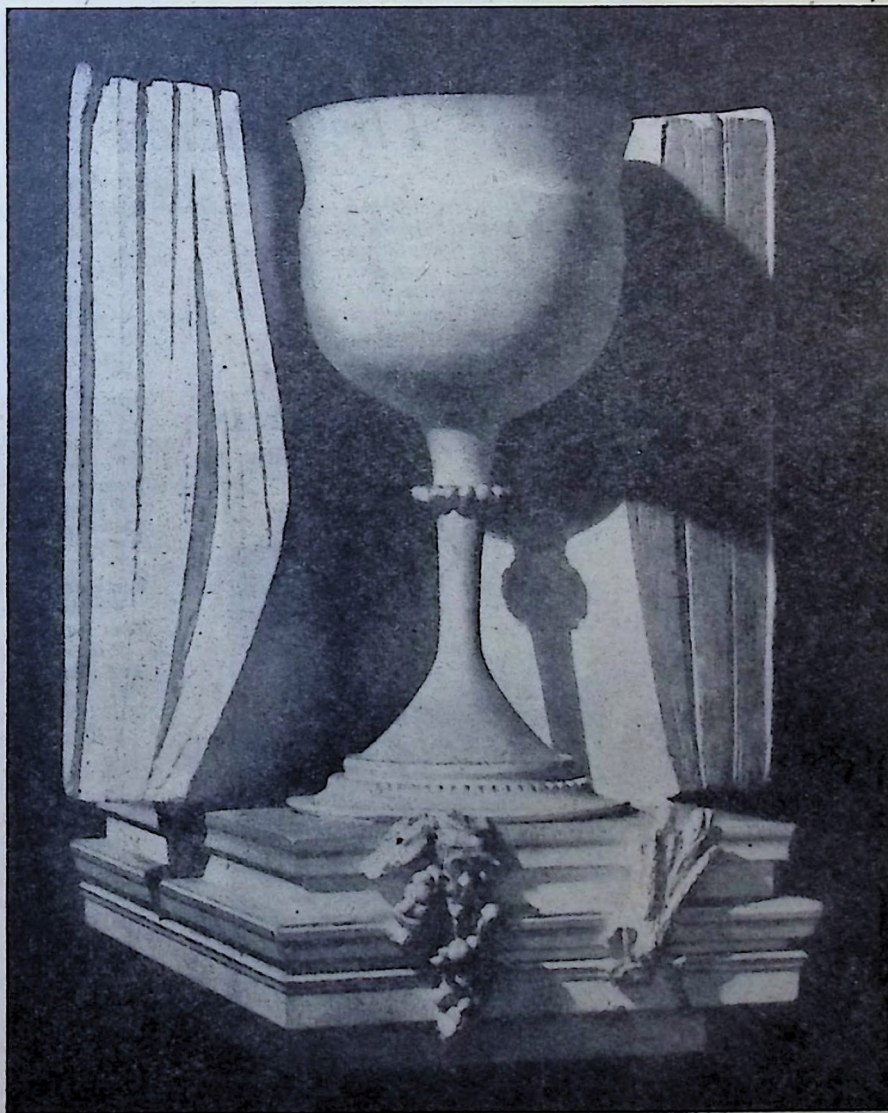


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A World - Wide Communion



"This cup is the new testament in my blood."

—1 Cor. 11: 25.

World-Wide Church at Worship

Howard Earle, of Surrey Hills, Vic., finds an underlying purpose for all Christians joining in world-wide communion.

ONCE again we are invited to observe world-wide Communion Sunday on October 1.

Where but at the Lord's Table can we meet and find our unity with all who believe in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

The purpose back of the appeal is a threefold one.

1. The Discovery of the World-wide Church

The church has extended now to practically all lands. Its growth during the past three generations has been in all probability the most remarkable in its whole history. Christ is alive, and active, and vibrant, and is adding to his church daily those who are being saved.

One of the necessities of the times is the discovery of the world-wide church by the individual members of the churches. It will require an effort on the part of many to adjust their thinking to the fact that the church of Christ on earth is one—essentially, intentionally and constitutionally, as Thomas Campbell declared.

The observance of world-wide Communion Sunday will help us to discover and experience the wonder of its fellowship.

2. The Demonstration of the Reality of the Universal Fellowship in Christ.

During the past tragic decade there was a remarkable demonstration of the reality of the universal fellowship in Christ. The fact of war was not the only fact by which we were confronted. There was also the fact of the fellowship of Christ. And the fellowship held during those desperate days.

The Christ of our devotion is a cosmic Christ. He is the world's Redeemer, the Saviour and Lord of all men everywhere. The gospel of Christ has been preached, and men and women have known it to be the power of God unto salvation through faith. And the faith in Christ has brought a consciousness of belonging to a brotherhood of believers, a common family, a household of faith, in which the bonds of race, and nation, and culture, class and sex are transcended.

No more moving story came out of World War II. than that told by Pastor Niemoller during his recent visit to Australia. He told how that, in Dachau prison camp, he received a request for the observance of the Lord's Supper from some of his fellow prisoners. He was a Lutheran, with a Lutheran's pride and prejudice. Those who made the request were of many peoples, tongues, creeds and traditions. How could he grant the request? Only as he realised his fellowship in Christ. And the fellowship, if it was a reality, must demonstrate itself, and it did. And there, as guests of the living Lord, they found their peace.

Can anyone believe that the growth of this kind of fellowship in this kind of world is accidental and without significance? God is at work in his world, demonstrating through the church, the reality of the fellowship in Christ, to a world distraught by fear and strife, as we, too, shall discover, as we observe world-wide communion Sunday.

3. The Dedication of the Fellowship to Its World-wide Task.

With a consciousness of this world aspect of the community of Christ goes a realisation

of a common compulsion to preach the gospel. What binds this far-flung fellowship together is not merely an identity of interest or aspiration but an obedience. It is under compulsion—a compulsion which is perfect and joyful freedom—a compulsion to proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Commissioned by Christ and constrained by the love of Christ, Christians everywhere must consecrate themselves to the high task of taking the story of his love to all mankind till that love surrounds the earth, binding nations, races, and classes into a community of sympathy for one another, undergirded by a deathless faith in Christ as Lord.

And we shall see anew, as we have communion with one another in the Lord's Supper on world-wide Communion Sunday, that devotion to the things of Christ will work a miracle among men and women. As we pray, and as we take and eat and drink, the barriers will fall. Knit by the Holy Spirit, one to the other and all to God, we shall know the meaning of fellowship. We shall join with our brothers and sisters throughout the world in a new dedication.

The Sacred Table

A. J. Fisher, of South Australia.

UNTO this sacred table,
We come in Jesu's name.
We take the precious emblems,
And his great love proclaim.
He gave us this memorial
Of his redeeming grace,
And so we come and witness
Now, at this sacred place.

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Upon this sacred table,
The bread and wine we see,
True emblems of the Saviour
Who died for you and me.
The bread tells of his body
Upon the cross of shame,
The cup tells of his dying,
To bear our sin and blame.

Around this sacred table
We come in faith and peace.
We bow in glad thanksgiving
For love that will not cease.
Thanksgiving for his mercy,
Which covers all our sins,
Thanksgiving for his presence,
With us till heaven begins.

Forth from this sacred table
We herald the glad song,
That he who came to suffer,
Will come as King ere long.
And thus it is a foretaste
Of heaven's great bridal feast,
When every ransomed sinner
Will meet, greatest and least.

And so this sacred table
Unites us with our Lord,
And all who love the Master
Come thus in glad accord.
We here proclaim his mercy
With every thankful breath,
And till he comes in glory,
We show his wondrous death.



