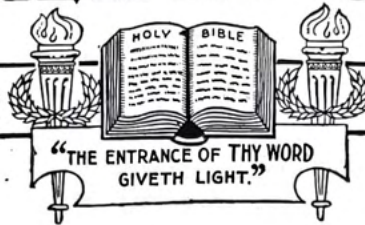


The AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

A Journal Representing



Churches of Christ

Registered at the G.P.O., Melbourne,
for transmission by post as a Newspaper.

Posted direct, 10/6 year. Foreign, 16/6 year.
Through church agent, 2d. week.

VOL. XLVIII, No. 49

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1945

The Afterglow of Missions

★ H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip. Ed., a Chaplain in the Forces
Shows Why Christian Missions are Worth-while

THIS is being written in a chapel built by the natives of New Britain out of light saplings covered with fronds of the coconut palm and bound with the wire-like creepers of the jungle. The floor consists of a heavy covering of sawdust, the softness of which is appreciated by those who kneel, whilst its silence is a boon to the latecomer.

The altar furnishings are of brass made from various-sized shells. A large central cross, kept upright by the heavy base of the shell out of which it is made, has similar but smaller crosses on either side. The vases are shell cases with their tops modified in an attractive way. One is reminded of the Old Testament passage, "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks." To-day shells are beaten into the symbols of the Christian faith. The portable organ was made in Hongkong, and in the hands of an organist accustomed to a large pipe organ in a city church, gives splendid support to the singing. The building is brilliantly lighted with electricity, and within it all but the Roman Catholics gather for worship and fellowship. Prior to the war Jacquinot Bay was one of the mission stations of the Roman Catholic Church and the chapel, a rather unattractive wooden structure, still stands. Its walls are riddled with bullet and shell-holes. The Japanese occupied it for a while, and its walls are covered with their writings. Strangely enough, a figure of Christ is undamaged. This is one of the two church buildings that have survived; over fifty others were destroyed. Of 190 missionaries, 28 are known to have been killed, and 23 others are at the time of writing unaccounted for. We have talked to some of those who have been liberated of their experiences. Some have suffered in body, mind and spirit, but are nevertheless eager to resume their work when they have recuperated. Their willingness to hazard their lives for Christ and the gospel, despite all they have suffered, wins one's admiration.

One Church of England missionary, recently recovered, told me of the magnificent courage and cheerfulness of a young woman with whom he and another were fleeing for their lives. At night they rested in the jungle, and as they recalled the experiences of a day in which they had seen a battle on the sea and in the

air, and during which they had been in grave perils she said, "Well, if I die to-morrow I would not have missed this day of thrilling adventure." Later she filled a martyr's grave, but her faith was radiant and her courage undaunted.

Amidst the ruins of mission stations there rise the memory and inspiration of such courageous faith. Missions are costly in every way, and some may well ask, Is it worth while? Bombs have destroyed most of the material assets of the missions, but the spiritual values in the lives of many of these bright children of the jungle remain. A young man of striking physique said to me one day, "I have the

men in the Forces. He then tried some of the native Christians, and after two rehearsals they rendered excellent service.

I have been acting as chaplain of a convalescent depot occupied by Indians. Some of these men have endured terrible conditions, and are painfully thin through overwork and under-nourishment. I found ten out of 180 were Christians. Of these seven were Protestants. As I discussed holding a communion service for them one said, "You will remember some of us cannot kneel—it hurts too much." These men were products of the missionary cause, and had not had an opportunity of meeting around the communion table for over three years.

In Rabaul I talked with a planter who had just been liberated after three and a half years as a prisoner. He said, "I've been physically and spiritually starved for over three years." He was a Christian who enjoyed fellowship with, and who gave assistance to, the missionaries. His wife and two children were evacuated just before the Japanese arrived. He was still anxiously awaiting news of them, especially as a third child was expected three months after the invasion. He said, "I am hoping in the next few days to learn that I have a son or a daughter over three years of age."

The officer in charge of a prisoner of war camp rang one day to say he thought three Malaysians in the compound were Christians because when a meal was provided for them within the barbed wire enclosure, they all bowed their heads and said grace. We learned they were members of the Dutch Reformed Church, and enjoyed a time of spiritual fellowship with them. They had been taken prisoners by the Japanese, and forced to serve them. One of the guards said on two occasions he had heard Japanese prisoners singing Christian hymns. He learned they had belonged to a mission church in Japan.

One of the most interesting testimonies came from an English sailor who had been over three years in Japanese hands. He said, "Our treatment differed from time to time and place to place. We had one very good spin. The soldier in charge helped us all he could. He spoke a little English, and told us he was a Christian. I have not had much time for re-

(Please turn to page 579)



Native Chapel in the Islands.

peace of Jesus in my heart." His radiant face set the seal of truth on his statement. Whilst writing this article I was interrupted by a native of New Guinea who asked for something to read. He was taught in a mission school, and was pleased to have some Christian literature. He said he was eagerly awaiting the day he would be back with the mission, and asked did I know when the missionaries would return. I have been amazed at what some of the natives remember of the things taught them.

A Roman Catholic padre desired to have certain liturgies sung at a special service. He tried unsuccessfully to secure a choir from

The Soil of Revival

Urging Christians to surrender to the life that involves a cross, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D., points to the divine power received in such an experience.

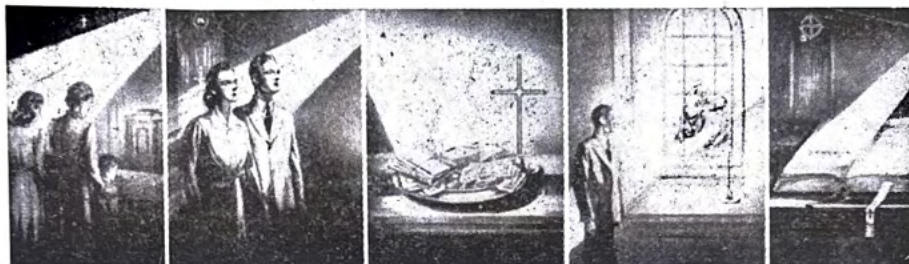
THE historic setting of the New Testament needs to be considered in order that the content and power of the New Testament faith may be more fully measured and appreciated. It was not an acquiescent faith but a militant faith, a crisis faith, and an absolute faith in Christ. The conditions under which Christianity was born and nurtured were frightening, and every document in the New Testament reflects the environment, and the book as a whole breathes of crisis. These were the conditions, however, that brought out the dynamic resources of a faith that guarantees to overcome the world. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith," which is a definite and conclusive testimony given by the Apostle John, who was a dominant figure in the New Testament period. But when these conditions are absent professing Christians are likely to develop a substitute faith compounded of various ingredients which, when challenged by adversity, runs to escapism and a short term outlook. It remains a question whether we can appreciate the peculiar nature of the New Testament evangel until we are living in conditions similar to those to which the New Testament evangel was addressed. The Christian faith as expressed in New Testament language is too strong, too deep, too demanding and far-reaching for the person who has grown up in a sheltered material environment. In evidence of this the great affirmations of New Testament writers are looked upon by the average adherent of the Christian church as far-off irrelevancies because there is no affinity, no point of similarity, no connecting link between the conditions that obtained then and those that the average adherent has experienced in these days. The question is asked, What is the New Testament all about? In the experience of a great percentage of professing Christians the New Testament is given intellectual assent only; it is read as history, and the book does not become alive in human experience. The genius of the New Testament faith is lost because of a surface and casual acceptance of its message. In consequence the church for the most part has become apathetic, inert, and without vision. It has lost the power of rising above its own static condition. Furthermore, it is a grievous admission that the church as such has lost its integrity and the respect of the vast majority of people. And win these things back the church must for the sake of God and humanity. We could speak of Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 3: 5-16, as the way back which will lead those who are prepared to take it through the deeps of the nature of Christian belief and practice. The whole passage is expressive of the genius of vital Christianity, and it contains the seeds of revival and reclamation.

Paul, whose passion was Christianity, speaks in the first place of

1. The Supreme Advantage of Knowing Christ

The apostle begins with a comparison of his former and latter state, which is suggestive of an incomparable discovery in his own experience. He speaks of what he called his physical advantages as a son of Abraham. "But," said he, "for the sake of Christ I have come to count my former gains as loss. Why, I count everything as loss compared with the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus

my Lord. For his sake I have lost everything, and think it rubbish in order to gain Christ and be known to be united to him." This is no Pollyanna story, but a discerning treatise about some of the implications of what it means to know Christ and to be united to him. It means the abandonment of self-interest. "For his sake I have lost everything." Between that spirit of abandonment and the outlook of the average church adherent there is a great gulf fixed. By this standard the church can hardly be called Christian. The trouble with most of us professing Christians is that we inject into these intensely searching demands of New Testament Christianity a neutralising dose of reserve and our Christianity is thereby a denatured faith. Whilst the average church adherent insists that he does not want this absolute kind of Christianity, but something less demanding, non-Christians are saying with devastating frankness, we do not want your denatured brand of Christianity. It somehow does not ring true, and besides, we can't see that it is any improvement upon our own muddled way of living. So our churches are struggling awfully hard to main-



Dedication of Self.

Dedication of Life.

Dedication of Possessions.

Dedication of Service.

Dedication of Purpose.

tain a place in the community. It is the spirit of abandonment which affords the creative power by which Paul and his contemporaries conquered their world. They conquered not in terms of military conquest, but through union with Christ they were able to transcend their world that suffered so acutely from what we may call the trinity of disillusionment—cynicism, futility, and fatalism. So Paul goes on his irresistible way and strikes a buoyant note in his treatise. He speaks of the lifting experience in the knowledge of Christ.

2. Christ and the Power of Resurrection

"I want to know him in the power of resurrection." The historic event of the rising of Jesus proves the principle of resurrection in the universe. That underneath the domain of our fitful change and decay there is the power of God which lifts like the ocean's tide. In one of the tidal rivers near New York the building of a bridge was interrupted by a derelict sunk in the river's bottom. Divers put chains about the obstacle, and all day long the engineer directed the manœuvring of tugs as they puffed and pulled in vain endeavor to dislodge the hulk. Then a young student, fresh from the technical school, asked for the privilege of trying, and from the vexed, impatient chief obtained his wish. "What will you do with it?" the engineer enquired. "The flat boats in which we brought the granite from Vermont," the young man answered. So when the tide was out, the flat boats were fastened to the derelict. The Atlantic began

to come in; its mighty shoulders underneath the boats lifted—lifted until the derelict had to come. The youth had harnessed infinite energy to his task. And because Jesus rested his mission and destiny upon the certitude of that power of resurrection which is in the nature of God and his will, death and the grave did not claim him. So Paul wants to know Christ and be united with him in this consummate and all prevailing reality which the Saviour demonstrated—the power of resurrection. And it is upon the realisation of this power that Jesus' followers in every age will rise above their world. We have already suggested that the church has lost the power of rising which is mainly due to the fact that the church has forfeited its contact with Christ himself in the power of resurrection. The question remains, How may the church again be united to him in that overcoming power? The apostle does not leave our question unanswered. It is here that he introduces a hard saying and the beach shelves so steeply that many will fear to follow him. But follow him we must for he takes us to one of the imperatives of vital Christianity.

