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Absent—M. D. Keatch.

Who Cares?

I Couldn't Care Less

A FORMER student of the College of the Bible wrote to another "old boy" saying that a case of oranges had been forwarded to the latter. He went on to say that the fruit was somewhat spotted, but was quite edible. "However," he said, "if you do not like the spots you can throw the oranges in the creek. I couldn't care less."

"I couldn't care less." That is a common saying these days. In some cases, maybe, it is akin to whistling to keep one's courage up. In many others it is an expression of an easy-going and care-free attitude. There is value in being easy going and care free in certain situations, but at deeper levels of life and thought, not to care is a sign of lack of sensitivity, sympathy and responsibility. We may not care because we are selfishly preoccupied and without larger vision.

H. G. Wells has aptly pictured the limits of him who does not care in the petulant protest of his croquet player, "I don't care. The world may be going to pieces. The Stone Age may be returning. This may, as you say, be the sunset of civilisation. I'm sorry, but I can't help it this morning. I have other engagements. All the same—laws of the Medes and Persians—I am going to play croquet with my aunt at half past twelve to-day."

If we are to be true men, and particularly Christian men, we had better care.

The Virtue of Caring

Von Hugel has said, "Caring is the biggest thing out. Christianity has taught us to care."

Caring is at the heart of every Christian service from the ministrations of Dorcas to the missionary journeys of Paul. The test of any religion is the extent to which it cares for the whole range of human needs. The priest and the Levite stand condemned because they passed by on the other side—they did not care. The hero of the story is the man who cared.

A Chinese proverb says, "It is not on my shoulders." But the redemption, consolation, happiness, progress and victory of the world depend on those who say, "It is on our shoulders." The world is softened and saved by people who care. Caring is the virtue of compassion, responsibility and service.

The Challenge to Care

This pertinent question, "Who cares?" on the lips of various questioners challenges all sensitive people.

The cynic asks the question in such a way as to suggest that nobody cares. He doesn't care and his very question is a criticism.

All people in any kind of need raise the question as a cry of anguish. The spiritually blind, the morally beaten, the frustrated, the multitudes in bondage to sin, the sick, the poor, the aged, the infirm, the orphans, the sad, the broken in heart, the refugees and other victims of war: all these ask the question, "Who cares?" If they are not vocal their very needs cry out and challenge us.

The prophet is alive to the situation, alert to the problems, sensitive to the human situation. He cares intensely, and challenges all with a clarion call, "Who cares?"

The Heart of the Gospel

The heart of the gospel is found in John 3: 16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son."

E. L. Williams, M.A., Principal of College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic.

This text could well read, "God so cared that he gave his only begotten Son." In the coming, the ministry and the teaching of Christ, God's care was made manifest. He cares for the birds, clothes the lilies. Not a sparrow hops down from a twig to the ground without God being interested in the event. The hairs of each head are numbered. He calls each one by name. The last, the least, and the lost are his particular concern.

The Religion That Cares

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. Christianity is the religion of God in Christ. It is the religion that cares because it is of him who was moved with compassion. It is the religion of the sensitised.

The morally and spiritually lost, the ignorant and illiterate, the lepers, the orphans, the aged, and infirm, and sick, the slaves, the industrial victims, the oppressed and the poor have always been, and ever are, the concern of true Christianity. Evangelism, education and social service, inter-twining, overlapping and inseparable, are the signs and soul of a virile church.

Do Thirty Thousand Members of Churches of Christ Care?

In all fields of our brotherhood work, local and co-operative, the great majority of men and women serving have had training in the College of the Bible, and at this season of the year the college says to the brotherhood, "Who cares?" Who cares? How much do we care? If we care we share.



Exit Students, 1950.

The Nations' Best Soldiers

WHEN a person is ill must we fight the symptoms or causes of the disease? There are people who attack symptoms of a complaint, and thinking they are on the improve, expose themselves to greater dangers.

The trained doctor aims at destroying the cause of disease. He is not deceived by what is on the surface. He knows that, if he can remove the source of the complaint, the patient will get rid of the symptoms.

In the attack on sickness, medical science is now waging war on the breeding places of disease. Prevention, it is said, is better than cure. By improving drainage, housing, hygiene, food and clothing, a community can raise the standard of health. To achieve this end large sums of money are spent on the training of men.

While physical sickness is an enemy, one of man's worst foes is man himself. Man suffers because of man. Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. At the present time the whole human race is afraid that one nation will attack another. To cure this state of affairs great armies of scientists are being trained. Men skilled in mechanics are paid high salaries to make weapons of destruction. Power and materials that could be used to build houses, make clothes and create numerous needs for the human race are being diverted to build up barriers against an expected invasion. But armies, navies and air forces are only symptoms of human fear, or love for aggression, or hate, or greed. One or all of these human weaknesses is often the cause of war. Armies are symptoms of a spiritual disease. When nations build huge armies, we can be sure that there is something very seriously affecting the spiritual health of the people. While there may be an occasion to resist aggression, it must be admitted that, in attacking an army, we are only fighting symptoms. We cannot cure the world's spiritual diseases that way.

We are raising millions of pounds to train and to arm huge forces. There is little grumbling about that enormous cost. People are not asked to supply the money: it is taken by the Government in taxes. While there may be some temporary feeling of security gained by all this expenditure, the real cause of the world's plight is not being attacked with widespread enthusiasm. The future is not made safe by military forces.

EDITORIAL

II.

THOSE who are fighting the sins of humanity by a skilful use of the "sword of the Spirit" are the real champions and heroes of the race. By living dangerously on the frontiers of the world, whether they be in lands advanced beyond national borders or in spiritual look-outs, these men and women are fighting the real battle to make the world safe and peaceful. Because they do not make an appeal to the whims, fears and passions of the multitudes, their efforts are not blazed in headlines on the daily papers, nor are they supported by large sums provided by taxation. Their work has been possible mainly because of their own sacrifices. They have dared to run risks, to face poverty and hardship, and to pioneer a way of peace in the name of Christ.

III.

WHILE there is no difficulty in gaining enormous sums of money to provide training for the armed forces, there is a disappointing struggle to raise a few pounds so as to give men and

women the education needed to prepare them for this most needful task of helping to save a perishing world. For health schemes to save the body and for armaments to withhold an invader there is plenty of money; but for the little band of men and women attacking in Christ's name the real cause of the world's trouble, only the few mites coming from the really faithful are available. But never has so little been spent to such noble advantage; never has so little provided such an abundance of blessings for men and women at home and abroad. These sums, added to the consecrated and self-sacrificing lives of young men and women, have helped to provide preachers, missionaries and social workers for churches.

If we are missionary minded, we shall be college minded. If we are lovers of peace, we shall be willing to help train workers for the Prince of peace. If we desire social justice, we shall help provide money to prepare those who want to be modern Good Samaritans.

If young people are prepared to make sacrifices to help cure the world of its spiritual diseases, church members ought to be ready to provide the necessary money for their training. By giving gifts now and by encouraging the training of men and women for the Christian ministry, we help to ensure a supply of workers to meet the future demands of the kingdom of God.

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The Students' Committee.

The College Undergirds Brotherhood Work

In Overseas Work

ALMOST from the inception of our work overseas the college has been a great missionary agency, and has taken a worthy place in our brotherhood programme. When we remember the number of cultured and consecrated young men and women who have gone forth to regions beyond, we are able to assess something of the magnificent work of the college. We never could have equipped the fields with workers had it not been for the college. So closely is the work of the college related to overseas missions that its expansion and effectiveness largely depends upon our support of the former. When we give to the college—we give to the work overseas. The well-being and development of our brotherhood missionary fields rest upon our brotherhood missionary training centre. By its fruits Glen Iris can be judged abundantly worthy.

Within the last two years no less than eight new workers have gone out from the college to fields overseas, in the persons of—

Mr. E. W. Heard, India.
Mrs. Dorothy Heard, India.
Miss Hazel Skuse, India.
Mr. Ron. McLean, New Hebrides.
Mr. Hariba Waghmodi, India.
Miss Gwen Batterham, India.
Mr. Roy Dixon, India.
Mrs. Joy Dixon, India.

