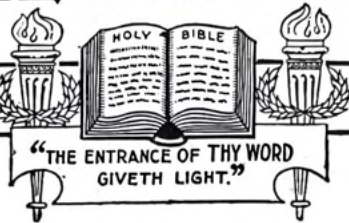


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The Glory to be Revealed

Being a Study Based on Romans 8 : 16-18

THOSE who would find for their eyes rest from tedious and close work are recommended to go by the seaside and to look toward the horizon; for, it is said, eyes are rested by viewing the things that are afar off. Would we not in the midst of troublesome times bring rest to our souls if we were to stand with Paul on the shore of eternity and were to gaze through his inspired eyes toward the horizon of eternity! That long view would enable us to set the present events in their right and fitting place against the background of eternal facts.

In Romans 8: 16-18 Paul makes a statement that marks Christians off from other creatures in the world. We Christians, he said, are heirs of God. The heir of the British throne is a person to whom great honor, wealth, dignity and privilege will come. But naked that person came into this world, and naked will leave it. Those who are heirs of earthly kings can enjoy their glory for a few years but sooner or later they must leave it behind. On the other hand, those who are born of the Spirit into the family of God will share in the unique and eternal honors bestowed upon the Son of God. Christians are joint-heirs with Christ. They will be come kings and will reign with their Lord for ever.

Entrance into the family of God does not remove us from temptation and suffering; it actually brings strain into life. We have been born of the flesh, and we are flesh. The inclinations of this worldly life drag on us. To meet the needs of the body, the temptation to turn stones into bread comes to us as it came to Jesus. The human love for worldly power urges us to bow down to Satan so as to gain material might. To those temptations we might yield, if it were not that God's Spirit dwells within us. The Spirit of God opens our eyes to a realm that calls

for the best, and sets before us the need of turning from the world of the flesh. But we must recognise with Paul that there is a law of the flesh that makes demands on us; and if we had not been born of the Spirit we might have been satisfied with the ways of that life. How-



The Imprisoned Paul Writing a Letter.

ever, we have been born from above, and we have become aware of the law of the Spirit. Between these conflicting forces—the law of the flesh and the law of the Spirit—we are caught like prisoners. Then we cry with Paul who said "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Because of this moral struggle, Christians enter closely into Christ's fellowship. They do not suffer the strain alone, but are aided by Christ, and are sustained

by the hope in Christ. For as Paul said, "We endure suffering with Christ 'that we may be also glorified together.'"

Sometimes we are tempted with the thought that the struggle and burden of responsibility which this Christian life places upon us is not worth the effort. "Is it worth while carrying on?" we hear people cry when they are up against great difficulties. Paul banished such doubts in a moment. If anyone could provide grounds for an excuse to give up the struggle Paul could. Because of his desire to live for Christ and to serve in his church, he was beaten five times, three times he was punished with rods, he was shipwrecked thrice, he suffered perils of the journey, often he was hungry, thirsty, cold and naked. There were times when he was endangered by robbers, by foreigners and by his own people. In addition he carried the care of the churches with him daily. What a catalogue of trials! Who amongst us could add so many hardships into a list!

Despite this fearful run of troubles, Paul could say that "compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us," they are as nothing. In fact, we ought not give them a thought. If such trials were set on one side of a balance and the "glory to be revealed" on the other, the "glory" would weigh the "troubles" down as if they were nothing.

Scriptures emphasise how Christians must share in Christ's glory. Christ "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Philippians 3: 21). John saw the glory in Christ and wrote of him saying "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns" (Rev. 19: 12). The Lord's glory will be in the flame of purity and in crown of victory over evil; in such glory we shall share if we are faithful unto death.



Ruins of an Ancient Roman Palace.

Panorama of Empire

By a swift survey of the centuries V. C. Stafford, of Cheltenham, Victoria, points to truths nations must follow if they are to gain peace and happiness.

In the centuries spanned by Bible history, many empires rose to dominate the world. They rose and flourished and fell. That is the commentary we must make about the centuries that followed.

The civilisation, politics, culture and imperial ambitions of some of these empires of Bible times, made impact upon the Hebrew nation. Israel was never a world power, yet its influence was far greater than that which influenced it. The sacred writings refer to these world powers—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, the Hittites, Phœnicia, Media, Persia, Greece and Rome.

The First Empire

Recorded history points to Egypt as the world's first genuine empire. Although she temporarily lost independence to Assyria, Egypt recovered and lived to see the rise and fall of other peoples until she became engulfed in the whirlpool of Roman domination, never again to emerge as a great power.

Empires of Ancient Days

With terrible ruthlessness the Assyrians gained world supremacy, and conquering Syria, Palestine, Babylon and Egypt achieved imperial status. The Assyrian empire disappeared when Nineveh was finally destroyed by the Chaldeans in 606 B.C.

Babylon in turn fell to the Persians, whose invasion spread westward to Greece. Fused in the heat of this disaster, the first political union of Greek city states emerged and Greece flung herself at the heart of Persia to win the greatest empire known to that day, under Alexander the Great.

Mistress of the World

Rome then gained the ascendancy, fought out a struggle with Carthage and won, made herself mistress of Italy, annexed Sicily, Spain, Macedonia, Asia Minor, later adding to her territory Palestine and the Near East, France, Egypt and finally spreadeagled the world. Her empire extended from the Thames in England to the Euphrates in Mesopotamia, from the forests of Germany to the desert sands of the Sahara.

"Tomb of Nations"

About 400 A.D. the Christian scholar Jerome in a Bethlehem monastery wrote: "The Roman world is falling. The city which has taken the whole world captive is itself taken. Who could believe it; who could believe that Rome, built up through the ages by the conquest of the world, has fallen; that the mother of nations has become their tomb?"

This dire fate befell Rome in the form of the Gothic invasion. The Goths in turn fell before the Saracen hordes. The Eastern half of the Roman empire became subjected to the Turks. The last puppet emperor of Rome disappeared before Charlemagne, who was crowned Emperor by the Pope, thus originating the idea of the Holy Roman empire.

Under Mahomet in the 7th century, Islam swept like a forest fire over Arabia, Syria, Persia, North Africa and Spain, to be checked only on the frontiers of Europe. The Turkish empire fell to the Seljuks, the Seljuks to the Ottomans.

In Europe the national spirit awoke in England and France. History entered a new phase as Portuguese and Spanish sailors discovered the new world. France and England vied with Spain as colonising powers. The loss of U.S.A. seemed to spell the end of the British colonial empire, but it extended in other directions.

Napoleon almost turned Europe into a French empire—Russia had become a strong power; Chinese, Japanese and Turkish empires still existed. The Turkish empire disintegrated during the Great War. Recent months have seen the annihilation of the Japanese empire.

Israel and Ancient Powers

It was during the first Babylonian empire that Abraham migrated from Ur of Chaldea in the Euphrates river basin to Hebron in Palestine. His descendants later settled in Goshen, now the Canal Zone of Egypt. Moses the Hebrew, adopted son of Pharaoh, became the leader of Israel in its exodus from the land of their enslavement.

"Between Hammer and Anvil"

During one of the "down" periods of Assyrian rule, the monarchy of Israel was established. After Solomon the kingdom split in two. The Assyrian Sennacherib besieged Jerusalem but failed to capture it. The second Babylonian empire under Nebuchadnezzar was successful in overrunning Palestine. Large numbers of the inhabitants were deported to Babylon. Thus began the period of Israel's exile, terminated about 70 years later by the decree of Cyrus the Persian, who permitted the captives to return, rebuild the Temple, restore their national life and rehabilitate their land.

Under the rule of Greece which supplanted Persia the Jews met with consideration, but on the death of Alexander and the carving up of his empire amongst his generals, a reign of terror began, against which the Jews, under the Maccabees, revolted with signal success, only to be ground under the martial heel of Rome.

"Between the hammer and the anvil of imperial ambitions the rough iron of that Semitic people, heated in the flames of war, beaten under the blows of Pharaohs and Caesars, and plunged into the hissing waters of exile, was annealed into tempered steel and shaped into an eternal tool of the Spirit."

Things That Remain

Though empires crumbled into dust, some things have defied time. To the Babylonians we owe the division of time into hours, minutes and seconds. As administrators, lawyers, soldiers, engineers, architects and builders the Romans have never been surpassed. The philosophy, culture and art of Greece still exert a profound influence on our world, while its language became the first medium for the broadcasting of the gospel by Paul.

