appear in next issue.

The church at Port Pirie, S.A., is thankful for blessings received during the three weeks' tent mission with G. T. Fitzgerald. More than 100 personal contacts were made by Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Pigdon, minister of church. Seven young people confessed Christ, and six have been baptised to date. Wonderful loyalty was shown by officers and members, and many did not miss one night. A. E. Arnold was untiring in efforts for the mission, and did wonderful service as song-leader. Thanks are extended to many for their efforts. Thank-offering on closing night yielded £48 in cash and £10 promises, and all expenses of the mission have been met. C. W. McDonald, treasurer and elder, moved a vote of thanks to all who had worked for the success of the mission, and especially to G. T. Fitzgerald, who gave himself unreservedly in the effort.

The college board of management is gratified by the response that has been made to date to the appeal for funds to establish a memorial at the college to the late principal,

T. H. Scambler. The appeal has been made privately so far, and £160 in cash, with over £30 in promises, some conditional, have been received. The form of the memorial is not yet decided, but it is hoped to provide a lounge and common-room for the students at the college. Brethren willing to share in the memorial are invited to send contributions to either the chairman, Dr. W. A. Kemp, or the treasurer, Mr. R. L. Leane, at the College of the Bible. We are reminded that it was in October last year that Mr. Scambler was taken so suddenly from his work.

On Oct. 13 the Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship met at Box Hill. Preceding this meeting an open air service was held in main street of Box Hill, where Mr. Elliott led and B. Warburton gave a talk. The young people then went to the church of Christ, Box Hill, where an inspiring meeting was held. The first half was of a light nature, where quizzes and items by Messrs. Bruce and Brian Hunter were enjoyed; the remainder of programme was more serious. Miss D. Clarke rendered solos, Miss L. York gave her testimony, and Chaplain Norman Wright was speaker. At conclusion of the meeting nine reconsecrated their lives for fuller service for Christ. Supper was then served.

A strong effort is being made to introduce greyhound racing into the town of Devonport, Tas. A club has been formed and a request made for the use of the showground. Mr. Grainger and other ministers in the town have protested. Unanimous support was given to a petition presented to the church members. The local council gave a sympathetic hearing to a deputation of objectors; some expressed themselves to be not in favor of the "sport." It is a sad thing to see men bent on establishing this most degrading of all misnamed sports, so soon after we have paid a high price for allowing the lusts of the flesh to get the better of us. Such matters as this commend themselves to our prayers.

FIFTY YEARS OF STUDENT WORK

It was in August, 1895, that a small group of university men, representing Student Christian Movements in America, Great Britain, Germany and Scandinavia, met in conference at the ancient Swedish castle of Wadstena and there founded the World Student Christian Federation. John R. Mott was chosen as the first general secretary of the new movement, and shortly after set out on his mission to the universities, including in his first world tour Australia and New Zealand, where in 1896, with his help, the Australasian Student Christian Movement was founded. As the Federation enters on its second fifty years, it sets out on a great work of reconstruction. Preparations for the post-war task have been going on for some time past, and at a meeting of the executive of the Federation held in New York in May—the first full meeting since the outbreak of war—these plans were carried forward and made more definite. This meeting brought together leaders of the Federation who had long been separated—including W. A. Visser 't Hooft, its chairman, who during the war years has held the fort at Geneva, and T. Z. Koo, who after three years in occupied China, had in February escaped to Chungking.

ADDRESS

S. Harwood (secretary Nubeena church, Tas.)—Nubeena.

WANTED

The Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., 528, 530 Elizabeth st., Melbourne, require the services of a girl, under 18, to learn paper folding machine, hand folding, and general binding work.

The church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, desires to secure the services of an organist. Knowledge of the "Messiah" and sacred music is essential. Please ring F. H. Simpson, secretary; FW 8301.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Charters Towers.—A Y.P. club social on Sept. 19 was held in aid of club's electric urn fund. Church said farewell to Sgt. Ladner and his wife. Their fellowship was enjoyed. After-church social hour for Service personnel will be converted into a permanent peace time friendship hour commencing October.

Ma Ma Creek-West Haldon.—Fellowship has been enjoyed with C. Cole, Sudan United Mission. Mr. Cole and family have been holidaying with Mrs. Cole, sen., at Mt. Whitestone. Mr. Cole presented the needs of the Sudan and gave an interesting lantern lecture. Church made a worthy offering. Services at West Haldon are well attended. All Bible schools are preparing for Children's Day offering.