3. The Way to Resurrection

"I want to know him . . . and to share his suffering and even his death, in the hope of attaining resurrection from the dead." In this searching word we have the true soil of revival and the way to a revitalised faith. If the church is to be identified with Christ in the power of resurrection, it must also be iden-

tified with him in the fellowship of his sufferings and even his death. Popular Christianity insists upon the resurrected Christ without the crucified Christ. But we are here faced with the inescapable demands of vital Christianity at whose centre resides the cross. Just as the resurrection power is a principle of Christianity, so is suffering for Christ and the gospel's sake a principle of Christianity. And whoever seeks to avoid the principle of suffering for Christ's sake by compromise, expediency, or self-preservation, will never gain the meaning of the dynamic phrase—the power of resurrection. Paul would have us understand that Christianity means not only that Christ died for the church, but also that the church must be prepared to die if needs be for Christ. The cross in the Christian evangel goes beyond any theory of the atonement to a way of life and victory with Christ. It was the Master who said, "He that would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

And we see the principle of suffering in operation to-day leading to a revitalised faith. The faith of the New Testament which proved so irresistible is being rediscovered to-day amidst conditions that can be described only in terms of crisis. Dr. Visser t'Hooft declares that the church in Europe, sick before the war and without any real message or real place in the life of the people, has been regenerated by the suffering of war and has won a new respect among the people it serves. Dr. Adolf Keller, writing of the church in Germany, says, "We see the end of an ecclesiastical system, the end of a

(Continued on opposite page.)

Kagawa Replies

Interest in the Christians of Japan is real amongst many in Australia. W. S.

Lowe, M.A., B.Com., of Brighton, Vic., gives news of a Japanese Christian leader.

MANY people in Australia have been seriously disturbed by the reported statements of the great Christian Japanese, Toyohiko Kagawa, statements quoted from Tokyo broadcasts which seemed to indicate that the great leader had abandoned the Christian internationalism which earned him world respect and Japanese persecution. Sections of the world press, and the Australian press, interpreted these statements as evidence of Kagawa's unreliability and his conversion to militarism.

American Christian journals took up the matter with the Federal Communications Commission of the U.S.A., which had been responsible for monitoring broadcasts from Tokyo. As a result it was shown that Kagawa's "statements" were merely "reported" by Tokyo radio through the Japanese propagandists. There was one exception to this, a personal protest by Kagawa against indiscriminate bombing of civilians.

Now comes a report by two Australian soldiers, Alan Langdon and Geoff. Charlesworth, who recently spent six days' leave in Tokyo, hitch-hiking from the Philippines. They sought out Christian churches and missionaries, who had been interned and interviewed Kagawa for over an hour, during which they informed him of the criticism in the world press and asked his viewpoint.

They learned that he was imprisoned on three occasions during the war and generally suffered at the militarists' hands—so much for his conversion to militarism. Dr. Kagawa stated that a section of the American press, full of good intentions, had placed both himself and the Christian church in Japan in a false and dangerous position by publicising the idea that Kagawa should be made Premier of Japan as a preliminary to a peace move. Such



Aboriginal Inhabitants of Japan.

a position would have placed Kagawa and the Japanese church on a political footing, and given every excuse to the militarists to regard the church as a fifth column agency of Japan's enemies. Further, it would have alienated the masses of the Japanese, brought up on propaganda, from the church by casting suspicion on the patriotism of its leader.

Faced with this problem, Kagawa broadcast to the whole of Japan, repudiating the suggestion that he was a fifth columnist. "I am for Japan," he told the Australian soldiers, "the true Japan—not the Japan that militarists made it." At this time Kagawa was, by request of the Allied Commander and the new Japanese government, co-operating in the huge tasks confronting them, and held several official positions, including chairmanship of the War Rehabilitation Board and official personal adviser to the Premier.

It is clear that Kagawa's statements have been used both by unscrupulous Japanese propagandists and headline hunting pressmen for their own ends. Kagawa has been known for a decade as a pacifist opposed to all war, and has not scrupled to criticise either his own country's sins or those of other countries.

The Soil of Revival

(Continued from opposite page.)

State church. . . . While hundreds of ministers are in prison, the witness of faith is still powerful and a new church is being born 'which will not be a State church, nor a national church, nor a denominational church, but a church of faith,' based on an act of God and on the testimony of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers." The church of faith, the resurrected church has been born again in the fires of suffering. Dorothy Thompson, an American journalist, interviewed Martin Niemoller, on his release after eight years of prison camp and suffering. After noting that only two of Niemoller's seven children are known to be alive, and that "all the trials of Job have befallen him and his family," Miss Thompson reported that Niemoller has neither become cynical nor taken refuge in another worldly mysticism. Instead he has "become strengthened and purified to an incandescent faith and an unassailable inner freedom." He and all

others who have suffered for Christ's sake must surely understand the meaning of vital Christianity much better than those who have tried to apply the New Testament evangel to a life of ease and success.

4. Prayer and Revival

Christianity has the resources with which to meet and heal the catastrophic human situation. But these resources are hidden beneath a false covering of so-called formal religion. The world is calling upon the church to make explicit the power that lies implicit in its faith. But to do this the church must be recreated and revived from within. It is said that prayer is a necessary prerequisite to revival. And what greater prayer could it be that we should pray, "I want to know him in the power of resurrection, and to share his sufferings and even his death, in the hope of attaining resurrection from the dead."

In a Coral Pool

(Continued from front page)

ligion, but I will never forget the different treatment we received from his hands."

One other incident bears striking testimony to the influence exerted by Christian institutions in missionary fields. One of the Indian Christians told me of an Indian who was very unsatisfied as a Mohammedan and who wanted to learn more about the Christian faith. I sought him out, and learned he had spent some years in a missionary school, where he gained some insight into Christianity. He had found his Mohammedan faith had not stood the test of his increasing knowledge and experience. He is a graduate in arts of an Indian university, and reads and speaks English freely. I gave him a New Testament and asked him to read the gospel of John and the book of Acts. He read these and also a summary of Christian doctrine, and when I visited him two days later asked me questions that had arisen in his mind. On two further occasions we discussed what was involved in becoming a Christian. He said, "I am fully persuaded to become a follower of Christ. I accept him as my Saviour, and will follow him as my Master." He asked about baptism, and said he wanted a Christian name. We studied the subject as we sat on a log by the sea. Then he surprised me by saying, "If Philip baptised the Ethiopian straightway, cannot I be baptised now?" A few minutes later an officer from a small unit nearby came along the beach. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and I asked him if he could provide garments and a towel. He readily agreed, and in a coral pool my friend obeyed his Master. That brief service will remain a hallowed memory. I gave him Andrew as his name, and on the following Sunday welcomed him into the Christian church as we gathered around the communion table. His first contact with Christianity came in a mission school in Calcutta. Seed sown then has borne fruit after many days.

At present I am in contact with some Malaysians. I secured some New Testament books in their language from the British and Foreign Bible Society. Recently I took some of these to a small island and gave them to the natives. One of the men began to read aloud to the others, and turning to me he said, "This is good news." He was familiar with the gospels, and thanked me heartily for the booklets.

Thus one sees in such incidents the evidence that the light of life has not been extinguished in the lives of many of these peoples who have come under the influence of missions. This task to which we have been committed is worth while.

As I recall prisoners singing our Christian hymns and think of those who gave thanks to God for their food in a prison compound, reflect on the ready acceptance of Christianity by an Indian prisoner of war, and behold in the lives of the natives of these tropical islands the evidences of the influence of Christ in their lives, there comes to me a stimulus to rejoice that the church has carried the gospel to the world. A Japanese risking his life in order to treat our prisoners as he felt a Christian should treat them bears eloquent testimony to the transforming influence of Christ. Recently a missionary in New Britain gathered the natives for worship on the spot where their church building had stood. The natives welcomed him heartily, gave him some personal gifts of fruit and eggs, and an offering towards a new building. There are lights that have not been extinguished during this dark night of war and in this we rejoice.

The Australian Christian

December 5, 1945

Page 579

The Barley Harvest

IT is the beginning of the barley harvest. Only yesterday I was driven through rich fields of corn where the wheat was still green and where around its edges were large stooks of freshly cut hay. But the barley was almost white, its long shiny heads were bent over as if in readiness for the decapitating reaper which it knew must come. I asked my friend who owned the fields what he intended to do with his barley when it was reaped. He said that, "When it was 'rep' (a word in common usage in these parts), it was to be stored in his barns as food for pigs—his pigs." I was glad to know that my Christian friend was not sending his barley to John Barleycorn, the brewer.

I never see a field of barley without remembering some incidents in the Bible in which the barley is mentioned.

The first of these references I find in Exod. 9: 31. It tells of the destruction of the barley harvest by storm, hail and fire, because Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go free from the land of Goshen. As with us here the barley was the first to ripen and the Egyptians' wheat and rye were unharmed because they were still green. Barley is still, unfortunately, associated with hard rebellious hearts, for all of its other essential good uses. There is much sorrow, heartache and grief in the world to-day due to wrong uses to which barley is put.

The feast of weeks in the new land of Canaan commenced with the waving of a sheaf of barley, the first-fruits of the harvest, before the Lord. The Hebrews had good cause to remember with such thanksgiving God's goodness to them, for their barley harvest in the land of Goshen had been untouched when that of their oppressors, the Egyptians, had been destroyed.

And then again the lovely opening to the story of Ruth, who renounced everything to go with Naomi, tells of their coming to Bethlehem at the time of the barley harvest. It was in a barley field that Ruth first gleaned there, and where Boaz first beheld her. Somehow we can never forget the words of Naomi to Ruth, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day?" This barley field reminds us that we are all gleaners in a life in which we gather much that is good and much that is bad. We gather many things, friends, customs, ideas. It would be well if we were sometimes asked that question, wouldn't it? "Where hast thou gleaned to-day?"

The third reference I would bring before you is of the boy with his five barley loaves and two small fish. Christ accepted those

W. J. Thomson, of South Australia,
writing on a seasonal topic, links up
several Biblical incidents.



Gleaners in a Barley Field.

few loaves, and blessing and breaking them broke and broke until the whole multitude were satisfied; so satisfied that the disciples were able to glean twelve baskets full. This suggests to me the added value that our Saviour gives to good things given into his hands. He adds good to good, and of the little but good thing dedicated to him he multiplies to meet the need of countless multitudes. I believe one of the joys of eternity will be the revelation of what the Lord has done to bless others with our dedicated talent.

If there be sermons in trees and stones and running brooks, let there be one for us in a field of barley.

noster): J. B. Grant, C. J. Beale, V. T. Parker, P. N. Flint, A. R. Norling, G. W. Hardimon.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis (Lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook): C. J. Beale, P. N. Flint, G. H. Eager, J. B. Grant, A. R. Norling. One other passed.

Apologetics (Lecturer, H. J. Patterson): C. Latimer, P. N. Flint, C. J. Beale. Three others passed.

Logic (Lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook): C. J. Beale, J. B. Grant, C. Latimer.