History as Teacher

In this broad and swift survey, we have merely glanced at large tracts of time, surging movements of history and general characteristics. Behind this facade of military and political manoeuvring, thrust and counter-thrust of nations, the life of the common people went on much the same in essentials as it goes on now. History repeats itself. It is a great teacher, but we are ever slow to learn. We are led, in this study, to make these observations.

1. The possession of physical power has given man a certain security, but with perils. It is never the guarantee of permanence. The real strength of a nation is the health, moral and spiritual character of its citizens.

2. The Bible reveals a divine purpose at work in history. "Nations may rise and nations fall, thy changeless purpose rules them all."

3. Attempts at world domination have met with ultimate disaster—force has again and again failed to secure world unity. The root idea of permanent policies of the past is that of co-operation. As G. V. Portus says: "So long as we make our power the object of our policies, and our material interests the standard of success, we are not being co-operative, we are being competitive. And the natural outcome of competition is strife and domination, just as the fruit of co-operation is unity and freedom."

This latter is the basic idea within the kingdom of God. For, penetrating history, surviving man-made empires, securing the allegiance of those of every tongue and race and culture, the kingdom of God is "among you"—the kingdom Daniel foresaw as divine, universal and eternal. This kingdom is not simply something greater than the kingdoms of men—it is something different.

To Stimulate Faith

Successful Series of Half-year Conference Meetings Held in Melbourne.

WITHOUT a venture nothing new can begin. It takes a big effort to get us out of habits built up over the years. The Victorian Home Mission Committee, led by A. W. Cleland, the president, and by Reg. Enniss, made a bold bid to do this and to lead the churches in a series of mid-year conference services. Few amongst us can organise as Mr. Enniss. Advertisements, programmes, choirs, soloists, organist and pianist were planned. No detail was overlooked.

The aim of the services was to warm the heart of the brethren and to send them out to serve diligently in their local centres. The subjects for discussion were designed to awaken honor for Christ, faith in the Bible, and love for the brotherhood.



R. Enniss.

The Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, was the meeting place for the week-night services. While not the best hall for the speaker, yet it has the advantage of being central. On the first night, owing to the unusually hot weather, the attendance was not sufficient to fill the building as had been hoped. A song service was enjoyed until 8 p.m., led only by instruments and choir. The chairman, Mr. Cleland, introduced the speaker, J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat. Messrs. Wakefield and Buckingham assisted in the service. The Brighton choir, led by Miss Plummer, sang choice anthems and Arthur Wallington an appropriate solo.

WHY *A CHRISTIAN?

Mr. Wilkie was asked to give reasons why he was a Christian. During his talk he allowed us to peep into the background of his early life. He had come from Scotland where he had been trained in a small church of Christ Sunday school conducted by his mother. To that early environment he was indebted, he said, for many blessings he enjoyed in the Christian life. Mr. Wilkie declared he was a Christian because of the grace of God, his own decision to accept Christ, because of the benefits of the church, and finally because, through the passing of the years, experience had taught that no one could satisfy as Christ. In the ups and downs of life, in riches and poverty, in sorrow and joy, Christ alone meets every need. This testimony by

one so esteemed was appreciated. It sent us away encouraged to hold fast to the faith.—A.W.S.

THE BIBLE AND CHRIST

There was an increased attendance at Tuesday night's meeting. The conference president, A. W. Cleland, guided the preliminaries and then passed the leadership to I. J. Chivell, the preacher from Maryborough. L. E. Dudley, from Echuca, led in prayer, and the scripture lesson was read by H. Walmsley, of Swan Hill. The solo by Miss Frances Cowper was "The Lord is My Light." The two anthems, "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" and "I Will Feed My Flock," were rendered by the Northern Suburbs District Choir. In his instructive and impassioned address on "Why I Love the Bible," Mr. Chivell extolled the book which affords us a vision of Christ, the Son of God, and through him gives us a growing knowledge of God and an adequate purpose for living. Both in and after the meeting a strong sense of fellowship was very much in evidence.—G.A.

HELPED ON THE WAY

The Wednesday night meeting was well attended, about 350 being present. After the conference president had welcomed everybody and passed on a greeting from A. E. Forbes, R. Enniss took charge of the meeting. R. Bolduan, who read the scripture, brought a greeting from the Indian churches. In responding to a welcome, he stressed the urgent need to seize the present opportunity in India, which soon might be a field for Christian living and martyrdom, but not for organised missionary enterprise. A combined choir from North Fitzroy and Lygon-st. sang two anthems, and Miss Winifred Lee sang a solo. Speaking on the subject, "Why I Love the church," Mr. Enniss said he loved the church because he had been brought on his way through life by the church. He had been brought on his way through life's mysteries and problems. The church had given him an understanding of the purpose of life. We are here to achieve Christian character and glorify God. It had given him an answer to the question, "Where is human life going?" The ultimate destiny of man is higher life beyond. He loved the church because it had brought him on his way in search for universal brotherhood, equal opportunity for everyone and security for all, and because it had brought him on his way through his own personal life adventure.—F.T.M.

TRUE TO NAME

Again, on Thursday night, the conference president opened the session, this time introducing D. A. Cockroft, from Swan Hill-Woorinen as the reader of the scriptures. The floral decorations, prepared by the Women's Conference, were even more beautiful. The musical fare was excellent, contributed by the combined choirs of Camberwell and Hartwell, and the soloist, Arthur Haskell, of Williams-town. We never heard Mr. Stephenson to better advantage than as he answered the question: "Why This Brotherhood?" His first point was a surprise, yet one very well made—because it is a "brotherhood." He said it is a truth we are not just church members, but brothers and sisters together. He told of

the little company that began in Adelaide just one hundred years ago, and of our own first company in Prahran—seven years later. Ours was a special restoration mission wrapped in brotherhood. It grew rapidly because it had a mission which it felt and demonstrated. As he concluded we felt lifted up, and our eyes caught a vision of a big and urgent task ahead.—W.G.

FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST

K. A. Macnaughtan at the Friday evening meeting said that his reasons for wishing to win others for Christ were: (1) *For his own sake*; and this because of judgment, the desire to be unashamed at Christ's coming, and to be a good minister of Christ. (2) *For the sake of others*. Christ gives the only true purpose to life; makes a difference for time and eternity; makes life over again. People therefore should be won to Christ. (3) *For the sake of the church*. Belief in the church's



I. J. Chivell.

faith, doctrines and ordinances, need of unity, and the desire to see the church with New Testament truth built up, urge to the winning of others to Christ. (4) *For Christ's sake*. All must be done for Christ; there should be a joint tenancy with him; Christ, however, is not in our debt.

Mr. Val Woff sang, "There Were Ninety and Nine," and Swanston-st. choir the anthems, "God Sends the Night," and "Lift Up Your Heads."

B. J. Combridge, president-elect, as chairman expressed thanks to Mrs. Lawson for floral decorations, to the organisers of conference and to choirs and soloists.—A.B.W.

TO KNOW CHRIST

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, the final session of the mid-year conference was held in the Independent Church, Collins-st., under the able presidency of the conference president, A. W. Cleland. Devotions were led by Chaplain Theo. Fisher, of the U.S. Army. The soloist was Mrs. C. G. Taylor.

R. L. Williams was heard at his very best in his sermon entitled "That I May Know Him." With apt illustration and in cultured rhetoric he stressed that the power needed to-day in the life of the church and of the individual disciple was to be had not in organisation, nor in activism, but by the in-flowing of the power of the resurrection.

The offering amounted to £28/11/9. At the last moment announcement was made that the expenses of the half-yearly conference (approximately £50) are to be met by an anonymous donor so that the offering of the afternoon could be devoted to evangelism.—W.G.

Youth Week in W.A.

Roy Raymond, our correspondent, tells of interest in young people, and pays tribute to faithful preachers.