Tasmania

West Hobart.—In absence of R. V. Amos, who has been conducting Youth Week services in North, H. England and the city missionary, Mr. Frisken, were speakers on Sept. 30. Sister N. Woolley was soloist at gospel service. Mr. Golder was in charge of Bible school. A successful American tea was held on Oct. 6, proceeds to be donated to Bethany Home at Dover; £12 was raised. Mr. Amos was speaker at all services on Oct. 7. Sister D. MacQueency was soloist at gospel service. J. C. Woolley and a party of members conducted services at Kelleive for the day.

Launceston.—At a well-attended gospel service on Oct. 7 there were two confessions, S. Wilson preaching. Average attendances during September were 11 a.m., 102; 7 p.m., 121. Mrs. P. J. Byard passed away on Sept. 30 after long illness. Sympathy is extended to P. J. Byard (elder) in his bereavement. Annual offering for College of Bible was £11/16/3 (incomplete). Mrs. E. Libby reached her 90th birthday recently and was recipient of gifts from church and sisters' auxiliary. Increased attendances and interest are manifest in weekly church prayer meetings now held each Thursday evening.

South Australia

Prospect.—Visitors on Oct. 7 included Ron Fax (A. E. Brown gave helpful addresses to good attendances. On evening of Oct. 6 friends gathered to honor Yvonne Mackenzie on her 21st birthday. Bible school held picnic enjoyably on Oct. 8 at Brown Hill Creek.

Fullarton.—October gospel service in Milton Hall was attended by about 200 people. Singing of male choir is appreciated, and interest of local people is growing each month. Frank Willing is released from Army and is captain of cricket club. Tennis club has re-formed also, and young people look forward to coming season. Mr. Outlaw has been transferred to Adelaide.

Balaklava.—S.S. anniversary services were held on Sept. 23 and 30. Mr. Long conducted, J. Gibson presided, and G. Stirling was guest speaker. Public meeting on Sept. 24 was followed by social evening and supper. A teachers' tea and conference took place during visit of Mr. Stirling. Sept. 30 was promotion and prize distribution day. Cradle Roll mothers and babies were present. C. D. Cottle was received into membership. The church has been saddened by home-going of W. Harding and J. C. Tucker, both members of brotherhood for many years. Dorcas Society held quarterly gift afternoon for missions. Miss Shankleton, of A.I.M., spoke. There was splendid service on Oct. 7 at worship. C. Curtis and family had fellowship with church. They are resting before commencing work at Hamilton, Vic., with their home folk. S.S. picnic was held on Eight Hours Day.

Queenstown.—On Sept. 23, two formerly immersed members, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, were received into fellowship. A large number of representatives of sister churches attended annual meeting of Ladies' Guild. Good reports of a successful year's work were given. Members were saddened when news came of death of W. H. Walker while prisoner of war in Japanese hands, the first fatality the church has suffered during this war. Robert Martin, Stan Quilliam and Betty Brooks are home from hospital after having had operations. G. A. Foote, sen., has been laid aside.

York.—On Sept. 30 Bible school anniversary services were held. At 3 p.m. A. R. Jones, of Henley Beach, gave an interesting talk. At 7 p.m. Dr. Turner made a stirring appeal to parents. Singing by scholars was appreciated. Meetings were well attended. On Oct. 7 afternoon service was taken up by school and kindergarten items. Certificates won by scholars in scripture examination were presented. At night G. Rootes preached. Singing was led by Miss G. Mossop at piano. Mr. Webber, returned from Services, was welcomed back. H. Buck, who has been serving in the Australian Navy, was also welcomed. L. G. Johnson, of Berri, has accepted an invitation as preacher of church as from February next.

Glennelg.—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 30 with Mr. Stirling speaking afternoon and evening. A young people's tea was held, at which Mr. Stirling spoke of the aims of Youth Council. A concert on Oct. 3 was comprised of items by scholars, and prize-giving. On Oct. 7 kindergarten presented special items, and an illustrated talk was given by Miss Haddrick in afternoon. Further singing by school, and an address by Mr. Pike in the evening, brought the services to a close. Tennis club has been re-formed with 40 members. Teams have been entered in "A" and "B" grades. A successful afternoon was held by ladies' auxiliary, who entertained mothers of kindergarten and cradle roll children. Junior choir gave a concert at Port Adelaide Mission to assist the work there.

Unley.—During week ended Oct. 6 four meetings were held in connection with Temple Day, J. E. Brooke and H. G. Norris taking two services each. Meetings were well attended, and addresses were on stewardship. To date financial gain for Temple Day has been approximately £160, with £5 towards special expenditure for leadlight windows. Sixty-first anniversary services were held on Oct. 7, and Mr. Norris spoke at both services to large and appreciative congregations. Mr. Kemp is home from hospital and progressing after pneumonia. Recent visitors have included Mrs. Allen (W.A.). Doug. Hodder and Norm. Page (who was a prisoner of war) were welcomed home. C. L. Johnston, church secretary, has been appointed chairman of Young People's Department. Miss Cooper, Baptist missionary from India, gave an interesting and educational talk to senior mission girls at monthly meeting at home of Mrs. P. S. Messent. Basketball team secured premierships honors, winning from Cottonville by two goals.

