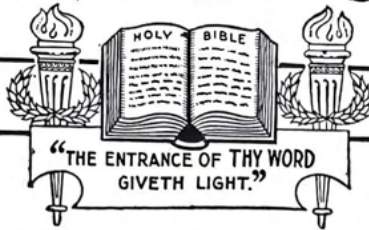


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Meet the Needs of the Hour

ANY church member worthy of the name of Christian is aware of the necessity of assisting the spread of the gospel in the homeland. To measure up to that task, the churches of Christ in Australia came together in conference quite early in their history so that they might fulfil a duty they could not undertake satisfactorily as separate units.

While other work has been taken up and has been supported by united efforts, the primary duty of reaching out and of winning men to Christ has not been neglected. If we keep a balanced outlook we shall never under-value the work of home missions. It is a self-evident truth that unless the churches in the homeland are strengthened continuously by additions, the work of the brotherhood will suffer. If the home-base is allowed to weaken, there will follow a retrenchment in overseas activities. There must be a growing church membership, if social service and youth work are to be developed. Only as new churches are begun and as converts are added to the membership of the brotherhood will there be an increased demand for trained workers and satisfactory financial support for Bible colleges. A stronger church could bear more readily the burden of the mission to the aborigines. So whatever our particular interest may be, let us remember that to evangelise the homeland is fundamental.



OTHER calls for help may make a more emotional appeal, but none ought to be responded to more liberally than this urgent demand for the support of missions in the homeland.

It may be urged that a more venturesome programme for the extension of home mission enterprises might win greater financial support. However, while we believe in the necessity of pressing on with an evangelistic campaign likely to arouse the greatest enthusiasm, we are not unmindful of the fact that much home mission work is slow. Most home mission churches are in difficult country or suburban areas. It is not a case of spending a few hundred pounds for a year or so in a new field; for once a new cause is commenced it requires financial help for ten, fifteen or twenty years. A little reflection will show the reader that a new home mission cause might require hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of pounds before it can become self-supporting. That patient and consistent help has been worthwhile is

demonstrated by the existence of many strong brotherhood churches once home mission fields.

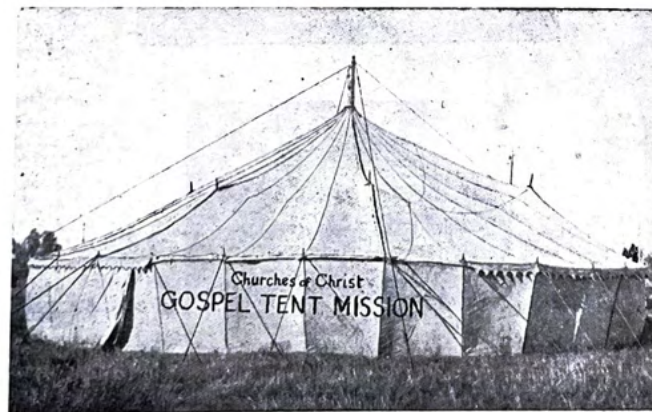


UNDER present conditions, evangelistic mission parties need the united backing of all churches. Such support can be secured through the home mission committees of State conferences. It is a pleasing sign of revival to note that in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia evangelistic teams are serving under the oversight of home mission committees. Much encouraging work is being done under trying conditions. Many would like to see more teams in the fields. However, such a vigorous evangelistic programme can be maintained and developed only if the financial support of brethren is increased.



WE are looking forward to the centenary year of the Restoration Movement in Australia.

What better way could this great anniversary be marked than by record home mission offerings devoted to worthy evangelistic campaigns in all States of the Commonwealth! Despite the fact that there are only seven and a quarter millions of people in Australia, there must be at least a million persons who do not trouble about the Christian church. Such people will not venture within the usual church buildings; they cannot be attracted, persuaded or dragged into the usual type of service or meeting. Something unusual and venturesome must be evolved to reach these non-Christian masses. Already the new effort to combine a type of children's mission with the ordinary



evangelistic tent service is meeting with success. The Victorian Home Mission Committee has developed this new approach to the indifferent community. By seeking a way to the homes of people through the captured and enlightened interest of children, a vital method of evangelism in this new age may be perfected. Other methods like travelling evangelists in caravans and missionaries to factories could be developed, but such work needs considerable financial support.

To meet the needs of this hour, a record offering for home missions is sought in all the States. Let us all help worthily on December 2.

Victoria Says:

Message of His Cross Vital, Not Optional

Home Missions the Centre of Our Business

A. W. Cleland.

WITHOUT a centre there can be no circumference. As this is true in the physical realm, so we must regard home missions in relationship to our brotherhood enterprise.

We are all very familiar with the term "evangelism." We are living in times when there is a grave danger of the words "familiarity breeds contempt" being our portion, and we are lulled into a false sense of security. The passion for evangelism must return to the Christian church if we are to carry out faithfully the injunction of the Master. The world has lost its sense of values. The promises of God have been forgotten and the saving power of Jesus Christ ignored.



A. W. Cleland,
President of the Conference.

We believe in evangelism and declare for the unity of God's people based on New Testament teaching. We have assumed the responsibility to make known the gospel and his teachings at home and abroad. To fail in this God-given task is to lose our right to exist. The Restoration Movement can lead a spiritual revival.

The members of churches of Christ hold the share capital of the Home Missionary Department. The shareholders appoint the committee as its directors, and with it the authority to call up the annual capital necessary to implement the policy of evangelism, establishing new fields, linking up isolated centres and providing necessary transport for missionaries in scattered areas.

The liability of each member is limited only by their capacity to give, and the extent to which we desire the work to expand and God's plan for the salvation of the world made known.

What of the dividends? Priceless blessings will flow, and the answer may be found in the words of the prophet: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The message of his cross is vital—not optional. December 2 challenges the brotherhood on behalf of home missions and evangelism.

Our Missioners

The men for whom we have waited and prayed are now in the midst of their missionary endeavors. A new tent is being made.

K. A. Macnaughtan is a keen and capable gospel preacher. W. W. Saunders, in addi-



K. A. Macnaughtan.



W. W. Saunders.

tion to leading the singing in the tent, conducts afternoon happy hours for school children. Brethren in the places where their united missions have been held say "they are the right team."

It all depends on you on December 2 to say whether they shall have the funds to "carry on."

Advancing With Christ

Mrs. A. W. Cleland.

SOME have dared to ask these questions, "Will the church live?" "Can the church have a prominent part in reshaping the nations of the world and in the building of a new world?" Christ answered the first question when he said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church will live; but if it is to make its contribution for the new order and the betterment of mankind, we, as individuals and as members of his church, must answer the second question.

We must help the church to "advance with Christ." Our Lord and Master commanded it. Hear him as he gives the orders, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The time is ripe to-day. She must advance in unity, in prayer, in education; but her greatest need is to advance in evangelism.

"When Jesus saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion for them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as



Mrs. A. W. Cleland,
President Women's Conference.

sheep having no shepherd." Christ looks on the multitudes to-day; they are as sheep without a shepherd, blinded by fear and insecurity, with no real purpose in life. The Christian church is the one great hope. The great commission is quite as much in effect to-day as it was when Jesus gave it. Let nothing stop the "advance with Christ." Dec. 2 is your great opportunity.

24 Subsidised Fields
are looking to You

New Areas are Calling—
They Say to You
"How Long?"

Answer on Dec. 2

£2168 Absolutely Needed

30% More Than Last Year

The Australian Christian

New South Wales

Looks at Some Facts and Figures

Vision or Perish

"Where there is no vision the people perish."

"I SAW" . . .

Mayfield Start! "Watch 100 men erect a building in a day," was the slogan in the middle of the mission. R. M. Wilcox did fine follow-up work. To-day a solid self-supporting church. "Praise God!" says F. Steer.

Wollongong Start! "Took part in the opening of the chapel at end of mission—170 broke bread. Entirely self-supporting from the end of mission—debt on new chapel, school hall and kindergarten hall almost wiped out—a miracle. D. R. Stirling did splendidly," says T. Jackson.

Bowral Start! "I helped in the mission. Winter came early. Rains descended out of season—streams ran through the marquee for weeks—but to-day a delightful, self-supporting church. Members enthusiastic and most

work at Mayfield and Georgetown. Since then Hamilton has become self-supporting. The two new churches within one or two years assumed full financial responsibility for land, buildings, equipment, running costs, and salaries of full-time preachers.

