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A Mother's Prayer



*S*AVIOUR, to thy holy keeping,
This, my little son, I give.
While the years fast by are fleeting,
Help him for thyself to live.

Lord, he's but a little child—
Not too small to bring to thee—
Thou saidst, who was so meek and mild,
"Bring the children unto me."

How lovingly thou didst enfold
Each little one brought to thy knee.
To-day the same Lord, as of old,
Each little child is dear to thee.

O Saviour, humbly I intreat,
Hear a mother's prayer to-day,
Direct his paths, keep thou his feet,
That he may tread the narrow way.

—J.M.S.

SPREAD OF BIBLE & CHRISTIAN FAITH

GREAT BRITAIN

Bible Society's Report

IT may be of interest to note the work being done by some of the younger societies which the B. and F. Bible Society still subsidise extensively. For the last complete year the circulation of scriptures by the Bible Society of India, Pakistan and Ceylon was some 600,000 copies. In the vast land of Brazil it amounted to 1,250,000, and in China, despite civil war, scriptures actually circulated amounted to 2,100,000. Taken together, the figures for the last complete year concerning the combined work of the Bible societies of the world, including American, Dutch, Scandinavian and Scottish societies, amounted to some 17,500,000 copies of scripture. That may seem to be a large figure; but when we reflect that the increase in world population is computed to be some 20,000,000 each year, we see that even to keep pace with that population we must do better.



ASIA

Spread of Bible

DURING the nine months of 1949 under review, the B. & F. Bible Society has published the Christian gospel in six new languages, bringing the total number of tongues in which—since its foundation—this society has at one time or another sent forth scriptures to 790.

These new languages all belong to that area of tension, South-east Asia, and half of them were translated by nationals of those countries.

During the war the output of Chinese scriptures from Shanghai fell from 10,000,000 copies a year to 70,000. At the close of the war the Bible Society in China worked out a five-year plan for the re-establishment of its work. For the year 1949 that plan proposed the production of 2,250,000 scriptures. But such was the need, and such was the resiliency of that amazing land, that by last May 3,000,000 scriptures had been published and 2,000,000 more were in the press. The work goes on largely unimpeded by the new regime, and according to a cable received two days ago, "the overall picture is gradually improving."



JAPAN

An Open Door

IN Japan there is unparalleled opportunity among the eighty million inhabitants, of whom 250,000 are evangelical church members. Before the outbreak of World War II, Christian work was circumscribed and regimented, and only a hundred of the thousand foreign missionaries remained after 1940. Some Christian groups were dissolved and went underground during the war; others were regimented and adjusted to national policies. In the terrible days of the destruction of Japan's cities, the Christian minority rendered steady faith and kindly service to the terrorised majority.

To-day, despite destruction of church property, Christian churches are being overwhelmed with inquiring multitudes. Evangelism has come into its own, and hundreds of Japanese are professing conversion in all the cities. Nevertheless, because of the years of spiritual siege, the Japanese churches are in a weakened condition, and there is no real revival reported, rather unlimited evangelistic opportunity to reach the masses.—E. Orr.

CHINA

Opportunity for Church

THE population of China, including Manchuria, numbers 500,000,000, of whom a million and a half are Protestants, 666,000 being Evangelical Church members. China's sorrows were intensified in 1927, when civil war swept the country again, and war and misery have been China's lot ever since, continuing through the Japanese invasion, World War II, and the over-running of the country by the Communists.

In 1925 began a series of spiritual awakenings among the Chinese Christians themselves, spreading from Shangtung to other provinces. At the same time there was an outpouring of the Spirit upon young Chinese leaders in Shanghai, resulting in the spread of team-work to every part of China. These sporadic revivals have continued throughout China all these twenty-five years, and have been the main means of spreading the gospel in China, in spite of famine, misery, war and martyrdom.

Even to-day, as the Communists are consolidating their control of China's masses, the spirit of revival is abroad among the Christians. The wonderful opportunities for mass evangelism, possible under the Kuomintang, are gone, and the missionaries are restricted, but the churches are witnessing faithfully.

No one knows what may overtake the Far East, where Communism confronts political democracy, but the task of the Christian church is apparent, for 300,000,000 of the 600,000,000 there have never even heard the gospel, and only 3,000,000 belong to the Protestant community, of whom 1,000,000 are active church members—one in 600!—"The Christian."



KOREA.

Religious Revival

KOREA has a population of twenty-four million, and one per cent. (nearly a quarter of a million) are members of evangelical churches, chiefly Presbyterian. Three-quarters of a million call themselves Protestants, and Korea is regarded as one of the most evangelised countries of the Orient. In 1907 the Korean churches were swept by an intense religious revival which continued for several years, a revival as famous as the Welsh revival of the same period.

Before World War II, Korean Christians suffered heavily at the hands of the Japanese military, and three thousand believers were imprisoned without cause, fifty dying as martyrs. By 1940, practically all foreign missionaries were forced out, and the Koreans were left alone. The Christians continued faithful.

In 1947, a number of Christian leaders were in prison in North Korea, and church property had been appropriated by the Russians in certain places, yet that year, in Pyongyang, fifty Protestant churches united in a rally attracting 20,000 to pray for an outpouring of the Spirit like that of forty years ago.

In South Korea, the churches were crowded by the arrival of Christian refugees from North Korea, and a great upsurge of revival and evangelism occurred just before the outbreak of the present Korean war. There is real revival in Korea to-day.—E. Orr.

GREAT BRITAIN

Answer to Patriarch of Moscow

IN reply to the appeal for peace directed to all Christians made by the heads of the churches in Russia, Georgia and Armenia, the Archbishop of Canterbury sent a letter to His Beatitude Alexey, Patriarch of Moscow and all the Russians, from which we quote the following:

"I can assure Your Beatitude that not only Christian people in this country but all my fellow-countrymen are most earnest in their desire for a securely based peace, and ardently seek to promote an international order within the framework of which every nation will feel itself secure both from external attack and from internal rebellion fomented by powers outside its bodies. . . .

"When 326 bishops of the Anglican communion gathered together here for the Lambeth Conference two years ago, they reaffirmed the same resolution which the Lambeth Conference of 1930 had adopted: 'That war as a method of settling international disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ.'" The conference also "urged that the use of atomic energy be brought under such effective international inspection and control as to prevent its use as a weapon of war."

"At the same time I do not think it is right or reasonable at this stage to suggest to governments that the atomic bomb be banned outright and unconditionally, nor must those who support such a suggestion think that they alone are fighters for peace. The Anglican bishops rightly said that there must be 'such effective international control' as to prevent its use. Before a ban can be effected, there must be confidence; and agreement as to international control is necessary as evidence of that confidence.

"Moreover, this suggestion relating to the atomic weapon isolates one aspect of the problem only, one weapon only out of all the possible weapons of mass destruction, some of which are as frightful as the atomic bomb. All such weapons should be abolished in civilised States. But so should war itself, and huge armies, navies and air forces are as great an anomaly in a civilised world as atomic weapons. Again it is a spiritual remedy which the world needs, and that alone can restore confidence. . . . The question of atomic energy cannot be treated as an isolated topic. It has its place in the total evil situation, in which again and again international agreements are frustrated. Christian people must pray for a change of approach from acrimonious accusation and counter accusation, which leads only to increased bitterness, to a real willingness on all sides to seek to 'speak the truth in love.' At the first sign of such a change of approach, I should find myself very willing to join with Your Beatitude in an appeal for a general disclosure of armaments and reduction of armaments under effective international supervision, in which the control of atomic energy and the banning of the atomic bomb would be included."



AMERICA.

Dr. Graham's Revival

REPORTS from Oregon suggest that the greater Portland gospel crusade under the leadership of Dr. Billy Graham and colleagues is drawing tremendous crowds, the lowest attendance at any meeting so far being 12,000. In the first two weeks over 2000 decisions were recorded. Since the opening of the crusade, the "Oregon Daily Journal" has given front-page prominence to the meetings.