New South Wales

Lane Cove.—There was splendid attendance on morning of Oct. 7; largest since commencement of ministry of H. J. Patterson. Bruce and Lorrene Ferguson were received by transfer. Mrs. Patterson, Ascot Vale, and Mrs. Toyne, Parkdale, Vic.; Keith Pond, R.A.A.F.; and Chaplain Theo. Fisher, U.S.A., have been among visitors. A church picnic was held on Oct. 1. G. Bennet and G. Solomon are able to meet with church again after having been discharged from Army. Cliff Horsey, R.A.N., is also able to attend. Church and Sunday school both celebrate anniversaries this month.

Rockdale.—Mr. Burns' addresses morning and evening are appreciated. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Sister L. Hannam, of Maylands, S.A.; F. Kitto, home on leave, and others. Mr. and Mrs. Young are removing to Wentworth Falls. These two young people will be missed, Mrs. Young having been morning organist for last few months.

Kurri Kurri.—Sunday school held anniversary enjoyably on Sept. 30, and following week prizes were given out by S. Willetts, superintendent. Unusual talent was displayed by children. The young people were trained by Mr. Marley, choir leader, and organist was Mrs. T. Wotherspoon. Sunday school is becoming increasingly popular with young people. Isa Wotherspoon, kindergarten superintendent, and teachers ably assisted. Wm. Frazer, Georgetown church, spoke at an enjoyable evening service.

Bexley North.—During September R. Greenhalgh, J. Henderson and A. Morris (Belmore) addressed church. J. Henderson continues to preach to growing night meetings; 50 were present on Oct. 7. R. Wilson (Paddington) brought an acceptable message to church on Oct. 7. Young People's Fellowship members are making felt and wooden toys for kinder Christmas tree. J.C.E. anniversary afternoon was a success, the whole programme being in their hands. A play written by Shirley Saville was chief item. She and six others graduated to intermediate society. P. E. Thomas gave an illustrated address. Sid Creek, former S.S. superintendent, has been reported recovered from Japanese prison camp.

Georgetown.—Gospel meetings are well attended by members and strangers. On Sept. 9 W. Turnell, R.A.A.F., made the good confession. Mr. Vanham is assisting in district mission. R. M. Wilson, P. Retchford and E. Oswald were preachers in his absence. J.C.E. continues to make progress. In addition to regular weekly visits to Crippled Children's Home, Sunshine Committee made 35 sick visits during September. Hall was crowded for juniors' mission programme and display on Oct. 8. Competitive concert between ladies and men on Sept. 15 was one of the best yet. I.C.E. is now responsible for items at Benevolent Home meetings. A meeting of members decided to take steps for purchase of a manse. Faith Young is in hospital.

Broken Hill.—Successful combined Bible schools' anniversary services were held at Wolfram-st. on Sept. 23 and 30, and repeated at Railwaytown on Sept. 7. Appreciated messages were given by Mr. Hutchison (Methodist), H. G. Alexander (Methodist) and H. E. Paddick. Children sang well under baton of H. E. Paddick. Individual items were pleasing, among them being soloists from kindergarten and some a little older. Duets and quartette were well rendered. A. Clarke, superintendent, presided at afternoon service at Railwaytown, when Bible school examination certificates were presented. All entrants won certificates, three State honors for Wolfram-st. school included. H. E. Paddick was speaker. Children enjoyed their annual tea party at Wolfram-st. on Oct. 2, followed by annual meeting. A. Clarke presided. Children again sang. Distribution of prizes followed.

Mosman.—Recent weeks have brought fellowship with following visitors: John Gowans, R. James and Mr. Cowan, all R.A.A.F., on leave; Misses I. Lambert, Nailsworth, S.A.; L. Oldfield, N.Z.; and Johns, Fullarton, S.A.; Mrs. Stuart, delegate, and C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., Kingaroy, Qld., and Mr. Oldfield, Brisbane. Church rejoices with thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle in safe return of their son Walter from Malaya. Youth director Roy Greenhalgh conducted "Happy Hour" from Sept. 9 to 23. Although first week coincided with extra

V-P holidays, attendances rose from 50 to 187, creating great interest and fresh contacts; new scholars have been enrolled. Mr. Greenhalgh also conducted evangelistic services. "Victory for Christ Campaign," over same period. There was one restoration, and the members have been strengthened. Assistance of visiting singers was appreciated. Evening service on Sept. 30 was broadcast. Roy Acland preached. Misses Reilly contributed a duet, Mrs. Stimson a solo, and choir an anthem.