"The above equally applies to Wollongong, Fairfield and Bowral, Inverell, Bexley North and others have gone self-supporting.

"On December 2 you will say here is my appreciation, . . . go forward in the name of the Lord," says B. G. Corlett, Chairman, Home Missionary Committee.

"I STILL SEE" . . .

"An expenditure of £802 per year going out in support of churches too weak to stand alone. We always hope that one day they will be made strong enough to stand alone as others have done. Besides we are a brotherhood, are we not? and should help the weak.

Missionary Committee. The zone to have the services of an exit student under the general oversight of the evangelist and supported by the Home Missionary Committee until self-support is attained."—N. D. Morris.

"WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?"

No doubt, wise people reply, "I would like to see my hard-earned money used to the best advantage." Weigh the facts and you will see that your money invested in home missions has shown magnificent dividends. Where are the converts won by the Home Missionary Committee, is a reasonable question:—

FACTS AND FIGURES

1. In the entirely new churches alone there are more than 650 members on the rolls. All told there would not be 50 of that number who were members of the church prior to the missions. 2. These new causes have given to brotherhood work approximately £500, in addition to £8700 given to their own local work. Hence your home mission money has brought in not only 600 souls but returned nearly £10,000 in actual money for the King's treasury. 3. In the new churches' Bible



Some of the Officers of the New Church at Bowral.

liberal. Some churches larger but none better," says A. L. Carter.

Fairfield Start! "The mission was conducted over Christmas holidays. When the building was opened 300 attended and had chicken dinner to follow. This should be repeated in every new suburb, that's our aim," says W. Roffey. A. W. Morris followed up.

Georgetown Start! "As preacher at Hamilton I was associated with the start of a Sunday school at Georgetown. When the mission commenced there were but a handful of members in the district. To-day there is a virile, self-supporting church, with one of the biggest Bible schools in New South Wales. "R. W. Amos and S. Vanham did a great work. Help us do it again!"—P. E. Thomas.

"I HAVE SEEN" . . .

Many churches go self-supporting! "During the period that Messrs. Hinrichsen and Morris have been working with the Home Missionary Committee, I have seen something accomplished which I believe cannot be matched in Australia, if not the whole world, including other religious bodies." "Hamilton church for a number of years received financial help and during that period along with the mission party commenced and established the

Here is a list of the churches now receiving help from your past gifts: Grafton, £4/10/-; Epping, £2; Petersham, £2; Cessnock, £3; Albany, £1/18/6; Merewether, £1/10/-; Gilgandra, £1; Doonside-Seven Hills, £1, etc. We are hopeful that Grafton, like Inverell, will be made self-supporting. Remember December, the month when you give, to help weaker churches continue to live," says G. E. Burns, secretary, Home Missionary Committee.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE" . . .

"Fifty words will not even name half of the fields. There are a number of rapidly developing suburbs in which we should be established . . . there are fifty great country towns where we are not represented, and there are a number of rural centres asking for us to do something. December 2 is the day," says Ethelbert Davis, conference president.

"I would like to see new churches established in country towns where we already have a little group of isolated members to form the nucleus of such churches. Then, with regard to suburban areas, let us choose newly-opened up districts such as Wiley Park, for instance—where usually there are growing families," says A. Maxwell, home mission superintendent, Women's Auxiliary Conference.

"I would like to see the State of New South Wales divided into several zones with a 'travelling evangelist' having the oversight of a zone under the guidance of the Home

schools there are over 600 scholars. Again a splendid dividend.

All of the foregoing does not take into account the many weak churches made strong by missions and home mission preachers. Surely there is no better way of investing your money.

A meal may be of value for a day,

A suit may last a year,

A car may last 5 to 10 years,

A house may last 50 years.

Money put into souls outlasts time and eternity.

Here are your committee men. They are anxious for progress. They receive no pay for their work. The director gets his salary from his mission thankofferings; G. Burns, the secretary, gets £1 per week to cover expenses. Was there ever a committee doing so much for so little? Even our best is as "filthy rags" in his sight—but let us all do something at least on December 2, *Home Mission Sunday*.—E. C. Hinrichsen, director of evangelism.

Remember December, the month that we give, To help weaker churches continue to live.

Western Australia

Looks Ahead

Western Opportunities

A. M. Bell, Conference President-Elect, W.A.

WE can hardly yet say that Western Australia is the greatest State of the Commonwealth, although it is the biggest. But the first half of a progressive century has seen its prominence grow from a colonial settlement to the wheat, wool, dairying, stock and gold producing State that has permanently attracted many thousands of people to its fortunes. There are still ever-expanding opportunities in the material world.

Since, in early Perth, Mr. Bates ministered to a handful of Christians meeting as a church of Christ, numbers have been brought



A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

A. G. Elliott has resigned from the Education Department, surrendering the fairest prospects, to obey a long-felt desire, and the call of God to minister in the Word. He will be conference secretary, will minister to the Victoria Park church, and aid in the college work. He will be a trusted leader in the work of the churches generally.

to the Saviour, until, if figures serve me correctly, the West has the highest proportion of members per capita of population.

Even recently some works of progress have been encouraging. After little more than eight years of home mission fostering, financial support by the brotherhood and the ministries of C. H. Hunt and T. D. Maiden, the Narembeen witness has grown from three families meeting for "breaking of bread" to three established churches with other preaching points, a regular visitation of country schools and an annual district conference.

There are similar open doors at Gutha, Geraldton, Bridgetown, Cowaramup and other areas.

Broadcasting by our people has firmly entrenched itself within four years to a listening public of unexpected numbers. Our Radio Sunday School in just over a year has found a roll membership of more than 800 members, with constant weekly increases and a surprising number of correspondence and lesson book scholars.

Few of our 26,000 aborigines and half-caste people have yet been given the chance of educated citizenship, but some mission stations have demonstrated these opportunities. Such fields as mentioned above, a growing metropolis and an ever more needy materialistic age present opportunities that can only be limited by the vision and hearts of Christian people.

Our voluntary, spontaneous, liberal and unselfish love for the Master can alone answer the call to our "Western opportunities."

Home Missionary Broadcast Work

J. Wiltshire.

IT is more than four years since J. Rhodes, I being enthusiastic about the broadcasting of the message, on behalf of the brotherhood of Western Australia signed a bond or contract with a commercial station. The writer was to prepare and to deliver the message, at any rate for the commencement. The churches immediately commenced to show their interest and approval by sending in the necessary money. Outsiders from many callings sent in their gifts and words of appreciation. Men in business commented with favor. In railway trains the friendly hearers evinced a real interest. In the rural districts we found radio friends, and withal, the churches whose fellowship we enjoy and the message the Lord has given them to deliver, were given a much more favorable and understood place in the minds of the people.

There is reason to believe that the present improved position of the churches is in no small degree attributable to the curtain fire over the air. This has made personal and hand-to-hand work easier and more effective.

The one station has been added to and kept going. We now have the Radio Sunday School and a half-hour session on another commercial station. Then also at Kalgoorlie, H. Fitch and his radio group have made quite a place for themselves. This work is carried on at the expense of the Kalgoorlie church.

During the war, while it was so very hard to secure men to minister in the Word, the committee thought it must do its utmost to tell the people, and consequently the radio was used in the way stated. Now that men are available in better numbers we find a great field prepared for them. Finance still comes for the radio—nearly nine pounds weekly—and God continues to use it.

Our Eastern Wheatbelt

J. W. Gordon, Home Mission Secretary

IT is a wise thing to review and to view our work as it affects home missions at least once a year. Perhaps it is a little unfortunate that we usually do this in a big way only when money is being sought. However, we must not blind ourselves because we are seeking financial aid, for the fact of there being a need is ever present.

The challenge to do greater things in our wheatbelt is more persistent to-day than ever before. We refer possessively to the wheatbelt as "ours," but true possession lies in its being used to advantage. Therefore there is an obligation carefully to explore the field then adequately to respond to the call of the highest.

Recent years have compelled us rather to hold the fort than to make rapid progress. To-day is the day in which to do things. We might rise to the challenging call of loyal people and aid them in winning to Christ those who dwell among the "golden grain."

The difficulty of long distances must be overcome by adding to present leadership. Big towns must have the opportunity of seeing Christianity in practice. Isolated people must have the help that only personal contact can give.

