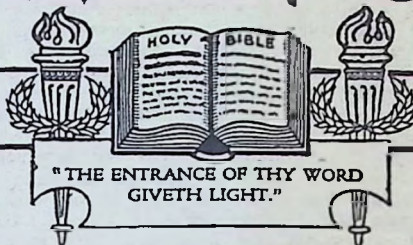


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The Permanence of Our Witness

PERMANENCE? In a world like this? What changes members of this church have seen since 1865! Swiftly those who bore a witness have passed away. We, too, are hurrying on, soon to give place to others. Yet you ask me to speak of the *permanence* of our witness, though the witnessing tongues and lives will shortly vanish.

Some pre-Christian philosophers regarded an incessant change, an infinite flux, as belonging to the very nature of things. Heraclitus (who died B.C. 475) put it, "All fleets." To some the astonishing changes of this present age may seem to confirm the pagan philosopher's word. A social change almost amounting to a revolution has taken place in our lifetime, and the surest prophecy any one can make regarding the issue of the present world conflict is that it will be succeeded by changes in the social and economic order greater by far than those which followed what we have hitherto called "the great war." Scientific advances which have made us realise the greatness of the human mind, inventions which have contributed to the enrichment and pleasure of life, as well as those which have been the instruments of devastating war, bear witness to a ceaselessly changing world. The modes of our preaching, teaching and thinking, have altered. We scarcely dare attempt to mention the world changes showing the impermanence of many things formerly regarded as fixed. We have seen the fall of rulers and the ruin of nations, the destruction of thousands of homes, the loss of countless thousands of lives, war waged on defenceless women and little children, and such broken trust, faithlessness and ruthlessness as to make many fear the crash of civilisation, freedom and faith, and the destruction of principles of the religion to which we have been giving witness.

Abiding Things.

Yet we Christians do not believe that nothing is permanent. Changes without have been matched by changes within ourselves; each one is conscious of bodily, mental and spiritual change—growth and possibly decline,—but the ego persists. The "I" who thought and spake as a child is the "I" who has put away childish things. I am not just as I was forty years ago, but I abide. Our basic needs remain the same. Our virtues and vices have altered but little. We have the same experience of doubt and fear, disappointment and baffled hope; of failure to live up to ideals; of sin which leads to remorse and, but for the grace of God, to eternal ruin and death.

Thought of the changing world but lifts our minds to the changeless things which cannot be shaken—to the immutable God, the Christ who is the same to-day as for ever, and the eternal Spirit. The abiding Godhead, the abiding truth and the abiding graces are of an

infinite value as contrasted with the changing things which are apt to cause us bitterness and fill our minds with corroding anxiety.

We can still stay our souls on the thought of permanence, and find renewed courage and strength for future witnessing.

It is not my task merely to affirm the permanence of our witness but also to indicate some of its permanent elements.

Let me remind you that because of special needs, or opposition of men to great truths, or by the neglect or denial even by professing believers of part of the essential truth of God, there is a varying emphasis in each era of some portion of the Christian witness. For a time certain truths need to be stressed and given unusual emphasis until the need has been met or the opposition turned. Consider the church battles in different ages over such subjects as the divinity of Christ, the personality of the Holy Spirit, man's freedom and accountability, the Fatherhood of God, divine immanence, human rights and the sanctity of personality as opposed to slavery, a proper social conscience, missionary activity, Christian union. With each of these great themes the emphasis has changed, but the truth abides.

Again, our appreciation of the will of God and our knowledge of his word changes—I trust it grows,—but the word of God abides for ever. Occasionally I wonder if some Christians do not mean to question the right of a man of sixty to believe the same essential truth that he accepted at twenty. Of course he has this right; no thing that was a part of God's truth has altered with the passing years. We may with simple faith such as we had when we first accepted Christ, but with increasing appreciation and devotion, put our trust in the Lord and proclaim his age-abiding Gospel.

Some permanent things in our witness can now be indicated and stressed.

Witness to All Essential Christian Truth.

You will appreciate, I trust, my motive in emphasising that *our witness* is not merely for what we have been accustomed to call "our distinctive position." It includes all that great mass of permanent and important truth, questioned in certain regards and in some quarters, but held in common by all true believers:

The Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
The death of our Lord Jesus Christ for our sin and his resurrection for our justification;
The Holy Spirit's converting and sanctifying work;

The Scriptures given to be the lamp unto our feet and the light unto our path;

The Gospel as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;

Salvation by grace, not by works;

The church of the redeemed, with its worship, fellowship and service;

The necessity of a life of godliness, love and benevolence;

The coming again of our Lord to be the Judge of the quick and the dead.

These are all included in our "first principles," and for us, as for myriads of other believers, are amongst the permanent elements of witness. Let us not limit the thought of "our witness" to something less than the whole round of essential Christian truth.

In addition to this general statement, some more particular and specific elements may be noted—things which, whatever the course religion may take in the future, will remain permanently good, and for which witness should continue to be given.

Our Plea in One Sentence.