Victoria

Brunswick.—Mr. Prentice gives good addresses at fair meetings. Members were pleased to welcome back Cpl. O. J. Jenkin, who has been a P.O.W. since fall of Singapore; also Reg. Andrew, discharged from Army. L. Jenkin was back after long illness.

Collingwood.—At a special meeting on Oct. 10, the church accepted with regret T. A. Fitzgerald's resignation after 15 years' service. On



The Chapel at Collingwood.

Oct. 14 the exchange of presidents in Collingwood-Richmond conference occurred, F. Conry, of Burnley, presiding. A cricket team has been formed among young men, who were successful in first match.

Parkdale.—Young Worshipers' League anniversary services were held successfully on Oct. 7. There were 120 present at morning service; S. Neighbour preached. In evening a good congregation gathered. A. Cemm was soloist. Young people assisted in both services. College offering exceeded £13.

Dandenong.—The 52nd anniversary of church was celebrated on Oct. 7, when D. Ritchie, of Footscray, spoke in morning and Mr. Duff-Forbes addressed evening meeting. Congregations were good. Fellowship tea on Oct. 11 was well attended, and an excellent meal provided by ladies of church. A. A. Hughes was speaker at meeting following. F. Buckingham was speaker at gospel service on Oct. 14.

South Yarra.—Successful S.S. anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 7 and 14. Children sang well under baton of A. H. Reid, of Ivanhoe, and addresses were appreciated from R. McLean, F. N. Lee, J. Burns and C. H. J. Wright. Greetings were received from Mr. Roffey, who was unable to be present at services because of sickness. Church attendances are good, and a happy spirit is evident through all auxiliaries. On Oct. 13 an evening was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Roffey for S.S. teachers and Bible class, when 30/- was raised for kindergarten funds.

Footscray.—On Oct. 7 D. C. Ritchie spoke at Dandenong church anniversary in morning, and at South Richmond S.S. anniversary in afternoon. At Footscray, Alex. Cameron was the speaker in morning. At gospel service 370 were present, when Grand Orange Lodge held church parade. Those taking part included J. D. Fielding, G. Swift, J. R. Grenfell and A. Vaughan. Four anthems were rendered by Hope of Yarraville Male Choir, with Mrs. J. Carter organist. Reference was made to memory of late W. H. Jones and Paul Richards. D. C. Ritchie presided, and preached. Hymns were illustrated by lantern slides, and charts and radiogram were used. Two young men were baptised on Sept. 30. Scholars sang

splendidly under charge of W. Easton on Oct. 14, when W. G. Graham addressed afternoon meeting and H. Peitzsch at night. Church extends sympathy to relatives of late A. R. Main, who was a former preacher of church.

Hampton.—Members sympathise with relatives of Cyril McKenzie, news of whose death on Jan. 2 whilst P.O.W. in Japanese hands has come. S.S. anniversary concluded with an enjoyable concert on Oct. 10. After C. L. Lang's evening address on Oct. 14, six who had that day entered the Bible class from the main school (Ruth Bailey, Lois Meates, Betty Olley, Ken Allen, David Archer and Greg Bateman) confessed Christ. Visitors for day included Mrs. J. McLaren, from Glenelg, S.A.; Mrs. Jeffries and Mrs. Yeomans, from W.A.

Brighton.—The church has received into fellowship Mrs. Cooper and Miss Johnston, Irma Morrall, Joan Bowring, Jack Cooper and Lewis Jones, scholars of Bible school, have also been baptised and received into membership. On Oct. 7 Mr. Lowe exchanged with E. G. Petherick, minister of St. Leonard's Presbyterian Church, Brighton Beach. W/O Doug. Bismire, R.A.A.F., has returned home after three years' service overseas. W/O Perce Mann, R.A.A.F., has also arrived home after 3½ years as a P.O.W. in Japanese hands. Valda Watts, W.A.A.A.F., is home awaiting discharge. Max Bismire has been transferred to Melbourne. Fred Woodhouse has been discharged from Army and is in Melbourne.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Good meetings were held Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, with helpful addresses by C. G. Taylor and K. W. Barton. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, from Coburg, have been received into membership. Many interstate visitors had fellowship at services in last few weeks, and were warmly welcomed at dinner and tea. Miss Betty Barrett has undergone an operation at Royal Melbourne Hospital. Miss Eva Longhurst has left to live at Healesville, and will be greatly missed from young people's activities. All were pleased to see Mrs. Anderson back again after her accident. Mission Bands held an all-day rally in chapel on Sept. 26. A. Swain and D. Simpson are welcomed back, first of church boys returning home. College offering was £24.