THE great Head of the church joined together, the Lord's day and the Lord's Supper, that they might stand as two perpetual monuments of commemoration of two of the great facts of the gospel—the latter commemorating the death of Christ for our sins, and the former celebrating his glorious and triumphant resurrection from the dead. This is a wise and benign arrangement that should not be neglected by Christian people, and which they cannot neglect without self-injury.



A Memorial of the Cross.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

Communion Services Around the World

CHURCHES of Christ in Australia will make the Lord's Table central in their services on October 1. The plea to them to share in a World Communion Sunday is unnecessary. From the days of the pioneers, when a few met in tents or halls, until now, members of the Restoration Movement have been faithful in their witness to the Lord's request to remember him in the breaking of bread. They rejoice to see a growing recognition of the need of making the Lord's Supper the centre of church worship.

There is evidence to show that the early Christians met regularly to worship their Lord in the observance of this ordinance. If there were sermons, singing, readings, they were made secondary to this communion in the loaf and in the cup. While men and women went out in twos and threes to preach the gospel, companies of Christians met in local groups as churches to worship their Lord in the breaking of bread.

FIRST DAY OF WEEK.

It was appropriate for the early Christians to gather on the first day of the week. That was a day full of memories; it was a day of triumph. On the first day of the week Jesus was raised from the dead. It was the day on which the Holy Spirit was poured out. That day, too, began the ministry of the church in this world (Acts 2). We are not surprised, then, to read that Paul, on his journey to Jerusalem, tarried at Troas until "the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread" (Acts 20: 7).

The witness of such a writer as Justin Martyr (A.D. 166) supports the claim that Christians met each Lord's day for this communion service.

There are signs of a growing desire amongst Christians of many communions to observe the Lord's Supper each week. The old argument that frequent observance of the feast takes away its significance has not been sustained. Christians who assemble regularly in the communion service are strong and faithful in their general support of the church. Frequent communion strengthens them.

We desire to see all followers of Christ observing the Lord's Supper, not one Sunday a year, but every week, after the order of the early Christians.

UNITY IN COMMUNION SERVICE

There seems to have been differences of opinion amongst the early Christians. Paul and Barnabas did not always agree on the best policy to follow in mission work. Then Peter and Paul had a dispute over a difficult point of doctrine. While these men differed, they did not divide. They continued to meet in a common fellowship around the Lord's Table. In the one cup and loaf the church has always had symbols of Christian unity.

The importance of the Lord's Supper lies in its association with the most important facts of the Christian faith and to the world's greatest events. In this Supper we are brought to the cross of Christ and to our Lord's resurrection. Without the cross the Christian faith is empty. We have moral teaching in the writings of many, but only One has saved men from sin by his death. Many can talk of the hope of life to come, but only Christ opened the door into eternity. In Christ we have victory over death and sin. In the partaking of the Lord's Supper, we re-affirm our fellowship with Christ.

When Christians in every part of the world meet to honor Christ, to declare him as the Redeemer and Saviour, and to witness to the unity they enjoy in him, they are making a virile stand against the

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materialism that is threatening to rise and to control the destinies of men. In the face of great evils, it is well that Christians proclaim their unity in Christ, and their belief in the triumphs he can win for all, especially in the Lord's Supper.



DARE WE FAIL?

WHEN a people are possessed by a vision they will not yield it up. Because of their zeal they will tell out the truth with courage. If evil or ignorant men withstand them, they will find other means than conventional ways to reach the multitude. Being on the Lord's side, they must go on to victory.

Once people lose their vision they fail to manifest enthusiasm. If faced with opposition they do not resist, but take events as they come. These people fade eventually into an insignificant group. Efforts to put new life into their organisation will fail, once they have given up the purpose for which they were called into being.

What are members of the Restoration Movement achieving to-day? Are they declaring their belief in the ideals of New Testament Christianity? Are they supporting those preachers who are loyal to that plea, or giving preference to those who have given up the ideal of uniting Christians on the basis of the New Testament ideals?

Is the drift revealed in our Federal Conference statistical schedule an indication of our failure to stand by essential ideals of churches of Christ?

We can easily fall into a state of indifference, and find that we are being misled. Dare we remain asleep until it is too late? Only a revival among those who are friends of the Restoration Movement can save us from being a diminishing people, without a prospect of making a real contribution to the religious world.

Let us preach in love the ideals of the movement, and give every support to those who champion the great truths of the New Testament church.



MENDING DIVISIONS

ONE of England's great church reformers refused to reply critically to a fellow Christian worker who had spoken against him. This reformer urged his co-workers not to be diverted from their main task of preaching the truth by taking up time opposing attacks.

We have so little time and space we cannot afford to use words that might divide brother from brother and Christian from Christian. We are committed to the task of uniting the church, and we do not intend to advertise division nor to encourage it. We shall press on with the task of showing men the way to unity on the basis of the New Testament. By presenting the truth in love, we shall do all we can to mend the divisions within the church.



"PURITY of thought, word and deed, sought at first from a knowledge of its righteousness, comes at last to be the natural air which the spirit loves to breathe. Thus duty of every kind, containing within it the germs of delight and beauty, will, if cherished, develop the sweetest flowers and richest fruits, and the good and the beautiful thus clasp hands and claim kinship for ever."

It is surely not worthy of the nature of the supper that it should be made an instrument of division between Christians.

By C. L. Smith, of Boronia, Vic.

Supper Breaks Walls of Centuries

COMMUNION with the living Christ is the soul of the "breaking of bread." Pentecost is continued and made permanent in the church when the company of those who rest in the "confidence that we have through Christ toward God" commune with the Spirit of the Lord.

In a world where language is debased to serve the selfish and greedy purposes of men and nations, and is too seldom rooted in a "gold standard" of reality before becoming currency, it is refreshing to ponder on the fact that Christ comes to us in something done. The mighty acts of the Lord have at all times been the cause of rejoicing and the ground of hope. God has predominantly been known by his actions in leading, judging and blessing Israel; God gave his only Son for us men and our salvation.

It is in keeping then that the church's dependence upon Christ for its continuing life and the unity of those loyal to him should be expressed and fostered by a common act of communion. In France, for instance, a restored unity among Reformed churches has led to the supper taking its rightful place in public worship; it is no longer regarded as an "additional" service. It is surely not worthy of the nature of the supper that it should be made an instrument of division between Christians. It is the Lord's Supper, and his action in it is not confined by a church decision.

At the Table of the Lord We are Brought Face to Face with the Fact of Jesus

The lack of an external authority teases the minds of many who are not Roman Catholics, but in this act of communion we are confronted by our "external authority," Christ Jesus. The best scholarship but adds to the glory of this Man.

At the heart of our faith is this irremovable fact of a Person of whom it was said, "No man ever spoke like this Man." No man ever acted like this Man either; no man could have shouldered the burden of suffering, and sin, and death; no man can save his brother though he would die to do it. But Jesus relieved the worst suffering, forgave sin, conquered death. In the face of these things, what could the disciples say but that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." "We are convinced that One has died for all . . . and he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

At the Table of the Lord We are Brought Face-to-Face with Jesus Christ as He is—Now

The act of God in Christ is made personal; it is addressed to us now. Calvin's method of interpreting the scriptures is spoken of like this, "How energetically Calvin, having first established what stands in the text sets himself to rethink the whole material and to wrestle with it till the walls which separate the 16th century from the 1st century becomes transparent."

Christ has acted for the benefit of all mankind, and we are no further from that work in the 20th century than the men of the 1st century among whom the work was done. Our Lord could say, "I have come down from heaven," but thankfully we remember that our experience of Christ is not a wistful memory, for in the supper we are able to eat "the bread of God," that which, in our Lord's words "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

In the present tense "comes" and "gives," we find the key to the meaning of the supper for every faithful heart. The walls of the centuries disappear and Christ is our contemporary. "He is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

Christ is the life of the believer, and only they who abide in him and he in them can produce

the fruits of the Spirit. In this sense, then, Pentecost is made permanent in the church through the supper; "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him."

