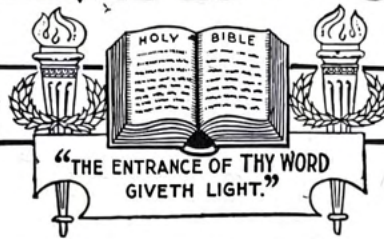


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A Defender of the Faith

Being a Tribute to the Life and Work of A. R. Main, M.A., D.D.

ALEXANDER RUSSELL MAIN believed that the greatest task to which a man could devote his strength and ability is found in the Christian church. It was his aim to make clear and simple to young and to old the facts of the gospel. As writer and teacher he sought to unfold the way of life and salvation in Christ. There was an unerring purpose in his life, and he refused to be drawn from it. While others were influenced by the fashions of thought for the day, he pressed on steadfastly with the mission of making the facts of the New Testament clear. His consistent loyalty to Christ and his persistent efforts contributed a great deal to the growth of churches of Christ in Australia.

In Youth

Born in Scotland in 1876, he came to Australia as a lad and settled with his people in the Drummond district in Victoria. Stephen Cheek had gathered and formed a group of brethren into a church in Drummond, and into that fellowship A. R. Main was received. It was there that A. B. Maston met and recognised him as a youth with promise. Arrangements were made for him to go to Melbourne in 1894 to study while serving at the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. "The Australian Christian" was first published in 1898, under the editorship of A. B. Maston, and in the first number Mr. Main began to contribute weekly studies for Sunday schools. About that time he began to assist the church at Hawthorn, Victoria, where he served as preacher for two years.

Full-time Preacher

Toward the end of 1900, Mr. Main was invited to go to Brisbane as preacher of the church. Before leaving Victoria he married Miss V. Somerville on October 30, 1900. While in the Northern State he compiled and wrote the Queensland section of the "Jubilee History of the Churches of Christ in Australasia." He served as president of the Queensland conference during 1903. Returning to Victoria, he accepted the call to serve as preacher of the church at Footscray, where he continued until 1905, and at the Victorian conference of that year preached the conference sermon.

Student and Teacher

During these years Mr. Main revealed that he possessed teaching ability. He was a lecturer at the Australian Bible

College, and in April, 1907, three months after the establishment of the College of the Bible, he was invited to assist the principal, H. G. Harward, as lecturer. At the commencement of the second half-year term he began to teach. While teaching part-time Mr. Main continued his studies at the Melbourne University, where he gained distinction and won the Hastie Scholarship in the School of Philosophy. When H. G. Harward resigned from the college, A. R. Main was appointed principal as from January 1, 1911. From small beginnings, and under great difficulties, he built up the institution until it became a recognised training college of high repute. This vital work of the brotherhood was guided by his wise judgment and sound teaching until the end of 1938.

Editor

For many years the readers of "The Australian Christian" had been helped by the articles by A. R. Main and by his weekly page in the interests of Christian Endeavor. His effective teaching in these contributions marked him out as the most suitable leader in Australia to carry on the very able editorial work of F. G. Dunn. So at the death of Mr. Dunn, A. R. Main was appointed editor and commenced this work on October 8, 1914. For 27 years he watched over the interests of the paper and guided the thought of the churches on vital themes. It was his aim to exalt Christ, to declare the facts of the gospel, and to present "news" rather than "views" to readers. Many have testified that they have been helped a great deal by his editorial work. Because of his association with the church paper, brethren from all over Australia sought his advice on problems of the Christian life, and this involved a great amount of research and correspondence.

Brotherhood Leader

Besides being president of Queensland and Victorian conferences, he was honored by being elected president of the Federal Conference held in Melbourne in October, 1924. He was in constant demand as a speaker at brotherhood rallies. As a mark of appreciation of his long years of service, he was appointed the Australian delegate to represent his brethren at the world convention of churches of Christ held at Leicester, England, in 1935. At that gathering he spoke on the subject "The Place and Power of Christian Journalism." Proceeding to

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Victorian Brotherhood Appreciation

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VICTORIA joins with the brotherhood throughout Australia in paying tribute to one of its most illustrious sons. Amongst those who, down the years, stand out in the forefront of the Victorian brotherhood, is the beloved A. R. Main. Like many others whom we delight to honor, he came from one of our country churches, and in this case from one of the smallest—Drummond. As the principal of the Glen Iris college and editor of "The Australian Christian," he made his greatest contributions. The mark he made in this connection upon our history will long endure. Few in the first century of the Restoration Movement could compare with him in the witness and strength that came from his pen. With his clear, analytical mind, he helped to shape the movement in a masterly manner, and perhaps more than any other person in Australia assisted to steer it clear of extremes. To have heard him in one of his spirited addresses in defence of the Bible, or one of the fundamentals of the faith, was a rare tonic. He was a tower of strength at

the annual conferences, which were helped much by his timely warning or helpful suggestion. Whilst he appeared somewhat austere in manner, yet he revealed at times, to those fortunate to get closer to him, a delightfully simple and charming personality. We feel proud that such an one grew up amongst us. There was not a department of conference in which he was not interested—missionary, evangelistic, youth, social, educational—and all were encouraged by timely words, lovingly spoken. He was as welcome in speaking to women, to children and to youth, as to the general congregation. The passing of our beloved A. R. Main has come as a shock, and the brotherhood in Victoria is conscious of a great loss. Yet, unitedly, we thank God for one so great, so humble, so noble and so true. Victoria pays its loving tribute to one who was a devoted husband and father, and an honored counsellor, guide and friend to all who came into contact with him. Above all, he was a great Christian disciple.—W. Gale.

U.S.A., where he delivered lectures, the Butler University, Indianapolis, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his outstanding services.

Closing Years

Having regained some of his strength after his retirement from the Glen Iris college, A. R. Main responded to the invitation to assist churches in N.S.W. establish a State college. Believing he could, out of his long experience, help the brethren start their

PREACH THE WORD

LET us love and read and study the scriptures, and make them the guide of our life. Let us preach the word. It is the strength of our movement. God meant the scriptures to furnish the man of God completely unto every good work. No human dogma, or creed, or philosophy can do for us what the Book of God will do. —A. R. Main.

A Tribute from Gardiner Church

FOUNDATION member A. R. Main signed the covenant of the Gardiner church at its inaugural meeting in his own sitting-room at the College of the Bible on August 29, 1914: "We, the undersigned, having been immersed upon confession of our faith in Christ, do unite to form a church of Christ in Gardiner," etc., etc. From the church of nineteen members formed that day until his trans-

the chapel, children would run to meet them, and frequently he was the recipient of a child's flower gift. As the young people planned their betrothals, it was his office and benediction they sought for their marriage. He had a deep interest in every auxiliary of the church, not excepting the Women's Mission Band, whose work he greatly appreciated and on whose syllabus his name as one of

college on sound lines, he proceeded to N.S.W. at the end of 1941. Already there is proof of the good work he began so well. He was so anxious to be of service that he had planned to help in various ways in the coming year. He was actually on his way to assist the churches in Queensland when he was called home to join Mrs. Main and the great throng in the presence of the Lord. He died at 11.45 a.m., on October 13, at Sydney. Services were conducted in the Chatswood chapel and also in the Northern Suburbs Crematorium by F. A. Youens. At the former Mr. A. Brooke, Chaplain-General, represented the church at Gardiner, Victoria, where Mr. Main had spent many happy years as an elder. Others taking part included H. J. Patterson, principal of Woolwich Bible College, and Ethelbert Davis, president of N.S.W. conference.

A. R. Main served the churches willingly and unselfishly. His great ideal was to serve Christ and to win men into the kingdom of God. His record is a memorial that will not be soon forgotten. He has built his life into the brotherhood to which he was so devoted. It was his prayer that many rise up and advance the work of the Restoration Movement, so that the cause he loved may continue to glorify Christ.



The Chapel at Gardiner.

fer to New South Wales in 1941, he knew every one of the many hundreds that have since shared its membership, and each Sunday by kindly word and handshake he endeavored to make all he met feel that we are all members of one body in Christ.