We Dare Not Despise the Church

THE church is the most influential institution in Australia. While only a quarter of the population may never enter a church building, all other Australians have some connection with the church. One quarter of the people in this Continent attend a service at least once on a Sunday; many twice. Each Sunday at least one quarter of the population is making a regular journey to a church service, while many others are making an occasional visit. Well over two million are attending a church meeting on the Lord's day in this land. These are deductions we can make from a survey taken recently. In America the numbers being linked into the church fellowship is still increasing. At the beginning of the history of the United States of America, only about 10 per cent. of the population claimed to be associated with a church. To-day the membership in U.S.A. churches exceeds 60 per cent. of the population. The strength of the church can be measured by the number of copies of scripture being circulated by the combined Bible societies. The latest report tells of a yearly circulation of 17½ million. There is no other institution that turns out such numbers of "marching orders" as the church. The great demand for the Bible to-day indicates the influence and strength of the Christian church.

The church is now more widespread in the world than fifty or a hundred years ago. While only a minority are Christians in such vast areas as India and China, the church is, nevertheless, a force in the social life. The church's concern for the outcasts of India has spread to others in that area, and now a growing tolerance is moving among the general population. To-day the lot of the Indian outcaste is improving.

The church has been the leader in many reforms; a pioneer in the moral and social life of the nation. Often laughed at as being narrow-minded, still the church has pressed on with reforms that have given the unfortunate better conditions and have strengthened the moral fibre of society.

II.

FROM the human point of view the church is not to be despised nor ignored. But the church is more than a human institution. Dr. Stephen J. England has summed up this truth by stating in his book, "The Apostolic Church," that "the rise of the church is not to be explained apart from Jesus." "The history of the church can be traced back without a break to the days of Jesus himself." In Matthew 16 we find the words in which Jesus declared he would build his church. The statement shows clearly that Jesus was its creator. He "loved the church and gave himself up for it" (Eph. 5: 26). The church cannot be likened to a lodge, or to a trade union, or to a school; it is unique. "It came into existence by the act of God." While there are human aspects in the church, there are also divine foundations. The church is human and divine. We cannot declare the church to be completely divine. The divisions and weakness within the church prevent us making that claim. In those sins we see the human element of the church. Because men are not more like their Lord, they manifest the sins of the flesh. Herein is the reason why the church reveals division.

But the church is not just human. How could a human institution continue for so many centuries, against such opposition, within and without, meet the needs of so many people, and advance to victory in so many lands, if it were just human?

The victorious advances of the church are not to be attributed to men, but to the Lord. He declared the gates of

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hell would not hinder the church. His prophetic words are being fulfilled in this age as in all ages.

III.

WHY does the church show such amazing powers of recovery? There have been periods in history when men have declared the church was doomed. But in unexpected places and by strange circumstances, the church has rallied and has recovered lost ground. Through men and women who have surrendered life to Christ new spheres of service have been opened for the church. The answer to our problem is found in the record of the church's beginning.

Christ promised his disciples the fellowship of the Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit. On the first day of Pentecost after Christ's resurrection, the disciples received the "baptism" of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit was in the church at the beginning, and has continued to minister to the world through this "body of Christ." There is the renewing power of this Spirit, recreating harmony out of discord, leading men into all truth, sanctifying the saints and giving wings to the words of the humble preacher of the gospel.

To-day, in a world full of distress, we are likely to wonder what may be the end of all this confusion. The church has the answer, not in its own words, but in those of God's. Yes, God speaks to this world through his church. Since the church came into being by the act of God, our God is at work in this world, and is acting through his church.

People who despise the church, by neglecting to attend to its ministry and service, are not turning from men but God. They are not affecting the final victory of the church, but are drifting away to their own destruction. Men neglect the church at their own peril, and open their own doors to realms where they are condemned before God and the saints.



UNITED NATIONS' DAY

ONE of the encouraging features of the present-day situation is the willingness of many to work for world peace. All efforts being made to outlaw war among nations and to settle disputes around conference tables are worthy of the support of churches. The United Nations Organisation is not perfect, but it is giving a practical lead to settle many vexed questions troubling the world. Already it has helped to adjust differences between nations.

By allowing nations to present their viewpoint at the assembly of representatives of all nations, the truth may be expressed. If nations are suffering injustices they can tell the world. No great power could endure for long the moral condemnation of all other nations.

The United Nations' Organisation is interested in improving the health of people, raising the standard of education, improving the food supply, and finding ways and means of giving religious and social freedom for all peoples.

Within the United Nations' Organisation we see the development of a world law, under which all peoples may claim justice. Under this law a world brotherhood may develop. Are not these efforts in accord with the spirit of the kingdom of God? Christ is at work in the modern world. He is breaking down barriers between peoples and is helping

to establish peace. Men of goodwill are praying for the success of the United Nations' Organisation. May many join in prayer on Oct. 24, United Nations' Day.

Opportunities at Home and Abroad

AUSTRALIAN'S VISIT.

India's Call

★ A. C. Caldicott, en route to England, via Switzerland, writes some impressions of a two-weeks' visit to "Our India."

TO write and commend all the workers in "Our India" would take volumes, but one never appreciates Mr. Bairagi until one meets him. Every Sunday afternoon this learned man conducts the missionary Bible class. It was a thrill to be with the new workers listening to such a scholarly interpretation of Romans. Mr. Bairagi's knowledge of Hebrew, Greek and Latin is astounding. Teaching is but one of the many duties that occupies this worker. He is a great organiser. He revels in his "Friendship Centre" where hundreds of caste people seeking daily the better things of life find Christ.

To be well educated is the aim of India's youth. Travelling almost anywhere, a visitor sees students with books. They "cram," and this, along with under-nourishment, explains the large number of T.B. victims. The boys of our orphanages think that to fail in examinations is to sink back into the maelstrom of misery and hopelessness. Because of this several have been known to become depressed. One young man said continually, "What's the use of living; all in life is vanity." The leaders of our homes tactfully and prayerfully reveal, "That without God all is vanity, but with God there is that abundant life." The educated masses feel keenly about our "White Australia" policy, but know nothing of its origin. English is used widely. One does not need a profound knowledge of Hindi or Marathi to witness for Christ in that godless land. In one train there were ten different languages spoken, but all knew our mother tongue.

The medical work of mission stations is aiding India, not only medically, financially, spiritually, but economically. The American inter-missions report that, for this year alone, they have flooded India with four million dollars. These people represent only four religious departments. To visit our work at Dhond and to meet our quiet and saintly medical workers, these unassuming people who could have made a fortune and lived in luxury back home, makes one appreciate the text of our Lord, "If I be lifted up. . . ." It is a grand experience to walk with Dr. Michael through the wards, but to see pitiful cases creates mixed feelings.

In conclusion may I say that one young man said to me, after hearing the commands and demands of our Lord, "It means that all that I have ever learnt is incorrect—why, I am now so confused." That is the India of today; not a land of rebellions, but of confusion. Pray that in all things Christ might be lifted up.

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BRITISH CHURCHES.

Missionary Activity

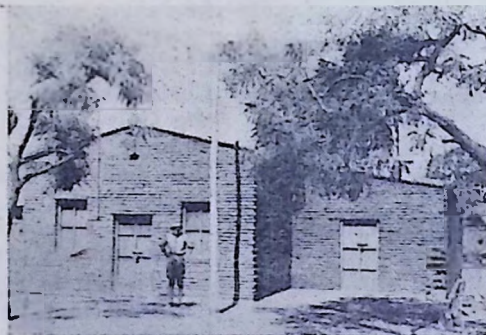
A VALEDICTORY service was held at Tasso, London, for Miss Jean Tinto, returning to Nyasaland after furlough, and for Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, who are joining staff there. F. S. King, vice-president of conference, and treasurer of the Missionary Committee, presented books to outgoing missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who hail from London, received gifts from London association of churches.