At the close of this year Mr. Keith Skillicorn will go to India to work in association with our British churches.

This company of consecrated young people is an inspiration to all the churches, and constitutes a splendid contribution to overseas missions. Further, we realise that there is a group of missionary volunteers in college preparing, so that when the door opens for service they will be equipped and ready.

We believe, too, that whilst the great commission of our Lord remains, and there are young people with the love of Christ in their hearts for a lost and tragic world, there will be a steady stream coming to Glen Iris to prepare for the needy overseas fields of God. By our gifts to the college, we become partners with those who carry the gospel to the Christless in other lands. Let us greatly strengthen the work of the college through cheerful and liberal giving on October 1.



How the College Helps Youth

ALL the evidence proves that the college helps youth.

It Provides Youth with Adequate Spiritual Leadership

Young people in our Sunday schools and youth groups must be won and held for Christ and the church. All the time youth directors are finding that where churches are struggling along without preachers it is harder to win and hold young people. When the

leadership in the church is being given by a consecrated, sympathetic preacher, young people come to Christ and stay with him. The college helps to supply more and more of such men.

It Helps Youth to Meet Its Intellectual Problems with an Adequate Christian Answer

As the school-leaving age rises, and as more and more of our young people receive secondary and university education, greater demands than ever are made on their pastors. Young people will listen more readily to those who have read and studied in the fields that they know. Young people will listen to those who have faced up to intellectual problems that they themselves are wrestling with. Young people more and more are seeking a reason for the faith that is in them. The college helps to provide men who can help young people of today with the Christian solution to their personal and intellectual problems.

It Helps Youth by Providing Leaders for Their Groups

More and more the college is training preachers who are able to enter a field and train in turn teachers and leaders of local schools and youth groups. The training given by the college helps wide-awake students to go out into the field to assess the needs of the local youth and to take steps to meet those needs. Thus they are able to centre the total life of their young people around the church.

It Helps Youth by Making It Possible for Some Young People to Train Themselves for Full-time Christian Service

Many of the best of our young people have awakened to the knowledge that Christ is calling them to set apart all their time and energies to the work of the gospel. With their eyes wide open to the cost of such a calling, they are arranging to relinquish lucrative positions in the business world or they are by-passing the opportunities for professional advancement—all this to enter into the full-time ministry. The least the brotherhood can do is to provide them with the means of training. These young men and women are making great sacrifices gladly. If as Christians we believe in equality of sacrifice . . . and we should . . . we will make our sacrifice by giving so generously to the college that its great work might go on from glory to glory.—G. R. Stirling.



Why Have a College at All?

THERE was a time when in Australia we did not have a college, yet the Restoration Movement made good progress. However, it drew upon overseas institutions for some of its leaders, and many of them were giants in their day.

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What is a college for—is its product necessary? If it is to turn out "parsons" all replete with collar reversed and the prefix "Rev.," and all that goes with that sort of thing, then I would say "No"—others can do the job better than we can. Such men amongst us who desired these things have gone to where they can be procured.

Our pre-college days produced some excellent leaders and preachers—Saxby, the noted educationalist; Crawford, the shoemaker whose messages were literary gems and soaked in Bible lore; Leo, Rossell, J. Macindoe, the Gole and other families. Scores of able speakers preached to the multitudes and exhorted the brethren.

Out in the full-time work there were such men as T. Hagger, A. W. Connor, H. P. Leng, D. A. Evers, G. H. Browne, H. G. Payne, and many others.

But still came the call for more men to leave the security of a settled home and a settled job to go out into the unoccupied areas of our continent with the evangel of life.

The Home Missionary Committees waited for the first men to come from Glen Iris. All States sought them and have done so ever since. Almost every home mission field is assisted by men trained as evangelists by our college.

Our various home mission expansion programmes call for an ever-increasing number of men to go "to the other towns also"—men of the "shepherd heart" who will give themselves to a pastoral and evangelistic ministry, who will train workers and make daily contact with people in their homes. For these evangelists we must of necessity look to our college.

Our college has justified its existence—it has given us men of the right type. Glen Iris has undergirded our home mission work throughout the Commonwealth.

Of course we must have a college in these days. What could we do without it? It has become a necessity.—W. Gale, a former Home Mission secretary, Vic.



What the College Means to Social Service

The College is a College of the Bible. Because of this it teaches the whole Bible, and the whole Bible reveals the social obligations of man. Students are taught the relationship of man to God, and man to man, and these relationships are given their separate and proper emphasis before the churches. The cumulative effect of the preaching of students over a quarter of a century is seen in the ever-increasing interest of churches in social institutions. Those who can think back over 25 years will acknowledge the emphasis that is being given by our preachers to the obligations of the Christian towards his fellow-man with regard to the present as well as the future.

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Origin of the name "Glen Iris"

By J. E. Taylor, B.A., a Devoted Teacher at College for Almost Forty Years.

(Extracted from "The History of Malvern" (p. 146) from its first settlement to a city, written by John Butler Cooper, compiler of the official Municipal Histories of Brighton, Prahran and St. Kilda.)

"GLEN IRIS owes its place name origin from the home name of a house that was built by J. C. Turner, solicitor, an early resident of the district of Malvern. Glen Iris is well within the sphere of Malvern's interest, though where Glen Iris begins and where it ends has not so far as we know been officially determined. We presume the place name Glen Iris was adopted when the house and its lands were sold by order of the mortgagees on Dec. 27, 1861. Antioneer Stubbs advertised the lands as the 'Glen Iris' estate, and he described the property as having a frontage of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Gardiner's Creek. Upon the land was a dwelling-house and also extensive buildings used in the work of the estate. The area of the estate was 100 acres, exclusive of a separate grant of 16 acres. Stubbs said the whole estate was composed of undulating productive land, and

subdivided into cultivation and grazing paddocks. There were a vineyard, orchard, vegetable and flower gardens. The estate was $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south-east from Toorak, just beyond Newstead villa the property of B. Salway, and the mansion and grounds of Alderman Keeley. The residence was 60 feet long by 48 broad, partly built of brick. The drawing and dining-rooms were 18 feet square. A building at the back contained a kitchen, servants' room and upper dairy with granite floor, and also a dairy 24 feet in length, sunk in the earth and fitted with cool slated tables, pump, etc. Beyond this was an outhouse of no less than 120 feet in length. It was subdivided into compartments for the farm hands employed on the estate. Beneath the roof of the building were the stables, coach-house and other houses. That was 64 years ago, so it may be surmised that at that time both sides of the Gardiner's Creek were well cultivated, that there were numbers of farm hands at work, and that when the day's work was done, the village of Malvern was not to them so far away wherein household supplies could be obtained. The house must have dominated its lands and thereby affixed its name to the pleasing sweep of country we now call Glen Iris." (N.B.—Malvern was declared a city in 1911.)

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The Faculty of the college has always been sympathetic to the aims and claims of the Social Service Department. The faculty of the college right from the very beginning has not been bound by a narrow conception of the gospel, but has been responsible for giving us a wider vision which has helped us to see man's physical, social and mental needs as well as the spiritual. Our missionaries to lands across the seas, almost all of whom have been college trained, have taken a gospel of deeds as well as a gospel of belief to the people. This same teaching has inspired those who remain at home with a desire to translate the gospel into deeds.

What the Social Service Department of the future is to be will be largely determined by the college. The college is the teaching institution of churches of Christ, and a record of 44 years justifies us in saying it is worthy of our confidence, support and prayers. Having spent four years in college I can thank God for what it has meant to me. My own association with the Social Service Department is due in no small measure to the calibre of the men under whose influence and teaching I graduated and the men with whom I was privileged to live. The future progress of social service, indeed the whole brotherhood, is bound up with the College of the Bible in its training and teaching mission.—W. T. Atkin.



G. W. Wood,
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A. B. Titter,
Vic.



A. M. Wood,
Qld.

YOU'LL BE SORRY!

By L. G. Crisp, L.Th., a chaplain who served with the R.A.A.F. in Queensland.