New Testament Greek I. (Lecturer, H. McCallum); J. G. Moran, A. C. Caldicott, A. R. Norling. Two others passed.

New Testament Greek II. (Lecturer, H. McCallum): P. N. Flint, C. Latimer. One other passed.

Ancient History (Lecturer, H. J. Patterson): J. A. Luff. One other passed.

A Matter of Ethics

(Ephes. 6: 1)

"ABOUT the ethics of this"—"Is it right?"—Ethics! Ethics! Ethics! The word which has to do with principles and doctrines of right conduct, recurs in the records of a notable public inquiry which has aroused intense interest throughout Australia. It is not within our province here to pronounce upon the Gordon Bennett case.

As Christians we are to get to know our duty by recognising a righteous God whose moral law is in the very nature of things and who progressively reveals his will to us. Such recognition involves the proper exercise and development of our own moral faculties. Telling right from wrong may involve such tests as the following: (1) Is this sensible or stupid? (2) Is this playing the game or cheating? (3) Is this the prompting of my best or lower self? (4) Will this bear the light of day or must I keep it dark? (5) Will this bear the test of time? (6) Will this stand the test of those I most esteem? (7) What is the verdict of the Lord Christ?

Our Christian duty is decided, not according to what is customary, what is popular, what is pleasant, what is profitable, or what is clever, but rather by what is right.—G. J. Andrews.

VISIT TO HAMILTON, VICTORIA

ON our recent visit to Hamilton we found almost a gala atmosphere in the church. Only a few days before the president of the Women's Conference, Mrs. A. W. Cleland, together with Mrs. R. Clark and Mrs. H. Wickham, had attended the thirteenth anniversary of the Mission Band. It was during this year that they achieved one of their objectives—every woman of the church a member of the band. Sunday morning, Nov. 25, marked the commencement of the ministry of C. E. Curtis. An appropriate service was held in the morning in the name of the brotherhood. Mr. Curtis preached at night. An after-church fellowship session provided the occasion for an informal welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. The preachers of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches presented greetings. The interim ministry of Mr. A. H. Pratt was helpful, and his pastoral work appreciated. It is expected that he will perform a similar service in another church. We feel that Mr. Curtis has been cordially received and the church happy and united. Attention must now be given to linking up our country circuits. Some of them will need to centre on one meeting per Sunday during the summer holiday period and until the return of the student preachers at the end of February.—W. Gale.

N.S.W. Bible College

THE second annual demonstration was celebrated at Enmore Tabernacle on Friday, Nov. 23. The public meeting was preceded by a tea given by Dr. A. E. Bardsley and attended by members of college board, faculty and students.

The public meeting was well attended, and a good spirit prevailed. In the absence of the chairman of the board, E. C. Hinrichsen, Mr. J. L. Stimson, presided. H. J. Patterson, the principal, reported the year commenced with an enrolment of fifteen students and closed with fourteen. To date the total enrolment of students in the college has been twenty-seven.

The diploma of the college was presented to J. B. Grant, the only graduate for the year, though it is expected that two others will shortly qualify.

It is reported that eight new students will be enrolled for 1946.—H.J.P.

THIRD TERM EXAMINATION RESULTS

To secure honors a student must gain at least 80 per cent of marks, and for a pass

60 per cent. Those whose names appear below obtained honors.

Old Testament (Lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook): J. A. Luff, P. N. Flint, G. H. Eager, A. C. Caldicott, L. S. Dewberry, J. G. Moran, A. R. Norling. Two others passed.

New Testament (Lecturer, H. J. Patterson): J. A. Luff, G. H. Eager, P. N. Flint. Five others passed.

Homiletics I. (Lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook): J. A. Luff, A. C. Caldicott. Two others passed.

Religious Education (Lecturer, R. Greenhalgh): J. A. Luff, V. T. Parker, A. C. Caldicott, A. R. Norling, G. W. Hardimon, P. N. Flint, G. H. Eager.

Homiletics II. (Lecturer, A. W. Ladbrook): P. N. Flint, L. S. Dewberry, A. R. Norling, V. T. Parker.

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

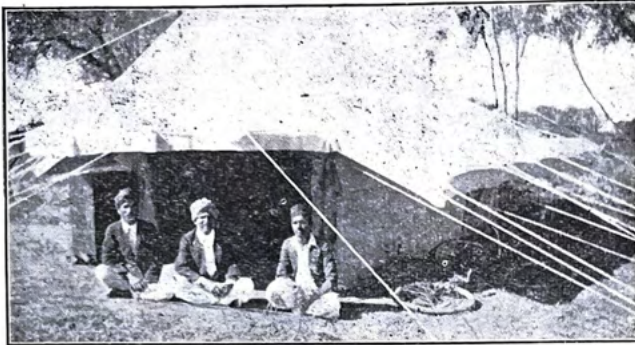
Comparative Religion (Lecturer, I. A. Pater-

The Gospel Amidst Persecution

MR. H. R. COVENTRY (Baramati) in presenting the annual report, evangelistic department (western division), points out some of the difficulties encountered during the year. Present trends in India do not give hope of an easier road in the future. It is amazing how higher-caste people ignore the more ignorant classes, and yet when it suits their purposes, can use these ignorant people as willing tools to work out their evil designs.

The gospel has been preached faithfully in the villages around Baramati, as well as in the local bazaar. The only periods when this was not done was during the camps at various places. Early in the year, that is in July last, we toured the villages of Wadgaon, Mor-

a Christian colony in which Takari Bhamptas and those who have become Christians from among them still live. The trouble which culminated in a riot last July has not subsided. A much worse riot occurred while I was on holidays in July. It is very evident that a number of troublesome Bhamptas have determined to give us as much annoyance as possible as long as they remain on mission land. They have organised themselves, and have out-cast about sixteen families of Bhamptas who are still friendly to the mission and to Christians. They have brought in the Hindu Mahasabha, and have made great publicity of their so-called grievances. The Collector of Poona has agreed that it is a Government re-



Preachers' Camp.

At certain picked seasons preachers accompanied by missionaries spend several weeks in camps. It is the one way to bring the gospel to the villages.

gaon and Karanje in our caravan with a volunteer band of Christian converts and had a good reception. Later we camped for ten days in the caravan under the trees at Wadgaon, and were able to reach all the surrounding villages and have services with all the Christians scattered about in that area. On the Sunday we held one service at the camp, and late in the afternoon one at Karanje. It is with much sorrow that we have to report the death of Khanduji Waghju Jadhav of Karanje. After years of struggle he had just about got on his feet with his nice little farm when the dread scourge cholera visited his home, taking his eight-year-old daughter, and within six days he, too, succumbed. His fourteen-year-old son, who was in the seventh standard Marathi at Baramati, has gone home to help his mother run the farm.

We also camped at Parawadi and Malkhop for a few days, and then went on to Shirsuphal for our second camp in that place during the year. This tour lasted fifteen days. There is a good interest among the Mangs at Parawadi and among the Marathas at other places. The preachers made several other camps without me during the year. They also joined with Mr. Thomas for some weeks on different occasions to help in the eastern division. You will notice that we have really continued to give our chief attention to the two areas Wadgaon-Karanje and Parawadi-Shirsuphal. Scripture sales have been on a limited scale for two reasons: gospel portions have been rationed, and secondly there have been opposition and tearing up of gospels before our faces by some lads.

The Free Colony has ceased to exist as such, and is now simply a mission colony or

sponsibility, and has made plans to give these troublesome Bhamptas a site elsewhere. This will take time to finalise, and in the meantime we have to endure patiently, having about thirty families on our land who are definitely opposed to all we are doing. They have boycotted Christian converts, and have often hindered bhajans, etc., among the Christians. It is a case of very definite persecution by Nazi tactics of wearing down the opposition. These Christian families have now moved on to the new site near the workshops, and have already built seven nice houses with help from the Co-operative Society's loans.

We crave your prayers for the village people and for the colonists, that the Spirit of God may work in their hearts and bring many to a complete faith in Jesus the Saviour.

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 BOOK

THE books men write are but a fragrance blown From transient blossoms crushed by human hands;

But, high above them, splendid and alone, Staunch as a tree, there is a Book that stands Unmoved by storms, unchallenged by decay: The winds of criticism would profane Its sacred pages, but the Truth, the Way, The Life are in it—and they beat in vain.

Oh, traveller from this to yonder world, Pause in the shade of God's magnificent, Eternal Word—that tree whose roots are curled About our human need: When strength is spent Stretch out beneath some great, far-reaching limb

Of promise, and find rest and peace in *him*.

—Helen Frazee-Bower, in "King's Business."

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

TAKE COURAGE

Do not get disheartened
With the work you have to do,
And say that such a mighty task
You never can get through;
But just endeavor day by day
Another point to gain,
And soon the mountain which you feared
Will prove to be a plain."

BLESSINGS OF WORK

THANK God, every morning when you get up, that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.—Charles Kingsley.

FINE TESTIMONY, BUT IRISH!

A converted laborer was giving his testimony. Feeling rather nervous, he could not quite find words to express himself. Speaking of the joy he found in the Lord, he said: "Dear friends, I'm happier now when I'm not happy, than I was before when I was happy." Some bystanders, no doubt, laughed at this, but none could gainsay the remarkable change in the laborer's life and actions.

"Is your husband a religious man?" asked one woman of another. "I am not quite certain. When I hear him speaking in prayer meeting, I think he is, but when I hear him speaking at home I think he isn't."

A STORY is told of Ben Jonson, who was taken by friends to visit a rather pompous gentleman. When Ben was introduced his host remarked, "So you're Ben Jonson, the great wit, eh?" "Well," replied Ben, "I don't know about the great wit part, but I'm Ben Jonson." "Why," said the great man, "you don't look as if you could say 'Boo' to a goose." Ben quietly surveyed his host then, extending his neck, said "Boo!"

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—FOLLOW AFTER PEACE

- Dec. 10—Eph. 1: 1-14.
- " 11—Eph. 2: 11-22.
- " 12—Phil. 2: 1-11.
- " 13—Col. 1: 9-24.
- " 14—Col. 2: 8-15.
- " 15—Rom. 12: 1-12.
- " 16—Isaiah 11; Rom. 12: 13-23.

THROUGHOUT the world numberless schemes have been devised to aid post-war reconstruction, the aims of which are lofty, and the achievement of which would certainly help to build up a new world. Yet, unfortunately, there are still signs of class hatred, selfishness, and lust for power and place which, unless checked, will inevitably result in other and even more devastating conflicts. In our New Testament lesson Paul states the only way to achieve the commendable objective which millions have. He writes, "Follow after peace," exhorting the disciples to surrender to and faithfully serve him whom he declares to be "our peace." If only men everywhere followed the "Prince of peace" industrial strife would vanish, racial and personal antipathies would come to an end, and there would dwell in the hearts of men everywhere the "peace of God which passeth understanding." Let us therefore "follow after peace."

Here and There

The Christmas issue next week will have a two-colored cover, appropriate articles, and the Christmas number of Youths' Magazine.

The following telegram reached us Dec. 3: "Macnaughtan mission Thornbury, Vic.; interest increasing; nine decisions Sunday, Dec. 2; total 11."