Special services were held in many churches

on Sept. 3 to inaugurate the outer mission in its local setting. A feature of many services was a congregational act of dedication to mission.

The president of conference, A. L. Brown, is visiting U.S.A. and Canada. His itinerary includes Washington, Ohio and Kentucky. He will visit Butler School of Religion and Phillips University, passing on to the International Convention at Oklahoma as fraternal delegate from British churches, and before sailing for England will visit Canada.

G. J. Hammond, of Bournemouth, has been designated vice-president of conference, 1951, with succession to presidency in 1952. He was



Friendship Centre, India.

trained by the late Lancelot Oliver, began his ministry in 1914, and has served in England, Scotland and Wales.

The Sunday School and Youth Committee, feeling that the standard lesson course does not always provide the opportunity for definite teaching on the position and plea of churches of Christ, have published two courses of lessons to meet the need. The lessons were prepared by Albert Williamson, of Birkenhead.—G. J. Hammond.

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NEW CAUSE.

Gosford-Toowoan Bay, N.S.W.

ONE year ago services for breaking of bread were commenced in the home of Major and Mrs. Purves at Toowoan Bay, Tuggerah Lakes, with Mr. and Mrs. Brookes. Mr. Brookes realised the possibilities of the place. Miss Billie Purves commenced a Sunday school which has grown to 18. Through visitation, cottage meetings, etc., others became interested, and a Christian Endeavor Society was commenced.

Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Hookway and Miss Iris Hookway, from Hamilton, moved to Wyoming, Gosford. Three months ago Miss Hookway commenced a Sunday school which has grown to 32.

Hearing of other members of the church being in the district, they were contacted. It was agreed then that the Gosford-Toowoan Bay church be established.

Thus it was that on Sept. 26 conference president, N. H. Matthews, accompanied by B. G. Corlett, and R. Greenhalgh, journeyed to Gosford to constitute the new church.

A meeting was held in the Country Women's Association building, Mr. Brookes presiding. After welcoming visitors, Mr. Brookes handed over proceedings to Mr. Matthews. Reading

from Acts 2: 37-47, the conference president called on all immersed believers in Christ who desired to become foundation members of the church to stand. Mr. Matthews welcomed each with the right hand of fellowship, after which B. G. Corlett led in prayer.

Foundation members were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brookes, Mrs. M. Whitbourne (Canley Vale), Mr. and Mrs. R. Purves and Miss Billie Purves (Toowoan Bay), Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Renison (Wagga), Mrs. B. Allen (Canley Vale), Mr. and Mrs. G. Rich (Wagga), Mr. and Mrs. Hookway, sen., Miss I. Hookway, Mrs. E. Hookway (Hamilton).

The address was given by B. G. Corlett. After service a luncheon was served by ladies, and greetings were read from Georgetown, Hamilton, Mayfield, Canley Vale. A communion tray and glasses were presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. Miles, and Mr. C. Fraser, of Newcastle.

It was proposed to meet fortnightly at Gosford and Toowoan Bay.

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MISSIONS.

"A Good Sign"

E. C. Hinrichsen.

ONE of the best signs for the future of the church is the eagerness with which so many churches in so many States are seeking missions. It is a good sign both for preacher and church officers. They know that it will mean much hard work and a deal of expense. But they are so anxious to be alert and alive and accomplishing things for him, that their letters indicate a keenness which is admirable. While we have preachers and officers like that, the future of the work is assured.

Perhaps nobody knows better than a missionary how many wonderful members we have in both country and city.

Another good sign is the eagerness with which people come to hear the gospel. To those who are waiting for missions, will you please read the following, and be patient for a few months, as the Lord is blessing Wollongong.

1. There have been fifty decisions in the last four months. Some of these are re-consecrations; as yet not all have been immersed. There are others attending and keenly interested.

2. We have at least 125 Endeavorers in the district. This is almost entirely the work of the members, and the preacher merely attends and speaks occasionally.

3. Camden is 40 miles from Wollongong. We have four members there and almost every Sunday they attend. We go on Friday nights and have a service in the home; over fifty present last visit.

4. Appin is a village 20 miles from Wollongong. We have one member there. She is so keen that she hired a bus and brought a load to church. These caught the enthusiasm which the gospel imparts and asked for a service. It was arranged for a Thursday night. When we arrived we found over 80 people had gathered to hear the gospel. Ever since we always have friends from Appin to hear the gospel—they come into Wollongong. We feel that these all must be given a real chance.

Wherever we go several carloads of faithful workers from Wollongong come to assist.

(5) Warrarong.—All the foregoing leads to this. The new building at Warrarong is nearly completed. We will have our first service for breaking of bread on Nov. 5.

INDIAN HOMES' REPORT

Shjigonda.

MISS F. CAMERON reports difficult times and problems regarding food and supplies. Like everywhere else, costs have soared. 112 were accommodated. Scores have had to be refused. Miss Cameron adds: "Never have we had more requests and never to make more refusals." No real orphans were refused shelter. The children who are rescued are not only given material food, but also the "Bread of heaven." In this way the gospel is preached.

Baramati.

Of the 95 at Baramati, 25 attended the high school, three were sent to the Union Training College, and three went afeld to learn the printing trade. Five attended high schools in other places. It will be seen, therefore, that the aim of giving the boys scope in their natural direction is being carried out.

During the year six boys were baptised.

Miss Vawser writes: "The lads are not perfect by any means, but they are on the whole a very fine group and have great possibilities. We pray that God will use them, and raise up some from among their number who will be leaders in the Christian church in Western India. We do not know just what lies ahead, but we do know that God has even here some of his chosen vessels who are preparing for their life's work. May God bless and help them to decide to serve him, and may they be faithful. We are grateful for his goodness, for health, food, clothing, the means for education, and love and friendship. We pray that we may be worthy, that the boys may truly be his at his coming."



The Appeal of the Children.

In many parts of the world children are in dire need. In our own Homes in India, we seek to care for over 200 children. The responsibility of caring for this huge family is heavy. Many in the homeland share this responsibility. If we had more funds, more could be done. Our needs are many and urgent.

(Notes provided by A. Anderson.)

A Problem to Face

FOR many years the Federal Board has been able to enlarge the work overseas, have the fields more fully staffed, attend to the education of several capable Indian workers, pay their way, build up a considerable asset in endowments, and reduce the accumulative overdraft created during depression years by £5000. Look not it any way you desire, and it will be realised it has been no mean achievement.

These have been the most progressive years in the history of our overseas work, have produced more capital outlay in buildings and equipment, and sent out and maintained our greatest number of missionaries. All this has been achieved, because of the steady increase in brotherhood giving and a careful consideration to expenditure.

Despite the fact that general income increased by £1000 last year, the board failed to meet expenses by approximately £2000. Put another way, our expenditure in one year increased £3000 but income only increased £1000.

This financial year we face the whole burden of the heavier responsibilities assumed during the later part of the past year. Eight new missionaries were added to our lists, and were only carried for part of that year. This year the whole weight will press heavily upon us as well as increased costs in all directions.

The work in India was never so full of opportunity, whilst the work on the islands should cause profound gratitude.

Logically and prayerfully the whole brotherhood should resolve that the only solution to the problem is increased giving. Brethren, we must increase or our work must decrease.

NEWS AND VIEWS, N.Z.

E. P. C. Hollard gives an interesting survey of New Zealand news.

IN recent months we have lost two notable sons in the Dominion. The first was Sir Aparima Ngata, one of the most famous and best loved of the Maori people. His life had been long and useful in the service of his people and the country. Sir Aparima was a scholar and teacher as well as a worldly authority on Maori affairs. His passing was sudden and cast a gloom over the country. The Maori people paid him full honors in tribal custom, and the Pakeha joined with them in mourning one whom king and people loved and honored.