Don't let us say the task is too big; rather that we are big enough for the task. It seems wrong to talk of less than advancement in this post-war period. When all are looking hopefully to the future can a follower of Christ be bound down by the chains of "no support," "lack of funds," and such like? No, let us rise as a body and behold again a harvest, not of grain, but of souls for whom Christ died.

Yes, we shall give this year to home missions as never before. We shall rise to the demand of the present and build for the glorious future.

Our Great South-West

Thos. Bamford, Conference President.

HOME mission work in Western Australia must be thought about in big strides. Distances and a scattered population are major problems. In the south-west of the State active work is being done in several centres. Harvey, with a church of eighty members, is a town which will double its population in five years, in the midst of a rich, important rural area. Bunbury, a busy seaport, and supported by a good district, has a church of over fifty members. This town, too, is about to increase its size and importance. Collie, with a church of about forty members, is a thriving industrial town, with the promise of much greater increase in importance and population than most other towns in the State. Cowaramup and Bridgetown are places where small churches meet, aided by the aforementioned churches.



Our Western Bible College Students.

Left to right.—Reginald Sack, Colyn Lansdown, Frank Ewers, Neville Moore.

These young men are already doing a great deal to assist in the building up of our very small churches. They will yet assist in opening up our home mission fields. The home mission work of the West has long needed the help of this college.

There are rural towns due to grow in importance and are strategic centres from which we hope to advance into other regions. Manjimup, a thriving town twenty miles south of Bridgetown, is a place of great promise; it has expanded rapidly in recent years, and it may become the largest rural town in the south-west. We have a block of land here in an excellent position. This place calls for exploration and pioneering. At Donnybrook a building block is secured, and our Home Mission Department is planning to make a survey of the town with a view to future development.

On every side we see evidences of expansion in the south-west that will equal any and surpass most rural areas in Australia. Herein is a great challenge to the church of Christ to be in the vanguard of any such movement, so that when the increase takes place, we are there waiting to make the most of any and every opportunity presented.

South Australia and the Home Front

SUNDAY, December 2, is giving day for home missions. Let us mark the date on our calendars and in our diaries. We are asked to pray and save for that day. What should we pray about and for what purpose should we save?

1. The Occupied Areas

We should pray and save for the fields occupied and served by full-time preachers. Prayer-guided knowledge of the locations and prayer-promoted saving are big factors.

Berri-Winkie-Moorook churches form one of our largest circuits. Apart from usual activities, interest in the spiritual welfare of the people generally and contact with isolated members in surrounding districts give the churches a wide and much appreciated ministry in a well established closer settlement area.

within the church and interest in the spiritual life of the town and surrounding districts give the cause a place in the progressive southeast.

Victor Harbour-Pt. Elliot-Goolwa.—A consolidated membership at Victor, the faithful few at Elliot, and the well-founded church at Goolwa represent a splendid piece of circuit work.

Whyalla is a new industrial town wherein our brethren have a recognised place. The church is organised and modestly equipped. A large population challenges us to make full proof of our plea.

Greater praying and saving will mean generous giving which will promote expansion for Christ in the occupied areas.

2. Waiting Opportunities

Brooklyn Park-Torrens-ville, Port Lincoln and Strathalbyn are centres where churches are organised, and in which privileges are offered for aggressive evangelism. Generous gifts will make it possible for the committee to help local brethren to utilise waiting opportunities. *Albert Park, Kilburn and Woodville Gardens* are rapidly growing suburbs, in which choice sites have been secured for future church work. The brotherhood response on giving day will determine the immediate prospects associated with these waiting opportunities for which we are asked to pray and save.

3. Centenary Year Evangelism

The special emphasis upon evangelism during the centenary year is worthy of our prayers, savings and gifts. G. T. Fitzgerald has commenced his service as State evangelist. His ability and experience are now being used in vigorous campaigns. Church memberships have been instructed and inspired, our plea faithfully recommended to a wider circle and souls won at Edwardstown, Broken Hill and Port Pirie. This extra and special work provides opportunity for a more generous investment of prayer, personal talents and money. Our earnest praying, saving and giving will make the State evangelist available to more churches and thus cause expansion for Christ.

4. Brotherhood Participation

Faithful prayer, saving and giving by every member of the brotherhood will mean participation in homeland evangelism of a magnitude worthy of our plea.

If every member prayerfully prepares for giving day, a new record in the history of home mission offerings will be established on Dec. 2, 1945.

Giving day will be the gateway into the centenary year through which the hundredth anniversary will be approached by the Home Mission Department.

It is fitting that a full partnership in prayer, saving and giving should demonstrate the brotherhood's love for the plea so faithfully and successfully presented by our beloved pioneers. Let us thank God for the gospel with a generous contribution on giving day.—C. Schwab, secretary, 548 Sea View-rd., Henley Beach, S.A.

Sunday, December 2

1945-1946

★ OBJECTIVE ★

1000 Givers of 2/-	£100
2000 Givers of 5/-	£500
1200 Givers of 10/-	£600
400 Givers of £1	£400
50 Givers of £2	£100
20 Givers of £5	£100
20 Givers of £10	£200
10 Givers of £20	£200
5 Givers of £50	£250

4705 Givers to Give £2450

GIVING DAY

This is Your Opportunity to
Witness For Christ
on the
Home Front.

Broken Hill.—Wolfram-st. and Wills-st. congregations do a united work. Bible schools, other youth and women's auxiliaries are active. The two churches represent the brotherhood in a big and isolated city.

Edwardstown West-Colonel Light Gardens.—Both churches are located amid large populations offering a big challenge. Youth work provides great opportunities.

Gawler-Williamstown.—The circuit is comprised of a large town and a rural district. A wide contact is made with, and much service rendered to, both communities.

Kadina-Wallaroo.—A strong, well-equipped congregation witnesses in Kadina which is an important town. A smaller group labors valiantly at Wallaroo.

Moonta church maintains a faithful service in spite of a reduced membership. The cause has an excellent status in the community, and figures prominently in every worthy venture.

Murray Bridge.—An established church serves in this thriving town. Vigorous youth work and other opportunities are features of service in a growing population.

Naracoorte is a prosperous town and the centre for rich rural districts. Active work

THAT is a big order, for it is a big territory.

But it is not as big as that which challenged Thomas and Alexander Campbell when they envisaged the world! That called for courage—grit—and vision. They had them all.

Our pioneers had just these as they set out in bygone days to "cover Queensland with the plea." Our Queensland brotherhood is the result. We are big enough to have a part in all that's going in Australia and share in spreading out to overseas missions.

We have our outposts of home missions, commencing in Brisbane and stretching north to Townsville, over 800 miles away. Word comes to us from men and women of the Forces from other States who have been in our Queensland church homes, expressing their gratitude for the kindness, understanding, sympathy and generosity of our brethren. It is good to know we have these qualities and we have courage, too.

Here are some of our home mission fields:

Rocklea: "A district in which the Home Missionary Committee provides the only church services available to the community." That sounds good.

Sunnybank: A. J. Rogers speaks of it as "an oasis." It is a work made possible by a subsidy from home missions.

Maryborough: This centre is well worth while. H. C. Spratt says the church appreciates the help of the committee.

Mackay: We are getting further north. But here are sites for shipbuilding, factories and greater harbor traffic in the post-war plans, says Geo. T. Millar. Here the message goes over the air through 4MK, too.

Townsville: Now we are miles away in the beautiful north country, and one of our richly favored cities. V. S. Dallinger is holding the torch in our name.

To these we may add Boondall and Zillmere. What shall we do with the calls coming to hand from both suburbs and country?

Evangelistic Van: This is a necessity in a land like Queensland. £50 has been set aside for this.

The Training Class: P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., is right when he says, "The only way we can maintain the work in the small churches is through the training class. Former students are already serving in the churches. It may prove to be one of the most productive home mission enterprises."

Points for Propaganda

To propagate the plea we must have propaganda centres. Our Queensland churches are the pin-points of attack. Here and there these are dotted along the coast, and a few elsewhere. But what are these in so vast a territory?

Now let us take courage in what has been done and thank God for the pioneers.

Let us so work, give, preach, teach, go, send—all with courage and initiative, so that those coming after may catch our spirit and enthusiasm and finish the task we have set ourselves—to cover Queensland with the plea.

Give Your Answer on Dec. 2
and Make It

THE £800 NEEDED AS ANNUAL
OFFERING

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, missionaries for the New Hebrides, leave Melbourne on Monday, Nov. 19, by the Sydney express.