The Melbourne City Mission is making its annual Christmas appeal, and is asking for practical help to brighten the lives of those living under difficult conditions within the city.

At Geelong, Vic., on Nov. 30, C.E. Society tendered a farewell evening to Mr. and Mrs. Loats, who are leaving district. On Dec. 3 Mr. Stirling spoke at both services. At gospel meeting three young ladies were baptised.

Postmaster-General's Department advises that Christmas gifts, etc., ought to be posted before Dec. 15, mail addressed clearly, and gifts packed carefully, showing name and address of sender. For 1½d. postage envelope not to be sealed and five words only be written on cards.

The Macnaughtan and Saunders mission at Thornbury, Vic., has entered into its third week. To date six people, five of these boys of Bible school, have confessed Christ, and there has been one consecration. Song service at commencement of each meeting is conducted by Mr. Saunders, who also has a "Happy Hour" for children each afternoon after day school. The address is given by Mr. Macnaughtan, who also answers on the same night any questions placed in question box. Special items are rendered by visiting choirs. Meetings are beneficial. Attendances are increasing.

On evening of Nov. 27, at Doncaster, Vic., organiser of Band of Hope Union entertained local branch with an illustrated talk on New Zealand. Men's Fellowship group held meeting on Nov. 29 with attendance of 40. Mr. Simpson, of Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church, was speaker. Chris. Beekie gave musical items. Ladies provided supper. A questionnaire sent to parents by Bible school teachers revealed that an overwhelming majority favored changing time of meeting for Bible school from afternoon to morning. As a result the change will take place, and will be reviewed in April, 1946.

Splendid meetings were held at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., on Dec. 2. In morning E. L. Williams commenced a temporary ministry with church and presiding brother welcomed him and Mrs. Williams. Miss Gill was welcomed as a deaconess. Mrs. Perkins, baptised previous Sunday, was welcomed into fellowship. Mr. Williams gave two fine addresses. Mrs. John Beveridge sang a solo and choir rendered a special anthem. Members are sorry to know that Mr. and Mrs. Gadge, sen., will be leaving district. They have rendered excellent service. Mr. Moody has met with an accident and is in hospital. Chas. Cole will commence a ministry with church at end of March.

At Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A., W. Beiler spoke at both services on Nov. 25. Morning service was broadcast. Choir rendered an anthem, and Mrs. McPhee a solo. Bible school held picnic on Nov. 17. Arrangements had been made to hold it at the seaside, but owing to the inclemency of weather the function was held in school hall. An enjoyable time was spent with teachers and scholars. Girls' Club has gone into recess. On Nov. 23 a gift of appreciation was made to Mrs. Wenham as instructress. Mrs. Cooper, who has been in hospital, was present on Nov. 25. Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on Nov. 21. Mr. Beiler continues to give helpful addresses.

The nineteenth anniversary of the church at Point Sturt, S.A., was celebrated on Nov. 11 and 12. C. Schwab and A. H. Wilson, both of whom are linked with church, were speakers at services. Church at Point Sturt is unique in

that it is the oldest country congregation of churches of Christ in the Commonwealth of Australia with the longest record of continuous service. Many past members and friends gathered for the meeting, some coming from Milang by bus. The Sunday afternoon service was conducted by C. Schwab and A. H. Wilson preached. In evening approximately 70 were present, C. Schwab being speaker. Miss R. Howard and Mrs. L. Bowden rendered a duet. The meeting on Monday evening was attended by about 90 persons. Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Garwood, of Strathalbyn, rendered special singing. Greetings and a report covering features of past ninety years were read by secretary. Mr. Schwab spoke of pioneers, and gave an excellent address. Supper brought a most successful anniversary to a close.

At Reservoir, Vic., thanksgiving day was held on Nov. 25. In morning there was an excellent attendance. Savings boxes, in which members and auxiliaries put aside for annual thanksgiving offering, were opened. Members' boxes contained £25/1/-, and auxiliaries £43/14/6. The choir rendered an anthem. Mr. Alcorn gave an excellent address. Evening meeting was conducted by ladies of church. Mrs. McInnes, president of Ladies' Guild, presided. Speaker was Major McInnes, of Salvation Army. Mrs. Bennett, of Mitcham Choral Society, was



Christian Endeavor Activities

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

QUEENSLAND Endeavorers are reminded that the 1946 course for C.E. efficiency opens on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the C.E. office at 5.45 p.m.

Congratulations to Bassendean, W.A., Intermediate Society on gaining equal marks with Perth Central Baptist in the C.E. Efficiency Competition; also to Shenton Park, W.A., Juniors, who have expanded into an Intermediate Society.

Mrs. S. E. Riches has accepted the appointment of South Australian Intermediate Superintendent. It is a high honor to be thus appointed, and we are glad to note the number of our members who are being appointed to these responsible offices. We are sure the brotherhood will benefit from faithful service in Christian Endeavor.

The South Australian Union has set on foot preliminary moves for the holding of the next National Convention. We do not know the date, but this will be advised as soon as it is known.

Rockdale, N.S.W., Intermediate Society has a "call" reading. One Endeavorer will read a verse of the reading, and then call the name of another Endeavorer, who in turn will read and call a name. Try it; it's good.

We wish for all Endeavorers the blessing of our Father over the Christmas season and a new inspiration and vision in the New Year.

NOVELTY MEETINGS FOR JUNIORS

"TAKE It or Leave It."—This is a general knowledge quiz, based on the radio programme, "Take it, or leave it and double it." A gospel is offered as a prize for a question correctly answered, the winner being given the chance to "take it, or leave it and double it." Questions asked are based on the Bible, local work, denominational activities, and completing a partially quoted hymn verse.

Bible Crossword Meeting.—On the previous Sunday a Bible story is told, then the next Sunday a large square is drawn on the blackboard, and divided into smaller squares, as in

soloist. Ladies' choir, under leadership of Mrs. Plummer, rendered items. Accompanist was Mrs. Rodgers-Wilson, from Brighton. Miss Pearl McInnes brought the children's story. At close Mrs. McInnes handed church secretary a cheque for £80. This, together with a further donation from a member of £5, brought total offering to £153/15/6. Mr. and Mrs. Peeler donated £200, the only stipulation being that it be used towards erection of a school hall.

ADDRESSES

A. MacDonald (preacher North Fitzroy church, Vic.)—157 Murray-rd., East Preston, N.18. Phone, JU1665.

T. C. Dawson (secretary Latrobe-ter., Geelong, church)—446 Ryrie-st., East Geelong. Phone, Geelong 2784.

TO LET

Two rooms, furnished double or single; 4 min. to beach; available Dec. 10 till March. Apply Mrs. Smythe, 7 Page-st., Albert Park, S.C.6.

REFRIGERATOR CONCERT ECHO

Would all churches still holding tickets or ticket money, for Lygon-st. concerts by Metropolitan Churches of Christ Girls' Choir, please forward same to Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale? We can't close our books until your ticket money is received.

ordinary crossword puzzle design. Questions based on the previous week's story are asked, and the answers written in the squares.

Letterbox Meeting.—Place each item of the programme in a separate envelope, addressed to the junior responsible, and have them all in a red letter box. At 10 a.m. sharp let a junior postman clear the mail, and deliver the letters, which should be numbered. Meeting then proceeds, each one taking part in turn.

Shipwreck Meeting.—Arrange the room suggestive of a desert island, upon which the society has been suddenly cast. All sit on rugs on the floor, and meeting proceeds entirely from memory. Minutes may be read, but all else should be given without the aid of books or script.

Wireless Meeting.—Have a make-believe microphone, and let chairman be announcer, each junior taking part, coming before the mike. Hymns may be played on a gramophone.

Spelling Bee.—Conduct a spelling bee of names of people and places found in the Bible, avoiding, of course, extremely hard words.—S.A. "C.E. News."

COURTESY TO VISITING SPEAKERS

EVERY society should see that visiting speakers are welcomed on arrival and also that fares are paid. It is most embarrassing for a speaker to be asked does he want his fare, or what is the amount of the fare. A little thought and investigation will discover for the energetic secretary or treasurer the amount of the fare. This should be placed in an envelope on which could be written an appropriate verse concerning fellowship in the gospel, and given to the speaker on arrival. It would be a gracious act to include more than the bare fare. Speakers who give illustrated talks need to spend money on the illustrations.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—Mrs. E. R. Berry is ill, and has nursing attendance at home. Others ill are Heather Campbell and Douglas Hislop, Bible school scholar. On morning of Nov. 25, service was broadcast. A welcome was extended to Frank Bell, home on vacation; to Allan Dawson, A. G. Elliott, after absence in Services. Mrs. K. Campbell rendered a solo. A talk by J. K. Robinson held attention. In evening South Perth C.E. Society sang a chorus. J. Wiltshire was preacher. Mr. Robinson helped. A large gathering included pupils from Mt. Lawley College. One took her stand for Christ. Mr. Wiltshire leaves this week to take up ministry with church at Parkdale, Vic.

Subiaco.—C.E. anniversary, which included an induction service, a river trip, and a successful service conducted by Endeavorers on 18th, was a feature of work during November. Youth work is in good heart. D. P. Pallot is superintending Bible school. Girls' Club held a successful Victory Fete. Mrs. E. F. Black has for many years done a great work with the girls, and many of them have been added to the church through the club. Evening service was broadcast on Nov. 25. There were large attendances. Evening services are well attended, many strangers being present. Gordon Moignard has been received by letter. Numbers of returned men have been welcomed and are finding a place in the work. At least four have taken office or are teaching in school. Forty-two returned men have been welcomed at special functions by men of church.

Queensland

Monkland.—Good meetings have been held recently. C.E. participated in district C.E. rally on Nov. 24. On Nov. 27 a combined C.E. and prayer meeting was successful, the topic being "Do You Know Your Hymns?"

Bundaberg.—Sixty-four gathered for worship on Nov. 11. The good confession was made by a sister in evening. Women's Guild held a picnic at Barga on Nov. 14, which brought to an end another successful year. Bible school anniversary has been held under leadership of W. Proudley and Sisters B. Nielson and P. Bust. Joan De'Oberitz sang a solo on Nov. 11.

Gympie.—59th anniversary concluded on Nov. 21 with a successful re-union social and welcome to returned Service personnel. Quarterly C.E. Union district rally was held in chapel on Nov. 24. On Nov. 25 a special act of recognition and consecration was observed for installation of newly-elected elders and deacons. At night one young man made the good confession.

Maryborough.—V. Boettcher, conference president, preached on evening of Oct. 21. W.C.T.U. held diamond jubilee celebrations in chapel on Oct. 23 and 24. H. C. Spratt gave addresses at Wednesday morning meeting and evening prayer meeting. Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 18 and 19. C. Hamann addressed children at Sunday afternoon service. Every scholar received a prize. On Monday evening a concert with tableaux was held.

New South Wales

Taree.—The church is happy under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Maiden. Mr. Maiden is covering a wide field of visitation and giving helpful addresses. Bible school work has been reorganised, and Mrs. Maiden has been appointed superintendent of kindergarten department following upon resignation of Mrs. C. A.

Norling through illness in her family. Christian Endeavor meetings are supported enthusiastically, and this work has received a new impetus.