Shortly afterwards the Maori bishop, Mr. Bennett, passed away. The Maori people have scarce had a greater champion than the beloved bishop. His influence reached to all parts of the Dominion. Whilst his church interest was essentially Anglican, he moved amongst all churches with dignity. He was appreciated by all.

"They're Wonderful"

The bishop of Dunedin, W. A. R. Fitchett, paid tribute to an overlooked group of women-folk in any land. He said, "The wives of our clergy are rather wonderful. They do without so much that a woman values and are so cheerful about it. Our clergy may not be invariably wise, but the vast majority of them have shown great wisdom in the choosing of a wife." He was making an appeal for greater consideration by Anglican people as regards salaries of ministers. However, we pass on the word about the minister's wife as being applicable to all churches. Only too infrequently do they receive the honor due to them.

Capital Punishment.

New Zealand has had more than its share of murders, many remaining unsolved. Under the last government capital punishment was abolished. In many quarters this raised considerable discussion. A commission is taking evidence from all interested parties. The churches have entered the lists opposing the re-introduction of the death penalty, and from all quarters are making an appeal against its introduction again. The Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist churches have been most outspoken.

Betting Business.

Last year the country voted to introduce off-course betting, and the new government came to office with a mandate to operate as soon as possible. Australians will know the sorry story of betting shops. In the House of Parliament eight members of the government, including four ministers of the crown, expressed opposition to the scheme. Their courage in going against what must surely be party instructions calls forth praise. In the new government are some who have serious convictions on certain matters.

Brotherhood.

You have already carried the news of the passing of Mrs. Haddon, in Dunedin. The wife

of Glen Leith's principal has occupied a prominent place in the life of the churches. Her passing was sad for many. Mrs. Haddon had been a patient sufferer for some months.

Another sad passing was in the death of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merv. Williamson, of Wellington. They visited Australia recently, and on the return home Beverly took ill and suffered considerable sickness.

St. Andrews-st., Dunedin, is to lose H. C. Bischoff in the New Year. He has accepted a position as superintendent of Religious Education in the State school of Otago and Southland. This is a work undertaken by all Protestant churches, and the selection of one of our men is no small honor. Mr. Bischoff has specialised in children's work, and should be well fitted for the task. His headquarters are to be in Dunedin.

Stan. Bebarfald is on the water on his way to Dadaya to enlarge the staff at the mission there. After training at the Bible Training Institute in Auckland, he served as assistant minister at Nelson, and now goes into a larger ministry.

Gisborn church is to lose its minister, as J. P. Henderson returns to Australia. He has had a useful ministry.

The brotherhood gave recently an offering towards the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund. This fund was set up to erect chapels free in at least two centres, as a brotherhood token of thanksgiving for deliverance during the last war. Napier is the site of the first effort. A small group there meets in a house.

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Commonwealth Round-Up

HERE AND THERE

The following was received from C. Jackel, preacher at Hamilton, Vic. on Oct. 16: "Chapel full; inspiring services; four decisions; many new scholars; church rejoicing."

Churches that could use to advantage a Freelite-Benzeline (crescent 3 light) plants are invited to contact L. Morris, 122 Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., secretary of Dawson-st. church. There is no charge to church in need of improved lighting. Until recently the plant was used at Mt. Clear church.

Delegates to Federal Conference at Hobart, Tas., are returning to home States. We enjoyed fellowship with many passing through Melbourne. Hobart churches made a fine contribution and provided excellent hospitality which was much appreciated. A report will appear shortly.

At Mile End, S.A., anniversary services, Sunday school picnic, and demonstration were very successful. Demonstration was unique and brought out talent of Sunday school scholars. Items included an organ recital, group plays, recitations, pianoforte solo, group song, and a duet and quartette by male teachers, trio of flutes, the ideal class, Bible quiz and solo. Evening concluded with prize giving. Church members and parents of scholars were well represented.

Mrs. C. Brough, a member of church at Gardiner, Vic., died on Oct. 15 after a long illness. Mrs. Brough was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ludbrook, and was connected with families associated with the early history of churches of Christ in Great Britain. Mrs. Brough took a keen and intelligent interest in all brotherhood work, and was active particularly in the Victorian Women's Conference. To Mr. Brough and family we offer deepest sympathy.

Services at Henley Beach, S.A., continue in good heart; many who have been sick are now able to attend. Mr. Collins' addresses at morning services are proving helpful. Visiting speakers during past month have been Mr. Paddick, who spoke on behalf of the Temperance Alliance, and A. E. Brown, who exhorted church in absence of Mr. Collins, who preached at Brooklyn Park church anniversary. Sunday school picnic was held at Mitcham Reserve on Oct. 7. A day of happy fellowship was spent with many friends.

On Oct. 1, A. W. Ladbroke closed his ministry at Kingsford, N.S.W., before going to Rhodesia to undertake missionary education. Presentations were made by church and auxiliaries on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. A brotherhood farewell was given at Young People's Demonstration in Assembly Hall, on Sept. 26. Many friends gathered at Central Station on Oct. 4 to express good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Ladbroke and family boarded ship at Melbourne. Mr. Ladbroke and his family have the Christian love of their associates and will be missed at Kingsford.

At morning service at Forestville, S.A., Oct. 8, a large congregation broke bread, and W. A. Russell delivered an inspiring message. In evening gospel was preached with power. Bible school picnic was held Oct. 9 at Sturt Oval, Marion. About 250 enjoyed day of fellowship. Group singing of favorite choruses and recorded sacred music added to enjoyment of picnic programme. Bible school and Intermediate C.E. have welcomed new members. Work of auxiliaries is flourishing. Ten young

people who attended special meetings for Bible study at Holiday House, Mt. Lofty, during holiday week-end were refreshed. Sunday evening and week night prayer meetings are an inspiration.

The 23rd anniversary of Albury church, N.S.W., was most successful. E. C. Hinrichsen was speaker. Chapel was full for morning service, over 100 breaking bread for day. The address was challenging. Men's Fellowship had good meeting, about 50 men meeting to hear lecture on Russia. In evening building was packed when the gospel was well received. On Tuesday Ladies' Guild provided a tea for 200 in Masonic Hall. Church appreciates work of ladies. Many visitors were present. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. A. Jackel, of Wangaratta; V. Pratt, Albury; and Men's Fellowship. Mr. Hinrichsen gave an excellent address. The thankoffering amounted to approximately £175. Meetings on Oct. 8 were good with one decision. H. J. Patterson, of Woolwich College, visited church. A start has been made with Wodonga building project.

New Work at Dalby, Qld.

A CHAPEL and manse were opened at Dalby, Qld., on Sept. 23. This effort was climax of several months of work, starting with Lloyd Jones' mission last May. Both buildings are fine structures and are situated in a good area in town. The chapel was removed from Tannymore, over 150 miles away, work being almost entirely voluntary. Men from Chinchilla circuit and Toowoomba churches helped local brethren in removal and erection. Manse is new.

The official opening took place on Saturday, 23rd, and meetings extended over week-end. L. R. Pitman (conference president) conducted opening service. Supporting speakers included local church ministers, mayor, C. R. Burdeu, and Mr. Pederson, of Tannymore.

There were good attendances at special meetings at week-end. Speakers included Lloyd Jones (State evangelist), C. R. Burdeu (Brisbane), E. Hart (Toowoomba), K. D. Horne (Chinchilla) and A. B. Clark (Dalby). At gospel service a married woman responded to appeal. A. B. Clark, late of Taree church, N.S.W., is preacher.