In its early years both church and Bible school met in the college classrooms. Mr. Main was the first elder of the church, a position he graced with dignity for 27 years. A very great number of times during the years he gave the Sunday morning exhortation, sometimes discussing a subject but more frequently giving an exposition of the chosen scriptures. These expositions were highlights in our experience. Very largely due to his own wise teaching and tactfulness, there has never been need for a "heresy hunt" in Gardiner church. Many times as occasion offered he was also the gospel preacher, by this means winning some for Christ.

He was a children's man. On the Lord's day mornings, as he and Mrs. Main approached

the speakers was generally found. In addition to his profound knowledge of the scriptures, he had a fairly accurate appraisal of human nature as it is, and a delightful sense and gift of humor, all of which combined to make him "worth listening to," no matter what the occasion. He had a wonderful sense of proportion and of the fitness of things, and was qualified to give a calculated judgment on intricate and involved propositions.

Gardiner church invited him to be its guest speaker for the church's thirty-first anniversary. In acceptance he sent this message to the church: "Every church of Christ should be true to its name. Of course we neither made nor selected the name. It is certainly true that responsibility rests on those who wear Christ's name. The church must be Christian in its attitude and action." He earnestly desired these past weeks of fellowship with the congregation he loved so well, and God was gracious in giving him also his last few days with his own kindred in the mother State.—W. A. Strongman.

The Body That Shall Be

BRIEF mortal prison-house, wherein I am pent,
Till death shall raze thee to thy native dust,
Fast-fettering power of frail environment,
Searched through and thrilled by many a
painful gust,
How art thou fallen, fallen and inglorious!
Thy league is treacherous, thy friendship
strange;
Alas! that sin should mar thine honor thus,
But Christ again shall change beyond all change,
And like his glorious body thou shalt be,
Perfect in lineaments of truth and grace;
Thy discord shall be turned to harmony,
Thine eyes made pure to see him face to face;
O body of death, shalt thou be changed so?
Then, soul, what exaltation shalt thou know!
—Isaac Sharp.

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Life's Victors

Writing on the faith that will save the world, Follitt T. Morgan, of Box Hill, Victoria, shows how those who are loyal to Christ are not victims of life's circumstances but conquerors.

THE faith that will save this world from the present chaos of its life will be none other than genuine Christianity. When much that now passes for Christianity has blown away before the storm, there will remain in the lives of some people the faith that Jesus taught as the only adequate way of living. There will still be disciples of his, and they will save the world from utter destruction at its own hands. These will be the ones who understood Jesus when he said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."

The Cross is a Positive Principle

Those who will be the salt of the earth and save it from rotteness will know that life's incidental suffering and difficulty are not crosses in any way that links up with this principle. The plural, "crosses," so commonly used, is an impertinence that comes from complete misunderstanding. They will know, too, that self-denial is not a gloomy suspicion of all pleasure as though life were duty desperately done in the deep, dark night of legal codes and ingrown righteousness. They will be saved from the weakening inadequacy of seeing the cross only as a wide open door through which a man may bolt for safety from the demands of life in a world that is too much for him because, being self-centred, he knows not how to live. The barren nobility of a desperate humanitarianism that would lift man into larger life without any larger resources, will not lay the blight of its cold discouragement on these people. These will know that the cross which the disciple bears is made in the image of the cross the Master bore. Wm. Robinson writes, "The symbol of Christianity is the Figure on the cross—God in the agony of the world, in a welter of blood, sweat and tears. It tells of a man who wept in bitter agony for the sufferings of his fellow men and who did something about it." God was in that Man, reconciling the world to himself. The spontaneous love of God, which is its own motive, was there. Jesus was no humanitarian, striving to lift humanity on to its own shoulders. He was One who deliberately committed himself to his Father's will, who entered into his Father's compassion for men, sharing the purpose that grew out of that love. He did something because God was in him, and God cannot be idle in the presence of all that makes his beloved humanity suffer without hope. When the same spontaneous love, the same creative spirit finds birth in the heart of a man, then God is in him, living out his purposes again on earth. When man deliberately commits himself to his Father's will, accepts all that is, or may be, involved in that decision and follows the way the Master went, he takes up his cross. This is the positive principle without which the world will not—cannot—live.

Life Springs From This Principle

There are grades of life. Trees live. They grow and produce their own kind through seed. But animals live more fully. They do these things, and at least some of them show signs of intelligence. Men live more

fully still. In them intelligence has deliberate purpose. But not all men live as fully as men can. For some life is selfish grabbing. For some life is a vain search after meanings that life needs, but which they do not find. They say, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit." But some others see God in Christ, glimpse his redemptive purposes and commit themselves to his way. They live in full. They know the zest of life, the



F. T. Morgan.

utter joy of fellowship with the living God who lives in the world's agony and its aspiration and shows himself to those who share with him his spirit of creative love. For them life is no dreary prison where "the weary hours like shadows come and go," but a battleground where the inevitable victory of God can be shared in all things. In all circumstances they are life's victors not its victims. Being willing to lose life for Christ's sake, they find it. They live.

Commitment Brings Competence

Commitment to God's redemptive will is the thing that makes a Christian. This is the authentic Christianity that will save the world. The heresy that equates moral living with Christianity will never be able to do that. If doing God's will means achieving in actual fact the moral standard of Jesus, we cannot do it. That standard is nothing less than absolute perfection, which no man has yet achieved. But if doing the will of God means committing ourselves to his way of life so that we shall not willingly do anything but his will, we can do it—if we will. If we do thus commit ourselves to his way, there comes inevitably a new competence for life in its moral demands as well as in every other way. This competence for life is what the world needs. It can come in no other way than the way of discipleship, the way of utter self-forgetfulness in absolute loyalty to the will of God revealed in Christ Jesus. This way may lead to suffering. In such a world as this is now, it must mean conflict. But those who share God's faith believe that this way leads to life. This is the faith that over-

Christian Unity

A. J. Fisher, of Gympie, Qld.

TO-DAY, from all pulpits of the Christian community, words are heard praising Christian unity and pleading for it as a vital necessity.

In support of this statement words may be quoted from all leaders of denominations, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and the presidents of various conferences. Every instance of co-operation, whether in chaplaincy, missions or other Christian activity, is most commendable, but the sad part is that, after such united activity a return to denominationalism usually takes place, leaving division still thoroughly entrenched.

It is good to see world conferences meeting to discuss action in Life and Work, and to plan united witness in Faith and Order, to know the movements which exist for the closing of gaps in individual denominations, while such moves as the United Church of Canada and the South India Union are all steps in the right direction. But surely the time has come to speed up the question of Christian union, and it can be done in at least two ways. Let us all, by rising above denominational barriers, get back to the simple yet complete ideal of the Bible and find our example for united "Life and Work" in the New Testament and the teaching for unity in "Faith and Order" in the words of Christ and the apostles. If we all make the prayer of Christ, "That they all may be one, that the world might believe," a challenge to us, collectively and individually, then by our personal loyalty to Christ and by our deeper consecration to our Lord we shall find that we can all individually hasten the coming of that unity for which all are seeking. We will learn that the nearer we are to Christ the nearer we are to one another, and out of the clash of a divided Christendom there will emerge a Christian church giving with one voice a united testimony to the saving power of Christ.

Our Father's Business

Cecil C. Robertson.

"And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"—Luke 2: 49.

THE consciousness of being constantly about our Father's business is the great blessing God sends to those who diligently seek to help Jesus further his kingdom through the Holy Spirit.

The more we know about our earthly business the easier it becomes, and the more thoroughly we accomplish it, and so it is with our beloved heavenly Father's business. For the former we receive earthly treasure (temporary), whilst for the latter we receive heavenly treasure (permanent). Matthew 6: 19-21.

Whether at our earthly business, in our home, at our church, etc., our predominant thought should always be that we are about our Father's business as our first consideration. As we become thus concerned, this state of mind will become constant and not intermittent, causing a sense of joy in not only pleasing him but realising he is well-pleased. Hebrews 13: 21.

When we become fully conscious of being about our Father's business we will daily seek to earn his "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," as he delights in our efforts to serve and please him to the maximum of our capabilities body, mind and soul, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Luke 9: 23.