Kurri Kurri.—On Nov. 25 Aub. Robson, of Mayfield church, spoke morning and evening, and was enjoyed. Mr. Oswald, from Georgetown church, was planned for Dec. 9.

Wollongong.—Gospel services show marked improvement, strangers becoming interested. Two were baptised on Nov. 18, one a lady over 70 years. Three Bible school scholars have decided for Christ over last two weeks. Christian Endeavor anniversary was successful. All sections are enthusiastic and meetings well attended. D. Wakeley, of Burwood, was guest speaker on all occasions. Young people's choir ably assisted. Temple Day offering was very good. Mrs. W. Shipp is recovering after two serious operations. A number of young people plan to attend Christmas camp in Sydney, and will accompany Mr. Candy, who has been requested to assist in leadership. Bible study classes, continued in members' homes, are attracting some visitors.

Broken Hill.—Annual rally of Junior Y.P.C.E. societies was held at Wolfram-st. chapel on Nov. 24. Juniors spent a pleasant afternoon of games, etc., at Sturt Park, then came across



The Chapel at Broken Hill.

road to chapel for tea. Two delegates from each society in Broken Hill were guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Millgate, missionaries of Menindee Aboriginal Station. They are being transferred to Queensland. Farewell greetings were expressed to them. A tea table discussion on "The Christian Endeavorer Performing his Task" was led by H. E. Paddick, followed by evening song service and meeting. Mr. Green (Baptist church) gave a helpful address. Items were contributed by local Endeavorers, and several took part in service. Good reports were read. On Nov. 25 Endeavorers took part in gospel service. H. E. Paddick was speaker. Mrs. Dial, an interested attendant of G. T. Fitzgerald tent mission, was baptised, and she has been welcomed into fellowship.

South Australia

Edwardstown West.—Work is maintained. J.C.E. has had better attendances lately. Bible school recently gave a farewell to two evacuees from England who are returning home. Tennis club has joined churches of Christ association. T. Butler brought H.M. appeal message on Nov. 18. Sen. Chaplain H. R. Taylor preached at gospel service on Nov. 25.

Unley.—Attendances at Sunday morning services are increasing. On evening of Nov. 25 one of the Sunday school scholars was baptised, and another confessed Christ. Colin Payne, Cliff Verco and Bert Wenham were welcomed back from Services. Members were asked to join Maylands church on Nov. 28 in a welcome home to Florence Cameron from India.

Naracoorte.—On Nov. 4 a special offering was taken, purpose being to extend vestry; there was a good response. Sunday school picnic was held enjoyably on Nov. 10. Opportunity was taken at monthly fellowship social evening held on Nov. 16 to welcome home some men who have recently been discharged from Services. Auxiliaries of church are going on steadily. Bible school is practising for combined Bible schools' Christmas cantata.

Pt. Pirie West.—Attendances have been well maintained, and work is in great heart. Mr. Pigdon conducted all services during November with exception of Nov. 4, when he was invited to take morning service of Sunday school anniversary for Presbyterian Church, and an exchange was arranged. Sunday school picnic was held enjoyably at Nelshaby Park on Nov. 10. New scholars are coming to school. Les Broadfoot has been with church again during leave from Army.

Prospect.—A welcome home social was held on Nov. 21, when a delightful programme was arranged and 150 were present. Those welcomed were G. Bonney, S. Terrace, A. Fax, D. McLaren, M. Grear, K. Catheray, H. Synett, R. Green, G. Baker—first batch discharged from Forces. Supper was served by ladies. J.C.E. held sacred concert on Nov. 24 with good attendance and splendid programme. About £7/10/- was raised. Services on Nov. 25 were well attended, A. E. Brown speaking. Fellowship with visitors was enjoyed.

Whyalla.—On Nov. 17 and 24 S. E. Matthews spoke at all services. L. Norwood was received into fellowship on Nov. 24. Church regrets transfer of M. Smith to Woodville district. As deacon, treasurer of church, and Bible school superintendent, he has rendered faithful service. Sister J. P. Cooper is gradually recovering from illness. On Nov. 10 and 11 fifth anniversary of church was celebrated. Men of church undertook all arrangements for tea and social. Both were a great success; 70 present. K. Jones, conference president, gave two appreciated addresses to church.

Tumby Bay.—Fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Graham has been enjoyed, and church has been blessed by the service they rendered during October and November. Sunday school anniversary on Nov. 11 had good attendances. Mr. Graham was speaker at both services. Singing by children was excellent, Reg Nankivell, superintendent, being conductor. A concert concluded celebrations, all scholars taking part. Prizes were given, five scholars gaining 100 per cent. attendance. In absence of Mr. Graham in Wudinna district on Nov. 18, G. Hammond and W. Treasure were speakers. On Nov. 25 Mr. Graham concluded his interim ministry with church. C. B. Cartmel will take over until end of January, when it is hoped M. Lawrie will begin his ministry with church.

Semaphore.—On Nov. 5, Men's Fellowship held first meeting with a dinner. Ex-Servicemen were welcomed home, and G. Bartlett (Croydon), A. Samuels and W. L. Ewers gave brief addresses. Ladies' Mission Band held final meeting for year. Mrs. Fax was speaker, and Mrs. De Laine soloist. Manse debt has been reduced by £200 for year. G. Houston and P. R. Baker were speakers on Nov. 11, W. L. Ewers conducting special services at Bordertown. On morning of Nov. 18, W. L. Ewers exhorted church. In afternoon G. R. Stirling addressed Bible school, with a teachers' conference and tea, and in evening four young people from school were baptised. Scholars rendered special items, and Mr. Stirling gave a blackboard address to a good audience. Miss Jean Samuels is improving after serious illness.

Croydon.—Work generally is in excellent heart, there having been seven confessions during past few weeks from members of Bible school. Six of these have been immersed. Successful Bible school anniversary services were held from Oct. 28 to Nov. 4, when excellent addresses were given by G. Stirling, K. Jones, J. E. Shipway, H. Norris and F. G. Banks. Singing by school, led by A. Stirling, was of high standard. F. Bartlett has relin-

quished Bible school superintendency and A. Pearce has taken his place, with Frank Bartlett vice-superintendent. Phi Beta Pi Club has prepared gift parcel for Minda Home at Christmas. Newly reformed tennis club is functioning well, and held a social to raise funds to cover expenses. Many more Servicemen have returned from overseas, and are awaiting discharge. Clarrie Dearing, A.I.F., is being sent to Japan shortly.

Hindmarsh.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 11 and 18. Speakers were J. E. Webb, S. L. Patching, Watts Grimmett, F. B. Stow and J. E. Shipway. Helpful addresses were given. Children and friends sang well under leadership of Geoff Trevaskis, with Miss Sylvia Moore at piano. A number of friends and past members of school were visitors. Men's Bible Class held annual reunion on Nov. 25. Helpful addresses afternoon and evening were delivered by G. R. Stirling. A men's choir sang in evening. A male quartette and solos by men occupied places in afternoon and evening services. Ten returned men of Forces were present. Approximately 120 sat to tea, provided by ladies, and at close some returned men related experiences abroad. Others also spoke. Arthur Brooker, president of class, presided. Reg Price, the secretary, performed the organising part very satisfactorily. The occasion proved a happy time of reunion and fellowship. Mrs. J. Whitford has entered hospital for treatment.

Victoria

Preston.—At morning service on Nov. 25 J. McG. Abercrombie addressed church in interests of home missions. Evening service was conducted by C. Watson, West Preston. A men's choir rendered specially selected hymns.

Hampton.—On Dec. 2 Mrs. Cowie and Mrs. McLaine were able to attend after long illness. H.M. offering was £29/15/6. After night service, choir made a presentation to Ron Lang in view of his approaching marriage to Sylvia Rogers.

Springvale.—On Nov. 24 the church tendered a pantry tea to Mr. and Mrs. Bond, their new home being nearly completed. A bright social evening was enjoyed. On Dec. 2 J. K. Bond baptised four believers. Bible school has several new scholars resulting from recent children's mission.

Emerald.—On Nov. 25, largest congregations for months attended both services, when Doug. Nicholls was guest speaker. In morning two sisters, recently baptised, were welcomed into membership. At evening service a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, and a delightful solo by Miss Nancy Green, were appreciated.

Portland.—Attendances for November were good. T. Davey was speaker at all services. All auxiliaries continue to function perfectly. Members are glad to hear of Gilbert Pritchard's release from Army after five years' service. Men and ladies of church are making toys for Christmas tree. W. Phillips, jun., who met with an accident, is making favorable progress.

Carnegie.—Newly-formed youth council, under presidency of G. Andrews, was responsible for a youth tea held on Sunday, Nov. 25. About 50 young people attended and listened with enthusiasm to an address by R. L. Williams. The tea was followed by a youth service in which many representatives of youth organisations took part. The church was glad to welcome home Max Edney after service overseas with R.A.A.F.

Cheltenham.—On Nov. 25 J. Lewis, preacher-elect for Albury, was morning speaker. At 7 p.m. the chapel was crowded for third united gospel service, Methodist, Presbyterian and church of Christ combining. The service was a great inspiration, about 200 being present. At after communion service about 70 broke bread. Ladies' "snowball" had final meeting for year at home of Misses Brough. V. C. Stafford gave a talk on New Zealand scenes, etc.

North Williamstown.—Attendances over past few weeks have shown steady improvement. Services conducted by J. E. Searle have been helpful. On evening of Nov. 25, young people of church conducted service, and on Dec. 1 journeyed with other young people of Western Youth Fellowship to Burwood Boys' Home. On afternoon of Dec. 1 Girls' Fellowship held annual sale of work. Proceeds, which were for heating arrangements for chapel, amounted to approximately £33.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 25 under leadership of Mr. McLeod. G. Mathieson (former preacher at Peel-st.) gave interesting and helpful addresses. In morning a teachers' recognition service was inspiring. There were good attendances. A number of Service men were home on leave, including N. Lacy, A. Anstis and G. Graham. Ladies' Guild talent scheme was successful, having raised £31 to date. Bible school average for year has been over 70.

Harcourt.—Meetings are well attended. Mr. Pellas, recently discharged from R.A.A.F., has with his wife and family returned to district. The Briggs family have come from Swan Hill to reside in Harcourt. Mr. Rice, Bible school superintendent, was married recently, and a welcome social evening was tendered him and his wife. Sunday school picnic held in Castlemaine Gardens on Nov. 10 was largely attended. Members are grateful to Castlemaine and Bendigo brethren, also to local speakers, for supplying each Sunday morning.

Middle Park.—On Nov. 21 Mission Band sisters united with South Melbourne in a successful Australian tea in aid of Social Service hospital fund. Mr. Cartmel terminated his ministry as student preacher on morning of Nov. 25, and a presentation of books was made with members' appreciation and best wishes. In conjunction with South Melbourne the church will hold an evangelistic tent mission with K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders commencing Jan. 20. Members welcomed back G. Terry, R.A.N., at morning service on Dec. 2, and a presentation was made to him in view of his approaching marriage.