SPONSORED by Associated Youth Committees, the National Fitness Council of W.A. and the Rotary Club, "Youth Victory Week" is one of the best organised and most popular youth programmes W.A. has ever known. Supplemented by hundreds of boys and girls brought in from the country districts, the young people of the metropolitan area have been on parade, using the slogan, "Here Comes To-morrow." Young people have been displaying their ability in arts, crafts, culture, physical education and athletic prowess. The week commenced with a youth rally in the Winthrop (University) Hall on the Sunday afternoon. This was opened by the Minister for Education. The Western Australian C.E. Union provided the choir of over 200 voices. At this "Youth Dedication Service" the main address was delivered by Sydney's popular Baptist minister, W. L. Jarvis. He gave a great address to young people, emphasising that national fitness must start with spiritual fitness. He represented Jesus to the young people as the greatest hero of the ages; a virile, strong, happy man. He pleaded with them not to go anywhere that Jesus was not welcome. At this great service many people were unable to find standing room. Other items in the week's programme included marches through the city streets by country school children; arts and crafts exhibitions; family gatherings in the homes when, from all stations, chosen boys and girls and youth leaders spoke to the people at home. Two nights were taken up with games and physical culture displays on the Subiaco Oval. There were two musical festivals, a parents' day at all metropolitan schools, organised visits of children to manufacturing and industrial centres and special services in all churches. The week concluded with a camp-fire concert and the pageant of youth at Perth Oval on the Saturday.

Our own annual youth demonstration was held at Lake-st. a little earlier than Youth

Week. On that occasion the building was packed to capacity. At the demonstration the results of the annual scripture examination were announced and prizes awarded. The pennant winners of the State-wide increase and attendance campaign were also announced. These were: Div. 1, Kalgoorlie with an average attendance of 182.9; Div. 2, Shenton Park, attendance 78.5. Claremont and Carlisle respectively won honored places in Divisions 3 and 4. Kalgoorlie has a magnificent school. It was my privilege to visit this school recently, and I cannot speak too highly of it. When one knows that all sport is held at Kalgoorlie on the Sunday afternoon and the city's popular swimming pool is only a very short distance from the school, the record is all the more creditable. Compare Sunday afternoon with what Saturday is in most cities, and remember that this school is held in the afternoon, and you will get some idea of what can be done by a band of consecrated teachers under the leadership of a most capable superintendent.

Personal

Chas. H. Hunt will terminate a successful ministry of 30 years as a preacher and pastor when he relinquishes his work at Fremantle in February next. He has been in W.A. for more than 21 years. He came to this State to serve the church at Kalgoorlie. He was for several years conference secretary, and two years ago served a term as conference president. Mr. Hunt has accepted an engagement with the British Sailors' Society to be chaplain and Port missionary at Fremantle. As one who has known Mr. Hunt through all the years of his public life, I should say few men are more admirably fitted than he for this work with the men of the sea—both naval and merchant. The society he will serve is strictly non-denominational, and ministers to men of all races and creeds.

W. J. Thomson, of S.A., has been on a visit

to W.A. Mr. Thomson is a native of W.A., and after graduating from Glen Iris College successfully served for many years in the ministry in this State.

N.Z. Church Activities

E. P. C. Hollard tells of the National Council of Churches and of evangelistic moves in the Dominion.

SINCE our last letter the main item of interest in the religious world has been the conference of the National Council of Churches, which met in Christchurch during early September. I was not present, but all reports indicate that the conference was an outstanding success. The contribution of churches of Christ to the meetings can best be assessed by the fact that the most honored position which the union of churches could offer was given unanimously to A. L. Haddon. He was elected to the chair, and a brief biographical sketch in the conference journal reveals to church of Christ members that Mr. Haddon is a man of no mean standing. We all feel very confident that the contribution of Mr. Haddon will in no wise detract from our brotherhood's standing; on the contrary. We are proud of him! Other contributions came from our people in that Allan McDiarmid was the journalistic star of the conference, and did his work well. "Another interesting development during the conference was the spontaneous beginning of a movement which has called itself the 'Christian Frontier.' This has defined its purpose as 'to be scouts in advance of the church, keeping contact with the church, but not asking the church to be responsible for its activities.'" Of this movement Allan Lowe, of Lower Hutt, is the secretary.

The mother church of New Zealand is just 100 years old, and plans for the future indicate virility. This happy and active church, under the able leadership of a Glen Leith graduate, Ray Blampied, has launched a fund of £3000 for extension work at Annesbrook, just outside Nelson. Cash and promises have almost raised the amount already.

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The Church Multiplies Itself when it Supplies Adequate Leadership For Young Adults



*What is a
Christian Youth
Fellowship?*

IT IS—

The total youth forces of the church,

The combined youth forces of the district,

The united youth forces of the State and Commonwealth,

Concerned about the growth of Christian personality,

Concerned about the regular study of God's word.

The Australian Christian

The Blood of the Martyrs

EPIC STORY OF NEW HEBRIDES MISSIONS

THE truth of the saying, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church," has been amply exemplified in a number of mission fields, but not more patently than in the New Hebrides. The lives of the brave pioneers laid down more than a century ago in those far-flung islands of the Pacific have been multiplied a thousandfold.

In those early days the island of Erromanga was the scene of a series of tragedies. It was there that the first pioneer, John Williams, met his death in 1838, being mistaken for a trader engaged in the sandalwood outrages. It was there that G. N. Gordon and his young wife met a similar fate in 1861, after the gospels of Luke and John and the book of the Acts had been translated. It was there, too, that Gordon's brother, James Douglas, was murdered in 1872, just as he had finished revising the seventh chapter of the Acts, which recounts the martyrdom of Stephen. The ink was still wet upon the page at the words, "Lay not this sin to their charge," when by the hand of a native a tomahawk was suddenly plunged into his brain.

In this way, one grain of wheat after another fell into the ground and died, but not to abide alone, for ere long the fruit began to appear. From that time onwards, island after island has been occupied by messengers of the cross. The languages have been reduced to writing, and the scriptures have been translated and published in twenty-two tongues. Thousands of cannibals have been won from their old heathendom to a new life in Christ. To-day, out of a population of 60,000, more than 25,000 of the inhabitants of these islands are members of the Christian church.

World's Biggest Islands

From the fact that New Hebrides group consists of eighty islands, twelve of which are listed as "main" islands, and the total area given as 57,000 square miles, it is interesting to compare with a list of world's biggest islands given in the August issue of "Pacific Islands Monthly." "References to New Guinea as the world's biggest island have been challenged. Excluding Greenland which is classified as being part of the Arctic continent, we have:—

	Square Miles.
New Guinea	313,000
Borneo	306,906
Madagascar	241,094
Sumatra	163,048
Victoria	87,884
Honshui (Japan)	87,425
Great Britain	85,971
South Island (N.Z.)	58,092
Java	49,532

NEW HEBRIDES MISSIONARIES TO RETURN

ALREADY due for furlough, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Finger with baby John William will probably not arrive in Australia till about January. This will allow Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith to arrive in the islands before Mr. and Mrs. Finger actually leave. The board appreciate the gesture of our missionaries, as it not only means some months' delay, but also prolongs their stay during a part of the summer months. We are hopeful that the post-war planning for the necessary homes and dispensaries will materialise during their furlough, and that supplies formerly frozen will be available so that dreams of the past few years will have fulfilment.

INDIA

WE learn that a mission party comprising Miss Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Escott and Edgar left India early in October. At time of writing no further word has been received, though their actual arrival should have taken place ere this is in print. The shipping position seems easier now, and our mission party did not have a long wait for transport. We



Mr. and Mrs. T. Escott.

Between them this devoted couple have given about 92 years' service to India. We trust their future years in Australia will be free from anxiety and care.

know we can extend to these workers a warm welcome, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Escott, who are now in the eventide of life, and will live in retirement.

Miss Foreman plans to leave India toward the end of the year. If this plan eventuates she will be returning about normal time. During the next few years our workers in India will still carry heavy loads because of the unusually large group away from the field at the same time.

N.Z. Newsletter

(Continued from opposite page.)

The Home Mission Committee is still anxiously striving to secure a man as organiser and evangelist. With vision the brethren have made plans for a visiting evangelist from America, but that vision seems to be a little clouded by the inability to find someone to face the work which is on hand to do.

New Zealand is soon to lose A. B. McDiarmid, who removes from the Air Force chaplaincy to Australia. His work among the delinquents in the Force has called forth high praise from those in authority. Major Harford is expected home soon, and with others returning from overseas, will greatly increase the manpower of the various churches.

The government housing areas are offering great opportunities to the churches to move in on the ground floor, set up schools and churches, and thus grow with the areas. Our brotherhood is alive to this, and as settled churches find new areas opening near them, they are hoping to move in. The Seddon-st. work is in one of these areas. A city newspaper recently carried a story of this work and featured an architect's impression of the £20,000 building which the church hopes to raise as a community centre. Coming as it did in the midst of the Anglican drive for a £150,000 cathedral, it created quite some comment.