If I were asked to state in one sentence what I regard as the essence of the plea which churches of Christ have made, the supreme thing in our witness, I think I should say that it is *for the putting of the pre-eminent Christ in his rightful place, and for the profession and practice, now as in the early days, of a religion which expresses itself in terms of Christ*—so that in name, message, creed, ordinance, life and hope he, our blessed Lord, may be exalted and given the central place in our lives. *It is inconceivable that until our Lord come, such a witness can ever become out of date.*

The appeal, rightly made and understood, has not been that people come to us, but rather that we all come to Christ, hear him and obey him as our Lord and Master, making a common faith in and loyalty to him the bond of union and test of Christian fellowship. That is a fundamental and permanent principle.

From the beginning we have borne witness (not always so consistently in practice as in words) to the imperative need of Christian union—the preservation of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, a unity which must include the seven elements enumerated by God "who made the plea to the Ephesian Christians: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. Till the end of the age it will be in order to repeat the apostolic witness.

Just as we rejoice to note the new feeling after unity in the Christian world—a feeling kindled and fostered largely by our brethren in bygone days,—so are we glad to see the increasing desire for a simpler creedal statement, in which Christ the Son of God is confessed, in place of the elaborate creeds of the ages. Undoubtedly the witness of over a century and a quarter has borne fruit; and that witness will never become obsolete.

With many fellow believers, but more insistently than most, we have borne a steadfast witness to the great New Testament doctrine of the common priesthood of believers. We

have opposed the thought of a special priesthood and any hierarchy, however venerable or powerful, which is inconsistent with the priesthood of the humblest Christian or with the high-priestly and mediatorial work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have stressed the fact that the church of Christ is his body, of which every redeemed person on earth is a member. In the nature of the case, these must be perpetual elements of witness.

Regarding the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper, a brief word must now suffice. The great majority of Christians and all churches agree in regarding these as not only ordained by Christ but intended by him for perpetual observance throughout the Christian era. We have sought to regard these, and pleaded with others to observe them, in the manner of our Lord's appointment. May I say that if in a desire for unity there should be an agreement on the part of all uniting bodies to practise and preach something other than the clearly expressed will of Jesus Christ our Lord, there would still be need of a permanent witness to the things of his appointment? It would still be a duty to practise the baptism which symbolises so expressively death, burial and resurrection and sets forth the believer's union with the experience of his Lord. The time can never be when it will be right to withhold from seekers for salvation the words of the Holy Spirit through Peter to the believing inquirers on Pentecost: "Repent ye, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The passing on of such instructions cannot mislead, unless the Spirit himself misleads us. The witness in favor of a converted church membership, composed of those who not by proxy but by personal faith and personal surrender accept Christ as Saviour, will ever be necessary. We must warn the religious world against the thought that an unconscious infant stands in need of a baptism unto remission, or that the doctrine of baptismal regeneration as frequently expounded is other than a "fundamental error of Christendom."

The supper of the Lord, in which the Christian remembers his Saviour and has blessed communion with him and his fellow believers, finding nourishment for his soul as by faith he feeds upon him who is the Bread of Life, is also a permanent privilege. On the Lord's day in the Lord's house the Lord's table should be spread—the world needs this perpetual showing forth of the Lord's death till he come. So we shall endeavor still to witness.

Not Less but Better Witnessing.

Whatever changes take place in our Brotherhood—and many have come, and many others will come, some for the better and probably others for the worse—I trust that we shall still give witness to the things of which I have spoken. On a number of these points it is most gratifying to note the remarkable changes in the religious world. What heartening things we have seen! Many things for which our brethren pleaded, and almost alone, are accepted by most Protestants to-day. The witness of our fathers was not in vain. Almost every communion has been influenced in its faith or practice by their faithfulness. For the new-found desire for Christian union especially we give thanks unto God. Yet we might and should have done more to help the Christian world and all for whom the Saviour died. *Not enough change has come in the religious world to make our witness unnecessary, but rather sufficient to cheer us on to a renewed and better, because more Christlike, witnessing.* But whether others come to regard Christ's will on the points enumerated, whether or not we depart from them, there will still be need for some faithful men to witness to the Lord's appointments.

In closing, I may emphasise the other thought of the permanence of our witness, even though our work on earth will soon be

done. Those faithful men and women of pioneering days, those vallant preachers of the word of God, have gone; but has the influence of their witness also vanished? Not so. It never can be so. The influence of faithfulness lasts for ever. You and I are what we are because Christians centuries ago were true to Christ in face of persecution and the terrific onslaught of Satanic hate and power, because of the faithfulness of Christians generations ago in this and other lands, because of the gracious influence of some humble disciple, parent or Sunday school teacher, in our childhood days. In generations to come, how good it will be if some are Christian, true and loyal and loving, because we—you and I—were loyal to Christ. Long, long afterwards the song you sing may be found in the heart of a friend, the word you speak may cause someone to turn to righteousness and so to hear the Master's "Well done!" in that great day when all stand before the throne; the life you live may influence others who but for you would never have known or walked in the way which leads to life eternal.