It is reported that Martin Niemoller is back in Germany and is taking a leading part in the reorganisation of the German church.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Escott and their son Edgar, and Miss F. Cameron, from India, were due to arrive at Sydney by the "Madura" at the week-end.

The following telegram reached us on Nov. 7:—"Hinrichsen-Morris having soul-stirring experiences at Grafton, N.S.W.; 30 adults decided last week, 14 last night; 51 to date.—Brown."

Too late for last issue, this telegram reached us from N.S.W. on Nov. 5:—"Splendid meetings Sunday; two received at Lidcombe and fourteen confessions at Carramar.—Arthur Baker."

We learn that W. H. McCallum, preacher of church at Epping, N.S.W., has resigned his work to take up duties of a travelling secretary of the Australian Student Christian Movement early in new year.

The Bond-Neal mission at Bentleigh, Vic., concluded on Nov. 4 with crowded meetings and four confessions. The children's mission was well supported, and a number signified their desire to follow Christ.

There have been 18 decisions at the Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Dimboola, Vic. A Bible school formed nine weeks ago has an enrolment of forty scholars. This additional news reached us in following telegram on Nov. 12: "Two confessions Sunday; total twenty-one. Forty present at school.—Jackel."

Oakleigh, Vic., Bible school anniversary concluded on Nov. 4 with presentation of prizes. At evening service a young lady was immersed by S. Neighbour. Ladies have forwarded 26 parcels of food to families in Great Britain. G. J. Andrews gave a talk on visual education at quarterly meeting of South-eastern Officers' Association, held in chapel on Nov. 9.

The 1946 issue of "Youth's Own Diary" is keenly anticipated. The Victorian Young People's Department sponsors the diary, and reports that the printers are completing the current issue, and it will be in circulation in the churches within a few days. Since all States are co-operating orders should be sent to State Y.P. departments. The sale price is 9d. per copy.

Interest has been shown in the announcement that efforts are to be made to raise funds to form a memorial of the life and service of the late A. R. Main. One suggestion reaching us is that a volume, containing a brief outline of his life, and a selected collection of his articles and addresses, be published. This may also meet, in a measure, the desires of the brethren in N.S.W., who had requested our late brother to give a series of lectures that could then be written and published for a wider public.

Temple day services at Nth. Williamstown, Vic., on Oct. 28 were successful. R. L. Williams in morning gave an appreciated address. At P.S.A. Doug. Nicholls addressed a crowded meeting on the aborigines. Singing by Robbie Burns choir added to afternoon's enjoyment. After P.S.A. a reunion tea was held, at close of which R. Enniss gave recollections of the church of yesterday. Many who were with the church when he was preacher some 33 years ago were still actively associated with church. Gospel service, with special choral items, was conducted by Mr. Enniss.

There will be some new features about the closing exercises of the Federal College of the Bible this year. The service for setting apart of exit students will be held in Swanston-st. chapel in the afternoon of Nov. 22. W. F. Nankivell, of Camberwell church, will deliver

the address. Lygon-st. chapel will be the place of the graduation service in the evening, when diplomas will be presented. This will take the place of the demonstration held in previous years. Among the graduates is Miss I. V. Gill, who has prepared with special studies for service as a deaconess in the churches, pioneering in this preparation.

The second annual re-union communion service of former members of the North Melbourne church was held at Newmarket, Vic., on Nov. 11. Mr. Allison, Newmarket preacher, presided and welcomed visiting brethren. J. E. Allan, a former member of North Melbourne, gave the sermon. After lunch in chapel, W. A. Fordham presided at the pleasant Sunday afternoon service when Mr. Hunt, a former preacher, gave an address that was well received. A petition to Lord Mayor of Melbourne for preservation of the sanctity of Lord's day was endorsed. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. T. J. Warne, organist, Mrs. Bruce and Mr. J. Sherwood, vocalists. Will Fordham and Tom Warne were elected organisers for future functions. It was decided to have a strong post at next conference picnic.

At Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., great meetings were held in connection with closing services of F. E. Buckingham's ministry. On Oct. 28 he conducted morning and evening services. There were two decisions at night. On Nov. 4 services were again splendidly attended. After a young people's tea, followed by community singing, F. E. Buckingham conducted an inspiring youth service. There were three decisions for Christ. Misses Annie Beveridge and Ray Royals were soloists. The choir rendered an anthem. Mr. Buckingham concluded his ministry with church on Nov. 11. In morning he spoke and thanked the church for their love, loyalty and co-operation. Evening meeting was a fitting climax to a long and successful ministry. The chapel was crowded. After an earnest and inspiring address one made the good confession and four were baptised. Mr. Cuddy rendered two beautiful solos, and the choir, under leadership of R. D. Besson, rendered an anthem. Many were heard to express appreciation of the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham. The church is in a happy condition, and prospects are bright.

The 80th anniversary of church at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., held on Nov. 4, was a great day of fellowship with many past members and friends. About 300 attended morning service and 400 the evening meeting. Stanton W. Wilson, of Launceston church, was speaker. His addresses at 11 and 7 were greatly appreciated by the large congregations. C. G. Taylor spoke to Bible class. Mrs. C. G. Taylor was soloist at morning service, and church choir rendered an anthem at morning and evening meetings. Miss Beryl White, of Collins-st. Baptists, was soloist at Bible class, and Miss Frances Cowper, of Swanston-st., at night. Swanston-st. members came to tea, and held a united gospel service with Lygon-st. About 500 were guests at lunch and tea given by Lygon-st. ladies. At brotherhood service on Nov. 8, S. H. Wilson gave his final home-coming addresses. A. W. Cleland presided; Mrs. C. G. Taylor was soloist. On Nov. 9 a church dinner was held. Many members were present, also at a social later, which brought to a close 80th anniversary.

Bible school anniversary services at Hartwell, Vic., were held on Oct. 21 and 28. Scholars, under leadership of L. Piper, sang at afternoon and evening services, and visiting speakers gave interesting addresses. Kindergarten work, under Mrs. L. Butler, is particularly encouraging. At conclusion of J. I. Mudford's address on Oct. 28, one scholar confessed Christ. A social evening was held on Nov. 3, when scholars' prizes were distributed. L. Seath and R. Morfiew have been re-elected superintendent and secretary respectively. At annual

L. Butler, R. Jones, L. Seath and F. Haycraft were elected deacons. A. Body and A. E. Hancock have retired from official board, and fitting reference was made to their twenty years' continuous service. J. I. Mudford acceded to church's request for him to continue his part-time ministry until C. J. Robinson's return. On Oct. 28, Y.P.S.C.E. visited East Camberwell Baptist Y.P.S.C.E. and took their meeting. Bible school recommenced after anniversary on Nov. 4 with attendance of 200, including several new teachers. Many visitors were present at evening service on Nov. 4, when an Alexander hymn night was held, old favorites being sung during service and at a fellowship gathering afterwards.

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BIRTHS

BROADBENT.—On Oct. 24, at Alberton, S.A., to Dorothy and Frank—a son (Alan Brooker). Both well.

BYRNE (nee McMillan).—On Oct. 30, at Creswick Hospital, Hampton, to Ruth and Jack—a son (Alan Jack).

HUMPHREYS (Gwendoline Mudford).—On Nov. 5, at Hawick, Scotland, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. M. Humphreys—a son.

MARBIN (nee Dusing).—On Oct. 17, at Gracedale Hospital, to Joyce and Laurie—a daughter (Marilyn Lea).

WATT (nee Norma Body).—On Oct. 22, at "Gracedale," East Camberwell, to Mr. and Mrs. Reg Watt—a son (Ian Rees).

SILVER WEDDING

BENN-FEWSTER.—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. R. Benn, of 656 Dandenong-rd., Murrumbidgee, announce the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at Bordertown, S.A., on Nov. 15, 1920.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Kalgoorlie.—There have been good attendances. A young man confessed Christ at gospel service on Oct. 27, and two young men and a lady were baptised. The preacher, H. R. Fitch, spoke at the two services, that in morning being a Bible school teachers' dedication service. Bible school is in a very good position, with well over 200 attending each Lord's day afternoon. Junior and Intermediate C.E. Societies are well attended in mornings.