An unusual experience has been given us in that the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Anglican people in the suburb of Brooklyn are conducting a united mission, and asked that we do the preaching. The unusualness of it rather appeals.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

OUT of the depths I cry to thee,
To whom none ever cries in vain,
So shall my woe and misery
Be turned to high eternal gain.

Thy friendly hand is seeking me,
Here in the dark I clasp it tight,
I am a child who, full of fears,
Clings to his father in the night.

Out of the depths we cry to thee,
Sure that we shall not cry in vain,
With sorely troubled hearts we pray,
"Come, share our burdens once again."

—J. Oxenham.

THE LIBERTY OF CHILDREN

THE liberty of servants is one thing, the liberty of children is quite another. It is one thing to visit Windsor Castle as one of a crowd of sightseers intent on seeing the Royal residence; it is a very different thing to be one of the children of the Royal House. To the visitor it is the king's castle. To the young prince it is the father's house and home. When I go to Windsor my goings are rigorously prescribed. I can go here but not there. Red cords are stretched across enticing corridors which lead into the secrets of hidden intimacies. But the children have the run of the house. For them it is Liberty Castle, which again means home. And this, too, is my glorious liberty in Christ Jesus. The old red cords are down. The limitations of bondage are ended. I am no longer a bond-slave, but a son, delivered unto liberty by my Redeemer, Jesus Christ. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."—J. H. Jowett.

Teacher.—"Working out this much of the problem shows you that 'X' equals zero."

Freshman.—"Whew! All that work for nothing!"

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"FOUND OF THEM THAT SOUGHT ME NOT"

- Nov. 5—1 Chron. 28: 1-10.
- " 6—Matt. 6: 24-34.
- " 7—Matt. 7: 1-11.
- " 8—Luke 11: 1-13.
- " 9—Heb. 11: 1-6.
- " 10—Rom. 10: 1-10.
- " 11—Deut. 30: 1-3, 10-20; Rom. 10: 11-21.

THE reference is, of course, to the Gentiles, to whom was to come, though they should seek not for it, the knowledge of Jehovah. Taught first to worship idols, they are to be taught later to worship the true God. 760 years had elapsed since Isaiah foretold this extraordinary revelation of the true God to countless multitudes who made no effort to obtain it, yet would gladly accept it when offered to them. So, God's choicest gifts are to be extended to the masses of humanity of every land. Yet we should note a difference and a similarity. To the Jewish nation the first offer was made, whilst the Gentile world long remained in ignorance of the true God. Environment and false doctrine lulled them into a state of soul-satisfaction until the "good tidings" sounded in their ears. Yet in either case there must be a personal seeking after God when the truth is heard. None, Jew or Gentile, can find God if they do not seek him. Note the phrase, "I was found" in the past tense here, is in the present in Hebrew, intimating that the time would come when God would say this of himself; that is, that the time would come when the Gentiles would be brought to the knowledge of the true God.

Here and There

The following telegram reached us on Oct. 23: "Vanham-Wilson mission, Merewether, N.S.W., closing this week; six decisions to date, expecting more.—Retchford."

Enquiries concerning a memorial to the late A. R. Main have been made. We learn that the Federal Conference executive, recognising the appropriateness of such a move, has given endorsement.

The annual Victorian C.E. field day attracted a large company of young people to the Federal College of the Bible on Saturday, Oct. 20. The afternoon was spent out-of-doors in games, singing, and conference. The evening chapel rally, presided over by G. J. Andrews and addressed by Follitt T. Morgan, brought an enriching day to a spiritual climax.

To pay honor to the life and work of the late A. R. Main, a former principal, the students and staff of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, took part in an appropriate service in the college chapel on Oct. 17. E. L. Williams, principal, presided. R. T. Pittman told of the contribution the late Mr. Main made to the college and the churches. J. S. Taylor read the lesson.

Roy Raymond writes: "The whole of the Western brotherhood was deeply grieved to learn of the passing from this life of A. R. Main. Our late brother was well known here by reason of personal contacts. His last visit here was in 1935, when he preached the sermon and in other ways helped us in our annual conference. He was always regarded by us over here as a great teacher and a wise leader. The Australian brotherhood will be the poorer for the passing of this great man."

The church at Collins-st., Hobart, Tas., organised a Happy Hour session in connection with the Bible school, and carried the meetings on for two weeks. The leader was R. V. Amos, who gave himself wholeheartedly to the effort, and proved an excellent worker. Average attendance each day was over 200. A movie projector was used, and a band of fifteen loyal helpers was present each day. Mrs. J. Park and Mrs. C. P. Hughes acted as pianists. As a result of the effort 135 names and addresses of children not attending Bible schools were obtained, and are now being visited.

A mission at Boonah, Qld., with A. J. Fisher missionary, concluded on Oct. 22. The fortnight proved a time of inspiration and blessing, with 14 decisions. A presentation was made to Mr. Fisher on final night, which concluded with supper. Silverdale silver jubilee services on Sept. 22 and 23 were well attended, and three decisions were made. A training class took gospel service at Boonah on Sept. 30. E. Hart spoke at anniversary services at Toowoomba on Oct. 28, when John Christensen took both services at Boonah. Hedley Jenner, who has been P.O.W. in Thailand for three and a half years, has been liberated, and is in hospital in Singapore; he will be home shortly.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Agars Talbot, of Murray Bridge, S.A., celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their son Alf Talbot, of Manningham. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot have five children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren; all were present for the occasion, which was a double event, as it was Mrs. Talbot's 73rd birthday. Mr. Talbot is 74. They have served the church in many places and capacities. Mr. Talbot pioneered the work at Ceduna on the West Coast, and was preacher or relieving preacher with the churches at Victor Harbour, Nailsworth, Broken Hill, Moota, Berri, Williamstown and Kersbrook. He is now in membership with the church at Murray Bridge, but ill-health precludes his attendance. Mrs. Talbot is able to attend regularly. They have earned a wide respect and love from all who know them, and the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends are extended to them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McDiarmid and baby arrived in Melbourne from New Zealand on Oct. 29. Mr. McDiarmid served until recently as a chaplain in the N.Z. Air Force.

Reporting progress of evangelistic effort, the following reached us on Oct. 29: "Macnaughtan-Saunders mission, Dimboola, Vic.; fifteen decisions; earnest prayer requested.—Jackel."

Churches in the port line group, S.A., are uniting to render mutual help, and especially to assist the cause at Port Lincoln. A mission, under lead of P. R. Baker, is being planned to be held there. Efforts are also being made to form Men's Fellowship societies in churches of group. A resolution was carried directing newly-appointed executive to take steps, in co-operation with the Home Mission Committee, to endeavor to establish a cause at Woodville Park. The executive are as follows: President, Gordon Bartlett; vice-president, W. Adair; past president, R. E. Mossop; treasurer, W. S. Webb; auditor, T. P. Richardson; secretary, G. Houston, 34 Barker-ave., Flinders Park.



Dr. Trevor Turner.

At the last annual conference of South Australia, Dr. Turner was appointed president-elect. He is a member of the church at Unley, and has taken a keen interest in brotherhood work. He is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., and the Melbourne University.

At Albury, N.S.W., on Sept. 5, Mrs. Cleland and Mrs. Wickham were visitors at Ladies' Guild, the former giving a helpful address. At church anniversary services on Sept. 16, inspiring addresses were given by Mr. Edwards (morning) and Chaplain Firbrace (evening). On Sept. 18, at annual banquet, 90 guests sat to well-laden tables. The mayor and mayoress of Albury were present, the mayor giving a short address on citizenship. A short programme of musical and elocutionary items was enjoyed. Thankoffering was £85. At annual church meeting on Oct. 18, reports from auxiliaries showed work to be in good heart. Mr. Edwards reported six additions by faith and baptism. The secretary spoke of the good work of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, whom the church had grown to love and esteem. Mrs. Joyson and Clifton are still in hospital. Miss Joyce Kear has returned from Sydney after spending six months in St. Alfred Hospital.