There is nothing magical in all this. But the supper is no mere memorial of Christ's death. Paul tells us bluntly that whoever eats and drinks unworthily (i.e., without love toward God and his brethren) is guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, he adds to his guilt and injures himself. Those who rightly receive the supper spiritually receive Christ. There is a real action of the living Christ in the supper when a worshipper makes the response of faith and obedience and loyalty to him in life.

William Temple has said, "The reality of our communion with Christ and in him with one another is the increase of love in our hearts. If a man goes out from his communion to love and serve men better he has received the real Presence. If he feels every thrill and tremor of devotion, but goes out as selfish as before, he has not received it. It was offered but he did not receive it . . ."

At the Table of the Lord the Certainty of the Final Victory of Jesus Christ is Borne Upon Us

He is the earnest of that event, "when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven." Here is an indication of his abiding presence "until he comes." It is not within the capacity of our minds to conceive of the end of time, but necessity is laid upon us to hope all things, and work as those who have experienced the "powers of the age to come," for we have a confidence that "God has put all things in subjection under his feet. When all things are put in subjection to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one."

Our understanding of that event is as meagre as was the conception of the true nature of the Messiah by those who were "looking for the consolation of Israel." Although the when and how are obscured in the imagery of language and by the bottleneck of our minds, the wellspring of all our faith is that the resurrection of Christ is but the first-fruits of a great harvest. Our hope of immortality depends not on what we are but on what Christ is and has done. "For all the promises of God find their yes in him."

Of these things does the supper speak to us.

THE ROAD OF THE CROSS

THE gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." By the time Jesus decided to go to Jerusalem for the Passover, he knew that it was the road to the cross. He was a hunted man. He had antagonised the religious leaders by his revolutionary teachings, and he knew that a price was on his head. He might have stayed in Galilee and "soft-pedalled" his preaching and lived in safety for a while longer, but "he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." He knew that he was going directly into a hotbed of malice and hatred, and that his life would likely be lost for his daring. But he also knew that any other course would be to surrender to the legalistic, hypocritical, populace-exploiting authorities. Not even to save his life would he evade the issue or mince words.

But in his death was victory, for he had "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem," and he had steadfastly set his face toward the cross. He never winced; he never whimpered; he never said, "I can't." "He steadfastly set his face"! And the world has never forgotten, and never will forget, that "he steadfastly set his face"! May we remember him as we commune together.—Janice H. Moore.



Woolwich College Calls N.S.W. Churches

PRINCIPAL

College Needs

WE have a lovely building in a beautiful situation, and churches of Christ in N.S.W. are to be congratulated upon the college at Woolwich. But we have needs.

No, we do not need a Bible, for we have that, God-given, revealing the eternal purpose of God in Christ and the church. The Bible is the principal text-book used in the college. It is our guide and source-book.

No, we do not need a Christ, for thank God, we have him as Lord and Saviour. He is the person in whom we have faith, whom we daily confess and obey. He is the one who gives meaning to our faith, and who reveals God without whom there could be for us no meaning or purpose in the universe.

No, we do not need a field for its students and graduates to work in. Because of the change to a four-year course, we shall have no graduates this year, and every student at present is engaged in service of a particular kind with some church. And our churches still need men for service. No, we do not need fields. Besides, the field is the world.

But We Do Need

(1) Prayer. We need your prayers on our behalf that the word of God may not be bound. Pray for the students, the Board of Management and the faculty that together this glorious work for God and the church may go on. Prayer is needed for the illumination of the Holy Spirit, that we may see in clear perspective the truth of God which makes men free. Yes, we need more prayer.

(2) Students. We have fourteen students but we need more who, aware of the direct challenge of evil in the world, will put on the whole armor of God, who will "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," who realising the need for a witness to the truth will make all necessary sacrifice and take up their cross to follow after Christ. We need men who like Paul will count whatever gain they had "as loss for the sake of Christ" (Phil. 3: 7). "Indeed I

count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." There is a great fight ahead and we must be well-prepared. We need students willing to give the best years of their lives in training and in preparation for the greatest of all vocations—the winning of souls for Christ. Men will be needed for the mission fields and for the home lands, for work in the country and city, among poor and wealthy.

(3) Supporters. We need a growing band of supporters. Men who will hold the ropes and strengthen them while students give of the best years of their lives in preparation without monetary reward. You, yourself, may not be able to preach, but you can help prepare someone else to do what is impossible to you. We need fathers who will help pay for the training of someone's sons. We need folk who will endow the college and who will invest in this, the Lord's work. Already we have men in N.S.W., Queensland, New Zealand and India. What a joy and thrill you must have in sharing with us in this labor of love in preparing young men to preach the priceless truths of Christ. October 8 will be a great day, a glad day for your soul as you give your best.

Yes, we have needs! prayer, students and consecrated giving for the college—this work which is God's and yours.—H. J. Patterson, M.A., principal.

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Major Objectives

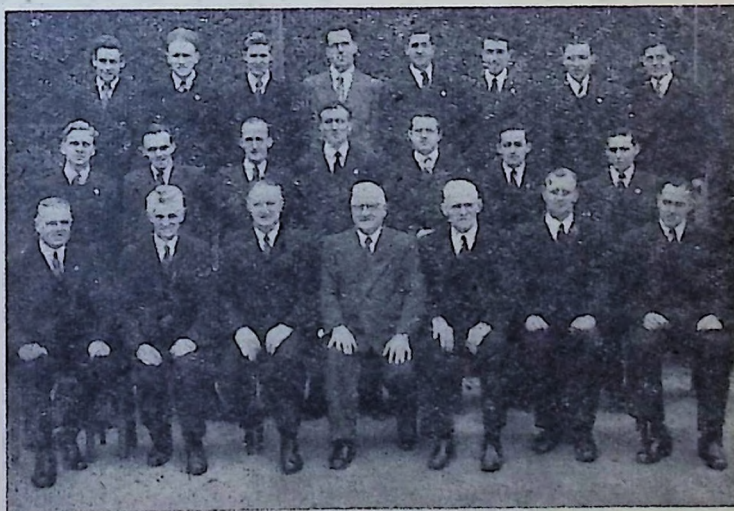
TO all thinking people the need of the college must be apparent.

1950 has seen the achievement of the aim for a full-time principal. In the coming year the board and the brotherhood have two major objectives for which to strive. The first of these are the costs which will be incurred in the appointment and removal expenses of a successor to A. W. Ladbroke.

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Faculty and Students at Woolwich.

Faculty (seated).—R. Greenhalgh, A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., Dip.Ed. (senior lecturer), H. J. Patterson, M.A., principal, E. Davis, I. A. Paternoster, R. Amos, E. W. Roffey, B.A. Absent, E. C. Hinrichsen. Students (back row).—P. E. Perry, D. B. Howell, N. Martin, E. F. Cook, M. R. Smith, R. W. Beadle, D. H. Paddon, P. Goodger. (Second row).—D. W. Mansell, W. R. Rugendyke, J. V. Ellerby, K. R. Fennell, W. D. Howard, R. W. Hume, N. C. Reese.



"Making a Joyful Noise at Woolwich."

The second is to carry out necessary repairs to the college building and adjoining properties in order to maintain these valuable assets in first-class condition.

In addition to these special objectives, the ordinary expenses of running the college, such as general maintenance, domestic establishment and salaries have to be met. It is therefore obvious that the continued and increasing monetary support of the whole brotherhood is necessary to carry on.