Wembley Park.—A lad from the club, and a married woman, have taken their stand for Christ. Bible school had record attendance of 120 on Oct. 14. At mid-week fellowship meeting on Oct. 10, an educational sound film, "Our Bible," was screened. A fund has been established for purchase of a projector for silent films. During week-end of Oct. 7 Mr. Stevens, Mr. Whiting and a number of young people attended a camp at Bickley, conducted by Wembley-West Leederville Youth League. Mr. Ware was morning speaker on Oct. 7, and Mr. McRoberts on 21st. Mr. and Mrs. C. Grist have left for extended holiday in Eastern States.

Perth.—Bible school has had five new scholars. Gordon Moignard, recently returned from Army service in Eastern States, has joined teaching staff. On morning of Oct. 28, the service was broadcast. J. K. Robinson gave an instructive talk. At 5 p.m. young people had tea and rally in church hall. A "radio" programme was enjoyed. In evening Mrs. C. Ewers and Miss E. Griffiths rendered a duet. Mr. Robinson preached. On morning of November 4, visitors included Misses Anderson (Melbourne). A talk by Albany Bell encouraged all. At 7.30 p.m. V. Pallott rendered a solo. Trevor Flavell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Flavell (Burakin) was baptised. L. C. Peacock preached in absence of J. K. Robinson at Harvey. A. M. Bell helped. On Nov. 8 young women's fellowship had a profitable "bring and buy" afternoon.

Tasmania

Devonport.—Anniversary services were well attended on Oct. 28. R. Pitt (Launceston) conducted singing, Miss L. Higgs (Hobart) assisting with violin. A large gathering enjoyed a social evening on 31st, when scholars entertained parents and friends. Prizes were distributed, Dorothy Harman and Coral Kenzie receiving gold medals for five years' unbroken attendance. Speakers on Nov. 4 were F. T. Burt and Miss M. Hudson (Cape Barren Island). Tom Burt and Alf. Smith have been discharged from Services, and will be a help in the work. Mrs. Jean Smith is recovering slowly after long illness.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Average attendances for Sunday services during October were: 11 a.m., 107; 7 p.m., 111; and communion, 117. Following evening service on Oct. 28, a fellowship hour was held in school hall, when opportunity was taken to mention 61st anniversary of church and to welcome back some who have been away in the Services. Max Lloyd was baptised at prayer meeting on Oct. 25, and welcomed into fellowship on 28th. Mrs. Rawson, of South Richmond, Vic., Miss Lorna Holden, and T. Sizer, of King Island, were also welcomed into fellowship the same morning. Sister Kate Skirving has returned from studies on mainland, and is in fellowship with church again. Albert Porter has been home on leave and enjoyed fellowship. Miss Victory and Chas. Crabtree are both in-

mates of General Hospital, making satisfactory progress following operations. Annual Bible school picnic was held enjoyably at Newnham Park Hall Estate on Nov. 5.

West Hobart.—On Nov. 1 a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of commencing a girls' club. R. V. Amos was speaker at both services on Nov. 4. B. J. Golder and J. C. Woolley attended Southern District Conference at Dover on Nov. 3 and 4. J. P. Young, who has been in a Japanese prison camp, has arrived home, and S. K. Ashlin is also on his way home after serving with occupation Forces. Soloist at gospel service was Sister D. McQueeney. Attendances in Bible school maintain a high level. Faithful Fishermen competition, which has just ended, resulted in school gaining eight new scholars.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Evening service on Nov. 4 was broadcast, Mr. Hughes being preacher, Mrs. L. Moore soloist. There were three additions during month by baptism. Young people's fellowship tea was well attended; speaker, J. R. Boxhall. At October meeting of Mission Band Miss Peters, of Telugu mission, was speaker. Fifteen new scholars have so far been added to Sunday school through "Happy Hour." Dorcas held all day sewing class on Nov. 8 in preparation for "time and talent" fair. Annual united "Day of Fellowship" was held on October 31 in Collins-st. chapel. Inspiring addresses were enjoyed, also musical items.

South Australia

Pt. Pirie.—Following upon the mission conducted by G. T. Fitzgerald, and the confession of faith of seven young people, the church is experiencing a time of blessing. All have been baptised and received into fellowship. Attendances at breaking of bread and gospel services are good. All auxiliaries of church are functioning well. A. R. Pigdon is preaching faithfully.

Queenstown.—Church 76th anniversary services were held on Oct. 28. Mr. Hollams exhorted and Mr. Ewers preached at gospel service. W. Adair and A. Anderson addressed services on Nov. 4. Mrs. Brooker has been laid aside with a contagious illness, but has now recovered. Mr. Brooker was isolated for two weeks, and thanks were given to brethren who filled pulpit in his absence.

Mile End.—Bible school commenced new year with graduation and presentation of prizes on Oct. 7. There have been several additions to staff of school. At gospel service that evening, two Bible school scholars, J. Johnson and B. Braybrook, confessed Christ. In absence of J. E. Webb on holidays, T. Butler, P. R. Baker, D. K. Beiler and A. Anderson gave helpful addresses to church on Oct. 14 and 21. Mr. Webb spoke morning and evening on Oct. 28. Lieut. Gordon Smith has returned from service abroad and will shortly leave with his wife and daughter to take up residence in Victoria.

Prospect.—On Oct. 28 A. E. Brown exhorted church. L. Grear (P.O.W.) was in fellowship, also Mrs. C. Hughes (Tas.), Miss Bailey (Broken Hill, N.S.W.), R. Howard, A. Burns (on leave) and Mr. Gordon (W.A.). G. Baker has been discharged from Services. B. Barrett (R.A.A.F.) left England on Oct. 2 for home. H. Burns and wife expect to leave England about Christmas. On morning of Nov. 4 A. E. Brown exhorted church. Fellowship was enjoyed with F/O B. Barrett (returned from England), Mr. and Mrs. Plenty, Subiaco, W.A., and others. Mr. Mansell, who has been ill for past few weeks, was present. The church regrets to receive resignation as treasurer and organist of Reg. Bradshaw, who has been transferred to Victoria, and of Mrs. Bradshaw, who has been a keen worker in P.B.P. and cradle roll department.

Unley.—S.S. picnic was held at Ti Tree Oval, National Park, on Oct. 27. P.O. Alan Redman, after 3½ years in R.A.A.F., the last two years being spent in Canada, the Azores and England, has been welcomed home. Visitors have included Mrs. C. P. Hughes, of Hobart, Tas., and Mr. Holman (W.A.). Mrs. J. Prior was recovering from a recent fall, but suffered a slight stroke. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lucy K. Thompson on death of her husband, for many years a missionary in India. A gift of £40 has been received towards replacing windows with leadlight. To date £13 has been received for college offering.

Dulwich.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 28 and 30. At morning service Mr. Stirling, State youth director, was speaker. Afternoon speaker was K. A. Jones, State president, and in evening the service was conducted by H. Cave. There were good attendances at all services, and helpful addresses were given. One boy from school took his stand for Christ at gospel meeting. On Oct. 30, prizes were distributed, also certificates gained at scripture examination. Singing by children was excellent. At gospel meeting on Nov. 4, two more scholars made the good confession. On Oct. 28 the church enjoyed fellowship with A. J. Ludbrook, home on leave.

Naracoorte.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 21 and 23. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, inspirational services were held, speaker at all meetings being C. Schwab, whose addresses were enjoyed. A well attended ladies' meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, representatives from Church of England and Presbyterian Ladies' Guilds being present. Monthly fellowship meetings are helpful and instructive. Y.P.S.C.E. combined with Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of England young people for a social evening on Oct. 30 in Presbyterian school hall. Ladies' Guild is preparing food relief parcels for Britain. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and son, from Kaniva, Vic.

Semaphore.—Bible school anniversary was a great success, attendances being encouraging. Picnic was held at Kingston Park, Marino, and splendid preparations were made by superintendent W. Lough. During October four young people from Bible school decided for Christ. A. Samuels and R. Mossop were speakers on Oct. 21. Mr. Ewers was at Bala-klava. A. Foote was evening speaker on 28th, Mr. Ewers conducting anniversary at Queenstown. A men's fellowship has been formed with D. Pearce president, G. Woolcock vice-president, and R. Samuels secretary. Mrs. A. Samuels is home again after operation in Ru-Rua hospital. Mrs. Lamont and Mrs. Knowles, who have both been ill, are recovering.