At Ann-st., Brisbane, on Oct. 21, the church celebrated 62nd anniversary. With deepest sympathy the church received the news of death of A. R. Main, who was to be speaker at celebrations. Chaplain Young was speaker in morning, when attendance was 209. F. C. Hunting presided over evening service, when

special feature was testimonies given by young people. At conclusion three members of Services reconsecrated their lives to Christ. On Oct. 18 Women's Fellowship held a special service, when about 50 sisters were present. Mrs. Shakespeare was speaker. On Oct. 20 the Bible school had a wonderful afternoon led by Mr. Hunting, ending with an enjoyable tea. A Children's Day foreign mission play was also presented by children. A young people's meeting was held in evening. On Oct. 23 the anniversary tea and thanksgiving offering took place. Mr. Hunting, who presided, paid a high tribute to life and work of A. R. Main, who was preacher of church 43 years ago. Mr. Butler, of Baptist City Tabernacle, was speaker. Thanksgiving offering was over £40.

The church at Point Sturt, S.A., is approaching its 90th anniversary, and arrangements are being made to celebrate the occasion. The cause presents a story of steady and faithful witness through the years; and although the population is somewhat scanty and meetings necessarily small, it stands as a witness to the power of the gospel of Christ. It is interesting to note a few facts of the early days culled from the "Australian Christian" of Sept. 1, 1898: "About the latter end of 1855 several members of the church at Franklin-st., Adelaide, removed to Point Sturt, a new settlement 56 miles south-east of Adelaide. We resolved when we went there to follow the admonition of the apostle Paul by not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. At the first we met regularly on the Lord's day morning in the tent of Bro. and Sister Crawford, where we attended to the apostle's doctrine, the breaking of bread and prayers, and in the afternoon we generally met by appointment at the tent of one or other of the brethren. God blessed our feeble efforts in his work, and it was not long before we assembled on the shores of Lake Alexandrina—said to be the largest sheet of fresh water in Australia—for the purpose of using its waters for the first time in the period of its existence as the emblematic grave of our dying and risen Lord." In 1861 the present building was erected and opened free of debt, and during the intervening years up to the present services have been held regularly each Sunday.

The newly-appointed South Australian Young People's Committee consists of the following: S. R. Beck, D. K. Beiler, W. Beiler, W. R. C. Bell, J. E. Brooke, F. Cornelius, F. K. Glover, H. W. Hannam, F. Hollams, C. L. Johnston (chairman), Miss A. Kentish, Miss E. Muir, H. G. Norris, R. Potter, Miss O. White and Miss D. Wood (treasurer). Previously youth work had been in control of three committees with three funds. There was the Young People's Committee, and under its auspices the Bible School and C.E. Committees. It was decided, in view of overlapping and wastage of time and energy, and with a view to the whole of the department's strength being marshalled behind all enterprises and sections of the work, that there should be only one committee and only one fund. All matters of policy in all sections of the work will be decided by the full committee and routine matters will be in the hands of conveners with sub-committees. Plans for the centennial year (1946) include an Adelaide Christian Youth Fellowship, meeting for wide and varied programmes one Saturday a month; regular C.E. leaders' teas and training classes; a Christian youth publication; several short concentrated training courses in city and country; camps for leaders, young people and boys and girls at appropriate times; and a special centennial educational programme which includes doctrinal, historical, ethical, evangelical and social aspects. The major enterprise for the ensuing year will be the attempt to establish a permanent camp site as a basis to the work of leadership training and youth evangelism.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Both services on Oct. 13 were well attended, R. V. Amos being speaker. D. Morris, returned P.O.W., was present. Soloist was Mrs. R. Lillye. Bible school visited Collins-st. school on their anniversary. On Oct. 19 the boys' club held a successful social, during which a welcome home was given to R. Lillye. Mr. Amos conducted both services on Oct. 20. At gospel service, which was well attended, Mrs. G. E. Ashlin was soloist. Bible school attendance was over 70. Faithful Fishermen competition is drawing to a close with only four points separating the four teams.

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Attendances are good; 122 at 11 a.m. on Oct. 21, of whom 104 communed. Visitors included Mrs. Yeomans and Mrs. Jefferies, of W.A. Miss Gwenda Barton and Tom Burt were married on Oct. 13, and a presentation was made on behalf of church and auxiliaries. At a recent meeting of I.C.E., Matron C. Skirving was speaker. Gifts were brought by children and later distributed to patients in Children's Hospital. On Oct. 21 an interesting Bible quiz was conducted. Three teams participated. Members of winning team each received a gospel portion. Following members of Bible class are now junior teachers in Bible school—May Sparkes, Doris Allen, Elaine Stevens, Joyce Croome, Beverley Gullidge and Syd Ritchie. Miss Lorna Holden was baptised following evening service on Oct. 21. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Potter, from Hawthorne, Qld., were welcomed into fellowship.

Queensland

Charters Towers.—V. G. Boettcher, conference president, visited church on Oct. 10 and 11. He gave an inspiring address at evening rally on Oct. 11. Women's Christian Fellowship now meets fortnightly instead of monthly.

Roma.—October 14 was observed as Bible school anniversary with special services, P. C. D. Alcorn being special speaker. During afternoon kinders rendered items and received prizes. Singing by school and an illustrated talk by Mr. Alcorn were features. At gospel service scholars and teachers assisted, and a boy from the S.S. decided for Christ. Solos were rendered by Miss Noela McIntosh and Dawn Pitman. On Monday the school demonstration was held. Older scholars were responsible for programme, after which each scholar received a prize. A special prize given by a local business man for the scholar most deserving was presented to Alan Pitman, who for three years has been absent only four times, and has not been late for school once during whole period. On Wednesday evening a social evening was arranged by C.E. Society.

Mackay.—The church celebrated eighth anniversary on Oct. 13 and 14. V. G. Boettcher was guest speaker. On Saturday night a concert of high order was given, each of five auxiliaries of church being responsible for three items. Mr. Boettcher was speaker at both services on Sunday. At morning service there were 15 reconsecrations. A thankoffering was taken to reduce debt on chapel; over £23 was received. The president addressed S.S. in afternoon and gave an informal talk at fellowship tea. Mrs. Nielsen, having 26 years' membership with churches of Christ, was given the honor of cutting birthday cake, made and presented by Mrs. Edmunds. Several new scholars have been added to kindergarten, and senior C.E. continues to grow, as many as 12 teen-age girls attending each week. They are

making good use of "Christian Youth Fellowship" books. Albert Wood, from Rosevale, is working in district and attends services regularly. Mr. and Mrs. Murray, from Lismore, have come to reside and have had fellowship with church.

Western Australia

Perth.—Recently Bible school had "Promotion Day." Classes were reorganised. On Oct. 23 Dorcas society spent a busy afternoon working for home missions and Bethesda Hospital. On morning of Oct. 21 I. Nixon gave a valued talk. At 7.30 p.m. the service was broadcast. There was hearty congregational singing. E. R. Berry sang a solo. J. K. Robinson was preacher.

South Australia

Murray Bridge.—Services are well attended, and all auxiliaries contribute to work and life of church. A successful Bible school anniversary and picnic have been held. The preacher, A. E. Cremin, was speaker at the special services. On Sept. 30 Mr. and Mrs. Agars Talbot celebrated their golden wedding. During the month there have been several visitors, including a girls' basketball team from Edwardstown.

Nailsworth.—S.S. anniversary on Oct. 7 and 14 was successful. Singing under leadership of Geo. Clarke was rendered by scholars. Speakers were Messrs. Mitchell, Stirling, Ieward and Fitzgerald. On Oct. 8 a picnic was held on Glen Roy Oval. A mission is being conducted by G. T. Fitzgerald, with Mr. Manning song-leader. Meetings are encouraging and helpful. Visitors from sister churches are attending, and bringing items of song. Ladies' Guild members are making toys for kindergarten Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been received into fellowship from Mt. Compass. Mrs. Pitt is meeting with church after long illness.

Cheltenham.—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Vincent are now official visitors to parents and absentees of Bible school. Lance Kappler is leading boys' club well. Fifteen lads enjoyed programme on Oct. 19. H. S. Watkins, church secretary, is president-elect to Port Adelaide C.E. Union. At men's monthly fellowship tea on Oct. 21, A. S. Young, A.I.F., concluded an excellent series. Ladies' Guild held an American tea, towards paying off a loan for class-rooms, on Oct. 31. Alan D. Stewart is now church treasurer. Junior Endeavor of twelve meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings under leadership of A. S. Morris and Miss D. Booth (organist).