Swan Hill.—On Nov. 16, members of Berean Club gave a surprise social to Hilda King to congratulate her on her 21st birthday. Sunday school anniversary was held on Nov. 18. Scholars sang bright pieces under leadership of superintendent, R. Jermyn. Guest speaker was Mr. Marshall, of Tresco Baptist church. A successful concert was held on the Monday evening, and prizes were presented to over 50 scholars. The building was filled to capacity. Three scholars obtained special prizes for full attendance for year. On Nov. 25 J. Leach, of Ultima, spoke in morning and H. I. Walmsley in evening.

Maryborough.—On Nov. 24 a public farewell was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Chivell and family, who are going to the church at Dareton; also to Jean Miller (District Hospital), as she leaves to take up duties with Bush Church Aid Society, Ceduna. Presentations were made by auxiliaries, and they were wished godspeed in their new sphere of work. Mr. Chivell's farewell addresses were of a high standard. At close of gospel service two sisters from Bible class made their decision and were baptised. Girls' choir has helped with singing each week. J.C.E. sponsored a drive for food for Britain, and response was very good.

Dimboola.—There were 30 scholars and 7 teachers at Bible school. Interest is maintained and school is being organised. With a view to consolidating work of recent mission, Messrs. Black and Jackel have been engaged in visitation. They have been speakers at recent morning and evening services. An enjoyable social evening was held in chapel, when a welcome was extended to Mr. Black, who is engaged in a short-time ministry by arrangement of Home Missionary Committee. Prayer meetings have been commenced, and Y.P.S.C.E. Society is to be formed. At gospel service on Nov. 25, Mr. Jackel was speaker. One married lady made her decision.

Geelong.—The 88th anniversary celebrations of church took place on Nov. 24 and 25. On Saturday, officers' board arranged a tea, and in evening an excellent concert programme arranged by P. Drayton took place. At the three Sunday services F. E. Buckingham was guest speaker. A pleasant Sunday afternoon was held, when Ashby Methodist choir assisted. At gospel meeting one girl from Bible school made the good confession. Two new scholars were added to school.

Oakleigh.—At evening service on Nov. 18, S. Neighbour answered questions submitted by members. A Bible school scholar made the good confession. At close of gospel service on Nov. 25, members discussed responsibility of church to returning Service men and women. E. W. Walters, an active worker in early days of Oakleigh church, passed away on Nov. 24, in 87th year. Chaplain Trezise was speaker at worship service on Dec. 2. Mrs. Sommerville has been notified that her husband, who was a prisoner of war in Borneo, died in April last.

Merbein.—On Oct. 28 Cowanna Bend Bible school on first anniversary combined with Merbein for celebration. Scholars rendered special singing and Mr. Snow, of Mildura, gave an interesting illustrated address. On following evening, children were entertained at tea, after which prizes were distributed. On evening of Nov. 4 Whit Neville gave a splendid address. Recently the church entertained J. Murray at tea on occasion of his 83rd birthday. On afternoon of Nov. 11 W. R. Hibbert gave a helpful address to a good congregation.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 25 E. McClean, J. Rankin and C. Houston held a service at Christian Guest Home. Many members went to Thornbury mission on Nov. 27. Annual church business meeting on Nov. 29 was well attended. At good meetings on Dec. 2 C. G. Taylor was speaker. R. Ennis addressed men of church on Sunday afternoon, and explained aims and principles of the Church Men's Society with view of forming one. C. De Evelyn has taken over K. Barton's class of young men at Bible school. Many young folk have started playing tennis, and hope to form a club.

Boort.—At church business meeting all officers were re-elected. A vote of thanks was recorded for service rendered by Mr. Lanyon and Mr. Streader in preaching for over two years. Mr. Coventry, Baptist minister, is again assisting every second Sunday evening. Church regrets departure of Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett, sen., for Castlemaine. They are foundation members of Boort church. Mrs. Hazlett has given Bible school about 25 years' service as a teacher. Gifts of esteem and appreciation were presented. Members welcome home Cpl. George Hazlett, jun., from active service of more than five years.

North Essendon.—On Nov. 18 L. A. Trezise conducted both services. Gwenda Mason was baptised at gospel service and welcomed into fellowship. On Nov. 25 R. G. Thompson and J. W. Burns conducted services. The church welcomed home Dave Ploog and Syd Rose, both home for discharge. On Dec. 2 R. Conning (Moreland) presided and H. Gross addressed church. At gospel service J. Sewell gave a challenging address. Good attendance of young people at gospel services is pleasing. Annual thanksgiving offering realised £125; the aim was £100. Midweek meeting on Dec. 5 was held at Essendon chapel in a combined prayer service.

Ringwood.—T. Westwood spoke during November at morning services on loyalty and illustrated gospel addresses have been given by speakers at evening services. Attendances at morning services have been good, and fair in evening. Bible school had record attendance on Nov. 18 of 52, and anniversary services were held on Nov. 25, R. Muller and

(Please turn to page 586)

AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA

WRITING on behalf of the group of American missionaries passing through Australia en route to India, H. Reynolds sent the following message from the "Mulbera," on Dec. 1, to Australian churches. "Greetings from your sister churches of America! Little did we realise when we left America that we should have such wonderful fellowship among our churches in Australia. In the first place we were not conscious of how large a church we have here, nor of the extent of the fraternal fellowship which we have had in the development of our churches. We are proud to be members of this great brotherhood of ours around the world. I am glad we call it a brotherhood, for this is one of the central elements of Christianity, and the more we spread this spirit of brotherhood, the truer we shall be to our plea and to our Master. We have seen much of your beautiful scenery, and we have enjoyed every bit of it. Our greatest appreciation, however, is of your wonderful churches and the grand spirit of evangelism which you have. We hope the spirit of preaching God's word over the whole world will continue to burn brightly in your hearts until Christ's name shall be known throughout the earth. What a privilege it is to make friends! And we leave Australia feeling that we have a host of new friends. We have learned how sweet can be the fellowship of those who sit and worship together even though they be from the other side of the world. Your pictures shall hang in prominent places in the memory gallery of our souls."

GIFT SUGGESTIONS.

Promise Boxes—containing small rolled slips with neatly printed Scripture promises: "God's Boomerang," round design made of raffia, 3/6; "Precious Promises," attractive shades, text and verse of poetry, 3/-; "God's Sure Promises," 6½ in. x 3 in., neat colored boxes, 2/9.

(Postage extra.)

Write for November "Keswick Quarterly," containing lists of books, booklets, Bibles, hymnbooks, calendars, etc., suitable for Christmas giving.

KESWICK BOOK DEPOT.

For Everything Evangelical,
315 Collins-st., Melbourne.

BIRTHS

CHAPPELL.—At Shepparton, on Nov. 9, to Hilda and Stan., of Shepparton East—a daughter (Wendy Joy).

COMBRIDGE.—At Bethesda Hospital, on Nov. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Combridge—a son (Peter David).

DEATH

LEE.—A loving tribute to our beloved grandson, Lionel Auburn (Aub.), who passed away suddenly Oct. 29, 1945, aged 33; late 2nd A.I.F.

Hearts that love you never forget,
In memory you are with us yet.
These words are few but very true,
Dear Aub., we all miss you.

—Inserted by his grandma, E. Lee, 68 Pine-st., Reservoir.

IN MEMORIAM

COMBRIDGE, J. R.—In loving memory of our dear one, who passed away on Dec. 3, 1934.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest."
—Inserted by his loving wife and daughters.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. P. J. Byard, 66 Wellington-st., Launceston, desires to express sincere appreciation to all kind friends for floral tributes and expressions of sympathy in his recent bereavement. Especially would he thank both the medical and nursing staff of Launceston General Hospital. Those included in this expression are kindly asked to accept this as an acknowledgment to them personally.

WANTED

Board wanted Melbourne suburb, bed and breakfast, private Christian home, three weeks January, for mother, two teen age schoolboys; share room if necessary; no trouble; particulars to F. Walters, Box 582D, G.P.O., Adelaide.

Smart, strong girl, 17-18 years, wanted, to help in delicatessen business at Middle Brighton. Good wages and conditions.—XW., Austral Co.

To buy, two sewing machines, must be in good order, needed urgently.—Mrs. Pettigrove, 159 Hawdon-st., Heidelberg. Phone, JL1329.

HURRY! CLOSING SOON.

MACNAUGHTAN-SAUNDERS MISSION,
THORNBURY.

(Cr. Smith-st. and St. Georges-rd.)

Sundays, 6.45; week nights, 7.45.

Come and share in this Special Campaign.
Deputations from other churches will be welcome.

LYGON STREET NEW CENTURY BIBLE CLASS.

Every Sunday afternoon at 3.

Mr. C. G. Taylor, B.A., presents closing series for 1945.

"CONSIDER YOUR VERDICT."

Dec. 9—Mary Tudor v. Hugh Latimer.

Special Closing Session on Dec. 16.

SWANSTON ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7 p.m.

"THE MESSIAH," by Choir and Soloists.

Soloists: Miss Sylvia Oliver, Soprano; Miss Phyllis Collett, Contralto; Mr. R. Hardy, Tenor; Mr. H. Helmore, Baritone; Mr. W. Scattergood, Trumpeter.

Mr. H. T. S. Brown, Conductor.

Mrs. S. C. Le Lievre, Organist.

Miss M. E. Moore, Pianist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7 p.m.

THE SACRED CANTATA, "BETHLEHEM,"

(Mauder).

By Choir and Soloists.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 7 p.m.

A Special Christmas Service.

The choir will render a selection of Christmas Carols.

FRANKSTON

Dandenong-rd. and Beach-st.

13TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH AND

FOURTH OF OPENING OF CHAPEL,

DECEMBER 9 and 12.

Sunday, Dec. 9.—11, Dr. W. A. Kemp, 3, Dr.

W. H. Hinrichsen. Special Thanksgiving

Service. Soloist, A. W. Wallington. Organist,

Miss Vera Sheehan. 7.30, Thomas

Hagger. Special singing by Messrs. K. and

E. Morris.

Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Concert programme,

spiritual session, with address by C. G.

Taylor, B.A., and supper.

Come and rejoice with us!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

by members of

METROPOLITAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

GIRLS' CHOIR and members of the

MALVERN CONCERT ORCHESTRA,

under leadership of Claude Gadge.

Assisting artist, Joy Tulloh, talented A.B.C.

Solo Violinist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16,

3 p.m., Ringwood Church of Christ, Bedford-rd.

7 p.m., Candlelight Service in Mitcham church

of Christ, cr. MacDowall-st. and Harrison-st.

Speakers:

3 p.m., A. B. McDermid, M.A., Dip.Journ.

7 p.m., W. McDowell.

All welcome

GARDENVALE.

In Aid of Guest Home Hospital.

DECEMBER 11, 8 p.m.

Moving Pictures,

"Australian Wild Life,"

By Mr. F. Lewis.

EVANGELISATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA.

ANNUAL MEETING,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, at 7.45 p.m.

Collins-st. Baptist Church.

Chairman, Mr. Walter J. Beasley, F.R.G.S.

Closing Address, Mr. L. J. Gomm, of Kew Baptist Church.

The workers of the society will tell of the work throughout the year in the timber mills, markets, country districts, schools and factories.

Beautifully colored lantern views of country work will be shown.