Forestville.—Mr. Russell is making contact with members and Bible school scholars, and is happy in the work. After a long illness Mrs. W. McGregor passed away on Nov. 2. Mrs. W. Wright is making satisfactory progress after serious operation. Combined Bible class meets independently of Bible school, with W. A. Russell president and Bruce McIntyre secretary. On Oct. 25 the Dorcas Society was visited by Edwardstown sisters, when Mrs. Cornelius, conference president, gave an appreciated address. Mrs. Russell, newly-appointed president of the society, presided. Members of the society visited Cottonville for annual meeting and heard Mrs. Roland Butler, of China. E. Reynolds, prisoner of war for 3½ years, has returned, also Robt. Bell, who expects his discharge shortly, and Ray Stevens, who has been discharged from Air Force. Two teams have entered tennis association, with Lester Russell and Ray Stacey captains.

Queensland

Albion.—On afternoon of Sept. 30 Sunday school anniversary service was held, and a concert on Oct. 2. Sgt. Norman Jefferies gave the address on Sunday morning, Oct. 14, and Lieut. Ian Munro on Oct. 21, while Mr. Alcorn was at Roma conducting anniversary services.

Victoria

Rockhampton.—Consistent increase in attendances at all meetings is noticeable, gospel services being particularly well attended. Bible school reports new enrolments, including Ruth Nelson as kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Steele and family, from Kingaroy, have arrived in Rockhampton and will come into fellowship. R. Dobbs is well again, also Mrs. H. Watson and Mrs. G. Nelson, sen. Betty Williams is back from Brisbane. Church regrets the passing of aged Mrs. Richardson on Oct. 6.

Toowoomba.—V. G. Boettcher has returned from three weeks' tour of North Queensland churches. The church is grateful to H. E. Greenwood for ministering during his absence. Eric Hart, of Boonah, was guest speaker for 63rd anniversary celebrations on Oct. 27 and 28. Country visitors were present, and many greetings received. A thankoffering of £183 was received. At gospel service Ken Draney made the good confession. On Nov. 4 Nola Moseling was baptised and received into fellowship following her confession of faith.

Gympie-Monkland.—During Mr. Fisher's absence at Boonah, services were conducted by T. A. Fergusson, G. Taudevin and W. J. Campbell. Attendances were well maintained. College of the Bible offering totalled £8/12/-. Both schools have recently gained new scholars. Gympie service on Oct. 28 was broadcast. E. Blake, who has served in Middle East and the Pacific, has been welcomed home. The contest between Gympie and Monkland schools finished on Oct. 28, being won by Gympie with a narrow margin. Monkland has added a draping to platform railing.

New South Wales

Hurstville.—Bible school anniversary on Oct. 14 had very good attendances. J. Henderson, of North Bexley, was guest speaker. At demonstration on Oct. 20 (which was preceded by annual fellowship tea), D. Wakeley spoke to children and presented prizes. A feature of the anniversary was the singing of "Signal Lights" by scholars, illustrated by signal and lights arranged by school choir conductor, Mr. Hooper. Church anniversary was held on Oct. 21. Mr. Ladbroke spoke at both services. Scholars again sang choruses at gospel service. Mrs. Ladbroke has returned home from hospital, after a major operation, greatly improved in health. The church has been much in prayer for Pat Bolin, who after 2½ years in hospital underwent a serious operation. She maintains a wonderfully cheerful Christian witness in her suffering, and a lovely poem, "Thoughts," written by Pat, was recited by Robin French at anniversary. Members rejoice with Mrs. Ladbroke and Betty Schurmann in safe return of their brother Jack to W.A. from P.O.W. camp in Thailand.

Broken Hill.—Meetings during October were well attended. At Wills-st. on Oct. 21, Mrs. Dial made the good confession at morning service. A number are returning from Services to civilian life, and T. Garner and Sister D. Garner have been welcomed home. Plans are in hand for forward moves in new year, when a Junior Endeavor Society will be commenced at Wills-st. Bible school there is growing steadily, and a fund aiming at erection of a new school hall has been established. This will be the centre of extensive work by young folk during next year. At Wolfram-st. Bible school work has been re-organised following anniversary services, and a junior Bible class has been formed. Both Endeavor Societies are working well, and preparing for annual rally. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Cpl. Tilly, of Bordertown, S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of W.A., who were foundation members of Wills-st. On Oct. 31 an evening musicale, organised by Ladies' Guild of Wolfram-st., in aid of church furnishings, resulted in splendid attendance and financial response.

French Island.—Mr. Stafford, of Cheltenham, was speaker on Oct. 21, when communion service was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick and gospel service at hall. Mr. Stafford visited State school on Monday morning before catching boat on his return home.

Springvale.—Church is rejoicing in return of J. K. Bond after his mission at Bentleigh. Sister McKinnon, now recovered from illness, resumed work in Bible school. Sister Norma Poulton, formerly of Land Army, has been welcomed home.

Yarrawonga.—S.S. picnic was held enjoyably on Oct. 27. On Nov. 8 annual talent social was held in chapel. Ladies' Guild exceeded aim of £100. Total to date is £107/4/-. The church looks forward to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards coming to take up the work.

Dandenong.—In absence of Mr. Marshall on annual leave, Mr. Gadge, sen., spoke at both services on Oct. 28, and Mr. Gadge, jun., addressed both meetings on Nov. 4. Sunday school held a social at wind-up of local rally on Nov. 3.

Bayswater.—On Oct. 27, ten men from church went to Monbulk camp site to assist with working bee. Mr. Combridge exchanged with Mr. Garrett (Bayswater Methodist) on morning of Oct. 28. Mr. Edwards, former preacher, spoke at night. C.E. Society held annual picnic on Nov. 6.

Preston.—At a youth service on Oct. 28, A. G. Macdonald, of the college, in membership at Preston, was the special speaker and R. Whitaker (Cropton Methodist) rendered two solos. A young people's choir also assisted. Hospital Sunday offering was £12/2/4. Mr. Combridge spoke to fair attendances on Nov. 4.

Burnley.—Cricket club parade on Oct. 28 was well attended. On Nov. 4, at gospel service, speaker was Mr. Bells. Attendance was very good. Morning speaker on Oct. 11 was Mr. Grant, of college. Mr. Page was speaker at all other services. Ladies held successful sale of gifts on Nov. 10, when about £25 was raised. All auxiliaries are functioning well.

Doncaster.—Five young men who recently made the good confession were baptised and received into fellowship. W.C.T.U. members at final meeting for this session had as speaker Major Florence Morrison, of Salvation Army Headquarters. The address was much appreciated. On evening of Nov. 4 Mr. Quirk conducted service, Mr. Banks being at Mitcham.

Ascot Vale.—A successful picnic was held at Eltham Park on Nov. 6 by combined schools of North Essendon, Essendon, Newmarket and Ascot Vale. On Nov. 11 the church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Moncur after holiday in W.A. The address by Mr. Watson, of West Preston, was enjoyed. Mr. Westwood preached at night to a good audience. College offering, 4/9/3. Hospital collection, £6/2/-.

Stawell.—W. J. Evans was preacher on Oct. 7 and 14. Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 14 and 15, when prizes and tea were enjoyed by scholars. A. Pocklington and Mr. Davey spoke on Oct. 21. On Oct. 18 Ladies' Guild had Mr. Saunders, missionary from India, his talk on India being enjoyed. Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist ladies were present.

Warragul.—A good meeting on morning of Oct. 4 enjoyed an excellent address by Mr. Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Collyer and Warren, now residing at Jindivick, were present, also Miss Hodge, from Buchan. Mr. McDonald, after many months at Darwin in connection with R.A.A.F., has received his discharge and was welcomed back to fellowship on Oct. 28. Preparations for Bible school anniversary are well in hand under guidance of Mr. Baker.

Croydon.—Combined Sunday schools rally in Mechanics' Hall and demonstration by Mr. and Mrs. Bean, of Clifton Hill Presbyterian Church, were very successful. Annual meeting and election of officers took place at chapel on Oct. 16. Mrs. King is recovering

from illness. She has been greatly missed from her place at organ and in Bible school. At combined service, addressed by Dr. Kemp on Oct. 28, £51/15/- was raised for hospitals.

Emerald.—On Oct. 28 R. F. Geyer, of Home Mission Department, took both services, his addresses being appreciated. On morning of Oct. 4 Miss A. M. Barton, of the college, presided, the address being given by Ron Saunders, the address being given by Ron Saunders. At evening service, which was well attended, Miss Barton led until Mr. Saunders took over with his talk on mission work in New Hebrides, illustrated with lantern slides. Bible school is practising for anniversary under Mrs. Berry.