Prospect.—On Oct. 14 A. E. Brown spoke to good audiences. K.S.P. held father and son banquet on Oct. 16, with 80 present. Visiting artists rendered items, S. Riches gave an address, and messages were received from boys on Service. A. E. Brown led in worship on Oct. 21. Fellowship was enjoyed with Max Bunyon and R. Fax (R.A.A.F.), on leave. Miss Phyl Robson has received her discharge from W.A.A.A.F. Don McLaren (P.O.W. since fall of Singapore) has arrived home in good health. Work in all auxiliaries is in good spirit. Boys on Service are reported to be all well; 17 have now been discharged. Bible school held an enjoyable quarterly social on Oct. 20.

Hindmarsh.—H. R. Taylor spoke on evening of Oct. 14. On Oct. 17 overseas committee of sisters' conference visited Dorcas Society, addresses being given by Mrs. S. Riches. Officers and wives arranged a surprise evening at manse on Oct. 15 in honor of preacher's birthday. F. Halden, senior elder, on behalf of the company, spoke of happy fellowship existing with church and preacher. Presentation of a very fine book was made. J. E. Shipway

thanked all for the kindly gesture. J. H. Whitford, after long and trying illness, was called home on Oct. 22. Church has passed increased aim set down for college offering. Cricket team has opened season well, securing outright win in first match.

Unley.—On Oct. 14 evening service was broadcast. Mr. Norris gave the address, choir rendered an anthem, and male quartette sang. The creche on Sunday morning is popular, and allows mothers to enjoy meeting undisturbed. Over holiday week-end, Junior Endeavors prepared 6000 postage stamps to be given to Bible Society. 15 young people from junior clubs enjoyed a hike to Mt. Lofty on the holiday. On Oct. 21 Mr. Norris spoke at Lenswood S.S. anniversary morning and afternoon. G. A. Jessup spoke in morning during his absence. A S.S. scholar, Elinor Fry, has been chosen as fairest player in C. of C. basketball team. Wally Cosh and Eddie Rowlands have been home on leave. News has been received from Siam from Geoff Gore, advising that he is well, and hopes to be repatriated soon. Ladies' Mission Band visited Cottonville for annual meeting and had pleasure of hearing Mrs. Roland Butler, of China.

Finders Park.—S.S. anniversary services were held on Oct. 14 and 21 with excellent attendances. On 14th W. C. Brooker, of Queenstown, gave an illustrated talk in the afternoon. In evening F. Hollams spoke. On Oct. 17 prize-giving and social evening took place. On Oct. 21 anniversary was continued. F. Mercer, junior superintendent of Hindmarsh District C.E. Union, was speaker. F. Hollams spoke in evening. Young people gave an excellent display under leadership of superintendent H. Francis, while Rhonda Francis, Glen Pearce and Keith Webb with music helped to make services most successful. Mrs. Francis is home from hospital, and convalescent. Members were pleased that Margaret Challinger and Hazel Walladge were well enough to attend anniversary services, after illness. Bill Walladge has been sick at Mount Compass, where he took services on Oct. 7; he is home again. Church has had fellowship with Joan Boyd on leave, Leslie Gehlkin, home from the islands, and others. Ron Hubbard has met with a serious accident in Victoria, and sympathy of church is extended to his wife and parents.

Adelaide (Grote-st.)—On Oct. 21 the church celebrated 99th anniversary. A week of special services preceded the occasion. "The Church For To-day" was theme of campaign. Speakers who dealt with various aspects were H. Cave, Dulwich; F. B. Stow, Cowandilla; J. E. Shipway, Hindmarsh; J. E. Brooke, Cottonville; H. G. Norris, Unley. On morning of Oct. 21, Keith Jones, conference president, addressed church. Service was broadcast. Mr. Beiler conducted evening service. Soloists assisting in services were Miss P. Ash, Miss M. Leedham, Mrs. Coventry, Miss L. Lanyon, and a duet by Mr. Watson and Miss G. Mossop. Each was enjoyed, as were anthems rendered by choir on Sunday evenings. On morning of Oct. 21, Miss Shirley Lanyon was received by faith and obedience. As the church was assembling on anniversary morning news came of the home-call of Mrs. Roberts in her 83rd year. She was a faithful, consecrated follower of her Lord to the end, although sickness had prevented her attendance for some months. Her remains were laid to rest in West Terrace Cemetery on Monday afternoon, Mr. Beiler officiating. Church extends sympathy to the bereaved. On Oct. 24 a fellowship tea was held, about 100 attending. In evening W. C. Brooker, of Queenstown, delighted all with pictures of church buildings, and of pioneers of movement in State, including pictures of 70 past presidents of conference.

Victoria

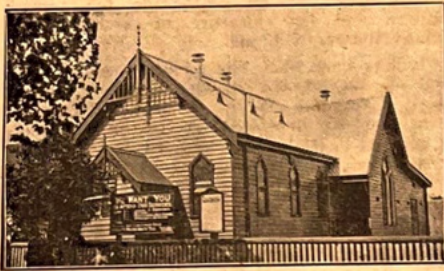
Hampton.—On evening of Oct. 28 eight young people were baptised and Dorothy Stokie, of the Bible class, confessed Christ. Hospital offering was £11/4/8.

Emerald.—On Oct. 21 G. L. Murray, of Home Mission Department, gave stirring addresses at both services, assisted at communion by G. E. Murray, of Emerald. The church is now ready for services of a full-time resident preacher.

Chelsea.—At morning meeting on Oct. 28 Mr. Mansell, of Mildura, presided, assisted on platform by Messrs. Hayes and Dean, of Cheltenham. A. L. Finger, of St. Kilda (representing Sudan United Mission), delivered first of a series of four special evening services.

Parkdale.—Work is being maintained. Morning service on Oct. 28 was helpful. In evening choir rendered enjoyable anthem. G. W. Barnett, of Frankston, delivered a good gospel address. Hospital offering amounted to £13/8/1. Miss M. Gilmour is unable to attend because of illness.

Fairfield.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 30, Messrs. Burns and Muller being speakers afternoon and evening. Social evening and prize distribution took place



The Chapel at Fairfield.

on Oct. 13. K. Patterson has resigned as preacher, and T. A. Fitzgerald, of Collingwood, has accepted a three years' part-time engagement with church. Ladies' Mission Band recently sent fourteen food parcels to Britain, and on Oct. 14 members of church donated a large assortment of goods to Mayor's appeal.

Middle Park.—Interest is maintained by E. H. Randall and C. Cartmel. On Oct. 16, members tendered a social evening to Miss Merle Annetts and B. Whittaker, who were married in chapel on Oct. 20 by Mr. Randall. Presentations were made on behalf of church members, Bible school and P.B.P. Club.

Thornbury.—Up to Oct. 28 four more Bible school boys confessed Christ and were baptised, while eight young people have been received into fellowship, showing the good work the preacher, D. D. Stewart, is doing. Mrs. Mitchell, who recently underwent an operation, is progressing favorably. Macnaughtan and Saunders mission is scheduled to commence on Nov. 18.

Ivanhoe.—Bible school anniversary on Oct. 14 and 21 was successful, attendances being encouraging. Singing of scholars under leadership of Miss Jean Milne was of high standard. K. J. Patterson, an exit student, has accepted the call to the full-time ministry as from Dec. 9. The present part-time preacher, L. K. Wedd, will conclude his services on Nov. 25. The church is appreciative of his conscientious service.

Burnley.—Good Companions provided an excellent gymnastic display for a large attendance. Bible school has concluded anniversary services and concert, all being very successful. Speakers were L. Brooker, E. L. Williams and C. Page. Visiting speakers at usual services have been Mr. Clipstone (North Richmond) and J. Sewell (college). The wedding of Miss V. Perkins to L. C. Culmer, of Kent, England, was celebrated on Oct. 2. Cricket club has re-formed.

Geelong.—On Oct. 19 the C.E. attended a united C.E. prayer meeting at Aberdeen-st. Baptist Church. On morning of Oct. 21 Mr. Hollett, from Northam, W.A., presided. E. Spencer, a member of church, who has been a prisoner of war, was present for first time

after his return. D. Loats and E. Bergheim were home on leave. On Oct. 17 Ladies' Aid held a successful 31st anniversary. At prayer meeting on Oct. 25 A. Dawkins, of Merchant Navy, gave his testimony, and on Oct. 26, at C.E. Society, he spoke to young people. Harold Russenber, of R.A.A.F., met with church on Oct. 28 for first time since his return to Australia. Children's Day exercises were held in connection with Bible school in the afternoon. At night five lads were baptised.