China's Universities and Colleges



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Deacons' Dialogue

Characters.—Deacons Upright and Outright.

Scene.—Outside chapel after Sunday morning service. Groups form and change as members mix in cheerful greeting and friendly converse. Youths and girls gravitate to each other and engage in a brisk exchange of comments. The two deacons are standing on the church steps.

Deacon Upright (glancing across to the young people and nodding as he catches their eye).—"They're discussing the new handbook, 'Christian Youth Fellowship.' Have you seen a copy yet?"

Deacon Outright.—"Yes, and I think it's fine. There has long been a need for literature like that. I hope the board will encourage the young people to become regular subscribers to this quarterly."

Deacon Upright.—"So do I, but I hope the board will also fully realise the value of the 'Christian Youth Fellowship' as a teaching medium, and encourage preacher and superintendent to use it for group study."

Deacon Outright.—"I think our young people will enjoy getting their teeth into the Bible studies, and the daily Bible reading plan in the quarterly will be a splendid setting up exercise for the spirit."

Deacon Upright.—"It's going to be a worthwhile piece of Christian literature even for those who are unable to associate with a fellowship group. I thrill to think of our young people here being linked with others throughout the State and Commonwealth in a great youth fellowship. It's what the churches need, isn't it?"

These last words were spoken into empty air, for Deacon Outright had drifted over and become merged into the happy group of young people.—W.R.H.

WISHING

"DO you wish the world were better? Let me tell you what to do; Set a watch upon your actions, Keep them always straight and true; Rid your mind of selfish motives, Let your thoughts be clean and high; You can make a little Eden Of the sphere you occupy."

A QUESTION TO BE SETTLED

IN the year 1867, when the London Missionary Society was faced with what was called an alarming financial situation, R. W. Dale, of Birmingham, was asked to preach the annual missionary sermon. He stirred the great audience, and left no doubt as to what he felt the preaching of the gospel meant. Concerning this he said: "If the gospel is not a gospel for the people of China, of India, and of Africa, it is no gospel for you. . . . If you have any doubt as to whether it is an obligation to send this gospel to the heathen, you ought to doubt whether it is your duty to preach it to the people of your own country, and you ought to leave your pulpits until that question is settled."

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This article tells of the great work being achieved in China in the Christian universities.

WITH a total population of about 450 million, more than one-fifth of the world's population, China has 140 universities and colleges, most of them wholly financed by the Chinese government. Many of these universities are of a high standard. The pioneers of education in every field were the Christian missions, first in the establishment of lower and higher primary schools, and thence to the higher branches of education. To-day there are thirteen Christian universities, which have carried on despite all the difficulties of war and shortages. It is estimated that there were between 7000 and 8000 students in these Christian universities.

The contribution which these universities have made both to the nation and to the church is indeed significant. The facts are these: Many of China's outstanding leaders—men like Dr. Wellington Koo, distinguished diplomat and present ambassador to Great Britain—as well as many of his colleagues, received their early training in one or other of these Christian universities. Again, although the Christians in China are only about one per cent. of the total population, their influence is out of all proportion to their number. Why? One reason is certainly because so many of them to-day hold high positions of leadership and influence in both the nation and the church, e.g., Bishop W. Y. Chen (general secretary of the National Christian Council), Bishop Y. Y. Tsu, Dr. Francis Wei, president of the Hua Chung University, and one of China's leading educationists, and last, but by no means least, Dr. Wu Yi-fang, president of the Giming Women's College and one of the chairmen of the People's Political Council—to mention only a very few. Bishop R. O. Hall was once heard to say that there is probably no single factor which can account for the China that we know to-day which is of greater importance than the work that has been carried on by these Christian universities.

Wholly secular universities and colleges will continue to increase in China as she marches along the post-war road, but the Christian church will need to be alive and maintain the past high standard of learning, coupled with that spiritual environment that so marked their progress in the earlier stages. The next few decades will present the greatest opportunity ever presented to the Christian church. If she fails now, it will take centuries to achieve what might be obtained within a quarter of a century. We cannot be reminded too often of warning, namely, that the years 1814-1915 could be called the great century of Christian missions. It still remains for the Christian church to say whether this century will be even greater or whether there will be an ebb tide.

A BRAVE CHINESE NURSE

ABOUT eight years ago I was giving a lecture to a class of Chinese nurses on disinfectants and germicides. Typhus was prevalent at the time, and I stressed the import-

ance of being extremely careful, especially in the out-patient department. I also spoke of the risk incurred by hiring public rickshaws on the streets of the city. At the close of my lecture, Miss Sun, the instructor in the School of Nursing, added a few words herself.

Miss Sun had taken her nursing course in the same school ten years previously, and was the best nurse of her year: she was our gold



China's Future.

medallist. She had an attractive personality, was a born nurse, and a sterling example of what Christianity could do in the Chinese race. After my lecture she came with me to my laboratory, where we discussed the topics of some future lectures. She looked tired, and I asked her if she were feeling well. She replied that she had been extra busy with a rush of patients, mostly refugees. I shall always remember the look in her eyes when she said that perhaps my talk that day on typhus contamination had been a little too late so far as she was concerned. I was alarmed, and suggested that she should see our staff medical officer. She did, and found that her fears were well grounded. She developed the dreaded typhus, and before a week had passed, she had gone to her reward, leaving behind her a splendid record of serving humanity.

At the graveside, Dr. R. K. S. Lim, the head of the Chinese Red Cross, paid tribute to Miss Sun as a great example of that self-sacrifice to duty which was characteristic of members of his race who had come under the influence of Christian missionaries, and who had accepted the Christian faith as their own.

Years later I met some of Miss Sun's nursing students fighting a typhus outbreak. One of them said that they had waited many years for this opportunity of proving that they were worthy students of Miss Sun, and they would never let her down. She said that they were more fortunate than Miss Sun, because as a result of the work of Dr. Wiegand and Professor Zinsser, there was a prophylactic typhus vaccine which gave a certain amount of immunity against this dreaded disease.

Better Family Life Urged in Qld.

★ P. C. D. Alcorn, in his letter from Brisbane, mentions efforts to improve Australian homes, and refers to returning prisoners of war, and to the atomic bomb.

THE Roman Catholics in their recent Interstate and Federal Conference of Women had some good things to say about the importance of home and family life. Rightly do they deprecate anything that disrupts the family unit. Day nurseries have a place and a value, but for mothers to leave their children there all day while they go to work or pleasure is not in the best interests of the child. We should avoid as far as possible anything that would estrange the mother and child. While schools, clubs, psychologists and scientific experts have their place in child education, they cannot, and should not, replace the parent. There was wisdom, too, in the statement that the freedom, dignity and glory of womanhood reside in her status as wife and mother in a Christian family, and when she allows that, career to sink to minor importance she will once more become the plaything of man. Houses should belong to the families occupying them, and they should be provided with everything necessary for decent comfortable living. Parents should find out if films were fit for their daughters to see, should boycott stage productions that were indecent or degrading, and exercise strict censorship over the literature read by their young people.

Welcome Home

We are rejoicing in the homecoming of many ex-prisoners of war. It is wonderful that so many have been spared to return safe and well. Doctors have been pointing out that patient and careful handling will be required to help the thousands of prisoners of war to adjust themselves to normal civilian

backgrounds—especially those who have been transported by plane straight from the prison camp to home, and those who were taken prisoner in their teens. There is a gap between prison-life and home-life to be bridged. "In no case should they be pitied," says Professor D. H. K. Lee. "Nobody can win for them the big battle of returning to normality. But by treating them as normal beings and overlooking small irritations many problems will be overcome. They would need a feeling of confidence that could come only with time and the knowledge that their families were dependent on them."

The Atomic Bomb Discussed

We have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. C. I. McLaren. It has been given as a considered opinion that anyone wanting to lead the thinking of people in the future should hear Dr. McLaren and read his book: "Preface to Peace with Japan." We were particularly interested to hear him refer to 2 Peter 3: 10-12 in referring to the atomic bomb, and to urge the necessity that "all men everywhere repent."

Speaking at the Congregational Union meetings, H. C. Hunt, the new president, said that the only permanent answer to the death dealing force of the atomic bomb was the life-giving force of Christian brotherhood.