Last year the board was able to augment the income of the college by means of a fete, but many deplored this method of raising funds. No such function is contemplated this year, and this means that at least £280 more must be subscribed in order to reach last year's quota.

This is a challenge to all, particularly those who claim that all brotherhood work should be financed by direct giving, to prove their sincerity by subscribing liberally to the appeal on October 8.—J. W. Boswell, F.A.A., hon. treas.

STUDENTS

God's Promise

THE resources and power of God are still unlimited. His willingness to pour out a blessing is still the same. It is frequently then apathy and unwillingness to sacrifice on our part which results in the slow progress of God's work. To the Jews, upon one condition (the bringing of all the tithes to his house) God promised a blessing which there would not be room enough to receive (Mal. 3: 10). If it was so for those under the law, how much more for us who dwell in the liberty of the gospel! Let us fulfil the condition, bring the tithe, and taking God at his word, prove him now!—Ross W. Beadle, students' chairman.

CHAIRMAN

Thanksgiving! Worship! Sacrifice!

BORN of prayer and faith in wartime, the college at Woolwich has completed nearly nine years of service for God under his blessing and by his grace.

Twenty-five Woolwich men are engaged in the full-time ministry of the word in Australia, New Zealand and India. The whole of the fifteen students are assisting as many churches each week in New South Wales.

The Board of Management earnestly covets two things of the brotherhood at this juncture: (1) Continued individual and collective prayer for God's blessing on faculty, board and students; (2) United worship of God in thanksgiving on Lord's day, Oct. 8, 1950, accompanied by a sacrificial offering.—J. L. Stimson, chairman of Board of Management.

MAEWO THE FAITHFUL

A. Anderson, Federal secretary of Overseas Board.

OUR early missionaries visited Maewo on occasions, and about thirty-five years ago that island had a resident missionary in the person of Alf. Chappell, the father of Mrs. Roy Dixon now in India. The place where Mr. Chappell lived has now returned to its native jungle. The people removed to other parts; some were recruited for plantation work on Santo and other islands.

Despite the disappearance of the village, the seeds of the Christian church remained, for in the first place the gospel had gone out from this place to other areas and those who removed from this old village were not lost. Since Mr. Chappell returned early in the first world war no resident missionary has lived there.

The island itself is wonderfully fertile, but its perpetual dampness causes tuberculosis, and the malaria mosquito abounds in swarms. This has tended to depopulate the island, and though it measures twenty-nine miles long and four miles wide, it merely has a population of six to seven hundred. The fertility of the island, with the northern area being very adaptable for cultivation, could easily support five times this number.

The five villages under our control have a population of 203, of whom 157 are members of the church. Those not baptised consist of young children and infants. Tarlie, a faithful Aoban boy, gave the best part of his life to the people of Maewo. For approximately twenty years he was their teacher and guide. Despite loss of wife and children, Tarlie held on faithfully to the task, at last falling a victim to T.B. His shrine is in the hearts of the people; his name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

As regards location, the island is best worked from Aoba, and now, with the launches available, it is possible to make regular visits. During the past year they have been visited several times by Mr. Finger, and have also had visits from Abel Barney, the head-teacher on Aoba. There is a distinct need for such visitation to encourage the Christians and build them up spiritually, and to care for their sick bodies. Their leaders do their best, but they are not "apt to teach." In a year or so, when trainees graduate from the training school at Londua, it is hoped some will go to Maewo and further strengthen the work.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Finger, Miss Daisy Henderson, Abel Barney and a few other Christian boys, we spent six days amongst the Maewo Christians. Their joy in welcoming us

was unbounded and their hospitality of the best. Rest houses have been built in each area for visiting missionaries, thus affording them some measure of comfort and privacy.

Camps were made at Nassoua, Peterara and Bytara. During our stay eight services were held, but the people, wanting to get the most out of the visit, attended in large numbers from the other areas. There is a sharing and a unity there that is a joy to see. It was indeed a happy time for the people, and all work was suspended for the period. The sisters were also able to give "pin" to scores suffering from yaws as well as treat other cases. Medicine and instructions were also given to the leaders for the use of the people as occasion demands.

The liberality of these people is also manifested from the fact that, when it was known the Federal secretary was to visit the Islands, they

also gave £50 as their share of the expenses. So eager were they to make this gift that three of their leaders, Isaiah, James and Luke, crossed from Maewo to Aoba—a six-hour journey across the seas even in the best of weather—to present it in person and to enquire when the secretary would make his visit. They returned after a few days' stay, still carrying their £50, for Abel Barney told them it was more fitting to present it when the visit was made. This was duly handed over when the visit was paid.

Of the £1000 offering made for three years in succession by the Aoba-Maewo churches, these Maewo Christians have contributed £200 each year. Thus, in the last three years, including the £50 for secretary's fare, these 150 Christians have given £650—over £4 per head. And we should remember that this average includes wives and often young people belonging to the same home. Well might Paul say to Christians in the homeland: "See ye abound in this grace also."

The visit to these warm-hearted, simple people was an inspiration and one that will not be erased easily from memory.

Work in Queensland

R. Graham, B.A., provides an interesting summary of news of men and churches.

AFTER a busy ministry of three years, Arnold Caldicott has left the West Moreton circuit for Switzerland and England. Few districts in Australia have such a proportionately strong church of Christ representation as West Moreton. S. Vanham has returned to Queensland to carry on this important work.

F. B. Stow has relinquished his joint position as youth organiser and preacher of Boondall, and gone to Lismore, N.S.W. Under difficult conditions Mr. Stow has strengthened metropolitan youth work, fostered the training of youth leaders, and built up camping activities.

E. T. Hart has been welcomed back, after his trip from England as a migrant chaplain. It is a good thing that we have the opportunity as a church of introducing these migrants to the

finest type of life Australia has produced—men of Christian character and prophetic vision.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nightingale are with us after ministries at Ma Ma Creek and Ann-st., 44 and 38 years ago respectively, and Boonah. City reports have it that Ma Ma Creek is a district rather than a town. However that may be, 300 were at the anniversary tea and 200 at the morning service when Mr. Nightingale was the speaker.

Chaplain L. G. Crisp has been posted to the R.A.A.F. Malaya. We shall miss his fellowship and sound leadership. Mr. Crisp has a good name in the air force, and in addition has given great stimulus to the Queensland work—on brotherhood committees, in preaching appointments and at Ipswich church.

In A. B. Maston's "Jubilee History," the story is told of the witness of churches of Christ in Warwick district where Stephen Cheek preached, and died, in 1883. The church lasted for seven years, and in its heyday had a membership of 100. One of Cheek's converts was Septimus Keable, who finally moved to Tannymorel and gathered a small group of Christians about him. Part of the late Mr. Keable's library has been given to Ann-st. church, and these facts are garnered from his copy of the "Jubilee History." The little old Tannymorel chapel, whose fate has been under consideration for some time, has now been removed to Dalby. Dalby is Queensland's youngest church, and is led by Allan B. Clark.

Zillmere church dates back to 1882. In its early years Zillmere gave the two largest out of every five offerings to help the work elsewhere. The young church assisted the work in Toowoomba, and in 1889 gave £52, and in 1890 £26 to help the work in Brisbane. Maston's comment in 1903 on the town of Zillmere, after visiting it, was, "The place has grown into a township, depending chiefly on the cure of bacon, which does not in the least tend to aid in the cure of souls!" I am not too sure about the bacon, but "the cure of souls" is still a real concern of this old church, and a circuit is being re-formed with Boondall to set a man full time in these growing suburbs.

Southerners find it hard to envisage the size of this Northern State. It is as far from Brisbane to Charters Towers as from Melbourne to Brisbane. Yet they come from the far north to State conference.

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Maewo Children.

