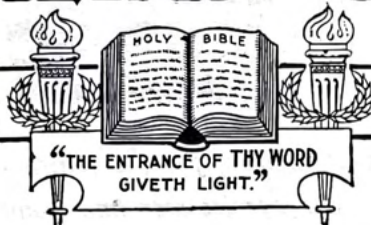


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## *What a Returning Man Thinks is Needed*

FROM a letter by a young Serviceman who is in membership with a church in New South Wales, the following extract was sent to us. We submit same for the thoughtful consideration of readers. While we do not consider that the church has failed as much as the writer suggests, nevertheless there is room for great improvement. It is required of us all that we be more faithful.

"The trouble with churches," he writes, "is they condemn Nazi cruelty, Communist, anti-Christian activities and tyranny, and all the other fads which they choose to oppose, but what do they offer as a substitute? Christianity—what a vague theory. 'The only hope of the world is Christianity. Men will fall; Christ is the only way,' then they stop, no explanations, no details. •

"If I with a Christian upbringing could hear this so often and not realise the meaning, and desire some clarification of the matter, how could the average non-churchgoer hope to agree? To most a Christian is a spineless individual with mystic and almost superstitious beliefs. What could he hope to see by allowing those ideas to take effect in the world?

"What the world wants is a lead. The church is stagnant. It has failed in recent years because it is no longer a leader, and is rapidly falling by the wayside because in this world, where men of action and men with ideas lead, survival of the fittest is the key to the world to-day; and the church at present, by hiding its ideals under a cover of outworn phrases, is a very sick man in the world of ideas. If we were to live and teach Christianity as the Bible teaches, the politicians would follow it and not condemn the church as a relic of the middle ages, an heirloom cherished by a few eccentrics, but a wholly inadequate institution for modern times, because it has grown away from its original ideas. It does not need new ideas, but should look into its cellars and other hiding-places and bring out the ideas which made it the most important and powerful body in the world in such a short time."

## *Rehabilitating Returned Men in the Church*

WHAT a nerve we have got to talk like this! The word rehabilitate, according to the dictionary, means re-instate or restore. I venture to suggest that when we talk of rehabilitating, it is ourselves who need it, and that far more than the returned man. In fact, it is to them that we should be looking to set the process in motion. Let us remember two things:—

(a) These men went away from home at a very impressionable age for the most part. Some of them had been brought into contact with religion in a more or less vital way through Sunday school and church before they left. Some had only viewed it from the other side of the fence. But very few of them had ever been spiritually put to the test. Then came the war and the stark reality of life and death. Cut adrift from all home supports and artificial sanctions, they learned first of all intense loyalty to one another and a real fellowship, the first step in true religion. Then they found themselves in close contact with a chap who never carried a tommy-gun. What was he doing there? Just keeping up their "morale"? Anyway, he did seem to be doing that. But that was not all. Private — gets a knock, that chap is by his side at once; yes, even if the bullets still come thick and fast. He's actually teaching him how to pray out there. That poor fellow has found God, as he had never done before. Is this the fellow we are daring to try and reinstate in the church? He has come to love his brother and has found God, and that in a way that he never did in civil life.

(b) Do we at home show any very great enthusiasm, despite all our outward Christian profession, for either of these things? Is God so vital to us that life is dedicated to him and him alone? I am thinking, somehow, that this returned fellow can teach me a lot about religion that I never dreamt of before, and a lot about God, and a lot more still about being a child of God, and therefore a real brother to my fellow man. What say you?—C.R.C.T., of the Church of England Men's Society.

# When They Come Home

This is the first of a series of articles by  
Esther M. Messent, of South Australia.



## ★ Preparing for the return of our Service men and women

MANY times as I have travelled through the Northern Territory, the following lines by Robert Service have passed through my mind:—

Let us probe the silent places, let us seek  
whate'er betide us;

Let us journey to a lonely land I know—  
There's a whisper in the night wind—  
there's a star a-gleam to guide us,  
And the wind is calling, calling—Let us  
go."

I WANT you to remember particularly the phrase—There's a star a-gleam to guide us—because I believe it has been the reason for the devoted service to king and country of our men and women; I believe it will be the keynote to the solution of our problems, as they return to us. There has been a star a-gleam to guide them, whether it took them through the sands of Africa, the jungle of New Guinea, the heat and dust of the Northern Territory, or merely left them sitting at a desk in a base area. And this star has been the burning urge (though mostly unexpressed) for a better world, for a working democracy, or the simple desire of the ordinary man or woman to do the decent thing. Mr. Churchill once told us that never before in the world's history has so much been owed by so many to so few; and it was because the fate of millions of people for the next thousand years hung on their actions, their courage and their endurance, that our Service people have had a star a-gleam to guide them. Let us show them that the fate of millions for the next thousand years once again lies in the hands of the youth of the nation.

I think three of the outstanding features of Service life have been for both men and women—

Discipline—and many had little of this before.

Regimentation—quite pleasant to those in whom the herd instinct is strong.

Companionship—one of the most precious things of these hard years.

Most Service people, after getting into uniform and going through a recruit course, gained a certain amount of dignity which was very becoming. It was something previously lacking in most of their lives, for we have been an undisciplined people, and at times have displayed a lack of discipline sadly at variance with our heritage. Our men and women through these years have recaptured something of this lovely quality, and through discipline, imposed at first from without, have learned needed lessons in self-control. Shall they find discipline and dignity within our church life when they return?

They have been regimented, and sometimes one detects the rebellious spirit which finds all control irksome, while on the other hand, with some there is a docility to the hand of authority which amounts to apathy, and therefore is extremely dangerous. If regimentation gives a feeling of esprit-de-corps, then it has an effect for good; if, however, it has bred merely a greater reliance on the hand that feeds, clothes and educates, then Australia is facing a problem of rehabilitation brought about by her own war needs. It will be for us to help stiffen the backbone and strengthen the will.

The companionship of the war years has meant so much to many of our Service people that some are loath to leave their units and go their separate ways. Can they find in our churches the fellowship they miss so much?

The war has scattered our young people far and wide. Our men and our nursing sisters have gone to the Far East, to Malaya, and the Pacific Islands, our airmen to England and Canada as well; our girls to the Northern Territory and to little outposts all over this vast continent. Bank clerks have become famous airmen; girls have found themselves standing guard on the sandhills at night, responsible for the great searchlight which is protecting the nearby city. Men from all walks of life have mingled in the various messes and found each other good fellows; girls from rich homes have slept in galvanised iron huts with over twenty others; and lasses from the slums have done mess duty alongside girls who have had considerable advantages in life. They have all been well mixed up in the melting pot of war.

We shall have to realise that those who come home to us are not the same people who went away. Even if they have been on base jobs, they have been caught up in this vast machine; while others who have traversed the seas, fought on the other side of the world, taken part in many hours of flying, or sweated in the jungle, have lived a lifetime in a few years. And for those who have been in prison camps, the war has brought an experience into which we, who have retained our freedom at their expense, can never enter. Many are returning with a feeling of disillusionment, heightened by the unhappy state of the homeland they have loved so well.

And now let us come to the time of their demobilisation and rehabilitation, and after thinking of some of their problems, let us look at these from the point of view of the church's part in their solution.

Service people may be roughly divided into two classes: those who have reacted to their responsibilities, and have been able to undertake really difficult and onerous administrative tasks or technical work involving great skill; and those who have found the Service a vast welfare association, and who quite placidly accept the benefits derived from belonging thereto. In other words, Service life tends either to develop initiative or to sap it.

Of the first class, there will be those who have had dangerous and difficult work to do, and who will find life in the bank or shop or factory very tedious and dull; the confines of the little house will seem sometimes smothering, and the trivialities of home life almost unbearable. They have had their hour of glorious life; and still have life to live, but without the excitement and thrill of danger. I wonder if we can help them to see that living is still a great adventure, and that a man may stake his all on the altar of peace and righteousness and love.

The second group will need to be stirred to

effort; to be roused from their lazy attitude towards life; for they can so easily come to belong to the class which does not play but watches games; which cannot make music, but turns on the wireless; which cannot face an evening at home reading, but must go to the pictures—they are the ones who are living life secondhand. What are we to do with them?

And now let us look more closely at the problem of the churches in relation to returned men and women—how can we prepare for their home-coming? Will they come back to the churches? I think we have to realise that, although Service life has in many ways been more of a routine than most of them were accustomed to, in other ways it has been more unconventional, especially for those away from base areas, and they are the ones we are particularly considering to-day.

Church has not been a matter of entering a stone or brick building a few minutes to 11 and again at 7. For many, Sunday has been a work day just like any other day, and although the unit arranges a church parade, unless it is compulsory, work goes on just the same, and only those off duty are free to attend. Such a service may be held in the open air on the parade ground, or in a tent or bush hut. Sometimes the boys themselves will build the little church in which they afterwards worship, and the girls will provide the interior decoration. Most of the services are short, and the life of the camp goes on around the hut; the trees and the sky are only just outside, and seem to form part of the walls and the roof; sometimes the wild things from the bush come near enough to join in the worship. It is not going to be easy for Service people to accustom themselves to a set form of worship in a stone building, lasting a set time, and lacking just that feeling of personal responsibility which has been a marked feature of many of these camp churches.