Bentleigh.—At half-yearly business meeting reports showed work to be in good heart. A visit by E. C. Hinrichsen to mid-week prayer meeting was a surprise, and his address was enjoyed. Addresses from visiting speakers in recent weeks have been appreciated. R. J. Anderson gives helpful addresses. The church has invited him to renew his ministry for a further two years. Men's society reports growing interest. F. N. Lee, Dr. W. A. Kemp and Chaplain Theo. Fisher (U.S.A.) have given interesting talks. Mrs. Webster's husband is home after service in islands. D. Winston is well after being in hospital at Heidelberg. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Scott and family in their bereavement. A two-weeks' mission has been arranged, to commence Oct. 21, with J. K. Bond preacher and C. Neal song-leader.

Emerald.—On Oct. 7 W. G. Searle (general secretary China Inland Mission) was speaker for day. In evening there was an illustrated lantern service depicting work of mission. Mrs. F. Whitcroft, of Hampton, rendered a delightful solo. On evening of Oct. 3, the annual meeting of church was held. Reports were encouraging. Average attendances last year—morning 27, evening 30. Total receipts for year for all purposes, £252/10/1. Cash in hand is just on £250, of which £150 has been lent to Properties Corporation. There were nine additions during year, two being by faith and baptism, and one loss by death. Membership stands at 22. All retiring officers were re-elected, and Mrs. Jim Legg was added to official board, which consists of Mrs. J. Legg, Miss E. Daff, Miss M. Daff, Mrs. Berry (Bible school superintendent), Geo. E. Murray (treasurer) and R. Aikman Berry (secretary). Miss M. Daff was re-appointed organist. Over 200 books of Christian literature have been sold in church porch during past 15 months.

Geelong.—Special services were held on Oct. 7 for C.E. anniversary, Endeavourers taking part in both services. In morning J. Small spoke, and in evening Mr. Stirling addressed a good congregation. On Oct. 6 C.E. held a "squash" night in connection with anniversary, a time of happy fellowship being enjoyed. Mrs. Stirling, wife of the preacher, received telegrams and flowers in honor of her birthday. Scholars of Sunday school took charge of "The Sunday School of the Air" on Oct. 14. At evening service Ladies' Aid assisted with special items. Mr. Stirling preached, and one lad from Bible school confessed Christ.

West Preston.—Bright services with stimulating addresses were enjoyed by good congregations during last three weeks. One brother has been received into fellowship by transfer. Mr. Wigney and Mr. Hart, former preachers of church, home on leave, have been present at services lately. Girls' choir gave a delightful concert recently, when over £7 was raised for building fund. On Oct. 14, officers met at 7 a.m. for devotional meeting. At worship service Mr. Wigney addressed church. In afternoon the fellowship combined with Bible class, when Mr. Poyas, from North Melbourne Community Centre, gave an illustrated talk on work of the centre. Mr. Withers preached in evening.

Balwyn.—Twenty-third church anniversary services were held on Oct. 14. Principal E. L. Williams spoke to a crowded congregation. Miss Finger was soloist. Sunday school commenced at 2.45 to allow for early closing because of anniversary service at 4 p.m., at which A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., was speaker, and Mrs. Cuthbert soloist. At 5 p.m. about 120 people enjoyed tea in school hall. At gospel service the chapel was filled. S. R. Baker was speaker and C. Reekie soloist. £62 was raised toward aim of £300 at morning service. Those breaking bread for day numbered 181. S.S. has had good attendances, four new scholars being added recently. Good Companions' Club were guests of Explorer Club on Oct. 11, an enjoyable evening being spent.

Thornbury.—The 24th anniversary of Bible school was held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, when visiting speakers were C. G. Taylor, F. T. Morgan, W. Jackel and R. Enniss. Special singing by children, led by the preacher, D. D. Stewart, was especially good. An added attraction was use of microphone and amplifier built by two members, for church and Sunday school. All meetings were excellently attended. Three young women and five young men have made confession of faith in last two weeks. One lady was restored. At end of September the church debt was down to £400. Girls' basketball team gained premiership in Northcote and Preston district church competition, while both tennis teams were runners-up in tennis competition.