No strife or turmoil, no opposition of devils or men, can destroy one particle of divine truth, or frustrate permanently the will of God. No life lived for our Lord, no true word of witness spoken in love for him, can be wholly unfruitful. Herein may be our eternal reward. Let us be faithful to that great deposit of truth which we hold in trust for God.

"Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death."

Holding On.

"If the post is attacked it [the garrison] will resist by every means and remain until relieved. If the garrison cannot remain alive, it will remain dead; but in any case it will remain."

The devotion and sacrifice expected from our soldiers are set forth in these instructions to a post held by a company of the home guard of a north-western town, reported in "The Times" of August 17. We quote the words, not for the purpose of paying a tribute to the heroism of our men—though that cannot be withheld—but to indicate the spirit in which our enterprise for the kingdom of God should be undertaken. We thank God that in missionary work just such devotion as that demanded in the order has often been manifested. But if the exceptional which thrills our souls could become the usual thing, what victories would be won for Christ! In our home mission field there were outposts which were lost or abandoned when they might have been held had all of us been more faithful. Our Commander calls: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Mission Needs in War Time.

A NEWSPAPER paragraph reports that the National Missionary Council of Australia is making a strong appeal for extra giving. The income of all missions controlled from Australia, it is said, has been lower this year than for many years. This is primarily due to the stopping of contributions from England, which, it has been computed by the National Missionary Council of Australia, amounted to £1,600,000 a year. Necessary requirements for the missions cost £1,000,000 a year. The missionary authorities aimed to raise at least £1,000,000 more than the usual contributions in Australia this year. We are glad that the level of our missionary giving has so far been maintained. We trust that it will be so with the forthcoming offering for home missionary work. Australia's £250,000,000 budget and the vastly increased taxation rates which have just been announced may tend to scare some people. It is undoubted that all of us will have to economise, and difficult days may lie ahead; but there should be no such panic as will induce retrenchment of the work of the

Master. Church finances should not be the first to suffer when extra calls are made upon us.

Do Bad Boys Stay Bad?

ELSEWHERE in this issue we refer to Mr. E. F. Oswald Barnett's "The Making of a Criminal," in which he pleads for giving boys and youths of Australia a fair chance. If boys stay bad, it is largely because of the conditions in which they find themselves. We can best get rid of war by seeking to remove the conditions which breed war. We shall best remove crime and delinquency by getting rid of their causes.

In this connection the following paragraph under the heading "Do Bad Boys Stay Bad?" from the pen of Dr. F. D. Kershner conveys a helpful lesson:

"Two eminent Harvard professors tell us that they have kept accurate records of juvenile court cases covering a large number of delinquents, and have discovered that the typical bad boy usually outgrows his meanness if he is given a fair chance to do so. There is a stage in juvenile development when it is quite easy for the subject to break all the laws and to have very few scruples about actions or consequences. In a few years this period is outgrown and the bad boy develops an entirely different attitude toward society and toward his own responsibility. Up-to-date reform schools understand this situation, and try to adjust their programme to it. It may be well for the ordinary parent to do the same thing."

The War.

IT is announced that Rumania and Slovakia have joined the German-Italian-Japanese Pact. Hungary signed up last week. Italy has not found her invasion of Greece the easy thing she imagined, but has suffered heavy losses and been compelled to retreat. Her recent naval losses have also been severe. The bombing of Midland towns of England, and particularly the indiscriminate attack on Coventry, have roused great indignation. Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to U.S.A., announced that "in bombing raids we are losing 200 daily with 300 injured." Australia has begun to realise the nearness of the war, because of the loss of ships through mines and the reported presence of a raider off the coast. The new taxation figures show that all must share in the financial burden. When our armies are engaged in the fighting, we shall appreciate more the cost of war. Meanwhile our hearts go out to our kinsfolk suffering so greatly and enduring so bravely.

Two Temples.

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
And men said as they saw its beauty,
"It never shall know decay,
Great is thy skill, O builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A mother builded a temple
With infinite, loving care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the mother builded
Was unseen by the eye of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the mother builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

—Selected.

Beautiful Things.

Alan Price, B.A.

"Whatsoever things are lovely—think on these things."—Phil. 4: 8.

THE sense of the beautiful distinguishes man from the brute and attests his divine spiritual origin. The inexpressible sensations aroused by the contemplation of beauty are a solid proof that man is more than flesh and blood.

Beautiful Zion.

David, looking down on the Jerusalem of his time, declared it to be "beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, Zion the city of our God." Even now travellers can tell us of the lovely city built as a fortress on rock-bound hills and standing out above a rugged valley. In Solomon's time the vision was grand indeed, for his gold-plated temple stood out as a mighty masterpiece in the centre of all. Later on that temple was destroyed and two less imposing temples, in succession, took its place. Even then the beauty of the city was great. Christ himself, coming down from the hills of Bethany, was moved to tears as he thought of the destruction that awaited it and its inhabitants. In later days, through the centuries, Jews have gathered at the wailing place to pray with tearful eyes for the restoration of Zion.