When you have helped to build the walls, or have carved the altar, or carried the seats from the Y.M.C.A. hut, or embroidered the cloth for the communion table, or picked the tropical flowers which looked so lovely in the glass jar covered with paper and lacquered—then you do feel that it is *your* church, and that you have a part in it. Can we give our Service people that same feeling of responsibility and partnership, when they come home to us?

Then, too, although they have had to improvise so often while away from civilised areas, they have also been used to doing things well themselves, and seeing things well done. One hears a lot about the slackness in the Services and the good times; but too little is heard of the hard work conscientiously done by so many. It will not be enough to get these young people back to church—to hold them the church and church societies must be well run, efficiently run, and efficiency means that the church or society must be well run from the point of view for which it was created—I want you to think over that point well.

One of the best ways of ensuring this is to ask these young people to come in and help to run them—don't have clubs for them—have clubs *with* them. Don't beg them to come to church for what the church will give them; ask them to come to church for what they can give the church.

Some, however, will simply not want to come to church at all, and it is a great mistake to look disapproving, or pester them in any way—it is better just to go regularly ourselves, talk happily about the church, and remember, above all, that the church of Christ is his body—not a building with four walls, nor an incorporated organisation, but the living people who love him and want to serve him, anywhere, everywhere.

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# Christian Endeavor Activities

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

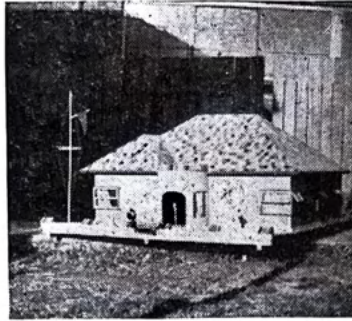
## New South Wales Tribute to Life of A. R. Main, M.A.

E. C. Hinrichsen, Chairman N.S.W. College Board.

WE deeply sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones in the loss of their loved daughter. Mr. Jones was president of the South Australian C.E. Union, an office he has now relinquished. D. T. Reddin has been inducted into this position.

Congratulations are extended to A. R. Pigdon, S.A., on gaining honors in first year Christian Endeavor efficiency examination. Congratulations also to Mrs. W. H. Small, Burwood, N.S.W., on being elected to the position of State Junior C.E. superintendent. Mrs. Small brings a wealth of zeal to the position, and we are sure will do a good work. We extend good wishes to R. R. Wotherspoon, Penshurst, N.S.W., on his re-appointment as Young People's C.E. superintendent.

The group on this page is Georgetown, N.S.W., Junior C.E. Society, and the house the means used to make the society grow as well as to help missions. The house and the drive were the work of Mr. Ron Fraser. He writes: "We commenced with approximately 25 juniors. This number we divided to make sides of 12 and 13. We gave each side a button of a distinctive color so that progress on each side could be readily seen. At the commencement of the drive the house was



The Little House.

unfurnished, but as each new junior was brought a piece of furniture was put in place. Our best attendance was 62, so that the place is nearly furnished. In addition to this, we also promised to frame the name of the junior who brought five new ones, and place it in the room desired. Already there are three names in place. Our house will be on show at our mission box social, and we hope to receive a substantial offering for missions down the chimney.



Georgetown, N.S.W., Junior C.E. Society.

## The Chaplain Says "Welcome"

IT is something that has to be experienced; it cannot be told in words, and once experienced, one would not have missed it for worlds.

It does not come into the daily duties of my work as chaplain to visit the boats bringing home, after years of prison camp life, the sons of Australia. But the urge and desire to say "Welcome" in the name of the church, to rejoice with those rejoicing; yes, and to weep with those weeping (for tears and laughter are strangely mixed as the crowd mingle on the wharf), brought me to the side of the returning ships.

Some dear anxious ones with tear-stained faces (tears of joy) have come to embrace loved ones, back from the very gates of death.

There are others (God have mercy on them); they move among the boys returning, hoping, for hope dies hard, to glean some news of the son, the father, the sweetheart, who will

never return. It is all so cruel, and it is hard to keep the tears back, even as one, writing, recalls it all.

As we wait, one of a great throng, the stately vessel comes around the bend of the majestic river. All eyes are turned; the crowd moves, and under a deep impulse of surging love a shout of joy, inexpressible, rends the air. The frantic cheering crowd waving awaits the berthing of the ship with our boys on board. From the vessel we hear calls to some dear one on the wharf. Would that I were a ready writer or an artist of great skill, that I could put on record the love look of those faces. What follows is not for the gaze of all.

The chaplain is not forgotten, and is graciously remembered by pals of former days, and the chaplain has his sad hour as he hears of pals who will never return. Soon we are on board. From one end of the ship to the

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TO a biblical character these words were uttered, "To-morrow is the new moon, and thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty."

Of no man could those words be truer than of our beloved brother, Mr. Main. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

His great and good works will follow on in this world until our Lord returns and after. To the student he was little less than supernatural. Not only did he have an answer for every question—but he anticipated the question. No book worth reading seemed to be unknown to him. To the conference he was the final authority. More than once in a State or Federal Conference it would seem that a question would be decided in the affirmative. Then Mr. Main would rise, quote the Word, use a few unanswered arguments and the whole attitude would change.

To the religious literary world, as editor of the "Australian Christian," he was a man greatly respected for his sane scriptural articles. As a defender of the faith he had no equal. To the College Board he was the final word. When asked if he would help as principal of the N.S.W. College he replied, "If I can be of service I will be happy to help." For him to leave his home in Melbourne and the many friends which he had made in the forty years of service in that city, was a great sacrifice, and was duly appreciated by every member of the board.

Some felt that to keep him working when getting on in years was a little unfair. On the other hand, it was felt that the breadth of his reading, and the depth of his thinking and loyalty to the Word, as well as his logical reasoning were so great that all wanted all they could from a mind so keen. In his teaching and activity he never forgot that the college was paid for and financed by brethren and sisters who believe in the New Testament church and its message.

At our last State Conference a resolution was passed asking the executive to arrange for a series of lectures on fundamental subjects. When approached by the writer on the matter he said, "I am willing to do anything at all that will help." It was hoped to have these lectures published in book form.

A few months ago the board gave a dinner in his honor. He was particularly cheerful, and told of the joy he anticipated in revisiting Brisbane and Boonah. He was on his way to fulfil these appointments when his heart gave out. We have some great men in our brotherhood—as great as any in the various denominations—but we have no one who can begin to compare with our late brother, Mr. Main, for general as well as scriptural knowledge and loyalty to the same. Our brother was a lonely man since the passing of Mrs. Main. According to our Lord's teaching in Luke 16: 9, "When ye fall they may receive you into everlasting habitation." His heart failed him on Saturday, Oct. 13. On that same day there would be that glorious reunion. How wonderful is the hope of the Christian. He will be missed—"but we sorrow not as those without hope."

# Heal the Sick

THE cry of humanity for healing is almost as old as the world itself. In about two-thirds of the world a great deal of pain and misery is caused through appalling ignorance and superstition; a small proportion comes for reasons over which they have no control. Regarding the rest of the world, pain and suffering for the greater part could and should be abolished, but for selfishness on the part of those who could and should help the vast armies of doctors, who are prepared to give devoted service if only they were in sufficient numbers, with adequate equipment to do the job. The cry of humanity to-day rings loudly throughout the world, and over the wastes and wrecks of a world torn and broken because of sin sounds the voice of him "who went about doing good."

For those who love and serve him, the words of John in his epistle should also find expression in daily life. "He that hath this world's goods and shutteth up his bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" We may not call ourselves wealthy, but in comparison with the peoples of Africa, India, China, etc., we are almost millionaires. Recent mails and reading supply some heart-searching facts, and also give us inspiration and encouragement to continue the task.

## THE PLACE OF MEDICAL MISSIONS

WE are convinced that medical missions must and can have their place in the coming years. Must, because without them the church's witness to Christ is incomplete; must, because any national service will be infinitely poorer if there is no section of it which draws inspiration from the divine love. And can, if the quality of their work is such as no government could do without; medical service worthy of Christ will always win recognition and acceptance."—"Overseas News."

### India

Just received from India is a report from Dr. Oldfield which tells of tremendous need and efforts to cope with the demand. Never in the history of the hospital have there been so many cases, and never has the staff problem been more acute. During the war period, too, supplies have been limited and prices high. Dr. Patil has stood loyally with Dr. Oldfield in the task, and is highly regarded by the non-Christian community. Feeling the need of a change and a rest, Dr. Patil made plans accordingly; but a deputation waited upon him and begged him to remain a few days longer to help them in their distress. During these few days many inoculations were given to ward off plague, now very prevalent in our area. As a result, the prestige of the hospital stands high. Planning to help Sister Foreman get away for furlough, the medical committee are seeking the services of a missionary nurse in India, or a fully qualified Indian nurse. If this were done, it would help the situation greatly until Sister Walker has had the necessary experience in Indian conditions and a working knowledge of the language.