Our Four Languages

A school inspector in an address recently said that the average Australian speaks four languages—good English, colloquialisms, slang and swearing. We have noticed the prevalence of swearing in conversations overheard in trams, trains, streets. Those who use a great many swear words crowd out of their vocabulary other words in which they could express themselves. We recall a story that once a visitor to Cornwall could not help remarking to a Cornishman on the good standard of speech. The Cornishman touched his hat and said: "Sir, a man named John Wesley came to these parts." Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt.

Disappointment

R. V. Amos, West Hobart, Tas.

ONE of the most depressing and discouraging things a man can know is for some special plan to fall through, or for some trusted friend to fail him. It seems to knock the bottom out of his world, and for a moment he appears to have lost his sense of direction.

The power of disappointment has the subtle effect of weakening our desire for service. We feel it might be better to give up, simply to let go, rather than to try to battle on in the face of obstacles which seem insurmountable.

Disappointment is a frequent visitor at the preacher's door. After working hard, planning wisely, and praying much, he finds that all his efforts have gone for little. Perhaps two members have a difference of opinion, and their attitude to each other, and their effect on the members of the church, is such that these two frustrate much of what the preacher has been seeking to do. There may be those who say that if the preacher had done his work effectively the trouble would never have arisen. That may be so. But, on the other hand, it may not be true at all.

Again and again a preacher has gone away from a service downhearted and depressed. All the week he has been seeking to prepare himself and his message for the meetings of the Lord's day. He is keyed right up to concert pitch, and then comes the disappointment. Members who have been urged to pray for the meetings, and to attend (even at the cost of inconvenience) simply fail to appear. The half empty building takes the edge off his keenness; he feels flat, and he goes home disappointed. Perhaps it is not right for him to feel that way, and maybe he has in some way been the cause of that poorly-attended meeting. But, if he had received the encouragement of loyal and loving hearts, it might well have been a different story, and he might well have been a different man. And after all, why do we go to church? For the man or for the Master?

Whenever we feel that we are "down in the dumps," and that we are liable to fall into a state of self pity because of disappointment, let us remember him, who above all others had reason to be disappointed. The little band he had chosen had one by one failed him. One was a traitor, another denied him, still another doubted him, and they all forsook him and fled. Yet—in spite of that—when he was on the cross, the cry

that burst from his lips was not one of disappointment but of victory. When we pass through the shadows, let us feel the presence of him who is the victorious Christ, and then our heavy hearts will feel the joy of being possessed with a "peace that passeth all understanding." Christ can turn our disappointments into his appointments, for they become the means by which we are drawn closer to him, and when from him we receive a fresh insurge of power.

Illegible!

F. J. Funston selects as his hymn for November No. 393, planned for November 4.

A MELBOURNE lady recently made history by inserting in the press her very graceful words of thanks to friends "who helped her through dark days," closing with regrets that "it was impossible to answer all personally as some addresses are unknown and some are illegible." Friends must have received a shock similar to that once sustained by a brilliant Melbourne school boy who failed most unexpectedly in a University examination and (on forwarding the necessary 4/- for a report on his paper!) was supplied with the one word: "Illegible."

Yet in the field of hymnody, we are by no means sure that some of the choice passages of our hymns are not due to the villainous caligraphy of their original author! Philip Doddridge wrote during his lifetime (1702-51) a large number of hymns which he left in manuscript form at his death. Three years later, his friend Job Orton had gone through these and found the going hard in places; but, doing the best he could, he ultimately published 375. There are reasons, in a quaint old commentary of Orton's that I have, to think that it may have been overwhelming modesty which led him to explain, in prefacing Doddridge's hymns, that "without a poetical genius," he was "obliged to supply the deficiencies whereby the beauty of the stanzas may be greatly defaced." As the Doddridge manuscripts still exist, somebody with twentieth century equipment and interests divided between hymnology and sleuthing may yet tell us accurately how far the vilest of caligraphy has been obscuring the noblest of hymnody!

"How Gentle God's Commands," the hymn we have to-day, is one of the Doddridge-Orton productions, and has been just a little "modernised" from its quaint 200-year-old wording, but whatever it has gained or lost in transmission, it has about it rare qualities of sustaining faith and assurance of God's enduring care—qualities reminiscent of the hymns of Gerhardt.

Trust in Affliction

"Leave all to God,
Forsaken one, and stay thy tears;
For the Highest knows thy pain,
Sees thy sufferings and thy fears;
Thou shalt not wait his help in vain,
Leave all to God.

"Be still and trust!
For his strokes are strokes of love,
Thou must for thy profit bear;
He thy filial fear would move,
Trust thy Father's loving care,
Be still and trust!

"If thou love him,
Walking truly in his ways,
Then no trouble, cross, or death
E'er shall silence faith and praise;
All things serve thee here beneath,
If thou love God!

—Selected.

Here and There

Owing to lighting restrictions, the N.S.W. Youth Department's demonstration had to be postponed to a date to be decided.

We received the following telegram on Monday, Oct. 22: "Splendid meeting Dimboola, Victoria, Sunday; married man confessed Christ; total nine decisions. Much teaching needed.—Jackel, Horsham."

Too late for last issue, the following telegram reached us on Oct. 16, having been sent on 15th: "Hinrichsen-Morris had splendid meetings Grafton, N.S.W., yesterday; two decisions; seventeen to date.—Brown."

From A. Jenner, secretary of church at Boonah, Qld., we received this telegraphic message on Oct. 22: "Crowded services for final Sunday services of Fisher mission; two decisions; fourteen to date; annual thankoffering £105."

We learn that D. Butler was at Coburg, Vic., on Sunday, 21st, arriving from Singapore on the "Highland Brigade." He left early Monday morning for Sydney and will then proceed to his home at Gilgandra, N.S.W. A. R. Lloyd, preacher of Coburg church, reports that Mr. Butler looks well.

R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. youth director, has been visiting Gilgandra where, at the request of church, a week of special services has been held resulting in four young people being immersed. There were good attendances. Opportunity was taken to address Bible school teachers. Young people of church, including members of both clubs, held an impressive camp-fire meeting on Oct. 16.

In Essendon chapel, Vic., on evening of Oct. 20, officers and their wives of Ascot Vale, Essendon and North Essendon churches entertained at tea the officers and wives of Coburg and Moreland churches. About 60 had tea, and splendid fellowship was enjoyed. W. Gale gave an appreciated talk. Musical numbers were presented by Mesdames McNicol, Mair and Hutton. C. Burt occupied the chair.

The Macnaughtan-Saunders tent mission at Dimboola, Vic., is gaining in interest, and is attracting larger numbers. There have been nine decisions to date, including one from Warracknabeal. The town is visited systematically each week. On Oct. 15, probably the first baptismal service ever witnessed in Dimboola was conducted in the tent, when three penitent believers were immersed. Prayers of brethren are solicited.

Owing to the removal of Wilkie Thomson, of Long Plains, president, and T. Lawrie, of Kadina, secretary, who through removal shortly to new spheres of service have resigned, and because of the death of R. H. Shepherd, treasurer, the following have been elected to fill vacancies on the executive of Northern District Conference, S.A.: President, D. Daniels, Long Plains; secretary, A. Hutson, Balaklava; treasurer, E. Long, Balaklava.

The church at Albion, Qld., held a fortnight's mission from Sept. 9 to 23 with L. G. Burgin, of Inverell, N.S.W., leading. Attendances increased from commencement to close of mission, when building was filled to capacity. There were eight decisions. Many found blessing through the meetings. Many strangers attended. Mr. Burgin's messages were doctrinal and evangelistic. The church is appreciative to the church at Inverell for releasing him to conduct the mission.

The Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Swan Hill, Vic., came to a close on Monday, Sept. 24. Thankoffering and donations amounted to £230. There were 41 decisions during the five weeks' campaign. District conference was held on Oct. 6 and 7. G. M. Mathieson, of Bendigo, was speaker. A men's fellowship tea was held on the Sunday, when approximately 50 men were present and Mr. Mathieson spoke. His topic for evening service was "The Church I'd Like to

See." Sunday school is flourishing, with four new teachers and average attendance of 51. Sunday morning meetings have been well attended. The last six weeks the average has been over 50, with 78 present last broadcast service. On evening of Oct. 14, a parade of Orange Lodge and Protestant Alliance Lodge brought a wonderful service to 88. Mr. Walmesley spoke. A baptismal service followed.