We have had a glimpse of the spiritual Zion, the New Jerusalem. We have tried to picture the grand simplicity of the early church and to imitate it. Still, the spiritual Jerusalem lies in ruins throughout the world. We pray for the first things—we endeavor to lead distracted Christendom to Christian unity. We look forward to the day when "the holy city, new Jerusalem, shall come down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Beautiful Unity.

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133). Whether in the home or in the church the spirit of united love is beautiful to see. Where Jesus occupies the first place is sure to be the home or church where brethren walk together in unity.

The illustration that follows in this brief psalm is hard for us to understand. Why should unity be like the anointing oil that flowed down Aaron's face and beard and clothes? Among the Jews water was generally scarce. The climate was hot and oil provided a pleasant means of refreshment, while the ceremony of Aaron's anointing as priest appealed to them as a solemn and refreshing sight. Unity in the church is indeed a lubricant to sweeten and accelerate the action of the wheels of Christian service.

Again, why is unity like "the dew of Hermon"? A country with hot days and cold nights benefits much by the nightly dews on the hillsides. The dew of Christian unity falling on the fields of Christian service may result in a sixty-fold harvest of souls.

Beautiful Feet.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation" (see Isa. 52: 7 and Rom. 10: 15).

In a land where couriers ran with news one could almost tell from the merry tripping of the feet on the hilltops that the news was good. The feet that ran were beautiful to see, and the expectant citizens blessed the messengers as they came.

There is no nobler occupation than the

proclamation of the gospel. A winner of souls is entitled to our best respect. They that win many to righteousness shall shine as the stars of heaven. When Jesus sat at the well of Sychar, those hot and thorn-pierced feet were beautiful, as he told the way of salvation to a fallen woman.

Again as he reclined at Simon's table a woman that had been a sinner wept over, anointed and kissed the feet that had carried to her forgiveness. When the same feet were pierced with nails at Calvary they were still more beautiful as they brought redemption to humanity.

The Beauty of Christ.

Are we wrong in portraying Jesus Christ as a beautiful person? Are we not told that he had no form nor comeliness, that his visage

was marred more than the sons of men?" He was a man of sorrows. We hid our faces from him. Could one who led such a life as he be beautiful?

The artistic world has sought for him a face of extreme beauty—a western type. Crucifixes and celebrated paintings prove this. Epstein, the sculptor, a few years ago shocked the religious world by producing a face of a different type. I have examined a photo. print of his work. At first sight it appeared crude and repulsive, but as I kept on looking with half-closed eyes, I could see the Man of sorrows. Distress and earnestness were revealed in sculpture, and I realised that to a great extent Epstein was right. Whether he was right or wrong the beauty of Jesus was the beauty of holiness, something surpassing the beauty of feature. It was a beauty of character, a beauty of unselfish love. The glorified beauty of Christ is perfect in every respect, and it is promised that we in due course shall be transformed into the same image. "We all, with unveiled face, reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the spirit" (2 Cor. 3: 18).

Every Man's Book.

THE annual popular reports of the British and Foreign Bible Society are most interesting and informative. This year the literary superintendent of the Society (Mr. John. A. Patten, M.C., M.A.) gives us a little volume with the delightfully appropriate title "Every Man's Book." E.H.J., writing in "The Christian World," gives the following review and commendation:—

"Even this will pass away"—this misery and tragedy of war—and men will turn again with a new earnestness to discover the secrets of true and good, and therefore of safe and happy, living. A stream of life-giving water that war cannot dry up; a beam of life-giving light which can pierce the thickest darkness—choose what metaphor we will, we may all rejoice in the fact that the Bible is at work throughout the world, and that nothing can stop it. What more heartening reading for these times than a book recounting a year's adventures in the splendid task of distributing the Scriptures amongst all the races of men? Such a book is "Every Man's Book."

Mr. Patten has an enviable gift of introducing each year's story in original and suggestive ways. This year he engages the reader's attention by a delightful "Prologue" upon the fascination and influence of books in general, with some speculations as to why this or that famous book has exercised power over the hearts and minds of men. This leads up to the question:—

"Are there some books that belong to every man—some books that fascinate all minds, grip all hearts? It would be hazardous to attempt the compilation of such a list: the right of certain books to be there would be disputed and the absence of others would be criticised. There is, however, one Book that would stand at the head of any and every list. That Book is the Bible."

This Prologue is followed by a discussion of the influence of the Bible as witnessed to by many famous men, and so we come to the many-colored narrative of the adventures of the Bible Society's colporteurs and agents in many lands, with the testimonies of all kinds of people to whom the gospel story has come as something new and surprising, and in many cases, transforming, in the year that is gone. Here, for example, is a story from Brazil:—

"At a place on the river bank called Melgaso, an old lady, on hearing of the arrival of the Bible launch, invited the colporteur to hold a

meeting in her house at a stated time a few days hence. Imagine the colporteur's surprise when on his arrival at the house he found twenty-five people assembled and practically all of them with Bibles in their hands. It turned out that many of them had travelled considerable distances to attend the meeting, so great was their interest. On being questioned they showed considerable knowledge of the Scriptures, and indeed, were known in the district as Protestants on account of their Bible reading. These people had obtained the Scriptures from Mr. Davies himself some years previously, and it may be said that they had come to a saving knowledge of Christ entirely through the reading of the Bible."