"It was like being at home, not like a hospital"; so a Mohammedan lady expressed her thanks, after a mission hospital had seen her through an anxious illness. And a British officer, leaving another mission hospital after a dangerous attack of cholera, confessed to a friend that he had "found something in that little hospital that he had never really considered before—the love of God."

### New Hebrides

"The other day word was brought that one of the mothers, who has a four-month-old baby, had a breast abscess which had broken, and she was too sick to come down for treatment. She lives a long way, and when I went up to see her I was horrified. I just couldn't walk up there after school every day, so they had to bring her down. Sister said she had never seen one as bad before. To-night, when I went to do the dressing, I was pleased to see her brighter; and though she is still in a critical condition, we hold out some hope. Though she is one of the mothers. Sister attended to, and is a Christian, her mother is not Christian, and they tried all the filthy rubbish first before sending for us. Ignorance here is appalling, and because of it much neglect and unnecessary suffering. Still, Sister is winning out, and more and more they are believing in what she says."—Grace Waterman.

### China

In 1930, the China Year Book stated that 60 per cent. of the doctors in mission hospitals were Chinese—a satisfactory record in many respects, but one that cuts both ways. For it suggests that medicine in China is still regarded more as a labor of love than as a career that will yield a decent living. By the last available records there are about 12,000 "foreign style" qualified Chinese doctors in Free China registered with the state. There are believed to be between 30,000 and 40,000 more, also qualified but not registered as they do not wish to be called up for army service. That would mean in all one doctor to about 10,000 Chinese, or as half the country has

been overrun by Japan, say one to 5000. The plain fact is that unless the average peasant (who makes up over 80 per cent. of the population) gets his doctoring free at a mission hospital, he simply could not afford it, even if it were available.

## FINANCIAL NOTE

AT the time of writing full clearance from the States had not been received for October. However, with the amounts already received and known amounts in hands of State treasurers, we can say:—

1. That the income for the first four months of the financial year (July-October) will approximate that of last year—over £7000.

2. That there are no indications as yet suggesting the present year's income will exceed the record giving of last year—general fund, £11,447.

3. That the known expenses for this year will greatly exceed those of the previous year.

We have the accumulation of missionaries due for furlough, and the sum required for this purpose alone will exceed £1000. During the centenary year we look for greater things from the whole Australian brotherhood. Not 7/4 average for each member, but not less than 10/- average should be the aim. Help us maintain a high average.

This department is conducted by A. Anderson, secretary of our Overseas Mission Board, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A. Please make M.O.'s payable Adelaide.

# The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

## GOOD ADVICE

"For every ill beneath the sun,  
There is some remedy or none;  
If there be one, resolve to find it,  
If not, submit, and never mind it."

## LISTENING DOWN THE CHIMNEY

H. J. GIBBS, Yarmouth port chaplain, tells of a service at sea. He wanted to do something for that most lonely and neglected class, the crews of lightships, of which ten are placed within reachable distance of Yarmouth. So he chartered a tug, and was warmly welcomed on the first he boarded. After spending half an hour looking round, he asked of the captain, "What about a service?" Instantly came the reply, "We would be jolly well ashamed of you if you did not give us the chance." So they all went into the cabin, and how they sang and joined in the prayers and listened to a little address! During the service he noticed one man had left the cabin, and inquiring afterwards, found that one man had always to be on deck on watch. So he spoke to this man, and asked him how he passed his time. His reply was: "I fetched my screw-driver and unshipped the chimney, put my ear down the hole, listened to your address, and took part in the prayers and hymns." His beard, Mr. Gibbs said, was blackened with smoke and soot, but this man endured the torture of the heat and smoke rather than miss the opportunity of joining in a service.

"So she threw over that young doctor?"  
"Yes, and what do you think? He not only requested her to return his presents, but sent her a bill for 47 visits."

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—NOT ALONE

- Nov. 12—Matt. 11: 25-30.
- " 13—Matt. 28: 16-20.
- " 14—John 12: 20-26.
- " 15—Rev. 5.
- " 16—Rev. 7.
- " 17—Rev. 21: 1-8, 22-27.
- " 18—Psalm 20; Romans 11: 1-12.

THE prophet Elijah lived in a very dark time. Great distress prevailed everywhere; the nation was idolatrous; its religious leaders hypocritical; its "civil rulers criminally wicked; the leaders in the universal apostasy; and all the influences of wealth and power setting in against the true religion to destroy it." How natural, therefore, that the prophet should feel the bitterness of isolation, and imagine that he was absolutely alone. It certainly appeared to him that there was no power to stem the tide of crime and apostasy. "I am left alone," cried Elijah. But note God's answer, "I have left for myself 7000 men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 7000 faithful followers, whilst Elijah thought he was the only one! Now in our own day, when depressed by the thought of the wickedness, worldliness or utter indifference which is prevalent, we are apt to conclude that we are in a hopeless minority. But it must be remembered that even in the darkest times there are clear rays of light, and that there may be now even many more saints on earth than we would ever dream of. Note the words, "Even so at the present time also there is a remnant," and that remnant "a great multitude, which no man can number."

# Here and There

Owing to the holiday in Victoria on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and to ensure posting at usual time, we had to close this issue for press on Friday, Nov. 2.

On Oct. 29 the following telegram from Toowoomba, Qld., reached us:—"Inspirational anniversary week-end; one decision; thankoffering to date £183.—Boettcher."

A memorial service to commemorate the life and work of Principal A. R. Main will be held in the Gardiner chapel on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m., under the auspices of Gardiner church and conference executive.

At Bendigo, Vic., J. Pollock was welcomed after his release from a Japanese prisoner of war camp. J. Ellis was honored at a social evening. Mr. Mathieson presented to him on behalf of church a fire-side chair. Mr. Ellis has served at various periods as church secretary, treasurer and member of official board. He has been a Sunday school teacher for 50 years.

Over 300 attended the river excursion on Saturday evening, Oct. 27, conducted by the Victorian Churches of Christ Tennis Association. Mr. Claude Gadge acted as master of ceremonies, and Mr. B. F. Huntsman presented the winter season awards to Bambra-rd., winner of A grade, and to Canterbury Baptist, B grade. The awards are now registered on a large shield donated by the Young People's Department.

The Almanac for 1946, issued by The Austral Co., is slightly smaller than the previous one, but is a pleasing production. A view of Mt. Feathertop is printed in three colors; this is from the painting of Alfred Coleman, and is reproduced by arrangement with him. In addition, there is a useful calendar showing phases of the moon. Suggested Bible readings, and hymns for morning services, also appear. Samples have been sent to church secretaries, and early ordering would be appreciated. The price is threepence per copy, post free.

W. Gale writes: "Our presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, have just returned to the city after a run of nearly 700 miles out among the churches in the country. Occasion was taken to hold the first post-war Western District conference in the tent at Dimboola on Wednesday, Oct. 31. There was a great attendance of brethren from surrounding churches. The mission at Dimboola will close after Nov. 11 in time for the missionaries to commence at Thornbury on Nov. 18. It has been a time of great inspiration for the churches in Western Victoria."

At Whyalla, S.A., the quarterly combined prayer meeting between Baptist and church of Christ was held in Baptist South chapel on Oct. 17. Mr. Bennell presided and Mr. Matthews gave the address. These meetings are creating a good spirit of unity. R. Brougham has been in hospital, and is now convalescent. Mrs. Cooper, of Iron Baron, is a patient in Whyalla hospital. W. Berry is teaching in Sunday school. During month W. Myall, of Queenstown, and K. Webb, of Flinders Park, spoke to J.C.E. A boys' club has been commenced; first meeting had 18 present. All auxiliaries and church maintain steady average. On Oct. 21 Mr. Cox conducted gospel service, and a returned man made the good confession.

At Fullarton, S.A., the first Sunday school anniversary since coming of B. W. Manning was an outstanding success and encouragement. On Oct. 28 Frank Willing gave morning address. In afternoon the hired platform was well filled and chapel full. There was a good gathering at night. Visiting missionaries spoke, and girls from Colebrook

Home helped with singing. Tuesday evening proved a happy and enjoyable closing social. Newly-formed cricket club has won both matches, and tennis club is about to function again. A revival of interest is manifest in all departments. Church is much in prayer about manse, as preacher's furniture has been stored for nine months; also that the new three months' treatment for Crofton Manning will give complete restoration.

N.S.W. half-yearly conference was held in chapel at Wollongong on Oct. 13. State president, Ethelbert Davis, presided, and addresses were given by W. J. Crossman and J. Henderson. About 75 delegates came from Sydney. At united churches prayer meeting on Oct. 10 Mr. Norgate, returned from C.I.M., spoke of the work done by that mission. On Oct. 23 Mr. Norgate spoke to a combined C.E. meeting at which forty were present. National field secretary of C.E., R. Haley, spoke helpfully at special meeting on Oct. 18, and at gospel service on Oct. 21. Eighteen Endeavorers from the churches were present at meetings of State C.E. Convention in Sydney. Women's Mission Band and "Inasmuch" are preparing Christmas parcels for missionaries in New Hebrides and for Children's Home at Rosby Park. Preparations are being made for Temple Day offering on Nov. 18 with aim of reducing debt. G. Spence has been appointed deacon in place of F. Henlen, who has resigned as deacon and treasurer.