AN urgent call comes to young men and women to-day which is not accompanied by the sounding of fanfares and the blowing of trumpets. It is the call of the Master, Christ, recruiting men and women for service in his kingdom. It is a call he answered himself as a young man laying aside the working tools of the carpenter. At the age of thirty Jesus made his way to the river to be immersed in fellowship with sinners, amongst whom he mingled freely until he died.

On that occasion we are told the heavens opened and the voice of the Father resounded through the valley as the Holy Spirit came upon him and equipped him. But Jesus saw something else that day. He saw the crowds who had gathered on the banks of the stream and he was sorry for them. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd and he had compassion on them.

Not a Mere Job

In a strange and no less wonderful way the Lord lays the burden of the crowds on those who are sensitive to his voice. The late T. H. Scambler often reminded us that we may not select the work of the ministry as a mere job in life as we may choose medicine, or law, or commerce. The calling of God is something that is given of God to all constrained by love to forsake in some cases lucrative employment. And to men who have heard this call and like the Master have seen the needs of men, perhaps no worthier institution exists

to train them than the College of the Bible. At the college, under the influence of consecrated Christian scholarship and the rich fellowship of kindred minds, the students prepare for their life's work.

Counting the Cost

But the giving up of a lucrative position and the realisation of academic qualifications alone cannot provide the impetus for an efficient ministry. Occasionally comparisons are made with the past, and the student seeks material gains to compensate for the things he has given up. He begins to feel sorry for the course of life pursued. Counting the cost he finds it too great. In a sense it were better that he had not started than to have become a casualty by the way.

If the needs of mankind would drive a student to his knees and fill his heart with a

great compassion for lost souls, then those seeking life's greatest adventure will be sorry in another fashion.

The Noblest Hearts

You will be sorry as Jesus was for the sheep without a shepherd; sorry as Lord Shaftesbury was for children working long hours in mines, sorry for children sweeping chimneys, so sorry that he gave up a mansion to toil for their emancipation from such a system. You'll be sorry, as was Father Damien, the great missionary, for lepers who, having contracted the dread disease, considered it a triumph to declare not "You lepers" but "We lepers."

The challenge to the early disciples was to "Go, make disciples." They took Jesus seriously, and went far afield in their blazing passion to make Jesus known. Of them it has been said that forces which would have daunted the bravest spirits and hindered the noblest hearts broke upon these men of vision like ocean breakers on some rock-bound coast. Each new onslaught released fresh resources of resistance. They withstood the shock of sudden assault because they were rooted and grounded in God.



O. M. Jones,
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P. French,
Vic.

THE PENSIONER'S MITE

An isolated sister, sending in her gift for the college, recently wrote: "My husband and I are only old-age pensioners, but I try to help where I can, through being careful. I send this donation and wish you all the best." Enclosed with the letter was a postal note for 30/-—almost the whole of one week's pension.

WE LOOK FOR GOOD DIVIDENDS

Business Men speak

No Inferior Products

G. J. Foot, of Launceston, Tas.

CLARENCE FRANCIS, chairman of General Foods Incorporated, said, "I believe that the greatest assets of a business are its human assets, and the improvement of their value is a matter of both material advantage and moral obligation." The efficiency of its assets, men, machines or materials, largely governs the rate of dividend which a business can pay to its shareholders. Underpaid, poorly trained staff will produce an inferior article which will be difficult to market, and the results of such operations will certainly not be profits or dividends.

Let us consider Christ's church as a huge business undertaking, the main difference being that we all hold the dual role of employees and shareholders! There are resources available, through the study of God's word and experience in the local church, for every employee to attain a satisfactory standard of proficiency for his position. However, as in all large undertakings, executives, managers and foremen are needed in large numbers, and these men must have intensive and specialised training. The means for this is readily available in the courses of our Federal College of the Bible. It is only by a continuance and extension of the work of the college that we can hope for good dividends from the largest enterprise of all—the promotion of the kingdom of God. In the successful business of to-day, no effort or expense is spared in training staff. Facilities are provided for study, and employees are given incentives to encourage them in increasing their knowledge and efficiency. Interstate and overseas experience for promising young men is the normal policy of many large firms. The young men and women who are fitting themselves for full-time service in God's business need no incentive beyond the compelling love of their Lord. It is therefore incumbent upon the shareholders—the members of the churches—to see that the very best facilities are available to them. Graduates of the Federal College of the Bible have won admiration and respect for their work for Christ throughout Australia and overseas, but we must see to it that this generation of students have equal opportunities. It should be possible to maintain the high standards set in teaching, to extend the scope of the courses and to increase and improve accommodation and equipment. If we do not accept this responsibility, we cannot reasonably expect from our college the good dividends in the form of men who will really be leaders in the ceaseless crusade of the church.

There is the challenge. For you and me, it comes to this: are we willing to put into the college, cash, as much as we possibly can, to ensure that it will return regularly a dividend of men, who are fitted to be leaders in our work for Christ? The annual offering for the college will be our opportunity and answer.



C. M. Dunse,
Vic.



M. D. Keatch,
S.A.



R. V. Holmes,
Vic.

All Shareholders

R. P. Morris, M.C.E.

THE PUBLIC judge a business by its product, its quality, its usefulness, and its "value for money."

SHAREHOLDERS judge a business by the dividends they receive at the end of the financial year and the security of the investment. Usually a business that is well thought of by shareholders is also well esteemed by the public.

The education and training of our Christian leaders for the service of mankind, through the church, is a specialised business. The College of the Bible is a brotherhood enterprise in which we are all shareholders. The college is devoted exclusively to the education and training of our Christian leaders. It is a specialised undertaking. Judged by the public, the college has produced men and women who have successfully taken a leading part on the mission field, in the community, in the church, and as leaders of our youth. The quality of "output" over the years has been consistently high. The only complaint from the public has been "too little and too late."

From the viewpoint of the shareholders, churches of Christ in Australia, the dividends have been high, for we have been well served as trained specialists have come from the college to serve the brotherhood at home and abroad.

To-day's world situation demands a greater output of quantity and quality. This means a greater effort on the part of the shareholders.

We issue this call for a further subscription of capital—as increased output demands more money and effort. The chairman and members of the board of this "company" confidently recommend that you make a further investment in C.O.B. shares. No enterprise listed on the Stock Exchange can offer you the same return on your money as an investment in C.O.B. shares... Subscribe liberally for an additional interest in this vital undertaking in the annual offering on October 1.



Safeguard Our Investments

W. Morrow, Jun., Dulwich, S.A.

IN the world of business to-day, with competition growing keener every day, the man in business has to look to his merits as he has never looked before. The first thing he must do is to train himself to be better at his job, and then train those who work with, or under, him to be better at their jobs. Yet while this man may be technically perfect, he can still fall down badly by his inability to set an example to his fellows. In this seemingly small point a business can be made or broken.

The same things that face the business man of to-day face the preacher of to-day, for when all is said and done, is not the job of winning souls for Jesus Christ a very competitive business? Worldly things seem to rival the things of the spirit. A man of God has to be more of a business man than those who engage in the business of the commercial world. His dividends are not the pounds, shillings and pence of his fellow, but what is far more valuable—lives. Just as the business man must

be an expert in his particular line, so the preacher must train to be an expert in his business. However, the training of the latter must be more concise, yet more comprehensive, than any other profession, and because, in the business of winning lives for Jesus Christ, more



S. M. Sparkes,
Tas.



W. H. Greenwood,
S.A.

is at stake. Hence the task lies before the College of the Bible to train these men of God into the ways of the business world so that they can equip themselves when they enter into competition with the worldly things of this life. It is not an easy thing to establish a flourishing business. It takes months and years to reach perfection, yet the elementary period spent in training is one of the major factors of the success of this business. It is like the erection of a building. If a very solid and stable foundation is not laid, then that building is useless. A preacher, therefore, must train and make that training tell or he will not be of much value in the job he has elected to do. Then, again, a business can



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W.A.

be an awful failure if it has not the whole-hearted support of its shareholders. If the men and women who provide the finance are not supporting their interests, then not only will the business fail, but the investor will lose his profits. We can liken ourselves to shareholders in the great Christian company. As shareholders, to safeguard our investments, we must be sure that those who are operating the business have a decent training. Now is our opportunity, with the coming of the College of the Bible annual offering, to really sink money into concrete investment. Just as we put all we have into our own businesses in order that good dividends may result from our efforts, so must we put our utmost into the business of winning men and women for the kingdom of God. The more we put into this business, the greater will be our returns in an expanding church. We want good dividends, therefore our investments must be good.