Brighton.—Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 28 with crowded meetings. Special singing was given by children under leadership of Harold Plummer. Afternoon speaker was chairman of Youth Department, B. F. Huntsman, whilst W. S. Lowe spoke at other services. Many Service members on leave, including Eddie Gibson and Jack Krone, attended. The Lanaway family, who have been sick, are back at meetings.

Cheltenham.—On Oct. 21, during V. C. Stafford's absence at French Island, speakers were: 11 a.m., W. Gale; 7 p.m., W. F. White. On Oct. 22 Explorer Club had record attendance. C. Woff, from Queensland, was a visitor on Oct. 21. Miss Bertha Brough is in Chelsea Hospital recovering well after operation. On Oct. 28 V. C. Stafford spoke at both services, and was assisted by several young people in evening. Prior to the service a young people's tea was held.

Bayswater.—Church and Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 14 and 21. B. J. Combridge on 14th gave inspiring addresses; W. R. Hibbert was morning speaker on 21st; Mr. Robinson, of Scripture Gift Mission, in afternoon, and Bruce Smith in evening. All addresses were appreciated by good gatherings. On Oct. 25, concert and presentation of prizes took place, and visiting artists rendered items. Scholars sang well under leadership of P. Jordan, of Boronia. Supper was served.

South Melbourne.—A steady work continues. E. H. Randall and C. Cartmel faithfully preach. Bible school anniversary celebrations were successful. Scholars under baton of D. Morgan presented splendid singing. Soloists were Misses Joan Cadden, Betty Burke and D. McCallum; duet, Miss Casson and D. McCallum. Interesting addresses were given by visiting speakers and resident preachers. The circuit (Middle Park and South Melbourne) hopes to plan a tent mission early in new year. Young people of Services are returning to the joy of all.

Hamilton.—On evening of Oct. 14 three boys from Bible school were baptised, and received into fellowship on Oct. 21. Endeavor Society held annual meeting, and reported an interesting and successful year, with increase in membership. A welcome home social was held on Oct. 19, when honor was paid to members who have already returned from Forces. School hall was filled, and after a programme of items, words of welcome and thanksgiving were made. Nine members, of whom two had been P.O.W., have returned, and presentations were spoken. Nine members, of whom two had been from district. A church men's society has been inaugurated. At morning service on Oct. 21, the two readers and the presiding brother were all returned soldier members. The church continues to pray for Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Forbes. Prayers were also offered for Mrs. Garland and Stanley, and many expressions of sympathy have been made.

New South Wales

Earlwood.—On Oct. 21 Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes were received into fellowship. Gospel service was led by Y.P.S.C.E. Mr. Corlett and Mr. Yelds gave helpful addresses on Oct. 14 while Mr. Hinrichsen was laid aside. Mrs. McCallum was speaker at Women's Fellowship annual meeting on Oct. 16. Y.P.S.C.E. held a fellowship tea on Oct. 20. They recently presented £8 to church building fund. J.C.E. also contributed £5 to this cause.

Burwood.—On Oct. 14 F. Youens and P. E. Thomas were visiting speakers. On Oct. 20 I.C.E. celebrated fourth anniversary with a birthday party, all past members being invited. On 21st, Mrs. C. Beaumont, and Miss Leila Kennelly made the good confession. Walden Taylor and Keith Murray have returned home in good health after being P.O.W. in Japanese hands in Malaya. Miss Nancy Fisher gave a splendid evening on Oct. 26, on behalf of the sisters' living link fund for overseas missions. Bible school is practising for anniversary under leadership of C. Prowse, choir-master.

Taree.—On Oct. 21 T. D. Maiden commenced a series of morning addresses on Romans, and welcomed into fellowship four young people recently added through faith and obedience. On same day Mr. Maiden conducted service at Wingham in morning and spoke at Taree at night. At business meeting of church reports indicated interest throughout year had been maintained. The treasurer (C. A. Norl- ing) disclosed that income for end of June, 1945, was £634/0/2, and expenditure £501/19/11, leaving credit balance on year's operations of £132/0/3. The church has been strengthened by the coming of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Macindoe and four children, from Dorrigo.

Belmore.—Excellent attendances continue at all meetings, and work is prospering. On Oct. 7, annual meeting of Bible school was held, after which teachers and Bible class joined in a fellowship tea. Oct. 14 was second anniversary of death of Mrs. Corlett, wife of the preacher, and Ladies' Aid and Mission Band had chapel beautifully decorated with roses in memory of her. Gospel meeting was crowded, and at conclusion a member of the Air Force and his wife took their stand for Christ. Many happy reunions have been enjoyed with returning Servicemen. On Oct. 22, K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs combined in a social evening at which representatives from Kingsford clubs were entertained.

After we had closed for press the following telegram reached us: "Hinrichsen-Morris had splendid meeting Grafton (N.S.W.) last night; two further decisions.—Brown."

BIRTH

WATSON (nee Berlin).—At the Brisbane Women's Hospital, on Oct. 21, to Eleanor, wife of Sapper Alan F. Watson—a daughter (Eleanor Glenys).

DEATH

MASTERS.—On Oct. 27, at her residence, 13 Eglinton-st., Moonee Ponds, Sylv., dearly loved sister of Gladys and Wal Mason, of Market-st., Essendon, and loving aunt of Gwenda. "Abide with me."

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IN MEMORIAM

KEMP.—In loving memory of our dear father, Francis Alfred Kemp, who passed to a higher life Nov. 3, 1944; also dear mother, Caroline Helen, who was called to her eternal home June 6, 1942. Treasured memories.

NELSON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who was called home Oct. 31, 1941.

"When by the gift of his infinite grace
I am accorded in heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on his face
Will through the ages be glory for me."

—Inserted by her loving daughter Lorna, daughter-in-law Ann, and son Gordon.

PERKIN.—Fond remembrances of my father (William Henry), grandfather of Doris and Keith, whom God called home Oct. 28, 1944.

—Inserted by his loving daughter, Mrs. Flatman, and grandchildren, Doris and Keith.

SCAMBLER, Thomas Henry.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our loving father, who passed away Oct. 31, 1944.

"A swift passing to a mightier sphere,
New joys, perfected powers, the vision clear,
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Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 176,
"O Spirit of the Living God."

Prayer.—O God, who hast taught us how good a thing it is to follow the holy desires which thou manifoldly puttest into our hearts, and how bitter is the grief of falling short of whatever beauty our minds behold, strengthen us, we beseech thee, to walk steadfastly in the better path which we once chose, and give us wisdom to tread it prudently in thy fear, as well as cheerfully in thy love, so that having been faithful to thee all the days of our life here, we may be able hopefully to resign ourselves into thy hands hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Rowland Williams, 1818.)

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 19: 1-6.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 502,
"Purer yet and purer."

Meditation—

"Like the arching of the heavens
Lift my thoughts above."

Our Lord took a serious view of our thoughts, and taught we were judged by them as well as by our actions. This can be disquieting for us, for who among us can say in good conscience that we never have thoughts of anger, greed or covetousness? So with deep penitence and in humility we offer the prayer in this poem by Mary Edgar—

"Like the arching of the heavens
Lift my thoughts above."

Children often say to one another, "A penny for your thoughts." Grown-ups will jestingly say it to someone lost in his thoughts. We pride ourselves that our thoughts are our own, and that, unless we wish, we need not share them with another. But by the expression on the face we often reveal to those around us more than we realise. Thoughts of anger, selfishness and jealousy all leave unlovely lines and mar an otherwise pleasing face. Beautiful thoughts will transform even a plain face into one of loveliness.

A mother's loving thoughts for her child, lovers' tender thoughts for each other, find expression by look and deed; but great as these thoughts might be, there is not the radiancy of life expressed as when the thoughts are centred upon Christ.

When our thoughts are lifted like the arching of the heavens, our actions which our thoughts produce will be to the glory of God and in the service of humanity.

"Thou judgest us! Thy purity
Doth all our lusts condemn;
The love that draws us nearer thee
Is hot with wrath to them.

"Our thoughts lie open to thy sight,
And naked to thy glance;
Our secret sins are in the light
Of thy pure countenance.

"Yet, weak and blinded though we be,
Thou dost our service own;
We bring our varying gifts to thee,
And thou rejectest none."