Mr. Brooke was speaker at all services at Cottonville, S.A., for fortnight ending Oct. 28. A welcome home was accorded Rowland Butler at chapel on Oct. 24. He has returned from China, where he has been attached to Australian Legation following curtailment of mission work by the China Inland Mission. Supper was served. The Ladies' Auxiliary held annual meeting on afternoon of same day. Christmas gifts are being sent to those in Forces likely to be away during Christmas season. F. C. Western and his son Peter met with an accident while working on a well on their property at Marion. Peter had a miraculous escape from permanent injury, while his father is recovering from badly lacerated hands and severe abrasions. Mr. Caldicott has been in ill-health for some time, and is now in hospital. Church tennis club was officially opened by Mr. Brooke, president, on Oct. 20, when about 30 young people commenced tennis season enthusiastically.

A course of training for youth leaders, conducted by the Department of Social Studies in the University of Melbourne, and sponsored by the National Fitness Council of Victoria, will commence on March 11 next year. This course includes lectures and discussions dealing with subjects of Community, Individual, Leadership, Religious Education. Training in club work, special skills, camp, etc., is given in a course of practical work. The National Fitness Council of Victoria will make available two bursaries to value of £125 each. Successful applicants will be required to give at least one year's youth service as directed by the council. Service personnel are advised that the course is accepted under the Reconstruction Training Scheme, and applicants are eligible for training grants and a living allowance. Youth organisations have been asked to nominate trainees. Any further information on the matter can be obtained from the Youth Director, Mr. W. R. Hibbert, Churches of Christ Young People's Department, Room 321, T. & G. Building, 147 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I.

The church at Brooklyn Park, S.A., recently celebrated 21st anniversary. On Oct. 7 morning meeting was presided over by Laurie Arthur, son of foundation members, in whose home the original service was held. Roll was called of past and present members, and a thankoffering made to building fund. A. Baker exhorted church. During afternoon a "back to

Bible school" was held. Of superintendents of past, nearly all were present, and a few words were spoken by each. Fred. Pearl delighted teachers and scholars of past by attending though it entailed a long train journey from Whitwarta. Vocal items were enjoyed. Choir rendered special items at evening service, Mr. Baker giving the address. On Oct. 8 the Bible school picnic proved a great success. On evening of Oct. 10 B. W. Manning was speaker. Choir and friends again rendered service. On Saturday a tea was tendered past and present members, Ladies' Guild providing a birthday cake which was cut by Mrs. J. Smith, wife of elder and a foundation member. Greetings were read, speeches made, and congratulatory messages received. Tea was followed by a pleasant evening. Vocal and other items were enjoyed. A dialogue by male members of church depicted commencement of church and school and growth of same. W. Beiler gave an address. Oct. 14 witnessed close of services. Special singing and items were rendered by choir. Allan Shipway sang a solo. Messrs. Robert and John Skinner, R.A.N., were present for first celebrations.

## LORD MAYOR'S "BRIGHTER MELBOURNE SUNDAY" RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

THAT the Sunday Christian Observance Council notes with profound regret and dismay the recently published statements of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Cr. Connelly), advocating Sunday opening of theatres and dance halls, together with increased facilities for the sale of alcoholic liquor. That the council is of the opinion that leadership of a more helpful and inspiring character is looked for from one occupying the high and respectable office of Lord Mayor and Chief Magistrate of our city, and cannot agree with the view that overseas tourists would by-pass Melbourne unless the steps suggested are introduced, considering that such a statement is a reflection upon the intelligence and outlook of the average citizen and overseas visitor. That any attempt to lower the recognised observance of God's holy day, or weaken the spiritual witness of the Christian Sunday, will cost the nation dear in the diminution of religious influence on national character, and at the same time lower the moral standards which we enjoy as a part of our British heritage."

## MISSIONARY FAREWELL MEETING

ON Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m., a representative gathering from Melbourne churches met in Cheltenham chapel to farewell Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, outgoing missionaries to New Hebrides. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. S. Chipperfield.

Mr. R. L. Williams, chairman of F.M. Committee, presided, welcomed members from near and far, and expressed the pleasure of all that Mr. R. C. Bolduan, recently returned from India, was present. He read telegrams of greeting from the Federal F.M. Board and the Women's Federal Conference.

Farewell addresses were delivered by H. M. Clipstone, Mrs. G. Washford, J. E. Allan, W. White, R. W. Saunders and R. C. Bolduan, who conveyed greetings from the Indian workers and churches to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and the workers and churches in the New Hebrides.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith thanked the Federal F.M. Board and the brotherhood for their confidence, and expressed the hope that they would be long spared to serve Christ in the islands.

A prayer of dedication was offered by V. C. Stafford, preacher at Cheltenham, the home church of the departing missionaries. A beautiful anthem by Cheltenham choir, and solos by Miss P. Daff and Mr. Val Woff, provided a delightful musical programme.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith expect to leave Melbourne on Monday, Nov. 19.—J. E. Allan, secty.

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**West Hobart.**—On Oct. 24 Miss Peters, of Telugu Village Mission, gave an interesting address to a well-attended gathering. On Oct. 27 a hike to Mt. Rumney was organised by the young people. Morning service on Oct. 28 was broadcast. Mr. Amos conducted and was speaker. The service was very well attended, and Norma Woolley was soloist. Visitors throughout day included Alan Smythe, Bassendean, W.A. Sister H. Cooper was soloist at gospel service. The church farewelled J. Levy, who is going to Sydney.

## Western Australia

**Kalgoorlie.**—The church has maintained interest of people of town, and two young men have confessed Christ. On Oct. 21, Bible school held anniversary services, almost 370 attending in afternoon, and about 350 at night. The demonstration held on Oct. 23 was very well attended. Children's tea was held on following Wednesday. During August, the brethren met to inaugurate first Goldfields annual conference. Brethren from conference at Perth (Messrs. Raymond, Bamford and Mr. and Mrs. Smil) were present, while Norseman mission was represented by Ken Roberts. Mr. Jones, from Claremont, also attended. Many things of vital interest to the work were discussed, and some important motions passed. Reports were received from leaders, and it was expressed that we should hold conferences annually. Discussions were held on Wednesday evening, a fellowship tea and social on Thursday, a youth rally on Friday evening, and a basket tea on Saturday evening followed by devotional service. Lord's day services were conducted by Mr. Raymond, and chapel was packed for each occasion. Walter Brown is again meeting with church, and members have enjoyed his playing for gospel services.

## South Australia

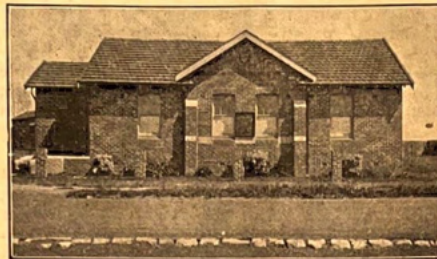
**Henley Beach.**—Sunday morning attendances were good during past month. A. R. Jones was speaker at all services on Oct. 7, 21 and 28. R. Thomas addressed church on morning of 14th, and F. G. Stock gave the address in evening. Mr. Jones visited church at Owen on Oct. 14, taking all services. Tuesday evening prayer meetings are being continued helpfully. News has been received that Les Settman, A.I.F., has died in P.O.W. camp, Siam. Sympathy goes out to his loved ones. Auxiliaries of church are functioning well. J.C.E. and I.C.E. joined during past three weeks whilst J.C.E. superintendent was on holiday.

**Balaklava.**—Fellowship was enjoyed with T. J. Cosh, of Inverell, and his daughter, Mrs. Bennett, of Sydney, who revisited church after nearly 40 years. The 68th anniversary of church was held on Oct. 21, W. L. Ewers being guest preacher. Tea and public meeting followed on Monday. A feature was singing of choir and male quartette at both sessions, also solos by Mrs. C. Curtis, from Victoria, and Mrs. Wills, of Adelaide, both former members. There were splendid attendances. On Oct. 14 a memorial and thanksgiving service was held in memory of three Lochiel members, the late Sisters Martin and McGregor, and W. Harding, also J. C. Tucker and Mrs. Patterson and Nancy Cottle, of Balaklava. Mr. Hutson preached. There was a large number of members and friends present. Young people of church held annual concert in Institute. P. Warhurst conducted choral pieces; B. Marriott was responsible for sketches. Balaklava Welcome Home

Committee, Children's Hospital, and Old Folks' Home received £5/8/8 each as a result. A party was held to honor coming of age of Pte. Kevin Bridgman recently. In aid of local hospital appeal, young people decorated a floral float for procession. The appeal for hospital extensions was known as the R. H. Shepherd Memorial Extensions; the late Mr. Shepherd was a member of church. Over £300 was raised by the effort. The church forwarded a protest to the Premier against suggested re-opening of betting shops. Miss E. Wilson, of W.A., who is visiting her sister at the manse, had fellowship with church on Oct. 28.