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Why I Choose India

Keith Skillicorn.

OF recent months many friends have asked me the question, "Why go to India? Surely there is enough work to be done here, for vast new housing settlements have yet to be evangelised, and many churches are still without adequate leadership. Why go to India when the need is so great in the homeland?"

To me Indian presents the *Challenge of Priority*. That the need in Australia is great is a fact that cannot be denied, for millions here are still without any real hope in Christ. This fact, however, must not cloud our minds to another, namely, that the need of India is greater. Few Australians can say that the message of salvation is beyond their reach. In almost every town in Australia there is some form of Christian witness, and the radio is playing a prominent part in reaching the outback regions. It is true that much of this witness may not be wholly satisfactory, but at least it is an attempt to direct the minds of men to the highest allegiance in Christ Jesus. India, with almost 400 million inhabitants, is not so fortunate, for of her 700,000 villages at

satisfaction, only misery, rural squalor and agricultural decay. India needs Christ who brings peace, hope and life eternal. So with his help I choose India.



Page From Past

J. Ernest Allan.

FORTY-THREE years ago a small group of young men from Australian and New Zealand churches assembled in Lygon-st. church hall and enrolled as charter students of the College of the Bible. They were keen advocates of the Restoration Movement, and were equally keen to secure an enlightened Biblical training and a general education in order to meet the demands of the cultural standards of the day. As one of the group I am grateful to the college for its influence upon my life and for the enrichment of soul and mind. through guided studies, concerning God, Christ the Saviour, the Bible, and the basic principles of the plea for New Testament Christianity.

Over the years hundreds of young men and women have been trained for service by con-

"I've Received a Commission"

George Smith, chairman of Students' Committee.

TO speak of being commissioned demands realistic thinking and action. I am faced with three challenging questions concerning my commission in Christian service.

1. For What Purpose?

Christianity claims purpose in the universe and the world. In Christ God has revealed his purpose for men. A decade ago I received a commission from God. It was the simple challenge the church gives each week, calling men to live under the lordship of Christ and to obey his will. Church service made the question of purpose increasingly pertinent. Why the church? Why auxiliaries? Behind this seemingly futile work I found my own desire was to throw in my lot with other Christians to serve Christ in this generation. Our task was to reveal the living Word of God to the world. The church was the workshop; the table of remembrance the core of activity.

2. In What Way?

This is a personal question for each Christian to earth in active service. Church life became



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least two-thirds have never been touched by the Christian message.

India also presents the *Challenge of the Open Door*. Never before in the history of Christian missions in India have the opportunities for witness been so great as they are to-day. It seems strange to say that, since India gained her independence from British rule, there has been a greater response to the gospel message. Under the rule of the Republic, there is complete freedom of religion. For example, the State of Sarjuga, bordering the province of Bihar, is one of the largest units in the middle area. So long as Sarjuga was under the rule of a despotic prince, Christians were forbidden to preach the gospel there; but now that the rule of the princes has been curbed, and the whole of India has come under one democratic constitution, that ban has been lifted automatically. At present there is not one church in the whole of that vast State, but next January the missionaries of the British churches of Christ begin the task of pioneering the field. The door is wide open, but for how long?

Combined with this is the *Challenge of Communism*. With great zeal the subtle forces of Marxian Communism are at work in India and in other lands where there are class inequalities and poverty. The national income of India is only enough to feed two-thirds of the population. Unless this situation (which Nehru calls "the unutterable sorrow and misery of the Indian masses") can be eradicated, Communism will find a fertile breeding ground. I believe that the injustices of class inequality and the onslaught of Communism can never be successfully checked by the use of carnal force, but only by the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through the lives of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ and all men.

India is said to be the most religious of all lands. Many Hindus by the depth of their devotion, would make us blush with shame. Yet, with all their gods, they have not found

secrated teachers under the direction of the former principals, H. G. Harward, A. R. Main and T. H. Scambler, and the present principal, E. L. Williams.

A retrospective view recalls vividly the courage and initiative of the first Board of Management. The venture was not greeted with acclaim by all; many churches and individuals were suspicious and critical. Expressions like the following were heard: "An unnecessary financial burden," "Our preachers will become a professional class," "Supply of students will be exhausted," "There will be more preachers than churches," "Australian scholarship inadequate for the task," etc., etc. It was difficult to convince the critics that an Australian-trained ministry was essential for brotherhood progress in the homeland and overseas. The wise administration by the board, coupled with faithful instruction by the faculty, broke down opposition.

A survey of the past presents a dismal picture of the original college residence. An old terrace house in a crowded residential area, Carlton, served as class-rooms and dormitories. No grounds for recreation, no gymnasium for physical development, no room for quiet meditation and study, the general environment and atmosphere were not conducive for the cultivation of enthusiasm or inspiration; however the faculty and students surmounted all disadvantages and justified the faith of the Board.

The removal of the college to the beautiful suburb of Glen Iris commenced another page in its history; the present institution, with its enlarged and progressive faculty, splendid buildings, lovely chapel, and spacious grounds, is a monument of vision and venture in the interests of New Testament Christianity.

alive with meaning. Gradually the fact of Christ commissioning men to serve him became a driving force in my life, ultimately leading me to the College of the Bible. It was not a call out of the clouds, nor was it a vision from a far country. It was simply seeing the world's need in the light of the matchless Christ. The driving impetus was that these two must meet. How? This depends upon the contribution each Christian is willing to make. I have discovered that the four years at Glen Iris have sensitised my original commission and revealed the ministry as a real and vital challenge. It has achieved this through—

Placing Christ foremost in teaching and activity;

Wise leadership and training;

Providing a sense of Christian community and oneness by living with men with like purpose;

Giving an ever-increasing appreciation of the church;

And an ever-widening picture of the world's need.

3. By What Authority?

Purpose and activity demand authority. We find it in the One of whom God said, "This is my beloved Son; hear ye him." On listening to him we live with purpose; we abide in his strength in fellowship and worship, and we go in service in his name and power.

The exit students realise that, wherever they serve, the success of the trust given to them rests on the lordship of Christ over all they are and all they hope to be. We cannot help but feel our indebtedness to God for the privilege of passing through a Christ-centred college to secure a firm foundation for our future work.

COMMONWEALTH ROUND-UP

HERE AND THERE

Offering, College of Bible, Glen Iris, Oct. 1.

We are indebted to K. A. Jones, organising secretary of the College of the Bible, for gathering copy for this issue.

Mission at Moorooka, Qld., had wonderful close, Sunday night (Sept. 10); over 300 present; 12 decisions; total during 4 weeks 21; offering £116.—Gibb.

Federal Conference programmes are now available and may be obtained from G. E. Ashlin, 46 Faraday-st., West Hobart, or from the Austral Printing and Publishing Co.. The price is two shillings posted.

South Australian churches meet in annual conference from Sept. 13 to 20 at Grote-st., Adelaide. H. Cave, conference president, will be chairman. While there have been 258 additions by faith and baptism, the revision of rolls has reduced total membership by 259.

There was an overflow meeting on Aug. 27 at Ma Ma Creek, Qld., when W. H. Nightingale gave address. On Sept. 3 Lars Larsen conducted in memoriam service in honor of E. W. Boettcher, for many years secretary of church. Miss Laurel Owen and Ernie Gibson, who confessed Christ recently, were baptised by Mr. Davidson.

Parents who cherish an opportunity for their boy leaving school at the end of the year—a career in which he not only earns a living but contributes to Christian work, are invited to confer with the manager of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. At present there is a vacancy for a boy in the press-room.