Red Hill.—David Holmes and Colin White have returned, and are discharged and again meeting with church. Les Brown is convalescing with his mother here and doing well. On Nov. 14 the church invited N. Kingston to serve the church for another twelve months. When N. Kingston visited his mother in North Victoria on Nov. 21, J. Sewell filled his place here. On Nov. 28 the Torney family were unable to attend through sickness. Meetings are being well attended.

Coburg.—Four were received into membership on morning of Nov. 4, two by faith and baptism and two by letter from Claremont, W.A. (Mr. and Mrs. Gray). Officers invited men of church and fathers of Sunday school scholars to tea on Oct. 31. About 50 men accepted the invitation, and an enjoyable night was spent. Doug. Nicholls spoke on future of aborigines, and men present decided to form the Coburg Church of Christ Men's Society. Good interest is maintained in all meetings.

Prahran.—On Oct. 21 and 28, anniversary services were conducted. Scholars and teachers sang splendidly under leading of J. MacKenzie. Addresses by visiting speakers were appreciated. At close of Mr. Burt's address on Oct. 28, a young girl from school confessed Christ. A special afternoon for cradle roll was held on Nov. 4. Mothers of children were invited to be present. The church has been saddened by the tragically sudden home-call of Aub. Lee, recently discharged from A.I.F.

Moreland.—Speakers at Bible school anniversary were A. A. Hughes, R. P. Clark, D. C. Ritchie and W. G. Graham. A. E. Barber conducted an excellent programme of music. T. Fisher, U.S. Army chaplain, and Dr. J. N. Burgess gave splendid addresses during month. On holiday from S.A., Miss May Payne visited her home church, and all were glad to see her. All sections of church are working well, and recently three made the good confession—Miss Iris Roberts, Miss Dorothy Roberts and Arthur Allen.

North Essendon.—Mr. Thurgood (college) conducted both services on Oct. 28, when £13/2/6 was given for Hospital Sunday appeal. Phi Beta Pi club won homecraft competitions for second year. Mr. Gray (Coburg) gave a fine address on morning of Nov. 4, and at night Gwenda Mason confessed Christ under preaching of E. Roffey (South Yarra). Lindsay Pollock was welcomed at morning service. Combined Sunday school picnic (Newmarket, Ascot Vale, Essendon and North Essendon) was held at Eltham on Nov. 6. Tennis club won first match of season. Cricket club continues to do well.

Berwick.—Good meetings were held on Nov. 4 for Bible school anniversary. G. J. Andrews, of Carnegie, was speaker for all services. At concert and prize night on Nov. 5, certificates were presented to scholars who passed scripture examinations. Because Mr. Smith was sick, Mr. Collingwood, of the college, conducted services on Oct. 28, and presided at anniversary services. Church was saddened at the passing of A. R. Main and Mr. Garland, both having served the church in former days. Sympathy is extended to relatives and friends of Mrs. Reynolds, Finley, N.S.W., an isolated member, who passed away recently.

Geelong.—During absence of the preacher at Warrnambool on Nov. 4, Mr. Gay addressed church in morning, and Mr. Small preached at night. Sunday school commenced competition, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" R. Tippett is home on leave from Forces. On Nov. 11 Mr. Small addressed church, and the preacher, Mr. Stirling, gave a stirring gospel message in evening.

Frankston.—On Nov. 4 a family of four came into membership by transfer from Red Cliffs. On Nov. 11 Bible school anniversary was held. V. C. Stafford was morning speaker; R. Muller, afternoon; T. Hagger, night. All addresses were appreciated. The children sang well under leadership of A. J. McKenzie, assisted by organist and orchestra. Kinders gave special item. Several senior boys took part in scripture reading. Prizes were presented at afternoon session. There were large attendances.

Ringwood.—On morning of Nov. 4 T. Westwood commenced a series on loyalty. At night S. Burman, of Campaigners for Christ, gave an enjoyable illustrated address. Several additional men of church are being used on presiding plan. T. Duffy has taken over Explorers' Club. Sunday school attendances are maintained. Ladies' class is beginning to prepare toys for kinder Christmas treat. Church looks forward to coming of V. Quayle, together with a student, to take up work at Croydon and Ringwood. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pratt expect to be back at their home in Ringwood in near future.

Reservoir.—Services continue to hold interest, Mr. Alcorn giving powerful addresses. Ron Vorbach, Jack Welsford and Vivian Russell have been welcomed home on Service leave. Bible school staff had tea and business meeting after school on Nov. 11. Hospital Sunday offering was £5. Reference was made to Armistice Day at all services on Nov. 11. Ladies' Guild held a jumble sale on Nov. 9 which resulted in a good sum being raised towards thanksgiving fund of guild. Cricket club is having a successful season, to date, securing two outright wins out of three matches played. On Oct. 27, Bible school held an amateur night. Splendid items were rendered by scholars. K. Newstead acted as compere and G. Hing and H. Trathen as judges. Prizes won by scholars during year were presented by Mr. Alcorn.

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—At closing service of Bible school anniversary, Natalie Haddow made the good confession. She and other young people who are interested will attend a training class to be commenced by the preacher. On Nov. 6, Bible school held picnic at Parkdale. Fifty ladies of Mission Band enjoyed an afternoon on Nov. 7. Mission Committee and Swanston-st. representatives were welcomed. Mrs. Cleland was speaker with Mrs. Grove and Mrs. Nance-Kivell as artists. On Nov. 11 Lygon-st. went to Swanston-st. for their anniversary services afternoon and evening. Many were their guests at lunch and tea. Church extends sympathy to the Prittie family in the passing of their sister, Mrs. Trivett, on Nov. 9. The church expresses sympathy to the loved ones of Mrs. Phillips, sen., who passed away on Nov. 1.

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DEATHS

LEE.—On Oct. 29 (suddenly), Lionel Auburn (Aub.), aged 33 years, late A.I.F., at 38 Elizabeth-st., South Yarra; beloved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lee, and loving brother of Ray, late A.M.F., Merv., R.A.A.F. (dec.), Ken, A.I.F. (dec.), Rod, late A.I.F.

Sad and sudden was the parting,
Hard and cruel was the blow;
How sadly we will miss you, Aub,
None on earth will ever know.

—Inserted by his loving mother, father, and brothers Ray and Rod.

LEE.—A loving tribute of our dear nephew, Lionel Auburn (Aub.), who passed away suddenly on Oct. 29, 1945. Late of 2nd A.I.F. Aged 33 years. Beloved eldest grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long (late of Bendigo).

He answered his country's call,
He died for us all.

Greater love hath no man.

—Inserted by his loving aunts Beck and Sylvie, and uncles Tom and Eli (South Yarra).

LEE.—A loving tribute to our dear nephew and cousin, Lionel Auburn, late 2nd A.I.F., who passed away suddenly at his parents' residence, 38 Elizabeth-st., South Yarra, on Oct. 29.

Sleeping where no shadows fall,

In perfect peace he awaits us all.

—Inserted by his loving auntie Millie, uncle Will, and cousins Nellie, Robert, Jean and Alf Hulme (R.A.N.).

PHILLIPS.—On Nov. 1, at her son's residence, 105 Rathmines-st., Fairfield, Catherine, beloved wife of the late Thomas Henry Phillips, beloved mother of Hilda (Mrs. Clough), Harold, Norman, Ethel (deceased). Aged 85 years.

PHILLIPS.—On Nov. 1, at 105 Rathmines-st., Fairfield, Catherine, loved mother of Harold and Muriel, loving grandma of Dorothy and Audrey.

McGREGOR.—On Nov. 2, at 27 Fairfax-ave., Millswood, S.A., Margaret R., beloved wife of William McGregor, dearly loved mother of Cleve (Oakleigh), Allison (deceased) and Jean (S.A.).

"For her blessed rest; for us blessed memories."

—From her loving husband and family.

McGREGOR.—A tribute of remembrance to our dear grandmother, called home. Nov. 2, 1945.

"A life made beautiful by kindly deeds."

—From her grandchildren Enid, Malcolm, Stuart, Keith and Margaret.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

GARLAND.—Mrs. Alan Garland and Stan. sincerely thank all relatives and friends for the many expressions of sympathy received in their bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of gratitude?

IN MEMORIAM

BENN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our beloved father, Adam Rea, who was called home on Nov. 13, 1939.