Since the pioneer missionaries these people have remained faithful, though for some years their contact with our missionaries was not sustained. Their welcome to the Federal secretary was most enthusiastic.

MY TREASURE.

Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine;

Mine, to tell me whence I came;
Mine, to teach me what I am.

Mine, to call me when I rove;
Mine, to show a Saviour's love;
Mine art thou to guide my feet;
Mine, to judge, condemn, acquit.

Mine, to comfort in distress,
If the Holy Spirit bless;
Mine, to show by living faith
Man can triumph over death.

Mine, to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine.

—Selected.

COMMONWEALTH ROUND-UP

Here and There

Claude Candy, of Swan Hill, Vic., has accepted the call to serve with the church at Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A., and will commence this ministry on January 14.

Every member of church is urged to share liberally in Federal College of the Bible offering on October 1. A 10 per cent. increase over last year's offering is needed to maintain work.

H. R. Coventry, preacher of church at Carnegie, Vic., has been released to hold special meetings with church at Mole Creek, Tas. He will be absent for five weeks from Sept. 10. The work at Carnegie will be maintained by visiting and local brethren.

D. Wakeley, secretary of Federal Executive, asks any who know of members living in Canberra to forward their names and addresses to D. Wakeley, 246 Highfield-rd., Burwood, El3, Vic. It is hoped that, following Federal Conference, a church will be organised in the Federal Capital.

C. K. Jacob, a bishop of the united church of South India, is visiting Australia. He will be in Victoria from Oct. 2 to 18. The National Missionary Council appeals to all members of all churches, especially those who have at heart the spread of the Christian gospel, to be present at this important meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7.45 p.m., in the Independent Church, corner of Collins and Russell-sts., Melbourne.

The director of the Australian Institute of Archaeology, J. A. Thompson, M.Sc., B.D., is at present visiting Palestine, Egypt and the Middle East. He has been appointed an Honorary Fellow of the American Schools of Oriental Research for the 1950-51 season at their school in Jerusalem, where he will be associated with them in a season's work, involving lectures and excavations that cover a wide field of general archaeology. The school is centred at Jerusalem, and excavation work will be concerned with sites in the Trans-Jordan and other places in the Middle East. Mr. Thompson will during his period abroad visit museums and excavations in Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Palestine and Iraq. He is expecting to be absent from Australia for about 12 months.

Rich fellowship was enjoyed by church at Yarrawonga, Vic., on Sept. 10 and 12, when many past members returned for celebrations. Members worked hard to prepare for occasion. Chapel interior was painted. Ladies' Guild bought carpets valued at £98, also new blinds and a silver vase for silver anniversary. A member donated a reconditioned organ, and one young man donated a new pulpit cushion. The conference president, A. B. Withers, addressed well-attended meetings on Lord's day and again on Tuesday night. Church appreciated his excellent messages. On Tuesday evening 130 sat for tea, some coming from Albury and Wangaratta. Banquet was a tribute to the ladies. Appreciation was expressed to foundation members. Greetings were read from past preachers and others who have had contact with church. Thanksgiving offering amounted to £329/2/6, leaving balance of £143/-.



Food for India

THE Victorian Overseas Missions Committee plan to forward a limited quantity of tinned foods to India, when Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Thomas and family return by the "Strathaird" due to leave Melbourne, Nov. 28. Tinned meats,

cheese, honey, fruits, vegetables (peas, beans, carrots), soups, milk (powdered and condensed), etc., dried fruits, jellies are acceptable. Do not send foods in glass containers. All parcels must be delivered at Swanston-st. chapel not later than Oct. 31. Address country parcels to J. E. Allan, c/o church of Christ, 333 Swanston-st. (opp. Public Library), Melbourne (Spencer-st. station), per Mayne, Nickless & Co.



Offer to Young Men

THE Young People's Department of Victoria, in co-operation with the Y.M.C.A., is offering a special course in training for leadership to young men from rural areas. The course is from Oct. 9 to 16. Students will be expected to live at the Y.M.C.A. This course is specially designed for leaders of church clubs. The Young People's Department is prepared to help young men with their expenses. Those interested should make application immediately to L. A. Trezise, 161 Flinders-lane, Melbourne.



North Suburban Conference

THERE were 67 in West Preston chapel (Vic.) on night of Aug. 31 for quarterly meeting. Owing to bad weather attendance was disappointing, but 10 churches responded to roll-call. W. Aitken, conference president, led meeting. E. Miles (Moreland) led in prayer and T. Fitzgerald (Fairfield) read scripture portion, after which he gave a challenging message. R. Burns expressed appreciation to speaker. A resolution was passed urging churches affiliated with district conference to consider ways of giving material assistance to brethren at Coburg, who suffered loss of portion of building and equipment in fire.



Highway to Victory Campaign

CHURCH at Chatswood, N.S.W., has completed a mission led by C. G. Taylor, of Brighton, Vic. The campaign began on Aug. 20. At a youth rally in afternoon about 100 were present, when Mr. Taylor gave address. Youth choir under Peter Verco performed for first time in public. A solo was rendered by Miss Shirley Barker and a duet by Misses Beth Stace and Janette Gray, of Georgetown. In first week average attendance was 60, and in second close on 70. Each Sunday service was well attended. Mr. Taylor delighted all with forceful and scholarly addresses. Mrs. Taylor assisted with splendid messages in song. Other soloists included Mrs. P. Verco, Mrs. C. R. Graham, Miss Lois Bills, Mrs. R. Irish and Mrs. A. Hopkins. To these also church expressed thanks. Following evening service on Sept. 3, closing day of mission, a fellowship hour was held for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor prior to their return to Brighton. A fruitful time was enjoyed by church.



Stewardship Campaign, Vic.

THREE representatives from each metropolitan church, including preachers and secretaries, were invited by Victorian Crusade Committee to a tea at Lygon-st., Carlton, on Sept. 4, when 120 men accepted the com-

mittee's invitation. R. Ennis (chairman), outlined the proposed stewardship campaign, when opportunity would be taken to give definite Christian teaching on the stewardship of the whole of life, including stewardship of time, talents and money. Letters including a plan of campaign had been sent to every preacher and secretary throughout the State. S. Neighbour displayed samples of literature and four sermon outlines containing suggestions for preachers. Literature included brief, pointed messages under the titles: (1) "I haven't got the time"; (2) "I can't afford it"; (3) "I can't do that." A longer booklet, "What can one person do?" gives a comprehensive study of stewardship. The Crusade Committee is making available to Victorian churches 35,000 copies of this literature for free distribution. It was also pointed out that the Austral had other stewardship pamphlets available, namely, "Handling Aright Our Possessions," "Systematic Proportionate Giving," "The Gospel of Stewardship" and "The Bible Speaks on Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Stewardship."

Both speakers emphasised the need to take Christianity seriously and to recognise the demand which it makes upon the whole of life. God is not content with scrap ends of time, talents or money. The whole of life should be invested with and for God.

The meeting of men enthusiastically endorsed the stewardship of the whole-of-life campaign, and agreed to urge that as far as possible churches attempt to time their campaigns for the last three Sundays in November or the first three Sundays in December.—S. Neighbour.



Federal College Notes

THE annual reunion of past and present students of the college was held on Sept. 19. Sincere sympathy is felt for Maurice Keatch whose mother passed away in Adelaide on Sept. 13.

Applications for enrolment for 1951 are now being received. Board urges all intending students to make application as early as possible. The secretary will be happy to furnish information relative to college course.

Board of Management, faculty and students have felt a deep sense of loss in the passing of Thomas Hagger. He had been a wise counsellor, inspiring teacher and loyal friend. When he became bed-ridden the morning devotional services from the chapel were relayed to his home nearby to the college, and were greatly appreciated by him.