Church at Wagga, N.S.W., was pleased to have a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, of Woolwich Bible College, Sydney, on Sept. 3. A welcome tea was held in school hall. Mr. Patterson addressed gospel service and spoke of work at college. Mrs. Leamont, of Sydney, rendered a fine solo. Mrs. Rudd has been ill for past few weeks and T. Greenway is a patient in Base Hospital. Bible school is preparing for anniversary. J. W. Morrison is assisting with singing. Col. Willis maintains good work amongst C.E. members. W. Thomson is faithfully preaching gospel. Ladies' Aid has added a new set of crockery to kitchen.

Church at Wiley Park, N.S.W., has enjoyed a fortnight's mission, D. Mansell, of Bible College, Woolwich, being evangelist and Mr. Oswald, of South Auburn, song-leader. Several were able to hear gospel message, perhaps, for first time. There were three reconsecrations. Christians were blessed and inspired by messages. Bible school teachers were encouraged by success of scholars at recent examinations. During period without a preacher, church has been pleased to have help of visiting speakers and local brethren. Next month Mr. Crossman will commence his ministry with church.



Splendid Response at Surrey Hills

A GREAT experience in the life of the church at Surrey Hills, Vic., occurred recently when the restoration visitation campaign was conducted, under leadership and encouragement of Messrs. Neighbour and Nankivell. Six teams of visitors met for tea and prayer and then went into homes, reviving interest, rekindling love. This effort was much appreciated, and many assurances of renewed fellowship were given. Sept. 9 was observed as temple day. Offering has reached £257, including £55 raised

by Ladies' Guild. Jubilee Sunday morning meeting was well attended. Over 170 were present, 26 being in response to restoration appeal. An inspiring address was given by W. W. Saunders. Bible school reunion in afternoon, under chairmanship of C. E. Mott, was enjoyable; 120 attended, and L. A. Trezise was speaker. 105 were present at fellowship tea. Birthday cake made by Mrs. Newham was cut by Mrs. Allen, a foundation member of Ladies' Guild. Evening meeting was again crowded. At conclusion of Mr. Earle's address, Jim Haines, a senior scholar from Bible school, made his stand for Christ. The pulpit Bible, presented by Ladies' Guild, in memory of late Sister Mrs. Wilson, was used throughout.



Central Northern District Conference, Vic.

AT Echuca, Vic., a half-yearly conference was held on Aug. 5. Amongst delegates and visitors welcomed by president, R. A. Banks, were Mrs. E. M. Washfold, president of Victorian Women's Conference, and Messrs. A. W.



Mrs. W. Waterman (Asst. Housekeeper), Miss M. Russell (Housekeeper).

Candy and Mott, from Swan Hill. During morning session Mr. Candy spoke earnestly. Mrs. Washfold gave greetings. In afternoon women's session, under presidency of Mrs. H. Briggs, was held. Mrs. Washfold spoke and Mrs. Parry pleased with solo. An enjoyable men's meeting was held at which H. Hargreaves spoke on the place of men in the church. Messrs. Pollock and Robinson rendered a duet. A delightful tea was provided by ladies of Echuca. A song-service, led by C. J. Robinson, opened youth session in evening. Mrs. Parry sang effectively and scripture selection was read by Neil Gilmore. A resolution was passed urging churches to contribute to a fund to help needy churches in area. On behalf of conference, Mr. Banks expressed regret at approaching departure of Mr. Robinson from district, and thanked him for his valuable assistance. Mr. Robinson suitably replied. Mr. Candy gave a stirring address to youth. Supper brought a delightful day to a close.

Federal Conference

FEDERAL Conference will be held at Hobart, Tas., from Oct. 6-13. Besides business sessions and rallies, there will be several outings for delegates. On Saturday afternoon there will be a trip to Mount Wellington. On Wednesday afternoon there will be a run through the apple districts of the south. Conference picnic is planned for Friday, Oct. 13, to be held at New Norfolk, in the beautiful Derwent Valley.



Federal Prizes

1950 SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION.

- Div. 1.—1, Richard Tattersall, Drumecondra, Vic.; 2, Rae Coleman, Taree, N.S.W.
- Div. 2.—1, John Saxby, Taree, N.S.W.; 2, Beryl Stubbins, Boonah, Qld.
- Div. 3.—1, Jean Wishart, Wembley, W.A.; 2, Jillian Ewers, Blackwood, S.A.
- Div. 4.—1, Frances Park, Wembley, W.A.; 2, Elizabeth Haden, Taree, N.S.W.
- Div. 5.—1, Ian Pike, Murray Bridge, S.A.; 2, Edda Chivell, Mildura, Vic.
- Div. 6.—1, Merle Jenner, Boonah, Qld.; 2, Margaret Morris, Epping, N.S.W.
- Div. 7.—1, Dorothy Nelson, Nedlands, W.A.; 2, Beverley Gill, Blackburn, Vic.
- Div. 8.—1, Valda Morrison, Hartwell, Vic.; 2, Audrey Stevens, Wembley, W.A.
- Div. 9.—1, Neida Day, Ashfield, N.S.W.; 2, Barbara Angell, Hartwell, Vic.
- Div. 10.—Margaret Jamieson, Cardiff, N.S.W.



Tasmanian Prize List

ANNUAL SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION.

- Div. 1.—1, Denis Edwards, Margaret-st., Launceston, 92 per cent.; 2, Robin Burt, Devonport, 89; 3, Vonda Smith, Caveside, 84; 4, Dennis Burr, Dover, 83; 5, Margaret Smith, Devonport, and Wendy Rushton, Dover, equal, 81.
- Div. 2.—1, Elizabeth Thompson, Sandhill, 97; 2, Austin Byard, Caveside, 96; 3, Kay King, Collins-st., Hobart, 84; 4, Vonda Pitt, Devonport, 82; 5, Brian Smith, Caveside, 81.
- Div. 3.—1, Graeme Alderton, Invermay, 86; 2, Jeannette Kohl, West Hobart, 85; 3, Shirley Winwood, Ulverstone, 84; 4, Christopher Holland, Collins-st., Hobart, 83; 5, Marjorie Bowring, Collins-st., Hobart, 82.
- Div. 4.—1, Maurice Harvey, Caveside, 93; 2, Shirley Horder, Sandhill, 90; 3, Lynette Wilmot, Margaret-st., Launceston, 85; 4, Betty Ritter, Ulverstone, 77; 5, Owen Rogers, Caveside, 72.
- Div. 5.—1, Shirley Sinsfield, Caveside, 96; 2, Donald Byard, Caveside, 92; 3, Shirley Alderton, Invermay, 85; 4, Naomi Knight, Collins-st., Hobart, 83; 5, Jill Cook, Caveside, 82.
- Div. 6.—1, June Alderton, Invermay, 78; 2, Neil Rowlands, Ulverstone, 72.
- Div. 7.—1, Harry Harvey, Caveside, 97; 2, Gaylene Hobbs, Ulverstone, 95; 3, Valma Ritter, Ulverstone, 90; 4, Shiley Gibson, Margaret-st., Launceston, 84; 5, Shirley Martin, Sandhill, 83.
- Div. 8.—1, Dorothy Knight, Collins-st., Hobart, 84; 2, Gwen Rowe, Collins-st., Hobart, 79; 3, Valma Golder, West Hobart, 73.

An evening was held on Sept. 2, at Drumcondra, Vic., to celebrate 25th anniversary of church. On 3rd, J. Bond, of Springvale, preached at both services. The church was saddened by death of Mr. Tattersall, sen., on Sunday.

News



of the Churches

Tasmania

Devonport.—Church has appreciated sermons given by local brethren and also help by Messrs. Higgs and Crowden, of Ulverstone. On Sept. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Denholme, of Bethany Boys' Hostel, Dover, paid a visit. Mr. Denholme delivered address and showed films of home providing help for ten boys. Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Denholme on 3rd, and Sister Sheldon, of Gembrook, Vic. Mr. Denholme's sermon was appreciated. Sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Rod Pitt in illness of little Graeme. Sister S. Bruton has been able to attend service after operation. S. C. Burt gave a good gospel address. Church is looking forward to fellowship with D. Wakeley, who is to give a month's help prior to conference.