## New South Wales

**Bexley North.**—On Oct. 21 J. Henderson preached at night, when three boys and one girl of 'teen age made the confession. There was a crowded meeting. Sid Creek, ex-P.O.W., was present. Women's Fellowship held suc-



The Chapel at Bexley North.

cessful anniversary on Oct. 25, when Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis brought a searching message. The retiring of Mrs. Willis as president was acknowledged by a gift. Mrs. J. Henderson is new president. On Oct. 28 Messrs. Butler (Wagga) and Creek, ex-P.O.W.'s, took part in morning service. A welcome home social was given to all returned Servicemen on Oct. 27. A Hinrichsen mission is expected to commence on Nov. 11.

**Marrickville.**—Bible school anniversary on Oct. 28 drew large congregations. The illuminated theme, "On Fire for Christ," and floral decorations were much admired. D. Wakeley (Burwood) was speaker at teachers' consecration service. J. Henderson (Bexley North) gave an illustrated talk in afternoon, and Mr. Thomas' address at evening service was also illustrated. Solos and choruses by scholars, and particularly kindergarten items, were much enjoyed.

**Dareton.**—Local brethren have carried on the work faithfully during past 18 months that the church has been without a preacher, and with the coming of I. J. Chivell, who has accepted an engagement, a forward move is anticipated. Features of recently held S.S. anniversary were bright singing by scholars led by Mr. Fechner, and illustrated addresses by Mr. Snow and Mr. Lewis, of Mildura. A presentation was made to Mr. Fechner for many years' faithful service as superintendent. Keen interest is taken in C.E. meetings. Gifts of this year's dried vine fruits by members have realised over £100. Ornamental trees and shrubs have been planted around chapel.

**Inverell.**—Mr. Burgin returned after successful mission at Albion, Qld., and addressed all meetings on Sept. 30. The visit of conference president, E. Davis, on Oct. 7 was encouraging. Annual offering to N.S.W. Bible College reached £25, best since college has been opened. This sum included £2 raised by C.E. Society at a church social. Isolated brethren also contributed to this total. Prior to her de-

parture for annual vacation the church honored Mrs. V. Jesson, who has rendered valuable service as organist for many years. A cheque was given as a token of love and esteem by church members.

**Kingsford.**—At morning service on Oct. 7 Mr. Reid gave a helpful address. At night a young girl was baptised. Mr. Crossman gave a helpful address at morning service on Oct. 14. The young girl was received into fellowship.

## Queensland

**Roma.**—C.E. anniversary was held on Oct. 19, when singing and dialogue were rendered by C.E. members, and Mr. Alcorn delivered an address. On Saturday, fellowship tea was held in Presbyterian Hall, over 70 being present. Preachers of other churches, also C. F. Adermann, M.P., were among those present. Thankoffering, with £10 presented by Ladies' Guild, was £34/10/-, and will be devoted to building fund. The 57th anniversary of church was held on Oct. 21, with special services conducted by Mr. Alcorn. Miss Gwenda McIntosh rendered a solo at night, when service was broadcast. At conclusion a baptismal service was held, after which Mr. Adermann presented Mr. Alcorn with two books on behalf of church, C.E. Society and Bible school in appreciation of his assistance at the special services. On Oct. 25 Mr. Wylie officiated at the wedding of W. McDougall and Miss C. Cooke.

## Victoria

**Portland.**—Speakers during October were Miss George, A. Langley, T. Davey and Mr. Pratt. Ladies conducted service on Oct. 7, when preaching by Miss George was appreciated. A social evening was held on Oct. 12, when scholars received prizes and presented an enjoyable concert programme. Charlie Rivett was welcomed home on Oct. 21. Offering for college amounted to £1/10/-.

**Gardenvale.**—Morning attendances have been good during month. Thanks are extended to Messrs. Arnott, Kenely, Sumpton, Wallington and Richardson for addresses and for assisting Mr. Anderson. Mr. Sampson has left hospital after recent injury. At a well attended business meeting on Oct. 11, the church decided to ask Mr. Anderson to continue as preacher for another two years. Members also agreed to purchase present property, and a deposit has been paid. The church is grateful for the generous gift of the trust. On Oct. 20, a good time was had by all who attended young people's mystery bicycle ride.

**Castlemaine.**—M. Symes, of college, who is assisting until arrival of Mr. Methven, gives inspiring addresses. On Oct. 28 newly-formed Church Men's Society held first function in form of tea and men's service, men taking part and forming choir. On Oct. 27, forty young people travelled to Maryborough and had a delightful time of fellowship. On Oct. 12 Ladies' Help Assembly held fair and raised over £30 towards kitchenette fund. Church half-yearly business meeting was held on Oct. 6, and Bible school annual meeting on Oct. 16. M. Symes was elected temporary superintendent, and is giving good service.

**Gardiner.**—Chaplain R. Helmore was speaker at each service on Oct. 21. Jim Kilgour was welcomed home from service with R.A.A.F. in England, and Basil Pugh, ex-P.O.W., Malaya. Midweek prayer meetings, held in homes of members during winter, have been resumed at chapel. On Oct. 25 K.S.P. club celebrated annual ladies' night and entertained mothers of boys of the club, including those still on service, and wives of members of club and church still with Forces. Special welcome was given to those who had returned home. T. Keyte (Brighton Baptist), ex chaplain and member of K.S.P. club, gave a challenging address. A bright programme was presented by local and visiting artists. Chap-Gen. Brooke, returned

from visit to Queensland, was speaker on Oct. 28. After evening address Miss V. Wade, from Bible school and P.B.P. club, confessed Christ. During afternoon Bible school observed promotion day. Three new teachers were welcomed.

**Bentleigh.**—Meetings in special series were helpful. J. Bond gave challenging addresses. Singing led by G. Neal was enjoyed. On Oct. 24 L. W. G. Duff-Forbes gave an illustrated address at a crowded meeting. A feature of the mission has been children's afternoon meetings from 4.15 to 5.15. Up to 150 have attended, and enthusiasm runs high. A. W. Wallington's solos on two Sunday evening gospel services were appreciated. R. J. Anderson has not been well, but is now much better. On Oct. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Bagley were received into fellowship.

**Warracknabeal.**—Church anniversary services were held on Sept. 30, when E. L. Williams' addresses were appreciated. At P.S.A. in town hall, offering of £6 for district hospital was received. Resignation of G. T. Black as preacher of circuit was accepted during the month, and services have been taken by

Messrs. Earl and Rogers, J. Butler, of Horsham, W. Saunders, of mission team at Dimboola, and J. Denyer, of Baptist church. Bible school picnic was held enjoyably on Oct. 27. Work in Bible school is very satisfactory, attendance averaging above 40. Senior Endeavorers, with others, have been visiting Dimboola mission each week. On one visit a young lady made her decision.

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#### MACNAUGHTAN-SAUNDERS MISSION

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SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 1945.

## Social Service Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay

### Christian Fellowship Association

THE tenth annual meeting of C.F.A. members was held in Lygon-st. church school hall on Thursday, Oct. 18. About 40 agents met with the board at a dinner prepared by the Women's Conference Catering Committee preliminary to the report and balance sheet being presented. The dinner provided a splendid opportunity for agents to confer on matters of personal interest and methods of collecting. The secretary read the report, the adoption of which was moved by the president, Mrs. C. Gill, who referred to the remarkable progress that had been made by the Social Service Department over the past twenty years during which she had been associated with it. Although there were other monuments which marked this progress, she believed that none was of greater importance than C.F.A., which was entirely our own conception. All the States had now adopted it, and several had substantial accumulated funds. The time had come for an interstate conference of representatives to meet to consider the possibility of co-ordinating certain activities and establishing a common basis of understanding. The report was of a most encouraging nature, and presented strong evidence of the tremendous possibilities that were latent in the movement.

The treasurer, R. A. Strongman, in seconding the adoption of the report, made particular reference to the financial position. He stated that although some thousands of pounds had been paid in loans and relief to members, and substantial monthly payments were being made to some to whom supplementary income was essential, the total assets on a conservative basis amounted to £7000. C.F.A. had placed brotherhood benevolence on a business basis which not only made possible adequate assistance, but it was made possible by a method which spared the feelings of those assisted. The proportion of money loaned was much higher than that given in relief, due to a desire for loans rather than gifts. Mr. Strongman explained that all loans were made without interest, but always were advanced to meet an urgent need. No money was available to members for private investment. The accumulated funds of C.F.A. should act as a stimulus to the membership. The programme of the board would always be conditioned by the amount of money in hand.