During August vacation many of the students were engaged in special mission work in the churches. L. Armstrong, P. French and R. Wilson conducted a series of meetings at Oakleigh, and O. M. Jones, M. A. Coombs and M. A. Roberts engaged in similar work at Doveton-st., Ballarat. "Happy Hours" for children were conducted at Red Hill by G. Smith and R. N. Preedy, and at Emerald by R. Holmes and A. West. A vacation ministry at Collins-st., Hobart, Tas., was undertaken by K. Skillicorn.—K.J.



A congregation representative of the Victorian brotherhood shared in a thanksgiving service to the late Thos. Hagger in Gardiner chapel on Sunday, Sept. 17. While there was no pretence that his passing was other than a loss, the congregation felt it fitting to give thanks to God for a life that had an impact on so many people, in so many places, and so many ways. The conference president, A. B. Withers, presided and scriptures were read by R. T. Pittman and J. E. Allan, and prayers were offered by R. C. Bolduan and W. H. Clay. The eulogy was given by J. A. Wilkie. Mrs. C. Taylor sang a solo and Miss B. Winifred Lee presided at organ.

News of the Churches



New South Wales

Wollongong.—E. C. Hinrichsen had crowded meeting on Sunday night, when there were three further decisions.

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Albert Spooner was baptised at gospel service on Aug. 6 and received into fellowship the following Sunday. Dennis Edwards, a Bible school scholar, took his stand for Christ on Aug. 6. Y.P.S.C.E. have undertaken to help support Viraysen C. Dongre through his studies at university to become a doctor. Max Freeman was presented with a medal for ten years unbroken attendance at Bible school. The junior choir has re-commenced its work with the Bible school. Bible class held a successful church social on Aug. 18. Messrs. A. Griffiths and M. Wilson have been elected church deacons. Mr. and Mrs. Denholm (superintendent and matron of Bethany Boys' Home) addressed a combined Bethany rally in school hall on Aug. 26. Films of work at Bethany were shown. Ladies' Guild entertained 33 ladies from City Mission at meeting on Aug. 9. Junior C.E. Society is increasing in membership and had 22 present at recent meeting. Miss May Sparkes has been home on vacation from college at Glen Iris. Mrs. A. T. Porter passed to be with her Lord on Aug. 24. Much sickness still continues among church members. Those in hospital include Miss Jean Younger, Mrs. Shipp, sen., Miss Alice Stone, Kevin Wing. I. A. Paternoster (North Sydney) commenced short interim ministry with church on Sept. 3, when attendances at both services were considerably greater. Evening service was followed by fellowship hour.

South Australia

Kilburn.—At 10 a.m. on Sept. 10, Bible school attendance was 108, including a new scholar. 11.15 a.m. service was conducted by J. Edwards, and helpfully addressed by A. J. Ingham, there being 41 adults and 35 Young Worshipers present. J.C.E. had attendance of 18.

North Adelaide.—Mrs. Marsh has celebrated her 92nd birthday. Death called home J. Lenman (aged 85), a member of church for 67 years. A presentation of a tray was made to Reg. Lamphire upon his removal from work. Mr. Oke gave a helpful message to church on 10th. Mrs. Beiler has been unable to attend through illness.

Prospect.—Miss Jenkin, of Sudan United Mission, was speaker on evening of Sept. 3. Young Married Ladies' Club held first anniversary on Sept. 6, when a portable communion set for Young People's Department was presented to Miss D. Wood, who suitably responded on behalf of department. Mr. Patching addressed services on Sept. 10, a men's choir assisting at night.

Stirling East.—Church business meeting was held recently at Aldgate Valley, preceded by fellowship tea. After business session, A. J. Fisher, of Nailsworth, gave an interesting lantern lecture. Church has planned a spiritual revival campaign for November. N. Kingston, of Murray Bridge, is to be missionary. Cottage prayer meetings have been commenced with encouraging attendances.

Henley Beach.—The fifty-ninth anniversary of church was celebrated on Sept. 10 with special

services. At 11 a.m. a large number communed and twelve Young Worshipers were present. L. G. Johnson, of York, delighted Young Worshipers with a story, and edified church with his exposition. At night Mr. Collins preached and the youth choir assisted. Mrs. N. G. Noble has been received by transfer. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Lake-st., Perth, were visitors. On Sept. 11 a kitchen evening was tendered to Miss Freda Hurcomb, prior to her marriage to Ben Bowering.

Fullarton.—On Sept. 10 church anniversary services were a success being well attended. Chas. Schwab, who was planned to speak at morning service, was unable to help, being confined to bed. B. W. Manning spoke and gave a fine address. In evening an enjoyable song service, with aid of a lantern, was conducted by Peter Mau. Choir gave an item in song. W. V. Wright, church elder, asked a series of questions which Mr. Manning answered in course of his address on the words of Christ, "On this rock I will build my church."

Nailsworth.—Special activities during recent weeks included a men's service on Sept. 3, when C. P. Hughes was preacher and a men's choir sang. On Sept. 4 Sister L. Jenkins, of Sudan United Mission, gave an interesting lantern lecture on her work, this meeting being under auspices of C.E. Society. On Sept. 5 the W.C.T.U. held a meeting in hall; A. J. Fisher spoke on "Why People Take Intoxicants." Several young people participated in Royal Show youth demonstration on Sept. 8. Children from the Morialta Homes have been entertained in some members' homes during school holidays.

Hindmarsh.—Meetings have been smaller because of prevalence of influenza. Church is happy to report improvement in some who have been sick. Work in church and auxiliaries continues happy. Girls of "B" grade basketball team have won the association premiership shield. They held a church parade on Sept. 10, and had a part in service. Mr. and Mrs. P. Jordan and family, of Boronia, and Miss Wallace, of Williamstown, Vic., were present at recent services. Practices for forthcoming Bible school anniversary are being held. Several new scholars have been gained for school.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On morning of Sept. 3 H. P. Manning made reference to life and work of late Thos. Hagger. Christian sympathy was extended to Mrs. Hagger in her bereavement; their devoted service in Grote-st. church is lovingly remembered. A. Creeper was received into membership by transfer from Maylands. Preparations are in hand for anniversary services in October. Church is looking forward to coming of Mr. and Mrs. C. Candy and family. Mr. Candy expects to commence ministry in near future. Mr. Manning's addresses on Sept. 10 were appreciated. Some who had been away through sickness were present; several visitors were welcomed also.

Balaklava.—On Aug. 13 Gordon Stirling addressed gospel service and later spoke to Sunday school teachers and older scholars. Mr. Cremin has preached at other meetings.

Several members have been in hospital. On Aug. 11 members gave an evening to Miss Margaret McPharlin, prior to her marriage to Charles Kirby, of Whyalla. A gift was made on behalf of church. After gospel service on Aug. 27, words of appreciation and farewell were spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lovell, who have gone to reside at Broken Hill. During winter months prayer meetings were held in members' homes. Good Companions' Club and Dorcas Society are making garments for children at Norseman Mission. A happy social evening was held in Sunday school hall on Sept. 6 to honor Miss Marjorie Shepherd on occasion of her 21st birthday. A presentation was made on behalf of church. Sunday school is practising for anniversary.