Though the book provides, in a sense, a respite from wartime preoccupations—for its theme is timeless—it contains, of course, a record of the Bible Society's special war services, all of which may be summed up in the words: "Endeavors are made to put the Word of God into the hands of all soldiers, sailors and airmen, whether friend or foe."

Pen-pictures rather than statistics are the object of Mr. Patten's "Report." But the vastness of the work, and the urgent need of continued generous support, are concisely set forth as follows:—

"For a third of last year war was raging in Europe, and it would have been understandable if the circulation of the Scriptures had, in consequence, suffered severely; but, so far from this happening, we are in a position to report the substantial increase of 724,000 books over the previous year. The total circulation was 11,763,666 volumes, this figure being made up of 1,004,521 Bibles, 1,560,131 New Testaments, and 9,199,014 portions; but it should be remembered that these figures were, in some instances, for a period of thirteen months instead of twelve. Nevertheless, there is every reason for thankfulness to God that in these days of difficulty and strife the Bible Society should have been privileged to sow the Word so plentifully in the wide field of the world."

Nobody can read "Every Man's Book" without being eager to play his part in the truly evangelical activity which it so finely records.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
Back of the flour is the mill,
Back of the mill is the sun and the shower,
The wind and the Father's will."

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

LEAN HARD.

CHILD of my love "Lean Hard,"
And let me feel the pressure of thy care.
I know thy burden, child—I shaped it;
Poised it in my own hand; made no proportion.
In its weight, to thy unaided strength.
Before I ever laid it on, I said:
"This burden shall be mine, not hers;
So shall I keep my child within the circling
arms
Of mine own love." Here lay it down; nor fear
To impose it on a shoulder which upholds
The government of worlds. Yet closer come,
Thou art not near enough; I would embrace
thy care,
So I might feel my child reposing on my heart:
Thou lovest me? I doubt it not;
Then, loving me—*Lean Hard.* —Selected.

THE PLACE WE FILL.

HE was a great singer, whose wonderfully
beautiful voice touched the hearts of his
hearers with an earnest desire to go out and
labor for God.

"Oh, I wish I could sing like that," said a
young girl. "How much good I could do!"

A lady who heard turned to her with a
smile. "Miss Sheldon," she said, "I remember
once expressing a wish similar to that, and
an old lady told me this story: 'When I wish
to be something God has not permitted me to
be, and think my life and its talents amount
to nothing, I always recall a poem that was
on the first page of my reader when I was a
child at school. A tiny buttercup became dis-
contented and longed to be a tall and beautiful
daisy, and the answer was given to it: "But
God wants a buttercup—just where you're
growing."'

"So," the woman continued, "whatever place
we fill, God puts us there, and it is a part of
his great, unerring plan."

The girl listened, with a smile coming to her
lips. "I'll not forget that," she said softly.
"God wants a buttercup—just where you're
growing."—Selected.

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—THE DEATH OF ONE FOR THE LIFE OF ALL.

Monday, December 2.

CHRIST died for the ungodly.—Rom. 5: 6.
All human schemes for man's salvation
having failed, it was reserved for the Almighty
to present a plan by which, through the death
of "One," an everlasting life and salvation
might be made possible for "all."
Reading—Romans 5: 1-11.

Tuesday, December 3.

For the death that he died, he died unto sin
once; but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto
God.—Rom. 6: 10.

This sacrifice was an all-sufficient atonement
and will not be repeated. Jesus lives for ever,
and all Christians should live with him the
resurrected life.

Reading—Romans 6: 1-10.

Wednesday, December 4.

He died for all, that they that live should
no longer live unto themselves.—2 Cor. 5: 15.
Christ died, not for a select few, but for all.
Any other view conflicts with the character
of God as revealed in his word.

Reading—2 Corinthians 5: 11-21.

Thursday, December 5.

Christ died for our sins according to the
scriptures.—1 Cor. 15: 3.

The death of Jesus was according to the
plan of God from the foundation of the world,

CURE FOR A MOUTH DISEASE

CALLED SCANDAL.

TAKE of good nature one ounce, of an herb
commonly known by the Indians, "mind
your own business," one ounce; mix this with
a little "charity for others," and two or three
sprigs of "keep your tongue within your teeth";
simmer them together in a vessel called cir-
cumspection for a time, and it will be fit for
use. Application.—The symptoms are a violent
itching in the tongue and roof of the mouth
which invariably takes place when you are
with a kind of being called a gossip. When
you feel a turn of it coming on, take a spoon-
ful of the above; hold it in your mouth, which
you will keep closely shut until you get home,
and you will find a complete cure. Should you
apprehend a relapse, keep a phial full about
you, and on feeling the slightest symptoms, re-
peat the dose.—Selected.

ALL THE NEWS!