Several members contributed to the discussion,

and the report received unanimous endorsement. The associate secretary, W. T. Atkin, was introduced to the meeting, and in reply made reference to his long association with the board, and affirmed his confidence in the future of C.F.A. The field representative, F. E. Buckingham, gave an inspiring address, referring to his faith in C.F.A., and outlined what he believed to be within the realm of possibility. Mr. Buckingham was courageous enough to declare what he expected to accomplish within the first year of his engagement. Already he has engagements with several churches, and has received much encouragement as he enters upon his special work. The annual meeting was unanimously voted a big success.

### Dinners and Discussions

These occasions, over several years past, had brought together such as delight in healthy and stimulating debate. The discussion had on the last two occasions taken the form of a Brains Trust, and had been thoroughly enjoyed. The discussion announced for Monday, Nov. 19, was to be around the subject, "That the Church should Take an Active Part in Politics," and will take the form of an open forum. It was expected that Mrs. Brownbill and Mr. A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., Mrs. W. Nankivell and Cr. W. A. Fordham, both of whom are contesting seats in the approaching State elections, and Mr. C. R. Burdeu, Chief Rehabilitation Officer, will introduce the subject, not necessarily affirming it. Those present will have an opportunity of briefly stating their views and asking questions. A most interesting and profitable evening is assured. C. Adermann, M.H.R., and ex-Federal Conference president, has expressed his regret that he cannot be present, and offers his congratulations to the committee on taking up the subject.

### Beer

Our Lord Mayor of Melbourne is ready to champion beer on all occasions. It would appear that he has the impression that every young man and many young women enjoy a glass of beer, and no party is complete without it.

One of our soldiers reports that on the return of men from abroad they were taken to Royal Park, where they were given a meal and a bottle of beer. There was no soft drink nor even a cup of tea which most of the men wanted. Those who did not take beer went without anything. Surely the only way to offset these practices is to move through politics. We need good men in high places.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, VICTORIA.

Applications are invited for the position of deputationist to commence duties on Feb. 1, 1946. Closing date Dec. 5, 1945. Further particulars obtainable. Address all applications to the General Secretary, Mr. S. Russell Baker, 241-3 Flinders-lane, Melbourne, C.I.

#### COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2 and 5.—Sunday, Dec. 2, Ringwood Bible school anniversary. 3 p.m., presentation of kinder awards; R. Muller, speaker; 7 p.m., speaker, Mr. F. E. Buckingham; special singing by scholars. Wednesday, Dec. 5, moving pictures, "Australian Wild Life," by Mr. F. Lewis. All welcome.

#### WANTED

Lady hairdresser wanted (ex-Servicewoman, or under 18, or over 45). Excellent wages, permanent position. Apply Read's Hairdressing, 88 Toorak-rd., Camberwell, E.6. Phone, WM3788.

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### LYGON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.

#### NEW CENTURY BIBLE CLASS.

Every Sunday Afternoon at 3.

Nov. 11—People of Smyrna v. Polycarp.

Nov. 18—Athanasius v. Arius.

Speaker, C. G. Taylor, B.A.

### FRANKSTON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Cor. Dandenong-rd. and Beach-st.)

#### ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,

NOVEMBER 11.

11—V. C. Stafford. 3—R. Muller.

7—Thomas Hagger.

Scholars will sing afternoon and evening under A. J. Mackenzie. You are invited.

### GARDENVALE CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

11 a.m., Teachers' Consecration Service. Mr. Randall.

3 p.m., Mr. T. Fitzgerald.

7 p.m., Mr. Bennett.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Pictorial Evening in the Masonic Hall.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

3 p.m., Mr. Clarke. 7 p.m., Mr. R. J. Anderson.

Special singing by scholars under leadership of Mr. C. Gadge, assisted by orchestra. Past members and friends invited.

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## Victorian News — Continued

**St. Arnaud.**—During September and October services were conducted by R. Hall, H. Hurren, A. Chiswell and J. Sandercock. Help each Sunday morning by Max and Geoff Hurren is appreciated. Mrs. Fielding, an old and esteemed member, has left to reside in Melbourne. A successful Sunday school picnic was held on Oct. 24 at the Bend. Mr. and Mrs. W. Vernon were welcomed on Oct. 28.

**Footscray.**—S.S. anniversary concluded with splendid meetings on Oct. 21, when R. Story and D. C. Ritchie were speakers. Mrs. G. Graham presented cradle roll certificates. A small token of appreciation was made to W. Easton (song conductor). Scholars' concert, held in Peter Fraser Memorial Hall on Oct. 24, was a marked success. Proceeds from S.S. anniversary celebrations totalled £35.

**Mitcham.**—During October the church has been helped and encouraged by addresses on loyalty by A. Thurgood and T. W. Westwood. A series of illustrated talks at evening services on spiritual revolution by W. H. Holloway (B. & F. Bible Society), Mrs. W. F. Nankivell, R. J. Sandells and S. Burman (Campaigners for Christ) has increased attendances. Bible school scholars are practising for anniversary with Mr. Sandells conductor.

**Mont Albert.**—On Oct. 14 a favorite hymn night, conducted by R. Hillier, was enjoyed. A. Thurgood and E. W. Heard gave addresses on Oct. 21, in absence of Mr. Hillier owing to illness. Mr. Smith, secretary of church, spoke on morning of Oct. 28, and Mr. Burn, of the college, in evening. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors, including Chaplain Trezise. Miss Esme Quirk, one of the S.S. teachers, is progressing after operation.

**Springvale.**—Fourth church anniversary was held in Mechanics' Hall on Oct. 14. Thanksgiving afternoon service was addressed by Mr. Buckingham. His talk on giving helped greatly in increasing £50 target for chapel fund to £78. Permit to erect new chapel is still held up. Gospel services attract steadily increasing numbers to hear addresses of J. K. Bond. Church business meeting, held Oct. 20, was well attended. All retiring deacons except one were re-elected, seventh position being filled only after exhaustive ballot. Treasurer's report disclosed satisfactory financial position. Prayer meeting is increasing numerically and spiritually to a record attendance of 23.

**Northcote.**—Bible school anniversary was successful. Sunday speakers were W. Lowe, R. Muller and E. L. Williams. At distribution of prizes on Wednesday, C. L. Lang gave a lantern address. Offerings totalled £39/7/6. Murray Williams (college) is assisting W. T. Atkin in preaching and visitation, while the latter is partly engaged at Social Service Department. Offerings for college were £22/4/9. On a recent Sunday three young people were baptised. On following Sunday they were received into fellowship. Ladies' Class recently enjoyed a splendid concert programme. Social Service offering was £28/9/-, and £6/6/3 was raised by Bible school scholars. Church B grade tennis team, premiers in churches of Christ competition, were presented with a pennant. £15/9/5 was raised for Hospital Sunday. Average attendance for breaking of bread for month was 160.

## 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.)

### ALL HAVE SINNED

CHAPLAIN C. YOUNG seems to have read into my article, "As a Dying Man to Dying Men," what is not really there, or he has missed the point that I sought to make.

I am not sure whether he intended to suggest that I refused to believe in the pits of Buchenwald and Belsen, but his use of the sentence, "which he finds hard to believe," may be construed that way by some. In my article, however, I admitted having to accept things which are hard to believe. "Man's inhumanity to man" is one of the things which all thoughtful people find it hard to believe.

There was no intention to single out Britain and accuse her of the same things as Belsen and Buchenwald. Only an undue sensitivity would take my statement as an injustice to Britain. My point was that no one nation has a monopoly of things hard to be believed. There are ample, distressing evidences of "man's inhumanity to man" in all nations and in all ages. Let us talk to men who will tell us some of the ungarished facts of war—of things that are done on both sides—and the pit of human sin will be quite evident. A reading of Van Passen's book, "Days of Our Years," may give us enough of the sickening story, and show us that Germany and Japan are not the only nations guilty of things that shock a Christian conscience.

My further point was that these unbelievable things (but true) are due to a drift from God. That drift is all of one piece, and somewhere, at some time, and in some way it will lead to things hard to be believed, not necessarily the same as, but of the sinful order and unbelievable character of Buchenwald and Belsen.

Probably the best chapter and verse to give would be Romans 3: 23. We need, therefore, to preach the gospel as dying men to dying men.—E. Lyall Williams.

### FOR SALE

Fruit trees, 2/6 each, 24/- doz. Large special Lemon and Lime Trees, 15/- and 17/- each. Rhubarb, 7/- doz. Grape Vines, 9/- doz. Gooseberry, Currants, Logans, 6/- doz., 45/- 100. Raspberry, Asparagus, 2/6 doz., 12/- 100, £5 1000. Strawberry, 9d, doz., 3/6 100, 30/- 1000. Golden Privet, 6/- doz. Most shrubs, 2/- each. Some small shrubs, 1/- each, and some large and special kinds, 3/- to 5/- each. Large ornamental trees, 2/6 to 7/6 as to size. Athel tree (evergreen Tamarin), 3/- each; Chrysanthemums for cut-flower growing, 3/- doz., 15/- 100; special, 6/- doz., 25/- 100.—A. G. NIGHTINGALE & CO., Nursery, Emerald, Vic.