Queensland

Rockhampton.—There were good attendances at both services on Aug. 27. At gospel service Mrs. Andrews was immersed. One adult confessed Christ. Bible school is preparing for anniversary.

Maryborough.—On July 26 K. Jones, of College of Bible, showed slides of college. Mr. Roberts was speaker at nurses' devotional meeting at General Hospital on Aug. 3. A fellowship tea was held on Aug. 6 followed by gospel service, at which Dr. Hansen, of General Hospital, addressed a well-attended meeting which included a group of nurses. Flower show was held on Aug. 11. As a result debt on city chapel will be liquidated. Special services at Baddow on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 will mark opening of new chapel. A series of gospel addresses is being given by Mr. Roberts. Sunday morning service, Aug. 27, was broadcast through H.M.B. when Mr. Roberts spoke.

Western Australia

North Perth.—During month a men's meeting was held at which Mr. Wilson, a lecturer at university, was speaker. The Y.P. Society conducted a film night at which 50 young people were present. At a meeting of ladies Mrs. Holmes, of Temperance Union, was speaker. At a youth service two young people made a decision for their Lord. Endeavor Societies, Y.P., Intermediate and C.E., took part in "Orange and Flower" day. Mission, which has had several setbacks, commenced on Aug. 20; there were about a hundred present and two decisions. A wedding took place in chapel on Aug. 19, when Peter Horton, Sunday school superintendent, and Valmai Livingstone, Sunday school teacher, were united in marriage.

Fremantle.—Church suffered further loss with passing of F. P. Whelan on July 19. Although residing at Yunderup he faithfully supported work and witness of church. A film evening was held on July 21, when £4/2/- was raised for manse fund. This enjoyable gathering was made possible by Russell Manning who kindly made films available. Overseas mission offering amounted to £9/17/6. Church has entered a two-month period of self-denial covering July and August. This sacrificial effort is aiming to raise the manse fund to £500. A further film evening was given by R. Manning at North Fremantle on July 25 to raise funds for Bible school there. Aug. 6 was observed with sister churches as Hospital Sunday, and offerings were received to extend work at "Bethesda." On Aug. 13 Intermediate

and Junior Endeavorers visited a ward in Fremantle Hospital and distributed 29 bunches of flowers and 5 dozen oranges to patients. "Orange and Flower Sunday" also brought cheer to five other homes visited by Endeavorers. Those assisting in preaching have been C. H. Hunt, O. Fieldus and David Hammer.

South Australia

Fullarton.—Attendances improved on Sept. 3; some are still away through sickness. B. W. Manning gave a splendid sermon. There was a big attendance at gospel meeting. Monthly message on prophecy was preached by B. W. Manning. Several cars brought visitors from Kersbrook and Houghton. Choir provided an item under leadership of Peter Mau.



S. Seaby,
W.A.



B. H. Crowden,
Tas.

Kilburn.—Twenty members of C.Y.F. made an enjoyable visit to youth department concert at Croydon on Aug. 30, transport being provided by F. Lawrance. A. Mackenzie, of Prospect, conducted 11.15 a.m. service on Sept. 3, when A. J. Ingham spoke to 32 Young Worshipers and 36 adults. During service Helen McLaren was welcomed into fellowship, having been baptised recently. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school was 122. Several teachers and scholars visited Semaphore Bible school anniversary to support kindergarten superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Peacock, who was speaker. Mrs. C. Kelly assisted with vocal items. J.C.E. held consecration meeting.

Pt. Pirle.—Average attendances for four Sundays have been: Breaking of bread, 40; gospel service, 32; communicants, 36. 75th church anniversary attendances increased the attendances and encouraged church. R. L. McNicol indicated that he wished to be relieved of office of secretary, but has agreed to carry on until new secretary has been appointed. His twelve years of faithful service have been appreciated. All offices were filled at annual business meeting. Good reports from auxiliaries were received. Bible school and Y.P.S.C.E. are contributing towards upkeep of Clarrie Crow at Carnarvon mission. This society is one of most active auxiliaries. Girls' and Boys' Clubs continue to meet once a week. Mrs. Barton and Mr. Barton are leaders respectively. Faithful band of teachers continue to instruct children in Bible school, although number of scholars attending has been small. An amount of £1/3/- for N.D. Scholarship Fund has been received. Mrs. G. Helmer has been received into fellowship by transfer from Cheltenham. Work is in good heart and a splendid witness is being given.

Forestville.—Church supports Biblical Research Society's prayer meetings which are an inspiration. God is blessing work of church and auxiliaries. Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Endeavor Societies are making steady progress. Clubs have helped in gaining new Bible school scholars and in keeping their interest. Week-night prayer meetings are a great blessing. W. A. Russell is giving helpful Bible studies. After a recent prayer meeting members were invited to supper with 35 members of Boys' Club. About 30 young people attended recent rehearsal for Show demonstration. The J.C.E. was commenced on Sept. 3. About 150 attended morning service. T. Elson delivered an inspiring message. Evening Youth Fellowship tea was a great blessing. Programme included recorded favorite hymns and their authors, young people giving story of author's life. Inspiring prayer meeting was followed by youth gospel service, in which young men took part and youth choir rendered anthems. W. A. Russell preached to a large congregation. Boys' Club members were present in uniform. Youth choir is practising for conference youth demonstration. Bible school is busy preparing for youth choral services.

New South Wales

Wingham.—Since departure of Allan B. Clark, visiting ministers and members of Taree church have conducted worship services. On Aug. 26 Miss Mary Western, a loyal and highly esteemed member, died. She was a daughter of the late Henry A. Western, who with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Andrews established the cause at Taree in June, 1863. The secretary of Taree church, A. W. Billingham, conducted funeral service on Aug. 28, whilst Edwin J. Saxby, a friend of family, paid a fitting tribute to her faith.

Taree.—Church was pleased to extend welcome to Balf Cavill, of Beverley Hills, Sydney. He presented messages on Aug. 27, and visited Wingham church. On Sept. 3 J. T. H. Kerr, principal of Croydon Missionary and Bible College, gave message to church in morning, whilst R. Jarman, secretary of Manning River C.E. Union, spoke at night. Ministry of these visitors was enjoyed. Church was pleased to renew fellowship with Mrs. A. G. Saunders, and to welcome at recent services her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oldfield, of Lygon-st.

Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.).—Sunday school anniversary tea and public meeting on Aug. 23 was a happy occasion. A pleasing programme of music, song and elocutionary items were presented by scholars. Alan Hilford, secretary of school, presented a good report of year's work. Brian Hosking contributed a pianoforte selection; Meredith Rogers and Rona Hilford, elocutionary items; Jennete Stevenson, Mark Warmbrunn and Graeme Fotheringham, songs. A trio by three little kindergarten girls was enjoyed. R. Warmbrunn, superintendent of school, was conductor, and presented prizes. All who entered for scripture examinations passed. H. G. Alexander delivered a popular children's talk.

Broken Hill.—Ladies' Guild spent an afternoon at home of Mrs. H. Garner on Aug. 17, when a presentation of a silver sandwich tray was made to Mrs. R. Hilford, who has been president of guild during her stay of 2½ years. Opportunity was also taken to present Mrs. R. Warmbrunn with a copy of J. C. Goodheart's etching, "Sturt Peas and Mulga." Mrs. Warmbrunn, who is leaving on Sept. 20, has been a member of guild for same period. Their fellowship and help will be missed. Both responded. Presentations came as a surprise to recipients. Each lady present received a bunch of flowers from Mrs. Garner's garden. Afternoon tea was served. On Aug. 27 farewell messages were received from Mr. Hilford. At close of evening service a farewell presentation of a cheque was made to