An Oriental paper, having an English sec-
tion, printed the following notice:—

"The news of England we tell the latest.
Writ in perfectly style and most earliest. Do
a murder commit, we hear of it and tell it.
Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in
border sombre. Staff has each been colleged
and write like the Kipling and the Dickens.
We circle every town and extortionate not for
advertisements."

SCIENCE.

Professor.—"By accurate experiments we
have come to the conclusion that heat ex-
pands a substance, while cold contracts it. In
other words, heat makes a substance longer;
cold makes it shorter. Now, who will give me
a definite example of this?"

Student.—"Here is one. In summer it is
hot and the days are longer. In winter, when
it is cold, the days are shorter."

Thanksgiving.

Psalms 21.

Prayer Meeting Topic for December 4.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THERE appears to be some connection be-
tween this psalm and the preceding one.
In Psalm 20 a prayer was made on behalf of
the king, and in this one thanksgiving for
answered prayer is the keynote. In the one
a prayer that God would grant him according
to his heart—in the other, "Thou hast given
him his heart's desire." The occasion of the
psalm is in question. Some think it a birth-
day ode; some a coronation hymn; and others
a thanksgiving for victory in battle. Un-
doubtedly it was a public thanksgiving for

Answered Prayer.

If there was anxiety it is gone. "He asked
life of thee and thou gavest it him even length
of days for ever and ever." Whether it was
because of sickness or risk in battle, we know
not, but we do know that God gave answer.
And God is still the same—yesterday, to-day
and forever. All who in sincerity and faith
come to him shall have the answer. David
knew it, the prophets preached it, and Jesus
promised it. The early church rejoiced in the
knowledge and experience of answered prayer.
Should we doubt it when so many bear witness
to the fact? Why do we not pray more earn-
estly as individuals and as a people? The
jubilant tone of the psalm suggests that "the
prayer has not been barely but overflowingly
answered." God's good things have gone far
ahead of the petitions, and had even antici-
pated the king's wishes and wants.

Thanksgiving.

If a nation receive should they not unite in
thanks to God? If the individual is a par-
taker in great benefits, should he not enter
into thanksgiving? In the hour of our need
we cry aloud to God, and in the days of our
receiving we are forgetful and thankless. It
seems to us that man has the wrong attitude
to life in these days. Unless he is receiving
he is unhappy and fretful. To give is a hard-
ship. The king probably had risked his life.
He gave for the people. Wasn't that also an
occasion for thanksgiving? Should not we
thank God not only for the many who are
saved out of the fire and the great danger, but
also for those who give that others may have
life? We need a lot of teaching about the
matter of thanksgiving to God. "He is able
to do exceedingly abundantly above all that
we ask or think." He not only is able but
does. Think of his care for you and yours.
Consider how he brought your dear ones to
new life in Christ. Reflect upon the gracious
provision for us all on Calvary's cross. Why
don't we thank him? Praise be to him in
the nation; praise be to him in the church;
praise be to him in our families. The Lord
God omnipotent reigneth.

New Hope.

Every fresh experience in this realm
strengthens hope for the future. Every
answered prayer means a reinforcing of faith.
He who has not failed us to-day will not fail
us to-morrow. He who gave strength to a
church in days of persecution will not leave
us in a war-stricken world. The sin of men
shall not nullify the grace of God in our
hearts. All the days from morning to evening
and from evening to morning he has guided
and protected us. Surely he will not fail us
now. "But he cannot seem the same to his
enemies as to his friends; the same events
which fulfil the hopes of his friends are the
terror and dread of his foes." Surely our
hope is in God.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 11.—BE PRE-
PARED.—1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11.

Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

A GOOD BOOK FOR GROUP STUDY.

LEADERS of young people are always on the look-out for useful, fresh handbooks for group study. We desire to commend heartily a little book recently off the press. It's just what we have been needing. The book is by Bro. A. W. Stephenson, M.A., of Hampton, Vic., on "Pioneering for Christian Unity." A graphic survey of the beginning and progress of the Restoration Movement in Australia and New Zealand is given. The pioneering zeal, self-sacrifice and devotion of the pioneers will make an immediate appeal to the hearts of the young. The principles for which they stood and pleaded need to be well known and appreciated by our present generation—especially young people. As well as a historical statement there is an excellent doctrinal statement of our position.

Christmas camps will be held in a few weeks. Scores of church groups will be going away for several days to combine recreation with education for Christian service. We would like to urge this little book, as a possible basis for group study. Then Bible class leaders will be looking for a useful line of study for their new year syllabus. Christian Endeavor societies and clubs would do well to use this book as a guide to study. A deepening interest in our message would result. Young people should be encouraged to purchase their own copies for reading, research and co-operation in class and club programmes. The price of the book is 1/6 (posted 1/7), and may be purchased from the Austral Publishing Co. and from our church book-rooms.

THE LURE OF BIG THINGS.