Naracoorte.—Annual church business meeting held July 19 was well attended. Each auxiliary presented a report. One of the best reports was from Bible school. All officers of church were re-elected. On July 22, at 5 p.m., Bible school mid-winter tea was held. State conference president, H. Cave, and Mrs. Cave paid a week's visit. Mr. Cave was speaker at both services of 23rd. After-church fellowship meetings, held once a month, continue to be a feature of work. There has been much sickness amongst members during winter months. A. Dinning is in Daws-rd. hospital for treatment. W. P. McKenzie is out of hospital and is making progress. Mrs. Jellett has been indisposed for a period. An isolated member, Mrs. Crowe, from Beachport, who is very ill, is being cared for by relatives at Naracoorte. On morning of Aug. 20, C. P. Hughes, of S.A. Temperance Alliance, was speaker. In evening, B. W. Manning, of Fullarton, who was in Naracoorte to conduct a wedding, was speaker. Ladies' Guild has packed and forwarded food parcels to missionaries in India. Church is thankful for help Bordertown brethren give, while Mr. Burn is on circuit work. Strip film projector, which has been purchased by church, is in use. Church looks forward to coming of A. J. Fisher, of Nailsworth, to lead special mission in November.

Victoria

Fairfield.—At close of gospel meeting on Sept. 3, Miss Dorothy Keele confessed her faith in Christ. Sunday school anniversary services are being planned to include a social evening for children, when films will be shown.

Morwell.—Church was helped at morning service, Sept. 3, when Mr. Hilbrick, of Moe, gave an inspiring address. Attendance was good. Mr. Quayle visited members at their homes on Sept. 6. He also preached at morning service on Sept. 10. Mr. Read conducted ably evening service and gave the address.

Maryborough.—I. Living gave a fine address on morning of Aug. 27. Mr. Stitt spoke at night. Church offered sympathy to Mrs. Banks, R. Banks, of Castlemaine, and Mrs. Robertson, in loss of husband and father. Girls' choir continue to give sterling service. Sickness has affected attendances. Mr. Stitt continues to give helpful addresses.

Drumcondra.—On Aug. 26 a squash evening was held at manse. A number of members visited recent mission at Colac. Members of young men's training class took services on Aug. 27. Ray Blick was baptised and another young man made good confession. Don. Morris was welcomed by letter from Echuca. Miss Lorna Wissmann, from Mundaberg, Qld., was a visitor.

Gardenvale.—On Aug. 25 the Girls' Good Companions and the Boys' Explorer Clubs combined to celebrate birthdays. Thirty-four attended. Boys' Explorer Club membership has increased. The "B" grade tennis team reached the semi-finals. After fellowship tea on Sept. 3, the gospel service was taken by a member of British and Foreign Bible Society. Films of work were shown. On Sept. 10 Mr.

McCue, of Local Option Alliance, addressed worship meeting. Attendances have been fair.

Kaniva.—M. T. Lawrie, of Tumby Bay, S.A., has accepted a call to the Kaniva circuit. He will commence ministry in February, 1951. Church is glad to report that J. I. Mudford expects to be able to extend his interim ministry until the end of January. Services continue to be held regularly at Kaniva, Lillimur, Serviceton, South Lillimur and Yeringa. Attendances at these places average about 50, 15, 18, 12 and 15 respectively. Mr. Mudford takes three services each Lord's day, and local preachers fill other services.

Geelong.—Mr. Anderson on Sept. 3 spoke at both services. During past few weeks men of church have worked on fencing and alterations to church platform. On Saturday evening Girls' Club held an evening in aid of "Save the Children Fund." On Sept. 10 Mr. Wright, of Manifold Baptist church, spoke at morning meeting, Mr. Anderson being at Manifold Heights. Sunday school attended British & Foreign Bible Society pageant at Geelong Theatre. At a helpful evening service Mr. Anderson spoke on hymns, and was assisted by choir.

West Preston.—Combined C.E. societies observed August as a month of prayer. A rally, Aug. 26, proved a blessing. P. Thickins, of Thornbury, was speaker. On Aug. 27 a meeting for prayer was held at 7.30 a.m.; 27 attended. Following this there were three confessions of faith. Bricks, long overdue, for kindergarten hall have arrived. There were splendid meetings on Sept. 3. As Mr. Withers was at Yarrowonga, Mr. Kimber preached at both services. Sincere sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Jenkins and Arthur and Harold Powell in loss of father on Sept. 5.

Carnegie.—Services on Sept. 10 were conducted by C. Cole at 11 a.m. and W. H. Greenwood, of college, at 7 p.m. District churches' Men's Societies met at a fellowship tea in Carnegie chapel. On Aug. 26 young people enjoyed a treasure hunt, arranged by Mrs. Coventry, finishing with supper at home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce. Seven lads attended Young Explorers' camp at Monbulk. Church cricket club held annual meeting on Aug. 30. Newly-elected officers were: President, H. R. Coventry; secretary, G. Beard; treasurer, Keith Little. K.S.P. club regrets departure of F. Giles, the leader, who has gone to Sydney.

Mt. Evelyn.—On morning of Sept. 10, F. Lee, of Properties Corporation, gave a fine message and congratulated church on payment of building site within two years. 32 crowded into home ("Kenarthem") of A. H. Pratt, 28 breaking bread. W. Thompson, Col. Thomas and family were visitors. R. G. Macpherson was received into fellowship. After service at 12.30, church adjourned to building site where trees had been pulled down, A. H. Pratt led a brief service and F. Lee gave a short address. H. Graham spoke. H. Thurogood, A. Fisher and R. G. Macpherson led in short prayers. Mrs. A. H. Pratt, treasurer, handed deeds to F. Lee. Meeting closed with doxology. Mr. Pedley is confined to his home.

Thornbury.—Most encouraging reports of church activity over past months were presented at annual business meeting. A church elder, F. N. Lee, expressed church's appreciation to P. R. Thickins for splendid lead given in church's ministry. Brethren elected to office were: Elder, F. N. Lee; deacons, L. Allison, G. Gates, E. Mounsey, C. Page; deaconesses, Mrs. Hammett, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Veal. Bible school is preparing for anniversary, and singing is being led by C. Watson. Girls' Club held enjoyable "father's night" on Sept. 5. Church was encouraged on Sept. 3, when two young people who had no previous church associations, made the good confession. The keen evangelistic spirit prevailing in church is expressed in a consistent loyalty to planned church services.

Ascot Vale.—F. Funston spoke on behalf of local option on Sept. 3. The Sunday school anniversary was held on two Sundays. Kinder department celebrated anniversary on afternoon of Sept. 3 by giving a practical demonstration of kinder work as conducted in Sunday schools. Mrs. McCallum, supt., was leader and well supported by her staff. Mrs. Miles, of Blackburn, in a most pleasing way, gave a flannel talk on story of prodigal son. During afternoon a service was held in which parents of four children placed children's names upon cradle roll while Mr. Pritchard led in prayer. Gospel meeting was a men's service. Men formed choir. Speaker, Mr. McCallum, public librarian, held attention of large congregation with his address on books and men.

Box Hill.—Church meetings have been lifted spiritually by campaign conducted in past three months by G. T. Fitzgerald. Morning and evening services have been well attended, average at evening services being about 80. Temple day, Sept. 9, has resulted in over £125 being contributed. Progress on manse building has reached final stages, and may be completed next month. Anniversary services will be held in town hall. A Young Women's Fellowship has been formed, and meetings are held in various homes. Attendances have been sustained and meetings have been helpful. Various members of family of G. T. Fitzgerald have been amongst visitors; also Mrs. Salsberg and Mr. Salsberg, jun., from Launceston, have been in fellowship. Interest in church work is increasing.

Obituary

Annie Grey

At her home, "Yallamba," Montrose, Vic., on June 15, at age of 78 years, the late Annie J. Grey passed peacefully away to be with Jesus, whom she loved and for whom through her long life she had been a devoted witness for his church. In her early Christian life she was associated with Lygon-st. and Brighton churches. In 1924 she, with husband and family, moved into Montrose district where she had since been in fellowship with Montrose and Croydon churches, during which time her two youngest sons, Howard and Bob, joined the church at Montrose. Since death of her husband, our sister lived with her children, moving from place to place, and during these visits she met with churches at Horsham and St. Arnaud. Mrs. Grey, who was of a quiet, graceful nature, was like her

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DEATH

KEATCH.—On Sept. 13, at Adelaide, Henrietta Maud, beloved wife of the late Arthur James, and loving mother of Reg., Don (dec., A.I.F.), Les and Maurice; mother-in-law of Nell and Mavis, and grandmother of Joan and Aileen. "In his care."