Missionaries in Melbourne, Victoria

SISTER W. WALKER, of Dhond Hospital, India, on her first furlough, arrived by the "Himalaya" on Oct. 3. Members of Overseas Missions Committee and friends extended a welcome home to this beloved missionary. After a happy time of fellowship at pier, Sister Walker and friends were entertained at Wentworth Cafe. During her brief stay in Melbourne she was guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp. On Thursday, Oct. 5, Sister Walker proceeded to her home State, Tasmania.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ladbroke and family, missionaries-elect of the New Zealand brotherhood and proceeding to Rhodesia, spent a few days in Victoria visiting friends, prior to sailing on "Empire Star" on Oct. 13. On Oct. 11 the Overseas Mission Committee executive and

several friends met to welcome visitors. In response Mr. Ladbroke outlined work in Rhodesia under New Zealand churches. Mr. Ladbroke will continue a teaching ministry in a large boarding school, and train young men for ministry of the Word.

South Queensland Conference

SOUTHERN Queensland country conference of churches of Christ met on Oct. 7 in Ma Ma Creek chapel, under chairmanship of J. Christensen; 27 delegates from 11 churches affiliated with conference were present.

Conference opened at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Davidsoq, preacher of Ma Ma Creek, and Mr. Bernoth welcomed delegates. Mr. Fergusson, preacher of East Ipswich, conducted devotional session. L. C. Lobegeiger (treasurer) presented a balance sheet revealing a credit balance of £210/6/8. £260 was paid out during year, including £156 to State Evangelistic Committee (home missions) for missions to be held in State.

Afternoon session opened with devotion led by J. (Scotty) Gibb.

Radio session (Beams of Light from the Book of Life) on station 4IP every Friday night at 8.15 p.m., is to be continued under supervision of V. G. Boettcher. Mr. Leask, preacher of Boonah church, addressed a large gathering, giving a challenging message.

State president, R. Pitman, brought a greeting from State conference. Mr. Clark, preacher of Dalby, and Mr. Chalmers presented greetings. Inspirational and evangelistic evening session commenced with song service led by J. (Scotty) Gibb. President, J. Christensen, welcomed and introduced incoming executive. A. Pieper, president; F. Winter, president-elect; A. E. Boettcher, treasurer; and E. Neumann, secretary. Vocal items were rendered by Don Risson and the Pieper sisters. A saxophone solo was given by H. Rosenburg. L. Jones, State evangelist, concluded meeting with a message that inspired an overflowing congregation.

Templars in Australia

AUSTRALIA is providing a new homeland for members of the Temple Society, an ancient Germanic religious-economic order which migrated from Germany to Palestine in the last century and established colonies, primarily agricultural.

The Templars have sought the help of the Australian Government in securing their valuable assets in Palestine, and as a result about £3,500,000 sterling has been transferred to Australia for distribution among the Templars. Further large sums are expected to be obtained from realisation of Palestinian property.

The Templars have accepted the fact that they will not be permitted to form large alien colonies in Australia as they did in Palestine.

There, by the use of communal funds and a communal organisation sustained by religious motives, members of the society gradually established rural and urban colonies at Haifa, Jaffa, Saron, Jerusalem, Bethlehem.

ADDRESS.

J. W. Brookes (preacher Gosford-Toowoomba church, N.S.W.).—"Barachel," 42 Boomerang-rd., Long Jetty. Phone, The Entrance 186.

News



of the Churches

Queensland

Wynnum.—Five have been received into fellowship, four by transfer, and one by faith and obedience. Women's Fellowship has conducted successful chaplaincy social. C. A. Latimer was speaker at Bible school prize-giving on Oct. 1.

Bundaberg.—Services held on Sept. 17, and 21 showed good attendances. For fortnight 153 gathered for worship. During last week of September a "come to church" campaign was held. Church choir was in attendance on 29th. A successful garden party was held at Syms-rd. chapel on 30th. Gospel was preached at Rosedale on 24th. Mr. Dallinger and Mr. Jones journeyed from Bundaberg to conduct service. Sister Elsie Wissman is in hospital after accident with bicycle. Mr. Christensen is also an inmate at general hospital.

New South Wales

Kingsford.—On Oct. 8 Mr. Hallop, of Rockdale, was speaker. He will be preaching at most meetings until a new minister arrives. Amongst recent visitors have been Mr. Turner, of Carnegie, and Mrs. Leggatt, her son and daughter, of Malvern, Vic. Sympathy of church is offered Sister Lancaster in her recent bereavement.

Wingham.—Church anniversary services were celebrated Sept. 16 and 17. Fellowship tea was held in Wingham Memorial Hall on evening of Sept. 16. Chairman, A. W. Billingham, of Taree, welcomed visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crossman, of Wiley Park, Sydney. Dinner was prepared by women; a good programme was presented, and W. J. Crossman preached encouragingly. Services concluded on Sept. 17, Mr. Crossman speaking. A bus chartered by Taree members packed building at night, and helped to unite two churches, besides giving members encouragement.

Taree.—Visit of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crossman, of Wiley Park, on Sept. 17 was enjoyed. Mr. Crossman spoke in morning, and at night members journeyed to Wingham to join in concluding church anniversary services. On Lord's day, Sept. 24, P. G. Saxby gave helpful morning address and A. W. Billingham conducted evening service. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Saxby and family, Elizabeth Haden and superintendent of Sunday school (A. W. Billingham) made journey to Sydney by car for annual young people's demonstration on Sept. 26. Party accepted on behalf of Sunday school five State prizes, three Federal prizes, and the honor shield for gaining first position in State. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. S. Laney and daughter, of Burwood, Oct. 1. Mr. Laney gave appreciated addresses at Taree and Wingham.

South Australia

Nallsworth.—On Sept. 24 A. Lambert and R. Allison were preachers, when A. J. Fisher attended preachers' conference at Mylor. Mr. and Mrs. K. Schroder were welcomed by transfer on Oct. 1. In afternoon two new scholars were added to school. Offering for College of Bible amounted to £19. Ladies' Guild is preparing a parcel for New Hebrides.

Kilburn.—Brethren from Maylands conducted 11.15 a.m. service on Oct. 8. Mr. Tompsett presided and D. Fitzgerald gave a powerful mes-

sage to 35 Young Worshippers and 44 adults. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school was 122, including two new scholars. C.Y.F. sponsored educational picture night on Oct. 4, when a number of young people and adults appreciated programme presented by Mr. Jeffrey, of P.M.G. Dept.

Flinders Park.—Church had well-attended services. There have been many visitors. Church received into fellowship Mrs. Davey (from Hindmarsh), Mr. Invararity (Glencg) and Mr. and Mrs. Eglington (Baptist church, Underdale). Mr. Webb attended preachers' conference. Mr. Sherriff, of Brooklyn Park, and Mr. Britten, of Maylands, were speakers. Mr. Bartlett, of Croydon, addressed Bible school on Oct. 1. A Girls' Brigade has been formed. Basketball team did well. Bob Richardson and F. Hubbard are ill.

Croydon.—W. N. Bartlett addressed gospel service, Sept. 10, when R. Hyam made his confession. W. N. Bartlett addressed morning meeting, Men's Class attended annual conference in town hall at 2.45 p.m., and M. Laurie, of Tumby Bay, addressed evening service of 17th. Choir assisted at home mission meeting. Owing to absence of pastor at Balaklava on Sept. 24, H. K. Brand gave an interesting address at 11 a.m. S. Ritchie, of Mission to Lepers, gave illustrated address in evening.

York.—On Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, Bible school held anniversary. Scholars sang well with L. Gehlken conducting. Afternoon of Sept. 24, scholars provided programme, items being given by all departments. W. Morrow spoke in evening. On Oct. 1 J. Cain addressed afternoon meeting, and in evening Mr. Davis spoke. Average of 47 attend worship in morning. L. G. Johnson has given helpful sermons. Gospel service is well supported by young people. Junior Endeavors are increasing. Practical meetings have been had by Y.P.S.C.E., including cottage meetings held in homes of isolated church members. Members of tennis club have prepared courts for new season.