Gardiner.—At Sunday school anniversary services on Sept. 30, speakers were Chaplain Theo. Fisher, Les Brooker and A. Brooke, and on Oct. 7 Chaplain R. A. Helmore morning and evening. Prizes and cradle roll cards, etc., were presented in afternoon by J. W. Enniss. Scholars sang at all afternoon and evening services, Mr. Vertigan being conductor. An excellent concert was presented by scholars on Oct. 10. Theo. Fisher was guest speaker at K.S.P. 2nd Degree on Oct. 2. Mr. Waters has been welcomed back after severe illness. In absence of Mr. Brooke, Chap. Helmore was speaker at each service on Oct. 14. Dr. W. A. Kemp was speaker at Men's Fellowship in afternoon. Members were shocked to hear of sudden home-call of A. R. Main, and sympathy has been extended to his loved ones. Basil Pugh, ex-P.O.W., has arrived home safely. J. McCann has resigned as Sunday school superintendent, and E. Buckmaster has been appointed acting superintendent.

Hartwell.—At a social evening to mark C.E. Societies' anniversary on Sept. 29, J. D. Northey was speaker. National president, Major H. Jullien, addressed church on Sept. 30, and in evening two Endeavorers assisted in a youth service. At conclusion of J. I. Mudford's address on Oct. 7, one Bible school scholar confessed Christ. Tennis club was defeated in inter-district final, but cricket club has opened season with a win. At evening service on Oct. 14, special mention was made of life of late A. R. Main.

BIRTH

TURNHAM (nee Hodkinson).—On Oct. 7, at "Kulki," Coburg, to Marion and Albert—a daughter (Lorraine Mabel). Both well.

DEATH

JACKSON.—On Oct. 4, at her residence, Godfrey-st., Wedderburn, Sarah, beloved wife of the late Edward Jackson, and loving sister of Mrs. S. Twiddy and Mrs. Ann Jackson (Wedderburn), loving auntie of Mrs. C. Henderson (Donald), Mrs. Ford, Bert and Wilfred Twiddy and Mrs. B. Jackel, of Wedderburn. Peace after suffering.

IN REMEMBRANCE

A token of love, remembrance and esteem, Mr. A. R. Main, M.A., a foundation member, and elder for thirty years of the Gardiner, Vic., church, who passed to heavenly rest and reward on Oct. 13. A faithful servant of God, a wise counsellor, and a Christian gentleman. Sadly missed and deeply mourned. Now reunited with his beloved wife in eternal peace. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

ROMETCH, Miss S. L.—A tribute to the memory of one with whom we were closely associated for many years. —Inserted by the past presidents of the Victorian Women's Conference.

With the passing of Miss L. Rometch, who was called from this life on Oct. 11, the Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council wishes to pay its tribute and register its appreciation of one who for 43 years rendered faithful service, most of which was in the capacity as secretary.

With many other Christian friends we as members of the General Dorcas Committee wish to express our appreciation of a life-long friend, Miss Louie Rometch, as a co-worker in our society, who was always willing when able to assist the poor by making garments and giving to the work of the Lord. We place on record her long service. "She hath done what she could."—E. M. Wilson.

IN MEMORIAM

BURROWS.—In affectionate memory of my dear wife, who at Surrey Hills fell asleep in Jesus on Oct. 22, 1934. "Memories." —T. W. Burrows, Bonbeach.

LEGG.—In loving memory of dear ones fallen asleep in Christ: my beloved wife, Ellen Alice, Oct. 22, 1941; our dear son, Eric, April 3, 1935; and our darling youngest daughter, Ruth, July 25, 1945.

"O grave, where is thy victory?"

—H.L.

LONG.—In loving memory of our dear father, William, passed away Oct. 23, 1942; also our dear mother, Elizabeth, passed away Feb. 17, 1939. Sadly missed. (Late of Bendigo.) —Inserted by their loving family, South Yarra and North Richmond.

MELDRUM.—In loving memory of Andrew Mackenzie Meldrum, who passed away Oct. 20, 1943.

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly, what he has given;

They live on earth in thought and deed, as truly as in his heaven.

—L.M.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 24 (Wednesday, 2 p.m.).—College of the Bible Sports Day, South Camberwell Oval. All visitors welcome.

BROADCAST SERVICES

OCTOBER 28.—West Hobart, 11 a.m., 7HO; preacher, R. V. Amos. Collins-st., Hobart, 7.15 p.m., 7ZR and 7NT.; preacher, C. P. Hughes.

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

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—A. Marsh.

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October 21—

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

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

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7.15 p.m., "Can Christianity Influence the East?" —John P. Athiasayam (Indian student).

LYGON ST. CHURCH 80TH ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1945.

Guest Speaker, Mr. Stanton H. Wilson, of Launceston, Tas.

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3 p.m., Mr. C. G. Taylor, B.A.

7 p.m., Mr. Stanton H. Wilson.