Prayer.—Our Father, there have been moments in our lives when heaven seemed very near, and we were inspired with the sense of divine things about us. We believe that such moments of vision and happiness might be oftener ours if we lived closer to thee, and listened for thy voice. Thou art so great that we stand in wonder at the least of thy works. And yet thou art very near to us, and thy blessed companionship may be had for the asking. Give

us courage and faith to enter more deeply into the mystery of thy glory, and to bring the secret to our fellow men. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen. ("The Daily Altar.")



Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 490,
"Now let us see thy beauty, Lord."

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Address.—"Humanity Hungers."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 615,
"To-morrow, Lord, is thine."

Prayer.—"O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Way, the Truth and the Life, have mercy upon those who are wandering in darkness and error; bring them to the knowledge of thy truth, unite them to thee by the sacraments of thy love, that partaking of the blessedness of thy grace in this life, they may dwell with thee in the life everlasting; for thy name's sake. Amen." (Dr. J. Oldnow, 1809.)

This month we complete the devotional meditations based on Mary Edgar's poem, "Life Touched with Beauty." The next devotional topic will be a Christmas one, written by Mrs. W. Green, president Women's Federal Conf.

CO-OPERATION

A NEW spirit of co-operation has been born in many communities and among members of several women's organisations during the past years of war. The emergency house-keeper scheme has been a great boon to many women who have had to enter hospital, and yet have had no one to keep the home running smoothly. It is not necessarily a charitable scheme. Those able to do so pay all of the salary of the house-keeper. These women take entire charge of the home for short terms. Some Christian women are finding this an avenue of service where their influence will be very worthwhile. One town of about 20,000 employs five such workers. Another town of 7000 has one housekeeper and many women giving voluntary help. We hear of suburbs where women are doing such work without being under the jurisdiction of any

women's association or council. It is the old attitude of neighborliness taking a new form.

WOMEN'S FEDERAL CONFERENCE

WOMEN of Australian churches of Christ sent £603 (Aust.) to England as a thank-offering for being spared the horrors of direct war and to help rehabilitate women and children of churches in Britain who had suffered so terribly. In "Christian Advocate," July 27, 1945, Dr. Robinson, editor and principal of Overdale College, remarks, "In the issue for June 22 I announced that I had received credit for £479/7/3 by cable from Australia, and had forwarded the same to the treasurer of the S.G.C. We are staggered and humiliated by the generosity and sincere religious attitude of thankoffering of these good women. They have warmed our hearts as they will warm the homes of many."

NOTES FROM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Victoria.—At October meeting of Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council Mr. C. G. Taylor, B.A., a member of the faculty of the College of the Bible, brought an inspiring address on "Fellowship and Faith." The devotional session was led by Miss G. Wells, a student of the college. Visitors welcomed were Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. Yoemans, of W.A.; Mrs. Jackel, of Wangaratta, and Miss Higgins, of Sydney. A protest against the extension of trading hours in liquor, Sunday theatre opening and beer gardens was passed, copies to be sent to daily papers and Melbourne City Council.

South Australia.—At monthly meeting at Grote-st. on October 4, the newly-appointed president, Mrs. Cornelius, led devotional half-hour. Her message was on "The Secret Session." Mrs. DeLaine was soloist, and the scripture was read by Mrs. Leggo. There were 62 delegates present out of an attendance of 88. Mrs. Russell, of Forestville, was welcomed and suitably responded. Mrs. Butler thanked all who had helped with the conference tea. Mrs. Harding, superintendent of Prayer Meeting Committee, was asked to take charge of prayer meeting session held prior to monthly auxiliary meeting. Reports from the Prayer Meeting Committee showed five meetings held, and from Hospital Committee 117 visits paid to hospitals, institutions and private homes, and 37 books and magazines distributed. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Downs, catering superintendent, and her committee for the splendid work they accomplished was recorded.

Western Australia.—Mrs. Pollard, secretary of W.A. Women's Conference, sends a report of a successful convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in that State. On Sept. 19, 80 members of the union filled galleries of House of Assembly. Each member wore pinned to her coat a large bow of white cardboard bearing the words, "W.C.T.U. We Want Local Option." Discussing the visit the president of W.C.T.U., Mrs. D. R. Wilkins, said, "We attended the session last night because we are not satisfied with the legislation in this State regarding the Licensing Act. We demand the democratic right of Local Option. It is necessary to have this right to deal with the liquor trade."

New South Wales.—At October meeting Mr. Crossman, the newly-appointed Rehabilitation Officer of Social Service Department, told of some of the needs of the returning men and women, and of the responsibility of the churches in this work. Mrs. Greenhalgh and members of Bexley North church led devotional session. During the month Mrs. D. Wakeley, president, has visited Newcastle women's conference, and Mrs. McCallum the Tweed Rivers district and Brisbane.

Obituary

Claude Charles Dawson

THE distinguished life and service of Claude Charles Dawson entered upon a higher phase, following his sudden illness and decease in London, on Oct. 17, at the age of 43. He had caught a chill, in the war-damaged and unheated office at Australia House. Mr. Dawson was a child of Geelong church (Vic.), where his parents were both members, his father, Mr. T. C. Dawson, being an officer. Claude, too, became a church member at an early age. In 1919 he began studies at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, where he was a leading student throughout his course, winning F. G. Dunn and T. E. Rofe scholarships. He took the college diploma in 1922. In addition to student pastorates, Mr. Dawson was preacher at North Melbourne, Preston and Swanston-st. churches, where he created special interest and regard for the vitality of his messages. He won several exhibitions at Melbourne University, and in 1926 graduated Master of Arts, with honors. For a period he was on the literary staff of the Melbourne "Argus," and subsequently became private secretary to the successive Prime Ministers of Australia, Messrs. Lyons and Menzies. During the war years, Mr. Dawson was Director of the Australian Government News and Information Bureau in New York, and later in London. His life serves to remind us of one dynamic contribution of the Christian church to the social order, viz., the making and sending forth of Christians with their influence, integrity and consecrated talents. The Prime Minister, Mr. Chiffley, and innumerable citizens pay tribute to the worth of this useful gentleman, as many record their esteem and affection for a brother in Christ. Mrs. Dawson (nee Miss Elizabeth Woodbridge) had been with her husband in London for some time. Their sons, Brian and Daryl, had only just joined them there. In deepest sympathy, we commend the sorrowing loved ones to the God of comfort.—G.J.A.

Ernest T. Hedger

THE Divine Physician called and ordered "rest." These words aptly describe the home-going of Ernest T. Hedger, who passed away at "Alloa" private hospital, Arncliffe, N.S.W., on Aug. 20. Mr. Hedger was baptised at Enmore by the late Chas. Watt 53 or 54 years ago. He was a builder by trade, and in early manhood spent 11 years in W.A., where he was in membership with Lake-st. church. For the past 26 years Mr. and Mrs. Hedger have lived at Hurstville in membership with Hurstville church. Mr. Hedger was a deacon there for some years. Our late brother was very loyal to the principles of our movement. He was also a very patient sufferer, never complaining throughout the long months of his gradually increasing weakness and pain, which culminated in his death a few days before he would have been 70 years of age. A large company of people attended the funeral at Hurstville chapel and at Woronora cemetery. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Mr. Roffey.—A. W. Ladbroke.

J. Barclay Jackson

THE home-going of J. B. Jackson on Aug. 26, at the age of 57, was a sad loss to the Lygon-st. church, Vic. He joined the church on May 31, 1903, under James Johnston, and during the 42 years since, exercised a varied and helpful ministry. As a young man he was active in both Bible school and C.E. work, his father being the first secretary of C.E. in Australia. Mr. Jackson for some time trained Bible school scholars for the annual examinations, and throughout his life maintained a keen interest in young people, writing regularly

to some whom he felt he could help. He loved letter-writing, a gift which proved of great value during the war. Many absent Servicemen have testified how much his letters meant to them. He wrote several appreciated articles for the "Australian Christian." During one period of his life he was secretary of the church for 15½ years, and of the present deacons, was the longest in office. A trustee of the church, his integrity was honored in other important positions entrusted to him. A kind, sincere, friendly man, he was especially helpful in sick visitation. He was always the preacher's friend, and it was fitting that a former preacher in Reg. Ennis should have voiced the tribute to him at the largely attended funeral service in the chapel on Aug. 27. The writer conducted the service and officiated at the graveside. J. B. Jackson was a true product of Lygon-st. He was baptised and married in, and buried from, the chapel. The church shares the loss deeply with his wife and daughter Joan, who are assured of the continued sympathy and love of all.—C.G.T.

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