SOMETIMES a narrow leader has greater success than an able man simply because he concentrates on the deep eternal issues, while the other devotes himself to the needs that are passing. No group has less power than the one that deals only with its local concerns, and with the topics of the day. The salvation of the outsider, the uplift of life, the promotions of finer relationship between men and women, the abolition of social evils, the evangelisation of the world, will stir the heart of youth like a trumpet. The youth groups should support all the work of the local church and be loyal to the wider schemes of the whole brotherhood. Full use should be made of fellowship gatherings, district rallies, visits of missionaries, summer leadership conferences to foster the big vision and the big spirit, and to make the group members feel the power of enterprises that have in them sweep and scope.

S.A. NOTES.

THE S.A. Bible School Department is planning an enlarged programme for this conference year. They will include participation in the Council Religious Instruction summer school in January; an essay competition for Bible school scholars in four divisions; the inauguration of a Bible Class Fellowship; conferences for teachers in both suburban and country districts; and intensive youth week and Bible School Day followed by a Teachers' Training Week.

The big Young People's Training Camp at Gawler at Easter, of course, is in the programme. Brethren, let your prayers ascend to God for his blessing upon the committee and the organiser in preparing the programme.—Will Beiler.

Western Australian News-letter.

Roy Raymond.

Our Jubilee.

THE meetings of our Jubilee Convention made a fitting celebration of our fifty years' work in this State. Attendances at all meetings were most gratifying. The rally in the Perth Town Hall on the Lord's day afternoon was a great gathering that filled the hall. This was on the day chosen for the Federal Conference sermon. So pleased were the preachers with the rally that they are venturing to send a recommendation to the executive that our conference sermon be preached in the Town Hall in coming years. Bro. C. M. Nelson led the convention choir, and Cyril Cook was at the organ. It was a great choir. The sisters arranged a great jubilee tea at Lake-st., which was by far the best for years by reason of numbers, and the night meeting, arranged and presided over by the sisters, and addressed by C. H. Hunt, taxed Lake-st. chapel.

H.M. Offering.

The annual offering was made on Nov. 3. I have not heard the result. Bro. Hilford, H.M. organiser, worked hard to make the appeal successful. It has been decided that in future years W.A. will fall into line with other States and make the offering in December.

Lottery Money.

Following the report of a committee of the Anglican Church on the question of the church accepting money from the Lotteries Commission, which report you so effectively answered in your editorial columns, Mr. G. Tulloch, of the Perth Presbyterian Church, and Bro. J. Wiltshire, on behalf of our own Social Service Department, have written to the "West Australian" setting out very clearly and fearlessly what ought to be the only answer to the question of the church's attitude to gambling. We are grateful to these men for the stand they have taken. Now comes a resolution from the Baptists deploring the widespread usage of gambling methods in connection with charitable, educational and religious activities, and "requests members and adherents of the church not only to refrain from participating in such ventures which are a direct violation of Christian principles, but also to use their influence to combat these corrupting forces."

Movement of Preachers.

I have heard of several changes about to take place. Bro. Frank M. Fewster, who has done such a grand work at Bunbury during the past few years, is to go to Northam. This big town sixty miles out of Perth is an important centre in view of the extensive military camps there. Bro. Fewster is the very man for this field. Bro. Ray Vincent, now at Inglewood, is to succeed at Bunbury. Bro. Ern. Sherman will go from Palmyra to Inglewood. Bro. W. H. Nightingale, who recently finished a five years' ministry at Collie, is now helping the little church at Midland Junction. Bro. T. D. Maiden is adopting an aggressive evangelistic policy in his district. Like many more of us, he believes that this is the best way in these days, and he is working at it. He has pitched the big H.M. tent in his territory, and is preaching every night. We hope others will follow this example.

Queensland News-letter.

H. G. Payne.

About People.

IN last month's letter the retirement of Mr. Wm. Bell from the position of principal of the Baptist College was mentioned. Shortly after we wrote, and before his term had ended, Mr. Bell passed away.

The Anglican Primate of Australia, Archbishop Le Fanu, of Perth, visited Brisbane and preached

at the 30th anniversary of the consecration of St. John's Cathedral. He was Archbishop of Brisbane when the cathedral was first consecrated.

Bro. and Sister R. L. Williams are settled into their work at Ann-st. We welcome them to Brisbane, and Bro. Williams to the church life of the metropolis and the brotherhood activities of our folk.

Soldiers and Drink.

Military necessity brought stricter enforcement of liquor laws, including the actual (not nominal) closing of hotels at 8 p.m. Disturbances by soldiers followed, then an agitation for wet canteens, and a demand for longer legal hours of sale. The wet canteens have come, but so far no increase in hours, though the trade is leaving no means untried to influence politicians. Both the trade and the Temperance League are circulating petitions, the former for extension of hours and other amendments in their favor, and the latter for a referendum on the question before any change is made.

One may be pardoned for wondering what influences were behind the trouble with the soldiers, and how far the whole episode was directed to procure greater military and civilian opportunities for drinking. Wails came from the trade of financial losses and unemployment due to the enforcement of the law. If these be so to what an enormous extent must after-hours illegal trading have been done to which the government turned its blind eye.

Child Thieves.