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# Obituary

## Mrs. P. J. Byard

ON Sept. 30, at Launceston, Tas., there passed from this life Mary Effie Byard. Before her marriage, Mrs. Byard was a teacher in the Education Department. In this vocation our sister seized many opportunities of conducting Bible schools in rural areas. As a keen student of the Word, Mrs. Byard came to accept simple New Testament Christianity. It was a great delight to her nearly forty years ago when hearing William Clifford, of Kellevie, to find that the convictions she had come to, independently, agreed with the preaching and practice of churches of Christ. Following her immersion into Christ, she remained a staunch advocate of the Restoration plea. With her husband, she was associated with churches at Hobart, West Hobart, Mayberry, Geeveston, and for the past twelve years Margaret-st., Launceston. To our sister the fellowship of the church was an ever increasing delight. Mrs. Byard was an able expositor of the Word; many in Tasmania and beyond have been enlightened by her teaching and helped by the witness of her life in which the word of Christ dwelt richly in all wisdom. To her husband, an honored elder of Margaret-st., we extend our sincere sympathy, and commend him and the bereaved relatives to him who is able to comfort and sustain until the day break and the shadows flee away.—S.H.W.

## Stephen John Paine

THE home-call of Stephen John Paine, at Northam hospital, on August 11, removed from our midst one who through many years had proved his loyalty to Christ, and his concern for the souls of men. Born at Ballarat, Vic., he came to Western Australia about 45 years ago, and soon after settled in Northam. He united with the church 31 years ago, during the ministry of A. T. Eaton, and never looked back on the spiritual journey. At 79 years of age he passed to be forever with the Lord. His conversion he attributed largely to the memory he retained of a godly praying mother. To him the love of God was indeed precious. A faithful member, he was in due course elected a deacon of the church, and later appointed to the eldership, a position he retained to the end of his life. For about a year prior to his death, illness debarred from any active participation in church life. Faithful in exhortation, his preaching of the gospel also had led a number to confess the Saviour. A bootmaker by trade, his work bench often became the place of witness for Christ. In the Bible school he rendered years of faithful service. The service in the chapel was conducted by James Gordon, assisted by P. N. Jefferies, a co-elder with the departed. Here, and later at the graveside, many gathered to pay their last tribute of appreciation to one respected for his faith, and whose sincerity none doubted. Our late brother was predeceased many years ago by his wife, a woman of gentle Christian character. The surviving family comprise two daughters, Mrs. S. West (Cottesloe), Mrs. C. Northey (Northam), and three sons, Thomas (Geraldton), Steve (Kellerberrin), and Fred (Northam). All are assured of the deep sympathy of the church. Of the deceased it can truly be said, "He being dead, yet speaketh."—J. G.

## Miss M. L. Rometch

AFTER a long and painful illness, our sister was called home on Thursday, Oct. 11, at dawn of day. Born at Launceston, Tas.,

on Nov. 4, 1886, she brought great joy to her parents, George and Virginia Rometch. Having reached the age of 18 years, the responsibilities of home were thrust upon her, having at that time lost her mother by death, and it is the testimony of all who knew her that such responsibilities were discharged efficiently, sincerely and well. Later she moved to Australia, and by God's Spirit was led to services held at South Melbourne, conducted by F. Illingworth, when and where she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and crowned him Lord of her life. Her long ministry as secretary of the Women's Conference received from time to time special recognition, where her work was known to be an example of perfect devotion. Her chief interest at Swanston-st. church, which she joined about the year 1900, was treasurer and singer in the choir. She was always present, and latterly endured much suffering to take her part. As a token of their appreciation the choir dedicated a short anthem at an evening service to her memory, under the baton of Mr. H. T. S. Brown. Her latter days were stormy, due to difficulties of securing help for homes, and she was taken from one private hospital to another; but in spite of it all, she exhibited the spirit of the Master to a marked degree. The family and relatives extend special thanks to all who endeavored to make her last few months bright and happy. A service was conducted at Ferguson's funeral parlor at Thornbury by the minister of Swanston-st., assisted by Mr. W. Atkin. Interment took place at Fawkner. We thank God for such a life of devotion and service, and pray special blessing upon those who mourn.—C.B.N.K.

## Catherine Tippett

IN the passing of Mrs. E. Tippett on Sept. 11, Lygon-st. church, Carlton, Vic., lost one of its most devoted members. She had been carried to the church as a baby, a few weeks old; had joined the church at the age of 14, and remained in continuous active membership for 64 years. She proved a valued and loved helpmeet to Ernest Tippett, so well known for many years as a choir-leader of the highest repute. Her influence was at its richest in the home, and eloquent testimony to its abiding worth is seen in the ministries of her sons and daughter in the churches to which they now belong. She loved her church, and especially the women's work. Quiet and unassuming, she never sought office for herself, but was most faithful in her support of others. Her regular attendance at church services was an encouragement to many preachers. She was present at the Women's Mission Band only six days before her death. A largely attended service was held at the chapel on Sept. 13, with K. W. Barton leading and S. R. Baker paying a tribute to her life of devoted, faithful witness. These also officiated at the graveside. The church's sympathy, love and prayers remain with her husband, sons, daughter and other loved ones.—C.G.T.

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Our wearied eyelids gently steep,"  
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sary. This report has been delayed owing to  
special circumstances.

Homiletics III.—A. G. MacDonald, K. J. Pat-  
terson, V. Quayle, F. B. Alcorn, C. B. Cartmel,  
C. J. MacKenzie. Two others passed.

New Testament Greek III.—F. B. Alcorn, K. J.  
Patterson, A. G. MacDonald. Three others  
passed.

Apologetics.—K. J. Patterson, R. H. Hindman,  
J. A. Hindman, A. G. MacDonald. Four others  
passed.

Ethics.—A. G. MacDonald, K. J. Patterson,  
F. B. Alcorn, J. A. Hindman. Four others  
passed.

Comparative Religion.—Miss A. M. Barton,  
K. J. Patterson, A. G. MacDonald, F. B. Alcorn.  
Three others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—Miss A. M. Barton, F. B.  
Alcorn, K. J. Patterson. Thirteen others  
passed.

Church History II.—Miss A. M. Barton,  
R. H. Hillier, R. W. Saunders. Seven others  
passed.

New Testament Greek II.—Miss A. M. Barton,  
M. D. Williams, J. B. Baker, M. L. Symes. Eight  
others passed.

Old Testament.—Miss A. M. Barton, R. W.  
Saunders, R. H. Hillier, H. M. Long, C. J.  
MacKenzie. Twenty others passed.

New Testament.—Miss A. M. Barton, R. H.  
Hillier, H. M. Long, R. S. A. McLean, L. K.  
Wedd, C. J. MacKenzie, A. H. Graham, S. F.  
Davey, R. W. Saunders. Seventeen others  
passed.

New Testament Greek I.—Miss J. G. Water-  
man, R. S. A. McLean, S. F. Davey, A. G.  
Thurgood, H. M. Long. Six others passed.

Church History I.—C. J. MacKenzie. Five  
others passed.

Economics.—H. F. Gross, J. G. Shaw, Miss  
M. E. McDonald, E. W. Heard, C. L. Smith,  
R. T. Roberts. Three others passed.

Pastoral Theology I.—H. M. Long, N. Gavros,  
R. S. A. McLean, P. R. Whitmore, S. F. Davey.  
Four others passed.

Homiletics II.—Miss A. M. Barton, N. King-  
ston, R. H. Hillier, W. E. Fisher, A. H. Graham,  
R. W. Saunders, G. W. Barnett, L. K. Wedd,  
M. D. Williams, M. L. Symes. Three others  
passed.

Ancient Civil History.—H. F. Gross, Miss  
M. E. McDonald, K. W. Dixon, R. T. Roberts,  
J. G. Shaw, C. L. Smith, E. W. Heard. Four  
others passed.

Leaving English.—H. F. Gross, P. S. C. Ryles,  
J. G. Shaw, K. W. Dixon, Miss M. E. McDonald,  
F. Collingwood. Eight others passed.

European History.—H. F. Gross, J. G. Shaw,  
K. W. Dixon, R. T. Roberts, D. Grant, Miss  
M. E. McDonald, C. L. Smith, E. J. Sewell.  
Three others passed.

Intermediate Greek.—H. F. Gross. One other  
passed.

Preparatory Greek.—K. W. Dixon, E. W. Heard,  
C. L. Smith. Four others passed.

Western Australian Students: First Term.

New Testament.—N. Moore.

New Testament Greek I.—N. Moore.

Pastoral Theology I.—N. Moore. One other  
passed.

Old Testament.—One passed.

Ancient Civil History.—One passed.

—Fred. T. Saunders, secretary.

# On the Shelf

Stuart Robertson, M.A., tells why "on the shelf" means forgotten.



WE all know what "on the shelf" means; it means forgotten, neglected, out of sight, and out of mind. When some problem is shelved, it is put out of the way for good. When somebody is shelved he has been got rid of.