At Doncaster, Vic., on evening of Oct. 18, a Men's Fellowship banquet was held, when 75 men sat to a splendid repast provided by ladies. Opportunity was taken to invite 31 ex-Service men and welcome them, also to place before the gathering claims of C.M.F. R. Moffat welcomed all, including Shire President, Cr. J. Horsefall, R. L. Williams, who entertained the men, also F. Lee, who brought an address, and Doncaster male quartette, who rendered items. A youth tea was held on Oct. 21, when visitors were present from Box Hill and Balwyn. At close of gospel service four young men made the good confession.

The new Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor Connelly, is demanding more entertainments for Melbourne on Sundays so as to attract tourists. A year or so ago it was urged that picture theatres be opened on Sundays to make Melbourne bright for the Service men and women on leave. When the picture industry were given permission under conditions that prevented them making profits, they did nothing about it. The motive was not to brighten things for Service people, it seems, but to gain profit. We suspect that behind the present move to introduce beer-gardens and to open theatres is the increase of profits for somebody and the commercialising of Sunday. What is wrong with our visitors going to the gardens, the beaches, the art gallery, not to mention the Yarra bank, and the churches?

News of the death of C. C. Dawson in a private hospital, London, was a shock for us. Mr. Dawson was the Director of the Australian News Service in London. The Prime Minister of Australia, in a tribute, said Mr. Dawson had served six governments with satisfaction to them and with distinction to himself. He was trained at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and the Melbourne University, and had served churches at North Melbourne and Preston. For a period of eighteen months he assisted the church at Swanston-st. as preacher. He was among those who were interested in the need of setting up of a Christian Union Committee; and for several years was chairman of the Victorian committee. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dawson and family, and to other relatives. An obituary notice will appear in next issue.

A successful Mission Band rally was held on Sept. 26 in Lygon-st. chapel, Vic. Approximately 200 women assembled. Mrs. R. Clark, convener of Missionary Department, presided at both morning and afternoon sessions. During the morning Mrs. Nankivell led a study group. The first appearance of the choir of preachers' wives, under leadership of Mrs. C. Taylor, was appreciated. Greetings were read from living links, Miss Foreman and Mrs. Waterman; Mr. Allan, secretary Victorian F.M. Committee; Mrs. McCallum, on behalf of Federal Missionary Education Department, and 13 country bands. Representatives from Berwick, Wangaratta, Geelong, Albury and 44 city bands attended, also Mrs. Roberts, from Prospect, S.A.; Mrs. Simson, Toowoomba, Qld., and Mrs. Burt, Devonport, Tas. The "hour of prayer" was remembered when Mrs. Jeffrey led in prayer. Luncheon hour proved a time of happy fellowship. During afternoon Mrs. C. Taylor was soloist and delighted all. Principal speaker was Miss Messent, assistant commissioner Y.W.C.A., S.A., who gave a challenging address. Members of Missionary Department, together with Mrs. Coventry, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Dabb, presented a "Salute to the Bible-

women of India," prepared by Mrs. Dabb. The work of the Bible-women was ably depicted, and the presence of Mrs. Price and Mrs. Coventry as Bible-women added to the reality of their work. The services of Miss Pittman as organist, and of the catering committee during luncheon period, were appreciated.

EVANGELISM

THE Victorian Home Missionary Department challenges the whole brotherhood "to warm our hearts, to stimulate our faith, to send us out to serve."

A. W. Cleland, conference president, writes: "The earnest desire of the Home Mission Committee has always been to inspire our people, and to lead us to a closer fellowship and to greater service. A spiritual revival is the great need to-day. The special series of meetings now being held in the Assembly Hall on Oct. 22-26, Independent Church on Oct. 28, will help our united witness for the cause of Christ and his church." R. L. Williams will be the preacher, and Mrs. C. G. Taylor the



A. W. Cleland.

special soloist, at the concluding meeting of the Victorian mid-year conference. This meeting will be held in the Independent Church, Collins-st., on Sunday next, Oct. 28, at 2.45 p.m. Friends are advised to come early to avoid disappointment.

MISSIONARY DINNER

ON Oct. 16, in Lygon-st. hall, a welcome home dinner, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan and family from India, was attended by 75 relatives, friends and representatives of conference committees. The chairman of the F.M. Committee, R. L. Williams, welcomed the missionaries after nine and a half years' absence and other guests.

Welcome speeches were delivered by B. J. Cambridge, on behalf of general conference; Mrs. A. W. Cleland, sisters' conference; D. E. Pittman, overseas missions. Other speakers were A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., Dr. W. A. Kemp, Mrs. R. P. Clark, E. L. Williams, V. C. Stafford, C. G. Taylor and C. Bolduan. Mrs. C. G. Taylor, accompanied by Miss M. E. Pittman, sang appropriate solos.

Mrs. Bolduan in her response thanked sisters for their welcome, and referred to the gifts of clothing sent by mission bands, expressing the hope that boxes would be sent next year. Mr. Bolduan, in a brief but thought provoking speech, spoke of the changing East and its complex problems. "Only the best," he said, "would satisfy the demands of modern India."

News of the Churches

Tasmania

Mole Creek.—On Oct. 7 Mr. Sulzberger drove the Launceston party, who visited Caveside and Mole Creek for the day, to relieve regular speaker, A. R. Harvey. E. Stephens spoke at three services and rendered a solo. Other speakers for month were A. R. Harvey and C. Burt.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—On Oct. 7, Youth Fellowship had for speaker at tea P. Morawetz, who was representing Czechoslovakia for Tasmania's International Week. He gave an interesting talk. "A Happy Hour" was conducted by Mr. Amos and Mr. Hughes, and helpers, for two weeks, the aim being to gain children who do not attend Sunday school. There was an attendance of between 200 and 300. Sunday school anniversary took place on Oct. 7 and 14. Mr. Park spoke in morning on 14th. Singing by children was conducted by Mr. Hughes. On 17th items were given by children, and prizes presented. The church welcomed home Reuben Boxhall and Stan Cooper, who were prisoners of war for over 3½ years. At Women's Mission Band meeting on Oct. 18, Mrs. Watkins gave a talk on Hudson Taylor, and how C.I.M. was formed. Mrs. Clifford presided. An offering for Aborigine Mission was received.

Western Australia

Inglewood.—On Sept. 23 Mr. Berthelsen gave an interesting address on the work of Roelands native mission. On Sept. 27 Mr. McRoberts gave an address in interests of College of the Bible. Mr. Moncur, of Ascot Vale, Vic., has had fellowship with church. At evening service of Oct. 7 one was baptised and another elder scholar made her confession. T. Peacock is still laid aside at Bethesda Hospital.

Perth.—At anniversary celebration of Bible school, C. L. Owen, secretary, reported that school had 130 scholars. Receipts totalled £111/12/9. Presentation of prizes included a shield won in houses competition, and awards for efficient home-work done by other scholars. On morning of Oct. 14 a talk by J. K. Robinson encouraged all. At 7.30 p.m. a series of "own selection" services was commenced. By request several hymns were sung and some words of scripture explained. Mr. Robinson preached. He extended a welcome home to Laurie Robbins after 4½ years' absence overseas.

Maylands.—On Oct. 14, in afternoon, 41st anniversary of S.S. was celebrated. Congregation of 375 filled building to capacity. Singing by scholars under Mr. Hoskens was enjoyed. Kinder session under Miss Dean's guidance rendered items. Prizes were distributed to all kinders. Mrs. Humphrys and Mrs. Hill were in charge of cradle roll session, and 60 cards were distributed to babes, and a rosebud to each mother. W. Smith, S.S. superintendent, expressed pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Thompson were present from Long Plains, S.A. E. Sherman gave a talk to the children. Singing at night was again enjoyable. Mr. McRoberts gave an address, and Miss Sybil Kennedy confessed Christ. On Oct. 16 a splendid programme was presented by scholars. A book was presented to Mr. Hoskens for his efforts in training choir, and prizes were presented. Mr. McRoberts referred to C. R. Burdeu's work in school and in inaugurating house system. A brief bag suitably inscribed was exhibited, which is being forwarded to him. Miss Downs, secretary, read a satisfactory report. Over 100 scholars joined school during year.