IN MEMORIAM

CLEMENTS.—In loving memory of Alfred N. Clements, who fell asleep Sept. 20, 1941, at Bayswater. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."—Inserted by loving wife, daughter and son-in-law.

KEATCH.—A loving tribute in memory of Mrs. H. M. Keatch, dear friend of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tippet and family, Gardenvale, Vic. "Resting where no shadows fall."

PEDERSEN.—Fond memories of my dear mother, father and Bruce. Thinking of them so often and missing them so much.

Deep in my heart a memory is kept of those we loved and will never forget.—Inserted by their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

ADAMS-JARVIS.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams, 59 Queens-rd., Melb., S.C.3, announce with gratitude to God the 50th anniversary of their wedding at church of Christ, Collins-st., Hobart, by C. T. Nixon on Sept. 5, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Trenchard announce with pleasure and gratitude the 50th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at "Brier Bank," Norval, on Sept. 16, 1900, by J. J. Spalding, Presbyterian minister of Ararat.

SILVER WEDDING.

BUTLER-MILLS.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Butler have pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated by A. J. Wilson at Church of Christ, Horsham, on Sept. 23, 1925. Present address, Riverside, Horsham.

ENGAGEMENT

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ADDRESSES

F. B. Stow (preacher Lismore church, N.S.W.).—101 Diadem-st., Lismore.

T. V. Weir (preacher Warrnambool church, Vic.).—The Manse, 6 Manifold-st., Warrnambool.

D. H. Dinning (secretary Mundalla church, S.A.).—"Atherly," Mundalla.

F. Strickland (secretary Earlwood church, N.S.W.).—5 Burlington-ave., Earlwood.

COMING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 29 (Friday).—The Victorian Women's Conference Executive will meet at 2 p.m., at Swanston-st. "College Day" will be observed. Miss Seaby will lead the devotions and Mr. Skillicorn address meeting. All ladies welcome.

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Master, always ready to excuse rather than
 blame erring ones. She was the mother of
 five children, Bill, Ruby, Don, Howard (dec.)
 and Bob, and to them deepest sympathy is ex-
 tended.—R.L.

Mrs. C. W. Sagers

ON July 1, 1950, in St. Helen's Hospital, East
 Fremantle, W.A., Helen Isobel, the dearly
 loved wife of C. W. Sagers, passed peacefully
 away to be forever with the Lord, at the com-
 paratively early age of 44 years. During the
 last two years or so, our sister had undergone
 several operations with only temporary relief,
 and sooner than expected her spirit had vacated
 its mortal abode; but her end was peace. The
 church at Fremantle and many in the com-
 munity were deeply moved by her passing, and
 the sense of loss was, and still is, very real.

Her radiant and charming personality en-
 deared her to a wide circle of friends. Her
 kindness found expression in practical sym-
 pathy. Quick to see and ready to help, she
 stayed not her hand in the ministry of cheer
 and helpfulness. Her patience and fortitude
 in suffering never faltered. With a calm and
 serene faith, she awaited the hour of her de-
 parture, imparting confidence and hope to her
 loved ones. She knew in whom she had be-
 lieved, and "feared no foe with him at hand
 to bless." With truly motherly devotion she
 envisaged the welfare of her family after she
 was taken, and her words of encouragement
 and counsel will ever be remembered. The
 light of her faith will illumine the pathway
 for following feet. The church confidently
 commends Mr. Sagers and family, John and
 Margaret, all members of the church, and
 Graham, still of tender years, to the God of
 all comfort and grace, whose mercies never
 fail. An unusually large number of people
 attended the funeral service in the crematorium
 chapel, Karrakatta, at which James Gordon
 officiated. An in memoriam service was held
 on July 16, when a large audience paid loving
 tribute to one greatly loved and sadly missed.
 "He turneth the shadow of death into the
 morning."—J.G.

Eneas Richard Tattersall

THE church at Drumcondra, Geelong, Vic., sus-
 tained a loss in the sudden home-call
 of aged E. R. Tattersall on Sept. 3. He was
 led into church by example of his son, tak-
 ing his stand in a mission conducted by
 E. C. Hinrichsen, 14 years ago. Since then
 he has attended services regularly, despite the
 handicap of deafness in later years. He was
 known and loved by all at church. He is
 parted from his own only "till the day dawn
 and the shadows flee away."—A.R.P.

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 in-
 sertion of a letter does not imply editorial ap-
 proval of its contents.—Ed.)

CANBERRA CHURCH.

WE have decided not to support the move
 being made, through Federal Conference,
 to provide buildings and preacher for a future
 church building at Canberra. Some of the
 reasons for our decision, which was unani-
 mous, are—(1) Members at Canberra have done
 little or nothing to establish a cause; (2) The
 present move is costly beyond reason or
 necessity; (3) There is greater need elsewhere
 within the brotherhood, not getting financial
 assistance through any conference. We also
 consider the decision of the Victorian Con-
 ference to support the move, carried by only
 a small majority of delegates present and
 voting, is not a true reflection of the will

of the churches in the matter. We would emphasise that we are not opposing the commencement of a cause at Canberra, only the present move through Federal Conference. On behalf of the Ivanhoe official board, E. Anderson, secretary.

BAN ATOM BOMB.

THE 1950 Federal Conference will meet with the god of war on its threshold. The third world war looms ever nearer, and finds the Christian churches with no scriptural teaching on carnal warfare. The attitude of most Christians towards this world tragedy seems to be neither hot nor cold, a pathetic and uneasy compromise between the teachings of Christ and the demands of Caesar. This 1950 conference may well be the last opportunity of freedom of speech, and may be the last opportunity for churches to make a united stand for peace.

It is too much to expect Christians to renounce all faith in carnal warfare, but a Federal Conference at this momentous time should make a strong protest against the manufacture and use of atomic bombs. This diabolical weapon has no justification whatever, and its use can only be a crime against humanity and God.

Let it not be said that we, the sons of God, heirs to eternal life, are afraid lest some heathen nation may use it against us. Is our God dead?—S. H. Wattleworth, Exter, Tas.

DEFENCE.

JESUS CHRIST said, "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet" (Mark 13: 7). During the Old Testament dispensation war was essential to save God's people from subjection of idolatrous nations. When soldiers of the Israelites came back from the wars they had committed no sin; they had obeyed God. The fearful and faint-hearted were not allowed to go to war (Deut. 20: 8). Much has been said and written about "conscientious objection." In schools, colleges and universities consciences that answer according to the books are correct. Consciences that answer according to the New Testament are correct and right, concerning military training and defensive wars. To obey God and Jesus Christ we must read, speak and write (Mark 13: 7; Rom. 13: 1, 2, and 1 Peter 2: 13, 14). Jesus Christ never spoke of the necessity of sin. What he said must needs be is no sin. There are two sides to war—offensive and defensive. Jesus Christ and God the Father approve of one of the two—our defensive. The apostle Paul writes, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God. The powers that be are ordained of God." Our army, navy and air force, as a whole, are one of the ordained powers of God. It is obedience to God for young men to be subject to these powers. They are for the purpose of what Jesus Christ said must needs be. The consequences of Communism show to us that it is not one of the ordained powers of God; it is of human origin, not divine.—Arthur A. Chappell, Maryborough, Qld.

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