Why? A shelf is a very necessary thing and a very useful thing. As I write I am surrounded by shelves, full of books. They are all "on the shelf," but they are not forgotten. I know where each is. They are all remembered friends, ready to come off the shelf and talk with me at any time.

There are shelves in the kitchen, but cook doesn't forget the things that are "on the shelf" in the kitchen; she has put them there in their places so that she can lay her hand on them when she wants to.

There are shelves in the greenhouse; but the gardener didn't put his pot-plants on the shelves to get them out of his sight. He knows exactly where each is. Why, then, should "on the shelf" mean forgotten?

I think "shelf" means a high top shelf, in a bookcase or a cupboard. There things are shoved away and forgotten, and only rediscovered when spring-cleaning comes along, when it is often a surprise to come upon them, and you say, "I wondered where that had got to!" It hadn't "got" to anywhere; it had been put on that top shelf and forgotten.

What have you got on your top shelf? Have a look and see. Perhaps you will be surprised. Perhaps you will find something you will be glad to find. I know what some people will find if they look: a Bible! There it lies, dusty, forgotten, unread. No! I am not just imagining things. Every home has, I fancy, a Bible, but in far too many homes it is "on the shelf." I read lately in the Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society how an old woman in Hungary was very interested by a colporteur reading to her from the Bible. "Won't you buy one?" he asked. "Oh," was the answer, "I've got one somewhere in the house, but I'm not sure where." A search discovered it, put away, covered with dust, on a top shelf with other for-

gotten things. She brought it down, dusted it, most grateful to her visitor for having made her rediscover her Bible, and promised that it would never go back "on the shelf."

I was rung up one day on the telephone by a lady who wanted to know if I could tell her where in the Bible there was "something about feeding ravens." I said, "You mean about ravens feeding Elijah?" "Yes, that's it; where is it?" I told her where it was, and added, "Have you got a Bible?" "Of course I have," she answered, almost indignantly, as if to say, "What a question to ask!" But my next question bowled her out: "Do you know where it is?" "Y-y-y-es! I think it's somewhere on the shelf." When she went on to ask me where to find "something about Solomon in all his glory and the lilies of the field," I felt that her Bible was very much "on the shelf." So our conversation ended by my saying, "Now get it off the shelf and don't put it back."

Just think, too, how much the Bible has counted for in our history; through what sacrifice, and heroism, and brave adventure, and tragedy of suffering it has come to us. And then think how sad it is that such a thing should, in any English home, be "on the shelf."

I hope you are collecting books that will be your good friends, always at your call, always at hand, and never forsaken and forgotten on some high top shelf, out of sight and out of mind.

Be sure that among them, and the chief of them, is the English Bible; for it is a friend you simply can't afford to shelve, and it tells you of the best of friends—the Lord Jesus. Books will come your way that you will read once and never care to read again. You can afford to put them "on the shelf" and leave them there. They amuse, they "pass the time," but the Bible will teach you to "redeem the time." Keep it at hand and read it, not as a duty, but as a delight.—"The Expository Times."

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# Men, Facts and Morals

## KING OF KINGS

WHEN King George VI. was crowned in 1937, he made a solemn promise. He promised that "to the utmost of his power" he would rule over his various dominions, "so that law and justice with mercy shall be done in them," and "to maintain the laws of God, and the true profession of the gospel."

Then he rose from his royal chair, and knelt, bare-headed, on the altar steps in Westminster Abbey, placed his right hand on the Bible, and took the oath: "The things which I have here promised I will perform and keep. So help me, God."

Later, in the coronation service, when the king and queen took the communion, they both knelt before God.

Again, after the reading of the scriptures, the king and queen knelt for prayer, while the archbishop of Canterbury prayed that the king might be given "strength, wisdom, blessing and holiness of life" to fulfil his promise and to rule well.

All this is done at the coronation of our kings, because our king, and government, and people, must remember that God is the King of kings and Lord of lords; and we can be blessed by him, as a nation, only if we serve him truly and faithfully, by doing what is right.—Selected.

## THE REJECTED STONE

IN the Accademia delle Belle Arti, in Florence, stands a colossal statue, nine cubits in height. It is Michel Angelo's David, and represents the shepherd lad standing with knit brows and quivering nostril. In his right hand, which droops nervously by his thigh, he holds the piece of wood on which his sling is hung. The sling runs round his back, and the bag, bulging with the stone, is clutched by his left hand over the left shoulder. A moment more and the right hand will be whirling the sling. He stands erect, but his body is slightly curved in poise to hurl the fatal missile.

"The statue has a remarkable history.

Some hundred years before Michel Angelo's day, a sculptor had fetched a huge piece of marble from Carrara, and had blocked it out; but he had proved a sorry bungler, cutting a great slice out of one side. The marble was spoiled, and neither he nor anyone else was capable of extracting a statue from the block, either of the same size or even on a much smaller scale. It lay useless for a century, when it was offered to Michel Angelo. His eye saw what could be made out of it, and he set to work upon it, adapting the ruinous cleft to the curve of the poised figure. And thus he wrought out his design, making the very mutilation of his material subservient to it. Even so does Christ take the ruins—take what is now left—of a human life, mere rubbish, in the world's judgment, and fashion them anew." (Cf. T. A. Symonds, Life of Michel Angelo.)

ANDREW CARNEGIE

NEARLY a hundred years ago a penniless Scotch lad emigrated with his parents to Pittsburg, America, and settled there. His name was Andrew Carnegie. He had few school privileges, for at the early age of seven he had to earn his own living. When he was sixteen his father died, and he had to support his mother, brother and himself. He was a boy of courage and sterling quality. Troubles that would have overcome many only nerved him for greater exertion. He read much, he thought much. He was "diligent in business, serving the Lord." At a very early age he was appointed, over the heads of many older men, manager of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and step by step, he became wealthy and influential; eventually becoming a multi-millionaire, much of his wealth being given to the establishment of libraries in various parts of the world.

Among the rules of his life Mr. Carnegie had these three:—

1. Aim high.
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## Pigeons and a Sparrow

IT was a cruel morning of sooty snow. As a kindness to the poor birds someone flung into the square a slice of bread. It was that portion of a loaf which is on one side hard and crusty, on the other side soft and white. As the bread descended it fell with its hard side uppermost. Immediately four pigeons settled upon it. They pecked and pecked, but with no satisfaction, until at last they withdrew, leaving the field clear. Enter a sparrow! He makes one peck and turns his head to a side. No! He pecks again. Emphatically not! But truly, how God hath chosen the weak things of this world! The little sparrow threw his head to a side, gave one happy chirp, and then, putting his beak under the edge of the crust, gave it one quick heave and turned it over, soft side uppermost! He had one or two good bites, when—fie for shame, the pigeons came back, drove the little sparrow away, and settled on the bread. But, cheer up, my little sparrow! Here you are immortalised! You needed no such service from us. Your immortality was secured long ago in Galilee.—Selected.

## Young Clerk's Faith

A YOUNG clerk working in Melbourne in 1855, S. H. Coles by name, was shown the truths of the New Testament church by H. G. Picton, a companion. The two young men had great faith. They wanted to preach the gospel. Hiring an unused brick bowling alley in Chapel-st., Prahran, they announced that gospel services would be held there. At first little encouragement came to them. One evening they heard footsteps approaching, and went eagerly to welcome the visitors, but only to find two goats making their way to the door. However their efforts were rewarded. Later several persons decided for Christ. The little church secured a room in the Mechanics' Institute; it became too small, and in 1859 the large upstairs hall was rented. When Mr. Coles, who was quite a young man, went out to Brighton to live in November, 1859, he wanted to continue the preaching of the gospel. At first he used an old Independent chapel, but with a handful of helpers he built in March, 1860, a meeting place which was little more than a room. However, it served as sufficient for the early needs of the church. The faithful efforts of that young man were not in vain. He helped to lay the foundation of the causes at Prahran and Brighton. The opportunity to serve is open to young people to-day. If they have faith and zeal for the Lord, they can help advance the kingdom of God wherever they are.

## Women of the Bible

1. Who was the mother of Isaac?
2. There was a queen who threatened to kill Elijah; what is her name?
3. Who came on a long journey to see Solomon?
4. What was the name of King David's wife?
5. Who was the sister of Moses?
6. Who married Boaz?
7. What is the name of the mother of John Mark?

1. Sarah, 2. Jezebel, 3. Queen of Sheba, 4. Michal, 5. Miriam, 6. Ruth, 7. Mary.

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## A Wedding In Sight

THIS young lady is filling in the details needed for the marriage register. Looking forward to that big event of her life brings a smile to her face. Future brides are just as bright as a rule. But will the future be as happy as she hopes it will be? That will depend on whether she has chosen a partner who is upright in morals, a member of the church and a Christian. He may be wealthy, be in a good position, have high social standing, and be well educated, but none of these make for happiness apart from Christian character. The Christian life makes marriage holy and brings peace and joy into the family circle. It is the considered judgment of those who know life best that young people ought to make their friendships within the church and to seek their life-partners from among those who are Christians. Often a word to the wise is sufficient. Let us be wise in the choice of the friends and partners of life!