South Australia

Whyalla.—Successful Sunday school anniversary services have been held. Mr. Cain, Methodist minister, spoke at afternoon service; 180 present. Mr. Matthews spoke at night to a congregation of 150. At prize-giving night on the Wednesday 130 were present. Mr. Cox conducted the singing. Annual picnic was held on Eight Hours Day at Eight Mile Creek; 130 present. Ray Brougham is a patient in Whyalla Hospital. Men's United Fellowship met on Oct. 3, when Mr. Both, Presbyterian minister, addressed the meeting.

Maylands.—Bible school anniversary services on Oct. 7 and 14 were very successful; speakers were G. R. Stirling, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Pike and K. A. Jones. Picnic was held at Brookside on Oct. 8. In evening 80 young folk en-



The Chapel at Maylands, S.A.

joyed a social. This year, in place of Bible school concert, a high-class entertainment was presented by Glenlea singers under leadership of Mr. Haddrick. The church is happy to have back Keith Jones after his holiday in Victoria. Church tennis club commenced 1945-6 season on Oct. 13.

Winkie.—The church renewed acquaintance of a former preacher of Berri circuit, when C. Hunt, of W.A., visited district and spoke at morning service at Winkie on Sept. 16. Winkie combined with Berri in evening when Mr. Hunt preached. On Oct. 7 Winkie Bible school conducted anniversary services afternoon and evening. The children sang well under baton of L. Chapple. Speaker for services was Mr. Giles, from Loveday Camp. On the Monday a picnic of combined Bible schools was held at Barmera. On Tuesday evening, at Winkie, prizes were distributed to scholars.

Goolwa.—Anniversary services of Bible school were held on Oct. 7 with large attendances at the three services. The children, under leadership of J. Burgar, with Sisters G. Reed and B. Burgar instrumentalists, sang splendidly. Methodist church and school closed for day, co-operating in celebration. F. Collins, circuit preacher, spoke at all services. Special singing by scholars and teachers was appreciated. On Oct. 8 the picnic was held at the farm of Mr. Newell, when a large crowd of townspeople, school and church folk had a happy day. On Oct. 14 Mr. Collins spoke at both services, and two scholars from Sunday school made the good confession.

Cottonville.—Mr. Brooke conducted both services on Oct. 7, and evening service on 14th. He was at Maylands in morning, when C. Schwab exhorted church. A meeting of Youth Council was held on Oct. 7 to co-ordinate all youth plans. A tennis picnic was held at Mt. Lofty on Eight Hours Day by the young people. On Oct. 11 an enjoyable social evening was held at church hall, when pictures of Jerusalem were shown. Mrs. Holloday has recovered from illness, and was presented with a cheque after morning service on Oct. 14 as a wedding gift from church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bradley have given £5 in memory of their son Reg, who was killed in action, to be used for church building improvements. B. Miller has been discharged from Navy. Max Harrison and Ron Munro have been home on leave and attended services.

New South Wales

Merewether.—The church is enjoying a spiritual mission conducted by Mr. Wilson, from Mayfield, and Mr. Vanham, of Georgetown. Attendance and interest are well maintained, and to the third week there had been three decisions.

Tempe.—Meetings during recent weeks under leadership of Mr. Hardiman have much improved, with one addition by faith and baptism from Bible school and five by letter. Bible school is growing under leadership of Mr. Bourne, and there is keen interest in all auxiliaries. Junior Christian Endeavor recently recommenced.

Marrickville.—C.E. anniversary programmes on Sept. 21 and 22 were of high standard. On morning of Sept. 23 Mr. Jenner, of Sudan United Mission, gave an interesting talk. Bible school house party on Oct. 6 was well attended. Games and competitions were enjoyed, and a welcome was extended to new patrons, Messrs. Arnott and Shorey. Ken McKay, of Claremont, W.A., was a visitor on Oct. 14.

Wagga.—At annual business meeting deacons were elected. Mr. Wenk was elected elder and John Rigg Bible school superintendent. It was agreed to procure a manse for preacher at earliest opportunity. Mr. Morrison has been conducting bright song services on Sunday evenings prior to gospel services. Mr. Dow has been speaking at morning and evening services for past three Sundays. His addresses have been appreciated. Mr. Wenk has recovered from illness, and was able to attend morning service.

North Auburn.—After many weeks of illness, fellowship is again enjoyed with Mrs. Gordon and Mr. Gibb. Norman Owen is home on leave from Islands. A visitor at recent services was C. J. Caldicott, Mile End, S.A., father of the preacher. A series of addresses is being given at gospel services by A. C. Caldicott, the first being given on Oct. 14, when a middle-aged man confessed Christ. Miss Winch is to assist the church as full-time organist. Concern is still felt for Mr. Addison, Miss Aubrey and Miss Hazel Gordon, who are sick.

Taree.—Led by State youth director, R. Greenhalgh, the church had profitable services on Sept. 30 at Bible school anniversary. Addresses were given by Mr. Greenhalgh morning, afternoon and evening. Mrs. W. B. Wamsley led school choir. During afternoon the superintendent, A. W. Billingham, presented Mr. Greenhalgh with £28/10/- for youth memorial centre, £10/10/- of this being given by Bible school. On Oct. 7, L. J. Lincoln, local Baptist minister, spoke in morning. At night Robt. Haley, field secretary of C.E. movement, gave a thoughtful address. On evening of Oct. 11 the congregation extended welcome to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Maiden and their two children. A happy evening was spent. At services morning and evening on Oct. 14, Mr. Maiden commenced ministry and gave the addresses, also meeting Wingham congregation. Prior to evening service four young people were baptised. Church regrets serious illness of Carl Norling, son of the treasurer.

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Victoria

Araat.—On Oct. 7 Bible school anniversary was held. I. J. Chivell, from Maryborough, was speaker at all meetings. Children sang well under leadership of Mr. Weeding. On the Monday there was a concert and distribution of prizes.

Warrnambool.—On Sept. 16 Mr. McConnell of Baptist church, Warrnambool, was speaker in morning, and Mr. Murray, of Baptist church, spoke on Oct. 14. Officers of church tendered a tea to men of congregation on Sept. 30. At annual business meeting on Oct. 17, G. Clowes was re-elected secretary and Les Le Couteur and K. Harrop were added to board of deacons. Mr. Le Couteur was also elected treasurer. Retiring treasurer, Mr. Throup, was thanked for faithful service. Reports from all departments of work were satisfactory. Church rejoices with Mrs. Long in return of her son, an ex-P.O.W.

Mildura.—On Sept. 30, S.S. held anniversary services. Addresses were given by Mr. Milligan (Methodist) and L. Snow, afternoon and evening respectively. B. Jenkins trained and led children in singing. Tea was enjoyed by scholars on Oct. 10, followed by concert and



The Chapel at Mildura.

prize-giving. Anne Hortle is spending leave with church friends. Jim Smith is home after 18 months' service in north. On two occasions recently, evening service has taken form of a discussion, L. Snow and J. Lewis taking part. These discussions are most interesting. All church boys who have been P.O.W. have now been liberated and are safe. On Oct. 14 L. Snow spoke in morning and J. Lewis in evening, whilst L. Snow journeyed to Dareton to take service there for anniversary.

North Essendon.—Students from college have conducted meetings over past few weeks. Excellent addresses have been given by S. Davey, H. Gross, B. Burn, R. McLean and A. Sewell, F. Funston and V. N. Jame (local) have also given good addresses. At Sunday school business meeting H. Hillbrick was elected superintendent of Bible school and D. Medhurst of kindergarten; R. Edwards secretary and J. Alves treasurer. A new record has been set for school, 155 being present last Sunday. Ladies' Guild worked hard over past seven weeks. £60 was raised at a jumble sale. Plans are under way for erection of manse. An Everyman's Hut group of Service personnel took gospel service on Oct. 21, and one young lady confessed Christ.