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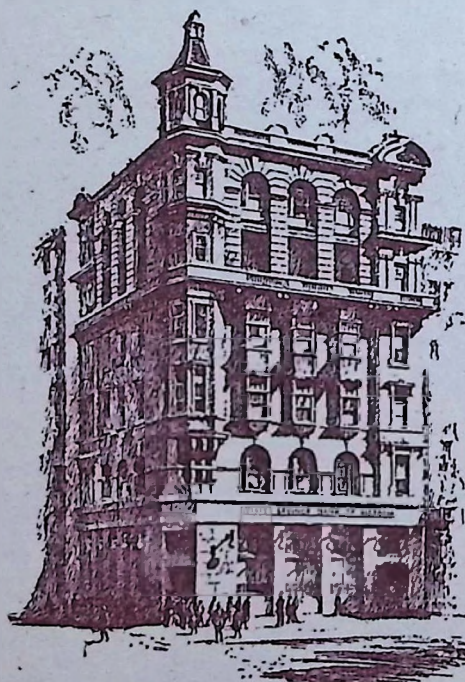
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Mr. and Mrs. Hilford on behalf of church by J. Cremer, N. Rough and R. Warmbrunn. Each spoke of appreciated services of Mr. and Mrs. Hilford. Mr. and Mrs. Hilford, Roma and Alan left for Sydney on August 29. On August 6, R. Hilford addressed the church. Barbara and Judith Palmer (twins) from Bible class and Intermediate C.E. were baptised. There were several visitors on 13th, when girls were received into fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer (parents) were present. Amongst visitors were Mrs. Burge, of Balwyn, Vic.; Mrs. Roberts and Miss Margaret Roberts, of Maylands, S.A. Mr. Roberts has been attending for several months. R. Hilford preached well. Sunday school anniversary services were held at Wolfram-st. on Aug. 20. There were good attendances afternoon and evening. Children enjoyed Mr. Hilford's illustrated addresses and sang well under R. Warmbrunn. Master Brian Hosking



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was pianist. Church was delighted to see Mrs. A. Clark in meeting after her great sorrow. At afternoon kindergarten programme Mrs. Clark presented Cradle Roll certificates and a posy of flowers to mothers. Sunday school annual tea was held Aug. 23. H. G. Alander gave talk. Children sang well.

Victoria

South Yarra.—Social service offering amounted to £17/6/3. Youth tea was held on Sept. 3, when a number of young people listened to an interesting talk by C. Young. At evening service there was a good attendance, a pleasing feature being number of Bible school scholars present. Ladies held meeting on 5th at home of Mrs. Lewis.

Collingwood.—Mr. Kimber, of college, was speaker at morning service, Aug. 13. Four young people were baptised and welcomed into fellowship on Aug. 20. Mr. and Mrs. James were welcomed into fellowship on 27th. Mr. Cuddy's help in training Sunday school for anniversary is appreciated. C.E. Society is improving. Mr. Cooke continues to give helpful messages; help given by Mr. Titter is valued.

North Essendon.—During month of August congregation has enjoyed fellowship with visiting speakers, notably R. Edgar (Mission to Lepers), who challenged members with a stirring address on Christian stewardship, and P. J. Foster. Of 25 scholars who sat for annual scripture examinations 20 passed. Bible school has been practising for anniversary services. Explorers' Club reports increased attendances in recent weeks.

Cheltenham.—On Sept. 3 church received with regret news of the resignation of J. C. Cunningham. Owing to continued sickness of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, acting on medical advice, are going inland. Visitors for day included Mr. Pond and Mrs. Birchmore, of W.A. Social Service offering to date is £18. Explorers and Good Companions held an enjoyable combined social evening. There were 35 present. Three Explorer boys attended camp at Monbulk.

Morwell.—Attendance was good at breaking of bread on Aug. 20. Mr. Quayle spoke. Mr. Wellington took evening service. Splendid help was given to church on Aug. 27 when young people from Balwyn attended morning service. W. Jarmyn gave an interesting address. Mr. Perkin took charge of evening service. Some brethren are working on Saturdays preparing for renovations of a building secured for use of church.

Moreland.—At evening service on Aug. 20, Mr. Cole, of Springvale, delivered address and one made the good confession. After a lapse of some years a Phi Beta Pi Club has been recommenced. A sum of £6/10/- has been received to aid aborigines. Color films on "Pilgrim's Progress" were appreciated by those who attended recent gospel services. Many sick members have returned. With much regret church received news of death of W. Powell on Sept. 6.

Golden Square.—Helpful addresses have been given by Messrs. Robb, Meyers, Mackie and Vafiopulous. Church's sympathy was with Mr. Robb in death of his aged mother. On Aug. 26 Mr. Meyers addressed Sunday school with the aid of a flannelgraph. Practices are well under way for Sunday school anniversary. The Christian Endeavor anniversary rally has been planned for Sept. 27. At evening service, Sept. 3, a movie film on Unevangelised Fields Mission's work in Amazon area was shown by R. Duckett.

Hamilton.—On Aug. 20, special youth services were held in connection with "Education Week." A teachers' meeting and young people's tea were held to discuss future plans for youth work. Films on methods of teaching were shown. There was a C.E. parade at evening meeting, and Y.P.S.C.E. took part in service with singing. At this service two young people confessed faith in Christ. Increase campaigns have been commenced in J.C.E. and also in Sunday school. On Sept. 3 Sunday school had a record attendance of 78. This is largest attendance for twelve months.

Swan Hill.—Mr. Walmsley is leaving Swan Hill on Sept. 15 to take up deputation work with the British & Foreign Bible Society. Church wishes him every blessing. Mr. Candy has accepted a call to labor with church at Grote-st., Adelaide, at the conclusion of present term which transpires early in January, 1951. Those sick are: Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. Membury, Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Croydon; all are recovering now. Y.P.S.C.E. have good meetings. On Aug. 20, the morning service was addressed by R. M. Streader, and Mr. Walmsley preached on Sept. 3. Berean Club is showing good progress. Very enjoyable times are being held; debates and squash nights are conducted in homes of Mrs. Rogers.

Essendon.—Mr. McIlhagger was speaker at all services on Aug. 6, 13, 20. Visiting presidents have been Mr. Hilbrick (North Essendon) on Aug. 13; K. Merry (Brunswick Baptist) on Aug. 20. C.M.S. held tea meeting on Aug. 13, speaker being A. Anderson. Members of tennis club held social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce on Aug. 19. Mr. Wilson, from Swanston-st. church, was speaker at morning service on Aug. 27. A film service

was held in evening, when the film, "Crown of Righteousness" was shown. A collection was taken to defray costs. Much sickness prevails among members. Mrs. Bone is still absent from meetings. Mrs. Alves is out of hospital and progressing after recent operation. Allan Muir has been welcomed after many weeks of illness. Sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Rankin in loss of her daughter, Mrs. Stewart. Visitors from Canberra and Adelaide, S.A., have been welcomed. W. Muir left for England on Aug. 8.

Balwyn.—Two young ladies confessed Christ during August and have been welcomed into fellowship of church, D. Thomas preaching. Mrs. Vernon, after operation at Queen Victoria Hospital, has returned home. Young people have helped churches at Morwell, Waragul and Pascoe Vale. Church regrets removal to Glen Iris of Mr. and Mrs. R. Brough. A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walpole, of South Australia, who are now residing in Balwyn district. Annual church business meeting, held Aug. 30, resulted in following office-bearers being elected; Secretary, C. Berg; asst. secretary, F. Evans; treasurer, E. Soulsby; deacons, E. Berg, J. Drummy, C. Hall, S. Hogan, F. Parsons, W. Sturgess, D. Warmbrunn; deaconesses, Mesdames Adam, Cuthbert, Drummy, McMahon, Oliver, Seeley, Miss Davies; auditor and organist, D. Warmbrunn; asst. organists, Misses Adam and Maling; Sunday school superintendent, F. Broussard. D. Thomas notified church of his acceptance of an invitation for a further term of three years. He is to visit Tasmania for a period of five weeks commencing Sept. 10. Attendances are being well maintained; finances are satisfactory, £1713 having been distributed during year.

IN MEMORIAM

TIPPETT.—In loving memory of my dear mother who passed away on Sept. 11, 1945.
—Alma.

WATSON.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Edward Ernest, who passed away on Sept. 11, 1948. "Till we meet again."
—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

WILLIAMS.—On Sept. 14, 1946, Mrs. E. A. Williams, of Kaniva, entered into the presence of her Lord.
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CURZON.—A tribute of our love and memories of our only daughter, Marjorie, whom God called home, Sept. 8, 1943.