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Victorian News — Continued

Portland.—Attendances improved during September. Speakers were A. Langley, T. Davey and Mr. Pratt. Scholars are practising for a concert to be held in conjunction with prize-giving. A pleasing feature has been increased attendance at mid-week meetings during past month. News has been received that Charlie Rivett has been liberated from a prison camp in Japan.

Reservoir.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 7 and 14. Speakers on first day were W. R. Hibbert in afternoon and A. White in evening; on second day Mr. Scrimgeour, of Presbyterian church, in afternoon, and F. B. Alcorn at night. All meetings were well attended. Excellent singing by children was enjoyed; and splendid messages which held attention of children and adults were given.

Drumcondra.—C.E. has been enjoying interesting and profitable meetings. Bible school attendances are satisfactory. A lantern lecture on "Our Neighbors" was instructive and helpful. Some members are sick. Members regret to hear of passing of A. Garland, who was preaching here at time of enlisting. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Garland and Stanley. Ladies' Aid and Mission Band are calling for contributions of goods or money for "People of Britain" appeal.

Shepparton.—On Oct. 2 R. Davis addressed Y.P.S.C.E. Mr. and Mrs. Clydesdale entertained Endeavorers at a "surprise supper" in honor of the birthday of their daughter Margaret. A. Ross spoke at prayer meeting on Oct. 3. Members of tennis club met on Oct. 6 to prepare court for play. S. Chappel exhorted church on Oct. 7, when Valda Clarke was received into fellowship. E. Paul preached at night, assisted by A. Stone and C. Mott, who read scriptures. A solo was rendered by Miss Olwyn Heres.

Gardenvale.—F. T. Saunders, of the college, gave a challenging address on Sept. 2. A. Wallington and W. S. Lowe also assisted Mr. Anderson during month, their addresses being appreciated. On Sept. 9 a number of members met at home of Mrs. Lunn to break bread with her. Church extends sympathy to Mr. Tippet, whose mother has been called home. Bible school held a missionary service on afternoon of Sept. 23, when children's mission boxes were returned, offering amounting to over £1/10/-. Church renewed fellowship with Mr. Ware on his return from active service. Mr. Anderson conducted gospel service on Sept. 30, it being a young people's parade. Several young people took part.

Echuca.—During past month Messrs. Symes and McGregor gave the addresses. On evening of Oct. 1 an enjoyable service was wholly conducted by ladies. S.S. attendance remains near 100. Junior girls' basketball team became premiers through the coaching given by Mrs. Dudley, and received pennant presented by Mayor at a social evening. On Sept. 20 church held a social. Mrs. Norris is attending services again after long illness. Members rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Payne, whose son Paul is returning from P.O.W. camp. On Oct. 6 a welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Dudley. W. Gale introduced them, and Mayor and the ministers of every Protestant church extended welcome. Folk then retired to hall, enjoyed fellowship, and had supper. On Oct. 7 Mr. Dudley commenced his ministry with crowded meetings.

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Old Testament (lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook).—J. A. Luff, Mrs. Beale, P. N. Flint, G. H. Eager, A. C. Caldicott, L. S. Dewberry, A. R. Norling, V. T. Parker; two others passed.

New Testament (lecturer, H. J. Patterson).—J. A. Luff, Mrs. Beale, P. N. Flint, G. H. Eager; five others passed.

Homiletics I. (lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook).—Mrs. Beale, J. A. Luff, A. C. Caldicott; three others passed.

Homiletics II. (lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook).—P. N. Flint, V. T. Parker, L. S. Dewberry; one other passed.

Church History I. (lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook).—C. J. Beale, G. H. Eager, P. N. Flint, C. Latimer, J. B. Grant; three others passed.

Religious Education (lecturer, R. Greenhalgh).—J. A. Luff, V. T. Parker, A. C. Caldicott, G. H. Eager; four others passed.

Evangelism (lecturer, E. C. Hinrichsen).—J. A. Luff, G. H. Eager, A. C. Caldicott, P. N. Flint, L. S. Dewberry, A. R. Norling; two others passed.

Comparative Religion (lecturer, I. A. Paternoster).—C. J. Beale, J. B. Grant, P. N. Flint, A. R. Norling, V. T. Parker; one other passed.

Apologetics (lecturer, H. J. Patterson).—C. Latimer, J. B. Grant, P. N. Flint; three others passed.

Logic (lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook).—C. J. Beale, C. Latimer, J. B. Grant.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis (lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook).—C. J. Beale, P. N. Flint, J. B. Grant, G. H. Eager; two others passed.

New Testament Greek I. (lecturer, R. P. Arnott).—J. G. Moran, A. C. Caldicott, A. R. Norling; two others passed.