Cheltenham.—Church and auxiliaries tendered a farewell social to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, missionaries-elect to New Hebrides. Mrs. Lewis on behalf of ladies; W. F. White for church and official board; E. Brough for choir, and T. Daff for Bible school, expressed farewell greetings. Presentation of a fruit bottling outfit was made. Good Companions also brought a gift of medical supplies. J. E. Allan, on behalf of F.M. Committee, brought greetings. Mr. and Mrs. Smith expressed appreciation. Bible school anniversary on Oct. 14 was a happy occasion. Speakers were, 3 p.m., R. L. Williams; 7 p.m., V. C. Stafford. Demonstration and tea meeting on Oct. 17 marked end of celebrations. A beautiful birthday cake was made by Miss F. Brough for occasion. Prizes and examination awards were presented.

Carnegie.—Successful Sunday school anniversary services were held on Oct. 7 and 14. Children's singing was enjoyed, as were addresses by A. E. White, F. Elliot, W. McDowell and G. J. Andrews. Church appreciates untiring efforts of S.S. superintendent, Walter Organ, the secretary, Bruce Ward, the treasurer, Miss Betty Acqueroff, and members of the school staff.

Maryborough.—A happy time was spent with W. R. Hibburt on Oct. 13, when teachers and friends had tea. Later Mr. Hibburt gave a challenging talk. On Oct. 14 S.S. anniversary was held, Mr. Hibburt's addresses being enjoyed. Singing by scholars was of a high standard under baton of Mr. Baldwin. On Oct. 16 S.S. concert was very successful. On Oct. 7 Mr. Reid, from Ballarat, in absence of Mr. Chivell, gave helpful addresses. Recently a scholar made the good confession.

Preston.—In absence of Mr. Combridge at Bayswater on Oct. 14, H. Barnden (Coburg) and F. Lee (Thornbury) spoke at morning and evening services respectively. At annual business meeting on Oct. 17 L. Box was elected a deacon, all other officers being re-elected. Church anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 21, special speakers being R. Enniss (morning) and A. W. Cleland (evening). T. Cuddy (Parkdale) rendered two solos, in addition to which there were two anthems by choir. A musical programme was rendered by Northcote District Choral Society in afternoon.

East Kew.—On Oct. 20 Mr. Crawshaw addressed church, and at night Endeavorers led meeting. L. Hurford presided, and Mr. Shilton was speaker. Endeavorers rendered fine items. Ray McDougal, R.A.A.F., was welcomed home. A cricket team has been formed and boys returning home are joining. Bible school has had more new scholars. Church was saddened by death in London of C. C. Dawson, a past member and secretary of church. Mr. Still is sick. A feature of the work is the splendid service rendered by the large number of young people. The church looks forward to the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Wigney.

Essendon.—Services on Oct. 7 were conducted by Mr. Hunt, of St. Kilda, and on Oct. 14 by Mr. Geyer. Mr. Shaw, from the college, was speaker, at both meetings on Oct. 21. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. T. W. Cheal and family in the death of T. W. Cheal last week. He was actively connected with Mrs. Cheal in the kindergarten work in the past, also chairman of church cricket club for many years. On Oct. 20 a combined meeting of North-west and Northern District Officers' Association was held here. Over 60 officers and their wives and friends were present at a tea and social evening, and enjoyed a fine talk by Mr. Gale.

Ringwood.—Attendances over past few weeks have averaged about 30 morning and evening. At morning services a series of talks on stewardship is being given by W. Quirk, J. Sewell and B. F. Huntsman. At evening services A. Thomas is taking the theme of spiritual reconstruction. Sunday school has changed to 10 a.m., and on Oct. 14 there were 45 present. Ron Westmore has been welcomed back from Forces and has taken up work as S.S. superintendent with A. Martin secretary. Miss James, from Blackburn church, is in charge of kinders. Mitcham and Ringwood are co-operating in presidents at Lord's table. T. Dufty and E. Jackson have been welcomed back and enjoyed fellowship.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—The last two meetings of the special September series were a choral service on Sept. 23 and a revival hymn night on Sept. 30. C. B. Nance-Kivell was preacher at all services. The church has suffered further losses by death—by the passing recently of Miss L. Rometch and C. C. Dawson. Miss Rometch had been a member of Swanston-st. for very many years, and at one time was secretary and treasurer of the choir. She was more widely known as secretary for a long time of the Women's Conference. Mr. Dawson passed away in London,

where he was director of Commonwealth Department of Information. Some years ago he carried on for about 18 months an interim ministry at Swanston-st., of which church he had been a member for a number of years, and of which he had retained his membership until his death. The congregation were grieved, too, to learn of the death of A. R. Main, who at one time was a member at Swanston-st., and also many years ago conducted an interim ministry there.

Coburg.—There are good attendances. On Oct. 14 two scholars from Sunday school made the good confession. The Sunday previous two were baptised. Officers of church and wives accepted invitation of Essendon church to tea, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Black Rock.—A Bible school girl has confessed Christ. The church has been saddened by news of the death of F. T. Davidson, of Borneo Evangelical Mission, in P.O.W. camp in Kuching, N.W. Borneo. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Davidson and family. Amongst recent visitors were five Air Force girls, amongst whom was Miss Joan Mitchell, of West Hobart church, Tas. On Sept. 21 Miss Jenkins, youth organiser of W.C.T.U., gave an appreciated talk and film, "Dollars and Lease." Ladies' Guild enjoyed fellowship with Brighton Mission Band on Oct. 11, celebrating anniversary. Two parcels of clothing have been sent to England. A series of meetings from Oct. 7 till 21 proved an uplift. All speakers delivered powerful addresses. Sunday school afternoon on Oct. 21, in charge of G. Clark, superintendent, was enjoyed. The scholars, representing kindergarten and Bible class, presented "Healing in His Wings," and had been trained by Mrs. G. Holloway. G. P. Pittman continues by his addresses to strengthen the brethren.

North Richmond.—In preparation for 55th anniversary of church, special meetings were held on Oct. 16, 17 and 18, under leadership of A. E. Hurren, and Temple Day was held on Oct. 20. Successful anniversary services were held on Oct. 21, commencing with a well attended meeting at 11 a.m., when A. E. Hurren was speaker. At 3 p.m. many visitors were present at Bible school to enjoy a specially arranged programme as part of anniversary celebrations. R. Bolduan, who was preacher at North Richmond prior to his period of service in India, addressed school and visitors, and greetings were brought by Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, missionaries-elect to New Hebrides, Mrs. Smith being a former member of North Richmond. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed at 5 p.m., when past and present members assembled for a reunion tea. At gospel service A. E. Hurren delivered a fine address. Throughout the day special singing by choir and male quartette under leadership of C. Hall was enjoyed.

Hawthorn.—Visiting speakers in recent weeks have been Mr. Page, of Burnley; Mr. Newham, of Surrey Hills, and S. R. McCue, of Local Option Alliance. Mrs. McIvor has resigned after many years in charge of kindergarten, and is succeeded by Miss M. Tucker. H. Smith, returned soldier, has been added to board of officers. Last month fellowship was enjoyed with all churches of Hawthorn in a Religion and Life Week at town hall. Out of this effort has come the formation of a Christian Council in Hawthorn. On Oct. 14, 72nd anniversary was celebrated. At morning service two handsome pulpit Bibles were set apart for use in remembrance of members who had served in men's and women's Services 1939-45, one of them to the memory of Frank Dobson (Sgt. R.A.A.F.), who made the supreme sacrifice. At this meeting A. W. Cleland addressed the church. At a P.S.A. at 3 p.m., A. A. Hughes gave a stirring address. E. L. Williams preached in evening, and Miss Dorothy Clark sang solos. Church is happy in fellowship of Phil Beck (Air) and Jack Smith (Navy), on leave.

Boronia.—The church welcomed back Miss Gil-mour, who has been seriously ill. Miss Niven is recovering after recent breakdown. A large hall has been purchased for removal to Boronia, and is to be used for all youth activities. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Henley and family in passing of Mrs. Henley. For many years she was a loyal member of Box Hill and Boronia churches, a very active worker in public enterprises, and a friend to all. The church also commends to the Father's care Mrs. Whitehead and her loved ones in the loss of Mr. Whitehead, who was for long in service and membership at Boronia.