Looking back with memories

Along the paths she trod,

We bless the years we had with her,

And leave the rest to God.

—Never forgotten by Mum, Dad, Howard (brother).

Obituary

A. David Aird

ONE of the foundation members of the Thornbury church (Vic.), A. D. Aird, was called to higher service on Aug. 7 after a time of patient and courageous suffering. More than twelve months ago the health of Mr. Aird began to fail, and following two visits to hospital he returned to his home, where he passed away peacefully in his sleep during early morning. Mr. Aird was active in Christian service from his early youth. He was in membership, first at North Fitzroy church. He then helped in pioneering work at Northcote and at Preston. He was amongst the small group who established the cause at Thornbury, serving in various capacities with unbounded enthusiasm. His work was always characteristic of his personality—heartly, cheerful and unquestionably thorough. There are many who have cause to be thankful for the magnificent pioneering spirit of men like A.

D. Aird in those early days. A large company of friends from church and business associates gathered respectfully for his funeral, speaking most eloquently by their attendance of the high esteem in which our brother was held. To his wife and to members of his family sincere sympathy is extended. We know they sorrow "not as those who have no hope." In their hearts they cherish the Christian hope and are strengthened, knowing it is only "till he come."—P. R. Thickins.

Richard Bosanquet

ON July 22, 1950, church at Springvale, Vic., was suddenly and unexpectedly awakened to value of being ready in life for the great home-call. At height of his Christian witness, aged 19 years, 3½ years a Christian, Richard Bosanquet was called to higher service. After a short illness of less than one week, he died in the Alfred Hospital. Richard was a true soldier of the cross, quiet, faithful, unassuming—a real preacher's friend. He possessed those qualities that are very rare to-day—reliability, faithfulness and the willingness to do those tasks which often only God knows anything about. How frequently we at Springvale heard the words, when something had to be done, "See Dick, he will fix you up." He was the writer's constant companion. I could say I never heard one critical word. Very few entered Springvale church without receiving at least one warm-hearted welcome. He was always amongst the first to see a stranger and give a welcome. He was one who studied from the day of his conversion to show himself approved unto God. Many things are hard to understand, but of this we are confident, "all things work together for good to them who love God and are called according to his purpose." Many have been awakened through our brother's passing to rededicate their lives to the Master. He lived with a "Jesus Saves" badge upon his coat and a Bible in his hand, and he was buried as he lived. He is dead yet alive for evermore.—J. K. Bond.

Annie Fairbrother

THE church at Beverly Hills, N.S.W., sustained a grievous loss by the home-call of our dear sister, Annie Fairbrother, who passed peacefully away at her home, 11 Stoney Creek-rd., Beverly Hills, on evening of June 27. Our sister was born at Wedderburn, Vic., 71 years ago, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duckett. She was baptised there by Thomas Hagger in 1896, and was married in

her home on Sept. 27, 1900, to A. E. Fairbrother, of Bendigo, T. Hagger officiating at ceremony. In 1904 she migrated with her husband to New Zealand, and was a pioneer member of the churches at Palmerston North and Timaru. In 1920 they returned to Sydney and became instrumental in the foundation of the church at Ashfield. Since 1930 she has been a faithful and active member of the church at Beverly Hills. Her departure to be with Jesus has been a sad loss to her brethren and sisters at Beverly Hills. Because of her sweetness of spirit, graciousness of character and devotion to Christ, she was always an inspiration to all who came into contact with her. Sorrowing hearts find comfort in precious memories of a fragrant life, and in the words of scripture, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—B.E.C.

Miss Mary Ann Clifton Western

THE passing on Aug. 26 of Miss Mary Ann Clifton Western, of Wingham church, N.S.W., removed from its fellowship one who had won the respect and affection of those who have worshipped with that congregation for a great number of years. Residing in Wingham and on the Manning River for the greatest part of her life, she manifested a devout faith in God and a loyalty to the churches of Christ, whose influence she had known from childhood. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Western. Henry Western and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Andrews established the work of churches of Christ on the Manning in June, 1863, the meetings being first held in Taree. The father of the late Miss Western was one of the foundation members of church at Wingham, that work being established in the year 1878. Had she lived until the day of her funeral Miss Western would have attained the age of 86 years. The late Miss Western was a member of the churches of Christ for well over sixty years, and for her the Christian way was a real and constant experience. At the funeral service held at Wingham on Aug. 28, A. W. Billingham, of Taree, conducted the service both at church and graveside, and Edwin J. Saxby, a life-long friend of the family, paid a fitting tribute to one who was honored by men and women in the community through her consistent living and testimony.—A.W.B.

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The Matron (Mrs. D. E. Curtis) and Lady Students.

Miss Dorothy White

ON July 4 Miss Dorothy White, a member of the church at Maylands, S.A., was suddenly called away from this life, and on the next day, following a brief service in the home, was laid to rest in the Payneham cemetery, F. Collins and E. R. Sherman officiating. Miss White had been a member of the Maylands church for over twenty years, and throughout that time had taken, along with her sisters, a vital and active interest in the life of the church. She was early associated with the Berean Society, and was a member of the choir. In the Bible school she was for some years leader of the junior grade, and latterly, until illness precluded her, assisted her sister, Miss Vi. White, in the work of the kindergarten department. Miss White felt at home in the work among children, and was greatly loved and respected by all. She belonged to a family that worked together wholeheartedly and most effectively, especially among young people, and her devotion has been an inspiration to many. In the last few years she had various bodily ailments, including a weak heart, but she seemed to be somewhat improved in health, and was present at the morning service just before her death. Her sudden passing came as a shock to all. Her loved ones in their loss have been commended to the God of all comfort.—E. R. Sherman.

DEATHS

POWELL.—On Sept. 5, at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Walter Arthur, dearly beloved husband of Ina Mary, of 14 Garnet-st., Brunswick, and loving father of Lorna (Mrs. Jenkins), Arthur, Harold and Stan, and loved father-in-law of Dick, Leah, Jessie and Marina, and beloved "Pop" of twelve grandchildren. Aged 59 years. "In his Saviour's care."

RICHARDS.—On Sept. 4, at Cheltenham, William John, loved husband of the late Sarah Jean, and loved father of Isabel (Mrs. Hugh Chandler, of The Basin), and grandfather of Henry, Colin and Ellen.

SILVER WEDDING.

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In addition to the conditions for the pass diploma, a student must—

(a) Secure a grade of 70 per cent. in his Bible course;

(b) Obtain matriculation;

(c) Pass two approved university subjects.

The Bible course must be extended to four years to enable this extra work.

Certificate Course for Women

A two-year course is provided for women who desire to enter college to prepare for missionary or other Christian service. Those anticipating missionary work should provide a medical certificate that they are fit for overseas service. While no fixed rule is made, it is generally thought advisable for missionary candidates to begin training before they are twenty-five years of age. They are advised to consult the Overseas Missionary Department regarding age and prospects, etc.

The subjects for the Certificate Course are: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Christian Doctrine, Religious Education, Missions and Comparative Religion, Ethics, Leaving English, and English Grammar.

Women students may qualify for the diploma if desired.



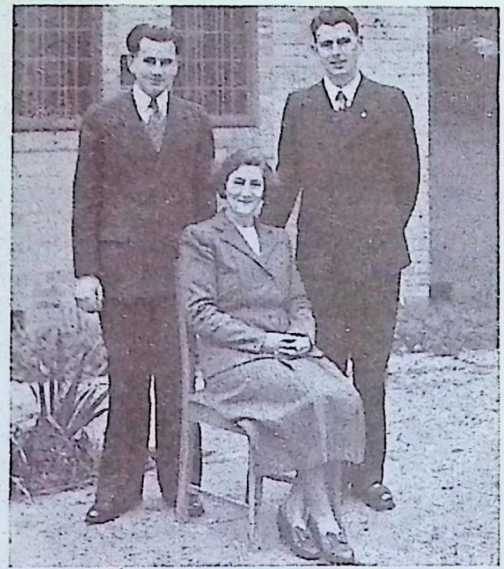
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