"Peace, perfect peace! with loved ones far away?"

In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they."
—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

CALWAY.—In loving memory of Margaret, who passed away Nov. 12, 1945; beloved daughter of Francis and Florence Calway, loving sister of Frances.

"Till the dawn breaks and the shadows flee away."

STURGES.—In loving memory of my dear wife, and our loving mother, who was called suddenly to be with Christ on Nov. 11, 1942. The fragrant memory of her beautiful life grows sweeter with the passing years.

—Inserted by her husband, W. H. Sturges, and daughters, Myrtle (Mrs. J. E. Searle), Constance (Mrs. C. Daniell) and Alice (Mrs. N. White).

WHELAN.—Treasured memories of Joseph, loved husband of Florence Whelan, who was called home Nov. 9, 1938, at Chatswood, N.S.W. "Loved with everlasting love" (Rom. 8: 38-39).

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In Tasmania, with a very few exceptions, the work of all churches is assisted or needs assistance in some way from the Home Missions Committee. Therefore, for the sake of all our Christian work, we ask once again for prayerful and generous support in the annual offering.

HOME MISSIONS AND THE COLLEGE

THE unity of our brotherhood is expressed in the mutual relationship of home missions and the College of the Bible. It is from the home fields that the college receives its sustained support. This fact brings home to us all the basic nature of home missions. A spiritually strong home base is essential to all our enterprise for Christ, irrespective of location. Because home mission work is fundamental to all our work, the State college committee commends the appeal on Dec. 2 to your generous support.—S. H. Wilson, secretary State College Committee.

YOUTH WORK AND HOME MISSIONS

THE design of Christian youth programmes is to win young people for Christ, and to strengthen the church. In this way we try to safeguard the church of the future, and to make a strong home base. The principle of home missions is that the strong shall help the weak. Therefore strong churches are of real value to aggressive evangelism. Young people, like all other church members, can give to assist home missions.

For the sake of Tasmania we must advance! We dare not retrench! Launch out into the deep on Dec. 2! Our gifts speed forward home missions to-day, our youth work must ensure success for the home missions of tomorrow.—R. V. Amos.

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IN these days of wars, rumors of wars and industrial strife throughout all the world, overseas missions are vitally important, and deserving of the utmost support, but it is recognised that a strong home base is necessary if overseas missions are to expand and grow to meet increasing opportunities. Your contributions on December 2 will enable the State Home Missions Committee to carry out plans for the extension of the kingdom of God, and this will inevitably result in increased interest and prayer for overseas missions. Therefore remember the theme, "Home Mission Activities at the Base of All Christian Enterprise," and give of your best.

THE CRY OF THE ABORIGINES

THE great command of Jesus to go and preach the gospel to every creature includes in its scope the dispossessed and neglected peoples of our land. For that reason we do well to include the aborigine in our programme of missions. This work depends on the strength of the home base.

Someone has said that money is not filthy lucre but stored-up human power. There is unknown human energy in your money. How it will be released depends on you. You may not be able to go and preach, but your money, invested in the home missionary enterprise, can become your feet and your voice to take the message of Christ where you cannot go. Invest liberally in the victory of the gospel in Tasmania.—Harold E. R. Steele.

WHITE FIELDS IN TASMANIA

YOUR Home Mission Committee is continually receiving pleas for help from needy fields. Our established churches on the North-west Coast and in the Mole Creek-Caveside district are in need of regular pastoral oversight. Down south at Kelleve and on Tasman Peninsula the same thing applies, while the churches at Dover and Geeveston offer splendid opportunities for service in visitation and spiritual oversight. Three or four preachers are needed, but the committee is handicapped by very limited financial resources. As the State grows and new industries are established, opportunities for work in fresh fields are presenting themselves, and we must turn a blind eye and a deaf ear for the reason we haven't the means. Brethren, "can the Lord depend on you?" May the hilarious cheerfulness of your giving on December 2 constrain us to go forward for him!—R. Edmunds, Home Mission Secretary.

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Victorian News—Continued

Mitcham.—Visiting speakers, A. Thurgood, S. W. Westwood and B. F. Huntsman, have helped in morning services. Evening services have taken the form of illustrated addresses by T. Holloway, Mrs. Nankivell, R. J. Sandells and a welfare officer. At Eastern District fete, Mitcham stall raised £17/6/-. Nov. 4 was Sunday school anniversary. In afternoon D. Nicholls (aboriginal preacher) spoke to the children, and at night the meeting was taken by R. Banks, of Doncaster. Both services were enjoyed. Singing by scholars under leadership of R. J. Sandells was very good both afternoon and night.

Wedderburn.—Meetings have been good. Mr. Long is giving sound teaching. Mrs. L. Jackel, sen., has been a visitor. The church regrets the passing of Mrs. S. Jackson after forty years' membership. After gospel address on Oct. 21, a young lady made the good confession. On Oct. 28 the church combined with Methodists in their evening service for their 79th anniversary, when N. Makin, M.H.R., was special speaker. On Nov. 4 there were 31 members present, including Mrs. Pettard, from Dunedin, N.Z. It being S.S. anniversary, Mr. Long distributed New Testaments to Bible school and books to kinders. At evening service the Methodists attended, when about 90 were present.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—Splendid interest is manifest in all phases of work. Special features during month of October were addresses on stewardship by R. L. Williams. Three young people made the good confession, and an average of 165 communed each Lord's day. Fellowship was enjoyed with R. Bolduan and Chaplain Theo. Fisher (U.S.A. Forces), whose addresses were appreciated at the morning and evening service respectively on Oct. 28. College of the Bible offering was £23. George Vafiopulous, a prisoner of war in Singapore and Malaya for several years, arrived home and was present at service on Nov. 4. F. Downey is still in hospital. Many other members are sick. K.S.P. won Y.M.C.A. shield for best all-round club for year.

Box Hill.—Bible school anniversary was held in Box Hill town hall on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, special speakers being F. N. Lee, R. Clark and W. S. Lowe. A successful concert was held on Oct. 2, the town hall being filled. Oct. 14 was prize distribution day, when a special service was held in chapel. Promotion day was Oct. 21, and on Nov. 3 the scholars enjoyed annual picnic at Boronia. Attendances at Bible school have been affected by prevalence of measles. On Oct. 27 Mr. Les Mitchell was married in chapel to Miss Beryl Oliver, of Hepburn Springs. At youth tea on October 14, R. J. Story spoke on missionary work in Papua. Women's Mission Band forwarded 15 parcels of food to members of churches of Christ in Great Britain, and a large box of groceries was taken to town hall for food for Britain appeal. A men's society has been formed, office-bearers being: President, L. McCredden; vice-president, H. Williams; secretary, M. McCredden; K. Jeffrey and G. Mullen are committee members. Meetings are held second and fourth Fridays of each month. For month of November the congregation is invited to submit texts for preacher to expound. A friendly social hour after evening service has been inaugurated. Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gray, whose eldest son, Allan, aged 8, fell asleep on Nov. 5, and was laid to rest on Nov. 7.

Bendigo.—In absence of Mr. Mathieson on Oct. 7 at Northern District Conference, E. Duus and R. Streader took morning and evening service. Enthusiasm was shown on opening night of Boys' Explorer Club, and a good number of boys and men were present. A gift

of six games and £2 for equipment from J. Ellis was appreciated. Mesdames R. G. Perl, J. Methven and Powell have volunteered to carry on girls' Good Companions' Club while Mrs. Briggs is unable to carry on. Newly-formed Christian Men's Society is going well. Two men's teas have proved a great success. Don Streader has accepted superintendency of J.C.E. in place of Harold Lacy, who has served well for a number of years. On Nov. 1 the Baptist ladies paid a visit, and an enjoyable time was spent. Cpl. Jack Pollock, who spent over three years as a prisoner in Japanese hands, including a period on the Thailand railway, has been welcomed home. His wife and the Pollock family from Derby were present, and a wall mirror was presented as a memento of the occasion. To mark completion of 50 years of active service with the church at Bendigo, a social evening was tendered to J. Ellis. His outstanding record includes that of being elected on fifty occasions to official board; serving as church secretary for 12 years; for over 4 years as church treasurer; for 16 years as school treasurer; an elder since 1937; and for 50 years a Bible school teacher. A comfortable fireside chair and cushion and an illuminated address were presented to him by church and school respectively.

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" 23—Rev. 7: 9-17.
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