Forestville.—Church experienced day of blessing on Sept. 24. W. A. Russell delivered inspiring message to large congregation at morning service. Special youth choral services were held afternoon and evening. Bible school scholars, assisted by orchestra, rendered music and kinder scholars sang action songs. L. W. Brook spoke. About 400 were present. In evening further part singing by school, under conductorship of G. Clarke, helped towards making service a blessing. Will Beiler preached gospel with aid of interesting illustrated models. Intermediate C.E. held graduation service, when juniors were promoted. Girls' Club has made steady growth. On Oct. 1, during W. A. Russell's absence on campaign at Murray Bridge, J. H. Hunting, of Biblical Research Society, delivered stirring message to large assembly in morning and Dr. Turner gave helpful evening address. Bible study and prayer meetings are an inspiration and W. A. Russell's expositions are helpful.

Victoria

Geelong.—On Oct. 8 Mr. Anderson returned from Swan Hill. Both services were well attended. At evening service Mr. Anderson made use of sound film entitled, "His Bequest." On Friday evening a house party was at home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Drayton in aid of tennis club. Junior and senior cricket clubs have entered competition for 1950-1951 season.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Many interstate visitors had fellowship en route to Federal conference. S. Bebarfald, of N.Z., had fellowship en route to Rhodesia. 26 food parcels were sent overseas. Membership in 4½ years has sent 520 parcels to England and India at a cost of £396/11/-. Church has expressed sympathy to loved ones in passing of Mr. Alexander and Mr. Búrford.

Mt. Evelyn.—Meetings are well attended. Men are holding Saturday working bees to clear timber off land. Cost of £12 for pulling timber down has been paid. An application has been made to build a school hall. A. Thurrowgood, of South Australia, visited church on Oct. 1. Church has received help by transfer by letter from Gardiner of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher. Kindergarten hall has been secured for church anniversary services.

Horsham.—Bible school anniversary, held Oct. 1 and 8 in school hall, had large attendances. Ron Muller was visiting preacher the first day, and C. W. Jackel on 8th, when he presented prizes. Two scholars responded to invitation. D. R. Stirling will close his interim ministry on Oct. 29, and A. E. Cremin, of Balaklava, S.A., will commence his work with church and circuit on Nov. 5. Special services conducted by D. R. Stirling during September were appreciated.

Gardenvale.—Bible school anniversary practice has commenced under leadership of C. Gadge. Good Companions and Boys' Explorer Clubs joined in youth parade at Show. On Oct. 5 B.E. Club members combined with Brighton for indoor games. E. D. Lewis is ill and confined to home. 35 were present at fellowship tea on Oct. 1. Mr. Funston told of incidents behind hymns. A junior lad made his decision. Church regrets passing of Mr. Notman, a past member, also Mrs. Altman, a member of Mission Band.

Swan Hill.—Sunday school anniversary was a success on Oct. 1. Large attendances at each gathering. Helpful messages were given by J. Anderson, of Geelong. Children sang well under Mrs. R. Thomas. On Oct. 2 prizes were presented to children. Sound films were enjoyed. Mr. Anderson conducted other film nights while in Swan Hill; these were a spiritual help. Christian Endeavor held consecration meeting on Oct. 11. Address was given by Mr. Candy. Young people's work is strong. Mr. Candy concludes his work on Jan. 7.

Berwick.—Church and Sunday school attendances have been regular, and the latter is now practising for anniversary to be held in October. After several months of helpful ministry, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens left for Queensland. Whilst church was awaiting arrival of successor, Messrs. French, Hull and Dobbs filled pulpit. Mr. and Mrs. Broderick and family have been received into fellowship from French Island. On Sept. 24 Mr. Tittars, of college, commenced his ministry. Prayer meeting, Bible study, and C.E. Society continue to function satisfactorily.

North Fitzroy.—For a few weeks in September, J. Turner was a patient in the Heidelberg Hospital. During his absence services were conducted by R. Lloyd, of Coburg, C. Watson, F. Lee, P. Foster and V. Foster. The 77th anniversary of Bible school was celebrated on Oct. 1 and 8. On morning of first Sunday, Mr. Thatcher was baptised and received into membership. In afternoon Mrs. Waterman was

speaker, and P. Foster preached at night. Singing was conducted by A. Arnott. On Oct. 8 prizes were distributed in afternoon. Ron Mueller gave address at evening service. Tea was provided for visitors and scholars.

Warragul.—On Oct. 1, Sunday school held anniversary services afternoon and evening. Church and Sunday school were helped by messages of Dr. R. Killmier. On Oct. 2 Sunday school gave annual concert and scholars received prizes. Members have been assisting Mr. Quayle in delivering handbills from door to door, extending personal invitations in preparation for a week of meetings, which commenced on Oct. 8. B. J. Combridge, home mission secretary, was speaker at opening service. Visitors are attending and numbers at meetings are increasing. Mr. Quayle is leader. Mrs. Buntrock and Mr. Derbyshire are in hospital.

Prahran.—Women's Mission Band held "Shell" picture night which was well attended, there being 200 present. £25 was raised, enabling women to provide linoleum for kinder floor. Several men held working bee to lay the lino. Dr. Kemp spoke helpfully at monthly men's meeting on Oct. 5, speaking on work in Children's Court. Boys' Club has 26 members on roll. Junior Cricket Club played first match on Oct. 7. Miss Adele Blakeley won cup for best and fairest in the basketball team. Attendance at Bible school is encouraging, being 100. Mr. Blakeley has offered use of truck to help J. McKenzie transport kinders to kindergarten. On Oct. 8 Mr. Buckingham, who has been very ill, was able to address morning meeting.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.)—Church has been saddened by death of E. A. Lawson, who had had a lifelong association with Swanston-st., had been an officer for many years, and treasurer for the last few years. A young man made the confession on Oct. 1, and a young lady from Teachers' Training College on Oct. 8. On latter date another teacher from college was baptised. Misses D. and M. Dinning were received into membership recently following baptism. Others, too, have recently been welcomed. On Oct. 1, A. Wilson was morning speaker; all other recent services have been addressed by K. A. Macnaughtan. There is continued interest in Sunday afternoon study group (where K. A. Macnaughtan at present is engaged in series of talks on Revelation), and also in Wednesday night prayer and fellowship meeting. Junior school on Sunday mornings is growing in attendance under leadership of Miss F. Cash. Members of Dorcas Society paid a visit to Port Melbourne branch of Melbourne City Mission. Offerings have been received for religious education in State schools, College of the Bible, aboriginal children and British and Foreign Bible Society.

Hamilton.—Proceeds (£4/9/-) of an interesting concert, held by combined Junior Endeavor Societies, will be devoted to missions. All Lord's day services are well attended, and a number of non-members are present on Sunday nights. On Oct. 1 R. Goudie was morning speaker. C. W. Jackel, who took anniversary services at Horsham, exchanged with D. R. Stirling on 8th. Church was delighted to have fellowship with Mr. Stirling and Campbell. A men's tea was held on Sept. 24. C. W. Jackel gave an excellent address on exercises of morning service. A profitable discussion and reports from workers in house-to-house canvass followed. Several new scholars have been gained in canvass of city. Y.P.S.C.E. held a missionary night. Letters from India and Carnarvon were read. Twenty-six Endeavorers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kennett at Kanawalla, and enjoyed devotional and social evening. After a film was shown at C.E. on missionary journey of Paul, a social was held, when Heather Edwards, who had attained her majority, was honored.