HAWTHORN CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Glenferrie Rd.),

LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 16, 1945, 3 p.m.

P.S.A.

CHRISTMAS CAROL ORCHESTRAL FESTIVAL

by the Malvern Amateur Orchestral Society.

Conductor, Mr. Carkeek. Soloist, Miss Dulcie Pedersen.

Favorite Carols, excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" and the Hallelujah Chorus.

Offering in aid of Food for Britain Appeal and expenses.

A Musical Treat for everybody.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"BETHLEHEM,"

CHURCH OF CHRIST, BAMBRA RD.,

CAULFIELD,

DECEMBER 19, 1945, at 8 p.m.

Combined choir, 60 voices, under leadership

Mr. J. W. Machin.

Welcome to all. Thanksgiving offering.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

With which is incorporated the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust.

Established by the Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ in Australia.

Chairman, W. H. Hall. Members of Committee: H. E. Bell, J. Crawford, C. Graham, Dr. C. A. Verco, Les. Stimson, F. S. Steer (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Representative in Victoria: W. Gale, T. & G. Building, 147 Collins St., Melbourne, C.I.

Representative in Western Australia: Roy Raymond, 260 Bagot Rd., Subiaco.

The Objects of the Fund are:

1st. To assist financially Aged and Infirm and Retired Preachers.

2nd. To control and manage an Endowment Fund to which Preachers may contribute.

In order to do this effectively, the Committee needs the practical sympathy and support of all the churches and brethren throughout the Commonwealth.

Please forward contributions to F. S. Steer, Box 9, P.O., Surry Hills, Sydney, N.S.W., making money orders and postal notes payable at G.P.O. Sydney. Contributions may also be sent to W. Gale and Roy Raymond.

JUST OUT!

"THE ROCK OF AGES"

(Daily Meditations on the Work of Christ),

By FAIRELIE THORNTON.

Author of "Christmas Cheer," "Life's Little Things," etc., etc.

1/6; posted 1/7½.

ORDER EARLY,

The Australian Christian

December 5, 1945

Page 585

Victorian News — Continued

F. Buckingham being speakers. A hike, tea, service and social were held for young people of Ringwood and surrounding churches on Nov. 17. Ladies of church are helping to provide toys for Christmas treat. Mrs. Westmore, sen., is seriously ill. First combined meeting of officers of Croydon and Ringwood was held on Nov. 28, and preparations were made for commencement of V. Quayle as full-time preacher of circuit on Jan. 6.

Coburg.—Interest is maintained. The church expresses sympathy to Mrs. E. Parker and Miss Evenden in the death of their father, who passed away suddenly on Nov. 26. Eric Salmon, of Red Hill, and Betty Sellman, of Coburg, were united in marriage on Nov. 24.

Frankston.—On Nov. 25 a number of Melbourne University Evangelical Union members helped at both services. Mr. Tomlinson spoke in morning, and Mr. Hagger preached at night. A Bible school scholar made the good confession. Church has been saddened by serious illness of F. Bentley, who is now improving after operations; also by official word received of J. Fletcher, P.O.W., presumed died in Borneo. A week night service was held at Mornington, when 22 were present. On Dec. 2 Mr. Hagger spoke at both services. J. Bentley was welcomed home from Army. Miss D. McLearn and A. J. McKenzie sang a duet. During week Mr. Hagger attended a meeting and gave an address at M.U.E.U. camp.

Gardenvale.—On Nov. 4 W. Gale gave the church an inspiring address on home missions. Bible school anniversary services were commenced on Nov. 11, when Mr. Randall gave an address at teachers' consecration service. T. Fitzgerald was speaker in afternoon and Mr. Bennett at night. On Nov. 13 W. A. Deucher conducted a picture evening in Masonic Hall at which there was an attendance of about 120 scholars and parents. Anniversary services were continued on Nov. 18, A. Wallington speaking in morning and Denzil Ritchie in afternoon, when prizes were distributed. R. J. Anderson was speaker at concluding service. All services were successful, and attendances encouraging. Tea was provided by school staff each Sunday for members of orchestra and visitors. A presentation was made to C. Gadge in appreciation of his conducting of special singing. Miss Joy Tulloh, of A.B.C. orchestra, rendered violin solos. Mrs. Trivett has been called home after many years of illness. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Trivett.

Camberwell.—Temple day offering on Oct. 27 was £207. This has been allocated to new youth hall, but in meantime will be used on manse. Hospital Sunday offering was £23. On Oct. 28 there were 127 present at Bible school, every boy enrolled in senior school being present. On Nov. 11, Bible school had all-time record attendance of 134. On Dec. 1 the picnic was held at Mt. Waverley. On Nov. 18 W. Gale gave an illustrated talk on home missions in evening, and on Nov. 25 the church welcomed to morning service Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hall and son, American missionaries on way to India. In afternoon Mr. Hall spoke to Bible class. On Nov. 26 W. A. Fordham took the visiting missionaries on a trip to O'Shannessy water catchment area. On Nov. 11 the Eastern Suburbs Youth Fellowship held a rally and tea at Camberwell. At evening service F. H. Jenkin (South Camberwell Methodist church) spoke. On Nov. 15 girls' gymnasium club held display in Camberwell Town Hall. On Nov. 24 Good Companions Club won shield at annual sports day at Jolimont Park. On Nov. 17 an evening was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleland to say farewell to Miss A. Ball, who left on Nov. 27 for Norseman, W.A.

She has gone to relieve Miss Roxburgh, who is returning to do her nursing course. C. Burdeu represented Federal Board, and Mrs. Scambler and D. Nicholls spoke on behalf of State committee. On Nov. 24 an evening was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryall in aid of Christian Guest Home hospital appeal. Mrs. A. Scambler is in hospital with a broken hip, Mrs. J. Williams is able to attend services again, Mrs. A. Clarke and Miss B. Brown are still confined to their homes.

Obituary

Mrs. A. E. Trivett

DAUGHTER of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prittie, old members of Lygon-st. church of Christ, Annie Elizabeth Prettie was born at Carlton. After attending St. John's Church of England, she responded to the gospel appeal by G. T. Walden, and became a member of Lygon-st. when 18 years of age. Here she met her husband, William John Trivett, who was secretary of the Band of Hope. Miss Prittie was treasurer. Although of a retiring nature, our sister helped God's work in whatever way possible. Mr. G. B. Moysey united the two in wedlock. To this union, William, of Pascoe Vale, and Bert, of Brisbane, were born. A period of happy church life was spent at North Fitzroy, under the preaching of John Baker. In the year 1934 both moved to Mountclaire-ave., Brighton, and made Gardenvale church their spiritual home. Until her strength failed she was a regular attendant, and in a quiet way lived an exemplary life. For four years she suffered, and was nursed by a most faithful and loving husband. Release from pain came on Nov. 8, when she passed peacefully away. Mr. C. B. Nance-Kivell, for eleven years a friend of the family, assisted by Mr. R. J. Anderson, conducted a service at the home, and interment took place in Melbourne General Cemetery. To the husband, two sons, Mrs. A. McLeod, Miss Prittie (sisters), H. Prittie and F. Prittie (brothers) we tender our deep sympathy, and commend them to Christ, who wept beside the open grave, but said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."—C.B.N.K.

THE UNWRITTEN RECORD

A TESTIMONY REGARDING THE LATE
ALAN GARLAND

MOST decorated heroes acknowledge cheerfully the fact that thousands of other heroes have perished without due recognition. Only eternity will reveal glorious examples of true Christian fortitude and courage during the days of imprisonment in the recent war. Knowing our late young brother in his teens, during the struggling days of college, and having conducted missions in his partnership, I wish to pay a brief tribute to what must have happened during the last silent unrecorded years. A leading military official commended his action when, as a preacher of the gospel, he enlisted as a private. The spokesman said it was this type of man who was needed to associate intimately and humbly amongst the men in the army. I received a copy of a service he was conducting when overseas. He was certainly in many ways doing the work of a chaplain but serving as a private. How much like our blessed Master who was God yet serving as a man.

I want you, dear reader, to picture this heroic young preacher so greatly beloved amongst those who knew him as he must have ministered to those around him.

Instead of picturing unseemly scenes in a prison camp, picture him as he pointed those lads to the One who suffered, the innocent for the guilty, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. No earthly honors nor rewards were his, but the recording angel has missed nothing. How comforting for the dear ones to know that one day we shall not only understand life's mysteries, but in the absence of real facts we shall appreciate all the more the heavenly record.—B. W. Manning.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CENTENARY FUND.

£5000

FOR REST HOME, EVANGELISM AND
EDUCATION.

One pound six shillings required from every
member during 1945.

Former members of S.A. churches invited to
contribute.

—C. Schwab, organiser, 548 Sea View-rd,
Henley Beach, S.A.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SWANSTON ST.

Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Minister: C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S. Litt., B.D.

Meetings Friendly, Informative and
Evangelical.

X2070.

A warm welcome awaits you.

HOME MISSIONS.

The HEART

of ALL

our work.

Churches of Christ Office,
T. and G. Buildings,
147 Collins-st., Melb., C.I.

TYPEWRITING & DUPLICATING

MISS MINNIE MITCHELL,

31 Queen St., Melbourne (3rd floor)

Tel. MU 3433. Special rates Church work

Christian Guest Home

The Christian Guest Home provides a home for 23 guests. For seven most difficult years it has preached the gospel in deeds.

The home calls for the consecrated service of workers as well as the sacrificial giving of the worshippers.

Will You Help?

£1000 wanted for the Women's Appeal
For the Hospital on December 8.

WILL. H. CLAY, Secretary,
241 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, C.I.

J. FERGUSON & SON

(E. J. COLLINGS)

Funeral Directors

712 HIGH ST., THORNBURY. JW 3037.

176 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE. JW 3433.

47 VERE ST., COLLINGWOOD. JA 1448.

Satisfaction assured. All suburbs.

TINEA AND INFECTED CUTICLE

of the nail rapidly respond to treatment

with our MAGIC PAINT,

2/- and 3/6.

DANDRUFF, Dry Lifeless Hair, premature

baldness and greyness speedily eliminated

with NU-HAIR, 2/-.

Both post free from

(Mrs.) M. A. E. WATSON, Ph.C., M.P.S.,

Resident Dispensing Chemist,

641 Gilbert Rd., W. Preston, N.19, VIC.

Social Service

Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay

Christmas and New Year

IN forwarding notes for December, we are reminded that both the Christmas and New Year occasions will have come and gone before we again present them. The year closing behind us has been one of the most important of all history. It records the end of the most dreadful war of all time and, we trust, the beginning of a new era of peace and the coming in its fulness of the kingdom of God. Never did the social uplift of the peoples of the world so occupy the minds and hearts of world leaders as is the case to-day. Never were the workers of the world more determined to assert their claims for justice than they are to-day. Freedom from fear and freedom from want have been promised, and both are possible. Without them the good wishes of the season cannot be fully realised. Let us all pledge ourselves to a more consecrated service for God and our fellowmen, and let us find our greatest joy in bringing joy to others. In expressing our thanks to God for the blessings of the past, let us look with confidence to him for the future.