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"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
—Inserted by father and daughter Rosa.

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TONGUES

THE heathen philosopher Xanthus, expecting some friends to dine with him, ordered his servant Æsop to provide the best things the market could supply. Dinner was served, and it transpired that the menu consisted only of tongues brought to the table with different sauces. Course after course was supplied, each consisting of tongue. Xanthus was wild with anger, and after the repast was over he sent for Æsop, and passionately asked him: "Did I not order you to buy the best victuals the market afforded?" "And have I not obeyed your orders!" said Æsop. "Is there anything better than a tongue? Is not the tongue the bond of civil society, the organ of truth and reason, the instrument of our praise and adoration of the gods?"

On the morrow Xanthus ordered Æsop to go again to the market and buy the worst things he could find. Æsop went, and again he purchased tongues, which the servant was ordered to serve as before.

"What! Tongues again?" exclaimed Xanthus. "Most certainly," rejoined Æsop. "The tongue is surely the worst thing in the world. It is the instrument of all strife and contention, the invention of lawsuits and the source of division and wars. It is the organ of error, of lies, calumny and blasphemies."

TWO THINGS

"Remember, Bridget," said the lady to her new maid, "there are just two things I insist upon—truthfulness and obedience."

"Yis, mum," said Bridget, "and when yez tell me to tell the callers that yer out whin yer in, which shall it be, mum, truthfulness or obaydience?"

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—STUMBLING AT THE STONE

- Oct. 29—Isaiah 28: 1-17.
- " 30—Matt. 21: 33-46.
- " 31—1 Cor. 3: 1-15.
- Nov. 1—Eph. 2: 11-22.
- " 2—1 Pet. 2: 1-10.
- " 3—Rom. 9: 1-18.
- " 4—Jeremiah 18: 1-10; Romans 9: 19-33.

JESUS is frequently compared to a stone. He is said to be a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious stone, a rejected stone, and a crushing stone, the teaching being that if we find not in him a stone upon which we build, by him shall we be crushed; if he is not to us a tried stone, he is a stone of offence; if he is not to us a precious stone, he is as worthless dross; if he is not accepted by us, then by us he is rejected. So that it is impossible to dissociate ourselves from Christ. We *must* come face to face with him, either as our Saviour or Judge. It is said that in a certain country, if a slave finds a stone of great value, all he has to do is to present it to the government, and he is set free. So our liberty depends upon our finding this priceless pearl. But if a man refuses the Saviour, he is allowed to go on his way, until finally he stumbles upon this great stone he has rejected, which grinds him to powder.

Victorian News — Continued

Newmarket.—On Oct. 14 B. J. Kemp, of EsSENDON, presided, and Mr. Allison addressed both services. Miss Murdock, of Grote-st., Adelaide, was a visitor. Mr. Allison addressed both services on Oct. 21.

South Richmond.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 7 and 14. Meetings were well attended and good messages were given by D. Ritchie, N. Gavros, L. Bethune and S. Robertson respectively. Children sang well under leadership of P. Whitmore. At close of final service a young lady took her stand for Christ. On Oct. 17 an enjoyable social evening was held, when scholars received prizes earned over past year.

Ascot Vale.—Anniversary services were conducted over last two Sundays. Children sang well under leadership of Mr. Grant, assisted by orchestra. Prizes were presented to kindergarten in afternoon, and those to junior and intermediate classes in evening. The school is sorry to lose Mr. Wolnizer, who has been superintendent for some time, and has worked hard for the school, as has his wife as teacher. Collections from school on Oct. 21 are to be given to the hospital.

Surrey Hills.—H. G. Rasmussen has accepted the church's invitation to supply an interim ministry. There are good meetings, interest and prospects. On evening of Oct. 14, one young woman confessed Christ after a powerful address by Mr. Rasmussen. Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 7, when special speakers were R. Clark, H. G. Rasmussen and Mr. White (of White and Roberts). "Sunday school in action" on Oct. 13 was a great success. Children sang well under W. F. Newham.

St. Kilda.—Bible school anniversary was brought to a close on Oct. 3 with scholars' night. A social evening was enjoyed by the children, and prizes were distributed, including Jack Featherston memorial prizes. On Oct. 7 speakers were A. M. Norton morning, A. L. Finger evening. On Oct. 10 an excellent lantern lecture on Mongolia was given by Mr. Holloway, of B. & F.B.S. Netta Elliott has been in hospital, but is home after severe illness. Mr. Cust, from Chatswood, N.S.W., was a visitor on Oct. 14. A Chinese checkers night at home of Mr. and Mrs. Kay was enjoyed on Oct. 13.

Wangaratta.—Bible school has held anniversary. Speakers were Mr. Lewis and Mr. Huntington, whose illustrated addresses were enjoyed. Solos and duets were sung by scholars. Concert and prize-giving took place on Wednesday evening. W. Wakefield conducted singing of choir. A new concrete tennis court has been put down for young people, several monetary gifts being made by members. Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw and family have been removed to Wangaratta again. Athol Jackel is home again, and Fred Sargent, a prisoner of war for some years, is also back. South Wangaratta Bible school is practising for anniversary.

Emerald.—Oct. 14 R. K. Holton, of Upwey Union church, took both services, which were well attended. In evening one young lady made the good confession.

Hampton.—On evening of Oct. 21 a W.C.T.U. church service was held. Ladies formed choir, and Mrs. Nance-Kivell was speaker. An offering was taken for Local Option Alliance.

Oakleigh.—In absence of S. Neighbour, who was indisposed, services on Oct. 14 were conducted by F. Collingwood, W. B. Burn and E. W. Heard, of the college. S. Neighbour was preacher at worship service on Oct. 21. Bible school anniversary services were held in town hall afternoon and evening. Singing was conducted by Mr. Ferguson, of EsSENDON, and speakers were R. P. Clark and E. L. Williams. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. Bolduan and family, from India.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Bible school anniversary services opened on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. with bright singing by school under baton of N. Haddow. C. G. Taylor gave a fine address. Services continued on Oct. 21, when R. L. Williams, of Caulfield, gave an interesting address to children at 3 p.m. C. G. Taylor spoke at night. Miss Pittman and J. Manne were back assisting after illness. There were good congregations. Maurice Taylor, from W.A., was welcomed into membership. Gordon Prittie and Brian Pittman were welcomed back after being away in the Services. Miss Leighton, secretary to Mission to Blind in heathen and Bible lands, gave an interesting talk to C.E. on the work of the mission. Church extends sympathy to loved ones of Miss Betty Barrett, who died on Oct. 18 at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

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William Harding

THERE passed away in Balaklava Hospital S.A., on Sept. 25, William Harding, of Everard Central. He was laid to rest in Balaklava Cemetery after a service held in the chapel. Mr. Harding had been a member of the church at Lochiel for over 50 years. He was one of the presiding brethren and deacons of that church for many years until that cause was closed about four years ago. Since then his interests have been centred in the Balaklava church, and when opportunity afforded he attended there. He leaves a widow, six sons and two daughters to mourn his passing. A very large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral services to show their respect to a brother who has made a long and splendid witness for the church and his Lord.—A.H.

John Charles Tucker

AT Balaklava, S.A., John Charles Tucker fell asleep on Tuesday, October 2, after a short but severe illness. Mr. Tucker came into our movement from the Baptists over 40 years ago, and has been a very consistent member of Balaklava church ever since. During the years he has been a trustee of the church and a deacon for a long period. Several years ago he retired from farm life, and has been living in the town of Balaklava, but has not enjoyed the best of health. Mr. Tucker made a splendid witness for Christ amongst his fellows. He loved the Lord and the church sincerely, and his upright character won him many friends, and the respect of all who knew him. He leaves a widow and one son and daughter to mourn their loss. His remains were laid to rest in Balaklava Cemetery, after a brief service in the home, a large number of friends and mourners being present. The family are commended to the care and comfort of the Father of all mercies.—A.H.

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