Essendon.—Ladies' Guild held sale of work and social afternoon on Aug. 31. Items were given by soloists, Mrs. Gullidge (Coburg), Mrs. Allan (Footscray), pianist being Mrs. Lang (Preston). September was loyalty month with special speakers at morning services. These included A. Withers (conference president), S. Neighbour, F. T. Morgan and W. R. Hibbert. Mr. McIlhagger was speaker at evening services. At conclusion of address on Sept. 3, Keith Wallis decided for Christ. Ladies' Guild held luncheon on Sept. 21, when opportunity was taken to farewell Mrs. E. Cheal and Mrs. Withers who are leaving district. A presentation was made to each. Soloist was Mrs. Lynch. On Sept. 24 a baptismal service was observed. On Oct. 1 Keith Wallis was welcomed into fellowship. Those who have assisted with singing at evening meetings include Mrs. Buttress, C. Ferguson, Mrs. Hutton, Mr. Hemsley and Mr. McIlhagger. Visitors from Shepparton and Yarrowonga have been welcomed. Three teams have entered cricket competitions. Ian Johnson, test cricketer, was speaker at September C.M.S. meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Cheal attended conference at Hobart.

South Yarra.—A wonderful time was spent on Oct. 1 and 8, it being Sunday school anniversary. Many visitors were present. Scholars were trained by A. Searle. Speaker in afternoon of Oct. 1 was Mr. Bosenquet. At evening service Mr. Trezise gave an illustrated talk. Mr. Stirling, of South Australia, was also present, and gave a short talk to children. On Oct. 8 Mr. and Mrs. Ladbroke and family were present, also Miss Shurman, who is on holidays. Mr. Ladbroke gave address in morning, Mr. Allen in evening. Mr. Walters presided over anniversary services. On Oct. 8, in evening, Miss Dawn White made the good confession. Kindergarten demonstration and prize-giving were held Oct. 8. Mrs. Stanley Deane, of Cheltenham, was speaker. Miss Roberts, who is superintendent, presented prizes. Each child on cradle roll received a book. Anniversary concert was held on Oct. 11, children rendering an excellent programme trained by Mrs. Palmer. Mr. Ladbroke presented prizes. Two girls tied for special prize given for scholar gaining highest marks for scripture examination, Margaret Cobain and Glenda Fraser gaining 92 marks. Miss Pat Brown (pianist) and Mr. Roper (organist) were given a gift in appreciation of service; Mr. Searle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Palmer were also thanked. On Sept. 24 Mr. Nightingale, a past preacher, was present.

Preston.—On Sept. 29 Men's Society combined with K.S.P. Club, when an interesting travel talk was given by Dr. W. A. Kemp. On Oct. 1 morning speaker was E. L. Williams, who delivered an uplifting message. On Oct. 7 a social evening was held by cricket club. Young people enjoyed a brief talk from S. Burman at a tea held on Oct. 8. A faithful ministry is carried on by J. E. Searle in his addresses and visitation.

Wattle Park.—A roster of speakers from Eastern Suburban Officers' Association is proving successful. On Oct. 1 Mr. Quirk encouraged members by his address at church anniversary, 20 breaking bread. Ladies' Fellowship enjoyed a successful anniversary on Aug. 15, attendance being 92. Mrs. Cleland was speaker. Kinder and Sunday school report steady progress. Members expressed regret that a building permit was not granted.

Bentleigh.—While Mr. Wiltshire was conducting two weeks' mission at Castlemaine, speakers were L. Armstrong, from college; L. Smith, from Bambra-rd.; Mr. Le Page, from Parkdale; and T. Kendrick. Church extends to Mrs.

Taylor, Betty and Laurie sincere sympathy in death of Mr. Taylor. Mrs. Gall had fall recently and broke an arm; she is convalescing at Canterbury. Ladies' Mission Band sale of work, held on Sept. 29, raised £50. Weekly contributions for local work has averaged £18/9/-. Mrs. Bradley, after recent operation, is making good progress.

Dunolly.—Services have been well attended during past months, young people giving good support. Church anniversary, Oct. 1, was a success, friends from Bet Bet being present. A solo by Miss B. Watts and a duet by Misses Shirley and Marie Birthisel were appreciated. Mr. Roberts gave an appropriate address, after which a married woman, a single lady, and three scholars from Bible school confessed Christ. Sympathy of church was extended to Mrs. H. Flett and family in loss of husband and father. Church suffered loss in passing of Sister G. Willcox. Sympathy was extended to her sisters, Mrs. Freemantle, Mrs. Treble, and Mrs. Scott.

Obituary

Miss Elizabeth Bonar Crowe

ON Sept. 29, at age of 87 years, Miss Elizabeth Crowe passed to be with her Lord. The funeral was conducted by writer at parlors and Footscray Cemetery in presence of relatives and friends. Miss Crowe became associated with churches of Christ at the age of 16 years in early days of work at Taradale, Vic. She was connected later with churches at Bendigo, Footscray, Preston, Hobart and Brunswick. Everywhere she was known as a faithful and sincere servant of the Lord. Especially was she appreciated for her splendid work in Bible schools, where she was much loved by young people who came under her care. Many members in the churches will thank God for the splendid influence of this saint of God.—A.E.H.

Archibald Notman

WITHIN one week of the age of eighty years, A. Notman passed away on Sept. 15 at home of his son in West Preston, Vic. Mr. Notman came into the fellowship of churches of Christ at South Melbourne some fifty years ago. For some time after this, his association was with people known as the Church of God, and meeting in the Temperance Hall, Melbourne. He resumed fellowship with churches of Christ at Moreland, following the baptism of his daughter there by H. B. Robbins. Mr. Notman came to Melbourne from Riddell (at that time Riddell's Creek) where his father was in business. Besides South Melbourne and Moreland, Mr. Notman's membership was at Gardenvale, and though he did not transfer to West Preston, he attended the church there from the time of his removal to the district, absenting himself from meetings only when too ill or too weak to be present. Mr. Notman was interested in the scriptures, and was a most sincere man, strong in faith and hope. In this his wife (formerly Elizabeth Findlow) and his children, Alex., Arch, and Jessie are comforted, looking with joy toward the resurrection unto life.—A.B.W.

W. A. C. Wendorf

THE death of W. A. C. Wendorf on Sept. 9, at age of 81, took from Ann-st. and the Queensland brotherhood one who had played a full part in the progress of the Restoration Movement in this State. Our brother was richly gifted, and placed his gifts at the service of the church. For long years he held many important offices on various conference committees and at Ann-st., of which congregation he was a member for 34 years. He shared gladly his gifts also with the wider Christian witness in Brisbane. His home and business influence was such as to bring honor to Christ and the church. In church and com-

munity he stood for the finest things. The best tribute we can pay him is to look again with open minds at the conviction that burned within him, and to take up the torch which he, having finished his appointed course with honor, flings to us. To his wife and family we offer with respect, our prayerful sympathy. We commend them to the mercy of God "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life."—R.W.G.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

WAR AND CHRISTIANS.

WHAT strange use of scripture is evidenced by Mr. Chappell in his letter, Sept. 19. War is acknowledged by almost all Protestant bodies to be contrary to the spirit of Christianity—yet it is not sin! The letter seems to be an extreme instance of "rationalisation." Instead of objectively examining the acts and results of war in the light of Christian teaching, with the determination to make that our guide under all circumstances, we rationalise scripture to enable us to conform to popular standards.

Why is it that such "reasoning" is, amongst we Christians, almost solely applied to this matter of war, and almost never to such lesser problems of the liquor traffic, gambling, etc.? And if the "powers that be" instituted polygamy, for example, as a national necessity, would we be expected to conform? The "powers that be" legally demanded that Peter and John should cease to speak in the name of Jesus. Mr. Chappell's "reasoning" would appear to make Peter's reply and action wrong! The same "powers" have at different times insisted upon serfdom, child labor, slavery, etc. Were the valiant spirits who struggled to end these evils wrong? By the same "reasoning," would not most of the martyrs throughout the ages have been wrong? Also the German Christians who supported Nazism would be right, and those who opposed it would be wrong. Again, obviously the ordained power referred to is not limited to any "Western" regime, consequently the Christians who live under the Eastern European and Soviet regimes are right in supporting such. Does Mr. Chappell accept this?