The War is Over

No extraordinary feat of memory is required to think back six years or so, but in doing this we will find ourselves in the immediate pre-war days. We were then face to face with the morality of the situation. We were asking ourselves what we should do if certain eventualities arose. These did arise, and more. All the heroism of which we were capable asserted itself, and we there and then committed ourselves. Circumstances, however, change cases. In some all the heroism died, while in others there has arisen a fine resolve that, as for them, there will be no mere war. On all sides the immorality and the imbecility of war are being stressed. The atomic bomb has given a different complexion to the whole international problem. Walter Murdoch in his comments on the effect of total war has bluntly stated that "not only is the atomic bomb immoral, but war itself is immoral—when war comes in by the door, morality flies out at the window." The church must not confine itself exclusively to the pulpit in its denunciation of this evil, but must lose no time in recording its protest in every conceivable way against any further attempt on the part of the nations to resort to barbarism to settle international disputes. It is demanded of the church in the name of God and humanity that she outlaw war, and never was there a better opportunity of doing so than the present.

The Hospital Problem

There has been a serious shortage of hospital accommodation for several years past, but the position has been rendered even more acute by the return of so many of our men from abroad who need medical attention. The need for

nurses and staff is even more marked than that of accommodation. There are some hundreds of beds in institutions for infirm and chronic cases, which cannot be occupied until this shortage is met. The Roman Catholic Church conducts no fewer than nine hospitals in Victoria, included among which are St. Vincent's, St. Evins, and Mercy, and appears to have no staff troubles. Freemasons contemplate extensions to their hospital from 60 beds to 252 in three stages, and this is in full knowledge of staff difficulties. We ask the question, Are we less socially minded than these? Must we hesitate to go forward because of fear? Surely not. There is a call for Christian workers to serve their less fortunate brethren and sisters in hospitals and homes in the homeland no less insistent and with no less scriptural warrant than that which comes from distant lands. The church is being judged both by her actions and her neglect. When she is in the front line of service for God and man, she is fulfilling the function for which she was born, but while the big social tasks of uplift are being neglected or passed on almost exclusively to the government, she is laying herself open to the charge of cant and empty formalism. As we endeavor to meet the increasing responsibilities which are involved in the extension of social services by the church, and in doing so give this added emphasis to what we believe is the teaching of the New Testament, the challenge to the young life of our churches to prepare to serve must not be ignored.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

"We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."—Paul to the Galatian Christians.

C.F.A. undertakes to assist its members in all kinds of difficulties. It brings the assistance of all to the help of the one.

Australian Churches of Christ Foreign Mission Board Inc.

and
State Foreign Mission Committees
seek the co-operation of the whole
Brotherhood in helping maintain work
in the fields.

OUR FIELDS

India - China - New Hebrides

Send Donations to:—

Victoria:—V. L. Gole, c/o 530 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne, C.I.

South Australia:—A. J. Ingham, 182 Parade, Norwood.

New South Wales:—I. A. Paternoster, Church of Christ, Falcon-st., Crows Nest, Sydney.

Queensland:—H. W. Hermann, Milman-st., Eagle Junction, N.S.

Western Australia:—T. G. Banks, 73 Holland-st., Wembley Park.

Tasmania:—R. V. Amos, 27 Allison-st., West Hobart.

A. Anderson, Federal Secretary, 261 Magill Road, Tramere, S.A.

A Good Idea

Put aside some gift
EACH WEEK.

to help

- (I.) Start new causes.
- (II.) Subsidise weak causes.
- (III.) Make strong churches stronger.
- (IV.) To save souls.

—E. C. Hinrichsen,
69 Campbell-st., Sydney.

AUSTIN SHOES

for MEN

Obtainable All Leading
Retailers

TWO FORCES

Men who have achieved success say that the two sound potent forces in life are work and thrift. In these unexampled days of prosperity everyone has the opportunity to SAVE.

Savings are essential to your future well-being.

STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA

"Your Bank"



RADIATOR
REPAIRS
and New Cores.

THE MOTOR
RADIATOR MFG. CO.,
305 Latrobe St.,
Melbourne.
MU 2297. Cent. 5758.

Your Eyes should have every comfort and should always be at peak efficiency

Ensure this by visiting—
W. J. AIRD Pty. Ltd.

ALTSON'S BLD'G (1st floor) (W. J. Aird, F.V.O.A.)
Cr. ELIZABETH & COLLINS STS., Melb.

— Phone, 6937 Central —

The Australian Christian

LYALL & SONS Pty. Ltd.

39-51 Leveson St., North Melbourne
Chaff and Hay Pressing Mills at Lara.

CASH CHAFF, HAY, GRAIN, PRODUCE and COMPRESSED FODDER MERCHANTS

Exporters of Pressed Hay, Chaff and
Colonial Produce.

Manufacturers of "Excello" Chicken Feed,
Laying Mash, and Calf Food.

Country Orders will receive Careful Attention.

Seed, Oat and Grain Specialists—Grass,
Clover and Other Seeds.

All kinds of Poultry Feed and Meals supplied.

FEDERAL ABORIGINES' MISSION BOARD

You can help us to help the Aboriginal
Natives and Half-castes. We urgently
need your financial support.

Forward contributions to the following:
N.S.W.—Mr. G. E. Knight, 19 Albert-st.,
Petersham.

Q'nd.—Mr. H. W. Hermann, Milman-st.,
Eagle Junction, Brisbane.

S. Aust.—E. H. Kentish, 29 Warwick-ave.,
Toorak Gardens.

Vic.—Mr. C. L. Lang, Flat 2, 27 Gordon-
st., Hampton, S.7.

Or to Mr. A. M. Bell, Fed. Hon. Sec.,
140 Barrack-st., Perth, W.A.

Typing, Duplicating, Multigraphing (Experts).

Prices Moderate.

Mailed orders receive prompt attention.
(Include deposit on order.)

Business Letters, Commercial Forms,
Church Work, Manuscripts.

Able Typing Bureau,
422 LIT. COLLINS ST. Phone MU 1423.

Alfred Millis & Sons Pty. Ltd.

Wholesale Fruit Merchants

Registered Office: 438 QUEEN ST.
MELBOURNE

Phone F4962.

Also Queen Victoria Wholesale Markets.

BETTER FEET. BETTER HEALTH.

HORACE. L. LEE M.A.I.Ch. (Melb.),
D.I.S.P. (London).

FOOT SPECIALIST

Successfully Treats All Foot Ailments.
Practiced Correction for Fallen Arches.

LEE'S PHARMACY
108 Greville St., Prahran. LA1036.

Dignity and Satisfaction.

LEWIS -- Funerals

Our Funeral arrangements are a
fitting tribute to the departed, no
matter how humble the services you
can afford. RING JA 1066

R. H. LEWIS — Director

Conference at Bordertown South Australia

FORCEFUL and inspiring messages by W. L. Ewers, of Semaphore, delivered to large congregations, marked the half-yearly conference of the churches of Christ in Bordertown, Kaniva and Naracoorte districts, held in Bordertown Institute hall on Sunday, Nov. 11, and Wednesday, Nov. 14. Many visitors from Kaniva and Naracoorte helped to swell the numbers from Mundalla, Wampoony, Wolseley and Bordertown.

The conference was fortunate to have Mr. Ewers as guest speaker, for his expository messages brought inspiration and sound teaching to his hearers at all the meetings.

On the Sunday morning a large number of members of the circuit churches met for the breaking of bread. A. O. S. Baker presided, and Mr. Ewers based his message on Romans 8: 1-11.

The afternoon service took the form of a united Sunday school rally, convened independently of conference by the Methodist, Congregational and church of Christ Bible schools.

On Sunday evening, to a large congregation, Mr. Ewers chose Acts 2 as the basis of his discourse on the manner in which the church was established, and the simple but definite way believers became members of that church.

The conference choir, under leadership of Miss Alison Verco, rendered two anthems. A. O. S. Baker sang a solo.

On Wednesday morning, at the devotional session, visitors from Kaniva and Naracoorte were welcomed by the chairman, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Ewers completed his exposition of Romans 8.

In the afternoon the Christian Endeavor conference commenced at 2.30, Mr. Baker being chairman. A welcome was extended to delegates. Reports and greetings were received from Kaniva, Naracoorte, Mundalla, Bordertown, and an additional greeting from the Darwin fellowship. Mr. Ewers delivered a brief inspirational address to the young people. Mr. Harold Williams (Kaniva) sang a solo, and Miss Alison Verco and Mr. Baker contributed a violin duet.

The conference business session followed, with the conference president, Mr. E. P. Verco, as chairman. The president extended an official welcome to all visitors.

The time and place of next conference were fixed for the second Sunday in March and the following Wednesday, at Kaniva.

Mr. Howard Earle, of Kaniva, presided over the evening service at which Mr. Ewers, for his closing address, spoke on "The New Birth." The conference choir presented two anthems. Vocal solos were given by Miss Gwen Rowe (Kaniva), and Mr. Baker.

Special thanks were extended to the Mundalla ladies for preparing luncheon on the Wednesday, and to Bordertown ladies for attending to the tea, both meals providing happy occasions for fellowship among the people.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

Editor: A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

Manager: D. E. Pittman.

SUBSCRIPTION.—Through Church Agent, 2d. week; Posted Direct, 10/6 year; Foreign, 16/6. CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, etc., payable to D. E. PITTMAN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Send old and new address a week previous to date of desired change.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Marriages, Births, Deaths, Memorials, Bereavement Notices, 2/- (one verse allowed in Deaths and Memorials). Coming events, 16 words, 6d.; every additional 12 words, 6d.; displayed, 2/- inch. Wanted, For Sale, To Let and Similar Ads., 24 words, 1/-; every additional 12 words, 6d.

Other Advertising Rates on Application.

The Australian Christian

Page 588

December 5, 1945

Listen!

Listen! You can hear it so plainly.

The call of the day for the gospel of Jesus.

Listen! The sound of voices.

Voices of people in our own land, and overseas. Calling. Calling for salvation.

Listen! You can't forget those voices.

Voices from beaches, parks, homes, asking, asking, Have you the message for us?

Answer them! You must!

College of the Bible

OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

is preparing workers to send the
answer humanity needs so much.

And

Invites you to share in the under-
taking and strengthen the evangelis-
tic forces.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

of Churches of Christ in Australia
GLEN IRIS, VICTORIA

CONTROLLED BY FEDERAL CONFERENCE
Board of Management:

Dr. W. A. Kemp (chairman), R. L. Leane,
(treasurer), W. T. Atkin, A. W. Cleland,
T. Hagger, F. N. Lee, G. L. Murray, E. M.
Price, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., F. T. Saunders
(secretary), E. L. Williams, M.A. (principal).

Teaching Staff: E. L. Williams, M.A. (prin-
cipal); R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.; J. S.
Taylor, B.A.; T. Hagger; A. W. Stephenson,
M.A.; C. G. Taylor, B.A.

Send Donations to—

Fred. T. Saunders, Secretary & Organiser,
College of the Bible, Glen Iris, S.E.6
Phone UY 6085

Printed and Published by The Austral Printing
and Publishing Company Ltd., 528, 530 Elizabeth
St., Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.