New Testament Greek II. (lecturer, R. P. Arnott).—C. Latimer, P. N. Flint; one other passed.

Ancient History (lecturer, H. J. Patterson).—J. A. Luff; one other passed.

English Leaving (lecturer, R. P. Arnott).—J. A. Luff; one other passed.

Modern History, Leaving (lecturer, R. P. Arnott).—C. Latimer.

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Obituary

Charles A. W. Chapman

CHARLES A. W. CHAPMAN passed away at his home in Ormond, Victoria, on Sept. 20, aged 72. He was born in Fiji, and after coming to Victoria was married at North Fitzroy to Jeannie Gow. He was baptised into Christ at North Fitzroy church by J. W. Baker in 1902. Later he had membership at Cheltenham for 32 years, and at Ormond for the past ten years. In recent years feeble health prevented his faithful attendance at worship as formerly. He was ever a quiet, unassuming man, yet rich and practical in friendship. Our sympathy is extended to his sorrowing wife, the three sons, Arthur, Horace and Norman, as well as other loved ones.—G.J.A.

James Follett, Sen.

AT his home in Main-st., York, S.A., where he had lived for over half a century, James Follett, sen., quietly fell asleep in Jesus in the early hours of Thursday, Sept. 27. Born in Somersetshire, England, a little over 93 years ago, he arrived in South Australia on the ship "Oaklands" about 67 years ago. On Oct. 12, 1887, when the church at York was meeting in the Rechabite Hall, Mr. Follett was received into fellowship by faith and baptism (converts in those days were baptised at Robert-st., Hindmarsh), and remained in continuous membership at York until his home-call. Despite his great age, he continued to meet with the church around the Lord's table up till about 18 months ago, when, owing to physical weakness, he very reluctantly ceased to attend, but found great joy in "breaking bread" at his home with officers of the church as opportunity offered. For many years Mr. Follett filled the office of deacon, trustee and usher, and was most painstaking in carrying out his duties. Faith in God, devotion to Christ, love for the word of God and the church were some of our brother's outstanding characteristics. After a brief service in the home, conducted by the writer, assisted by R. E. Mossop, the body of our brother was laid to rest in the Cheltenham cemetery, in the sure and certain hope that the dead in Christ shall rise to everlasting life, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Christian sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Follett and family.—G.R.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

THE EMPIRE'S RECORD

I HAVE read the thought-provoking article, "As a Dying Man to Dying Men," from the pen of E. Lyall Williams, appearing on Sept. 19.

The opening paragraph directs attention to the pits of Buchenwald and Belsen, which he finds hard to believe.

The next paragraph begins with this sentence, "Let us not think" (reading to line four). The foregoing sentence caused me to think seriously and hard. I know our record as an Empire is not "lily" white, but as bad as it may be, I don't think it justifies linking us with such acts as recorded at Belsen and other places. Will Mr. Williams kindly give chap-

ter and verse in our history during the last 100 years that would justify his statement and inference?—Chaplain C. Young, Brisbane.

THE PROBLEM OF WAR

I WAS very pleased to read the statement in A. MacDonald's letter to the effect "my point is to separate our heavenly Father from war—the most damnable disease of modernism." So many Christians associate God with wars that are made by man. How can the awful slaughter of mankind, as in wars, possibly harmonise with the teaching of the meek and lowly Jesus, who came to reveal his Father's will, for he said, "These are not my words, but the words of him who sent me." "Ye have heard it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy, but I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you" (Matt. 5: 43, 44). "Recompense no man evil for evil" (Romans 12: 17). "Overcome evil with good." Not one act of violence can be found in the life of Christ or in his teaching; for even on the cross he said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Nor can there be found any violence in the lives of his apostles. Paul, when stoned and thrown out of the city for dead, went back and preached the good news of salvation. Stephen was stoned to death, but his prayer was, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Should not the Christian's attitude be the same, for our Lord said, "Follow me." "Not he that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of God, but he that doeth the will of the Father." "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace."—F. J. Daniel, Launceston, Tas.

[It was agreed that, during the war, there be no open discussion concerning the question of war. Conferences agreed to respect the views of individuals, and urged that those taking opposite views refrain from criticising those holding different views from them. We have followed that policy also, as far as we have been able. In fairness to some who have sought the opportunity of expressing their ideas we insert the above letters. We do not thereby indicate that we shall be able to insert all letters on this subject sent to us, for under present conditions we lack space for many general articles and items of news reaching us.—Editor.]

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That, she told him, was impossible. Her work
compelled her to sit all day bending over a
desk, reading and writing. The wise oculist
asked her where she lived, and found it was
in full sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"Go home," he said, "and do your work as
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