The whole inference of the New Testament is that evil of every kind "must needs be until the end," therefore, by the same "reasoning" evil "is no sin"!

As a brotherhood we used to demand a "Thus saith the Lord, or approved inference, for all we do and practise." Will Bro. Chappell give us chapter and verse, or legitimate inference, where the New Testament teaches that "our army, navy and air force are one of the ordained powers of God" and must therefore be obeyed by Christians?—L. O. Collyer, Ivanhoe, Vic.

GOVERNORS AND DIVINE SANCTIONS.

ANY advice to Federal Conference against the Empire's defence plans may prove hurtful. The State and the church were made for man. This may be seen by Christ's reply to the Herodians and disciples of the Pharisees, "They say unto him—Caesar's"—plainly acknowledging by their having received his coin that they were under his government. And indeed this is a standing rule. The current coin of every nation show who is the governor of it. Render therefore ye Pharisees to Caesar the things which ye yourselves acknowledge to be Caesar's; and ye Herodians, while ye are zealous for Caesar, see that ye render to God the things that are God's." (Wesley's

notes, Matthew 22: 16-22). Jesus paid the taxes or tribute (Rom. 13: 7).

He did not surrender "the way of God in truth" (verse 16) to these pretenders of being "just men" or righteous (Luke 20: 20, R.V.). The modern querist places himself and Jesus in bad company here. A principle that takes away the right to war ties our hands in every other kind of discipline for the public good (Rom. 13: 3-6). I would press this truth farther still. What of Christ's use of force and war in the destruction of Jerusalem and the dountreading of Judea (Matt. 22: 7; 21: 41), that their persecuting power might be broken and peace might come again to the church. (Luke 21: 28; James 5: 7, 8; Heb. 10: 36, 37), and that his fulfilled prophecy (Luke 21: 31, 32), might be for a testimony to the nations and operate to the advancement of the kingdom of God (Matt. 24: 14).—T. J. Johnston, Launceston, Tas.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED.

Married couple and lady require in Adelaide board or bed and breakfast or flat, or will exchange home for fortnight commencing between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3.—Reply H. Bell, 16 Howard-st., Glen Iris, Melbourne.

Young church of Christ couple being married at Christmas wish to rent furnished flat or house, while building their own house. Reply L.H., 47 The Boulevard, Hawthorn.

PERSONAL INFORMATION WANTED.

A 39 year old former prisoner of war, believed to be suffering from loss of memory, is being sought by his wife and Brighton police. He is Douglas Lavington Draper, of 14 Shasta-ave., East Brighton, Vic., contracting engineer, who was last seen on Sept. 26, when leaving by train for Elmshurst, where he had a position. He is 5 ft. 10½ ins., thick set, with dark hair and complexion, and grey eyes. When last seen he was wearing a light grey suit with a blue stripe.

WANTED

Transport Camberwell church of Christ, Monbulk camp site, leaving Friday evening, Nov. 24, returning Sunday evening, Nov. 26. Would owner of truck for 40 people please 'phone WF7351?

DEATHS

PRITTIE.—At her home, 114 Princess-st., Nth. Carlton, Vic., on Thursday, Oct. 12, Ada Sarah, beloved wife of Harry, and mother of Freda (Mrs. Spry), Elva (Mrs. Comley), Stanley and Gordon. At rest.

PRITTIE.—On Oct. 12, at her home, 114 Princess-st., North Carlton, Vic., Ada Sarah, loving sister of Emma (Mrs. H.Louey); sister-in-law of Henry, aunt of Vera, and Thora. To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die.

BIRTH

MILLIS (Brooker).—On Oct. 9, at Bethesda, to Betty and Geoffrey—a daughter, Anne Elizabeth.

CROYDON CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, OCTOBER 29.

11 a.m., A. B. Withers.
3 p.m., H. Earle.
5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., P. Lumsden.

Come and enjoy fellowship with church.

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SWANSTON STREET 85th HOMECOMING SERVICES, NOVEMBER 12, 1950.

11 a.m., Mr. K. A. Macnaughtan.
2.30 p.m., Organ Recital—Mr. Max Olding.
3 p.m., Mr. H. Kingsbury.
7 p.m., Choral Service—Mr. K. A. Macnaughtan.
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IN MEMORIAM

MELDRUM.—In affectionate remembrance of Andrew Mackenzie Meldrum, M.A., D.D., who departed this life in Sydney on Oct. 25, 1943.

Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory.
—Inserted by L.M.

GRUHL.—Fond memories of my dear mother, who passed away at Murray Bridge, S.A., on Oct. 5, 1947.

—Inserted by a loving daughter and son-in-law.

MASON.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear wife, Annie, suddenly called home on Oct. 22, 1947.

"And with the morn, those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost
awhile."

—Frank Mason, North Essendon.

STOKES.—In loving memory of my darling Harold, who was accidentally killed at Horsham, Vic., Oct. 23, 1946.

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Harold was loved wherever he went.
Always respected, cheerful and bright,
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—Inserted by his mother, brother and sister.

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NORTH RICHMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST
DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS,
OCTOBER 29 and 31, 1950.
Sunday, Oct. 29—
11 a.m., Communion Service.
Soloist, Mr. Keith Hall.
Speaker, Mr. Howard Earle.
Basket lunch. Milk and tea will be provided.
2.45 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.
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Speaker—Dr. C. I. McLaren.
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7 p.m., Gospel Service.
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Speaker, Mr. J. G. Shaw.
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m., Social Evening.
Grand re-union.
All former members and friends are asked to accept this as an invitation to be present.
Church secretaries please announce.

COLLINGWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29:
3 p.m., Mr A. B. Withers.
5.30 p.m., Fellowship tea.
7 p.m., Mr. K. A. Jones.
Make it a "Back to Collingwood."

CHURCH OF CHRIST, GLENLYON-RD.,
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Oct. 22—Young People's Service, "What Christ Means to Me."
Oct. 29—Film Service. Sound film, "Which will ye have?"
Come and bring your friends.
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ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.
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Sunday, Oct. 22—3 p.m., Mr. Woolhouse.
7 p.m., Mr. Armstrong.
Sunday, Oct. 29—3 p.m., Mr. Fitzgerald.
7 p.m., Envoy Bloxam.
Special singing by Children.
Concert and distribution of prizes,
Thursday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.
Kindergarten Anniversary, Sunday, Nov. 12,
3 p.m.

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BACK TO LATROBE TERRACE, GEELONG.
93rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY,
OCTOBER 28, 29.
Reunion Tea, Saturday, Oct. 28, 5.30 p.m.
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OCTOBER 29 and NOVEMBER 5.
Speakers—
Oct. 29, 3 p.m., L. E. Brooker.
7 p.m., W. F. Nankivell.
Nov. 5, 3 p.m., W. W. Saunders.
7 p.m., W. F. Nankivell.
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BALWYN CHURCH OF CHRIST.
HOMECOMING DAY SERVICES,
NOVEMBER 5.
11 a.m., Lord's Table.
4 p.m., Fellowship Service—A. B. Withers.
5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., Gospel Service—D. Thomas.
Plan to come and renew old acquaintances at Balwyn on Sunday, Nov. 5.

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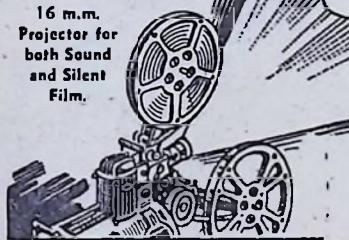
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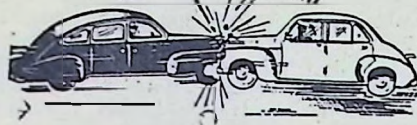
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