The "Telegraph" in a special article directs attention to an epidemic of shop-lifting by children, which is not limited to those from poor homes, but includes those from comfortable homes. In the last six months this form of crime has increased so much that managers of shops who have hesitated to prosecute offenders under 17 years of age, feel they must do so in self-defence. Offenders are from State schools, colleges, church schools and good as well as bad families. Sometimes a gang of as many as five from one school will work together. Boys and girls of nine years are experts, and quite young children are involved.

Council of Citizenship.

The president of the Council of Churches, Mr. H. M. Wheller, made a proposal to the Brisbane Methodist Synod to form a Council of Citizenship with fully representative constitution and personnel, that should be able to uplift public life and private citizenship, something along the lines of a council of public morality. It would not be political, but would deal with matters affecting public morals. The proposal is to be submitted to the various denominations.

CORRESPONDENCE BIBLE COURSE.

A GOOD year's work has been done. It is expected, when the returns are completed from the various States, that nearly twenty students will have passed the examinations.

During the progress of the work this year, three lessons have been sent out, on different subjects, each fortnight. Many students found the amount of work too heavy to carry. The Board of Management has therefore decided to reduce the amount of work, and for the remainder of the course, in 1941 and 1942, to send out two lessons a fortnight.

The first term will begin early in March, 1941. The subjects and tutors will be: The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed., and The History of the Reformation, E. L. Williams, M.A. In the second term the subjects will be The Old Testament Prophets, and The History of Our Movement in Australasia. The tutors will be H. J. Patterson, M.A., and A. W. Stephenson, M.A. Prospective students are requested to write for particulars re books, fees, etc., to the Principal, College of the Bible, Glen Iris, S.E.6, Victoria.

Here and There.

Very keen interest is manifested in the Hinrichsen-Morris mission at Balwyn, Vic. The large marquee was crowded before starting time on Nov. 24, and scores stood through the service. There were two confessions.

Several members of our churches reside in Morwell, Gippsland, and in the surrounding districts. It is planned to begin regular church services in Morwell on Dec. 15. Interested members should communicate with Mr. McRoberts, Morwell.

A meeting of isolated members was held at W. Murnane's residence, York-st., Sale, Vic., on Nov. 24 to break bread. There were ten members present. It was agreed that members support the idea of placing in Gippsland a full-time evangelist.

We are sorry to learn that the goods of Bro. and Sister Dudley, sent on from Aoba, were on board the wrecked liner "Orungal" which ran aground near Barwon Heads, Vic. We gather that the goods were covered by insurance. Cargo is now being removed, and efforts will be made to refloat the ship.

The secretary of the College of the Bible writes: "Receipts for annual offering continue to give encouragement, and there is a net gain of 7 per cent. in the offerings from 203 churches now reported. The amounts received from the various States are: Vic., £417; S.A., £155/1/1; N.S.W., £135/6/1; Qld., £79/8/10; W.A., £35/17/10; Tas., £12/19/3. Total, £835/13/1."

Endeavorers wishing to enrol for the Christian Endeavor camp at Upwey, Vic., are urged to register immediately, as accommodation this year is very limited. Already several applications have been registered. To avoid disappointment, names should be sent before Dec. 3 to the secretary, Churches of Christ C.E. Committee, Mr. J. W. McDiarmid, 49 Raleigh-st., Essendon, W.5.

Bro. R. Langley has rendered conspicuous service for over 48 years as agent for our church papers. Beginning at Galaquil, Vic., when the cause was first established in the Mallee, he later transferred to Montrose, at which place he has also been superintendent of the Bible school for 41 years. He says that the "Australian Christian" goes into the homes of all the members at Montrose. We are glad to recognise this excellent record of service.

To celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the church at Forestville, S.A., special services began on evening of Nov. 10, when the service was conducted by the president of State conference, Bro. J. E. Shipway. On the following four nights devotional services were held, the speakers being Bren. Shipway and Wilkie Thomson. On Nov. 17, Bro. A. Garland spoke in the morning, and Bro. A. E. Brown delivered the gospel message. From Nov. 18 to 21 Bro. A. E. Hurren addressed week-night meetings. The services culminated on Nov. 24 with a series of "Back to Forestville" meetings, when splendid gatherings were held. Many visitors were present, including a number of foundation members. Bro. Randolph Tippet gave the morning address, and Bro. Theo. Edwards spoke at night. A re-union tea for Bible school workers was largely attended.

On Nov. 24 a successful isolated members' day was held at Warragul church, Vic. Members came from Yallourn, Mountain View, Ripplebrook, Nar Nar Goon and Tynong North. Bro. Snow, of Carnegie, gave three excellent addresses. In the morning Bro. and Sister Readhead and family, from Warrnambool, were received into fellowship. In the afternoon varied items, especially from members of Salvation Army band, were contributed. The chapel was filled and Bro. Snow gave a challenging address. At luncheon the preacher, Bro. R. Hillbrick, gave an outline of the work the officers have

planned for the coming year. A fund has been commenced for purchasing a car for circuit work. Several centres presenting excellent opportunities are awaiting development. Help would be appreciated, and any interested could write to the preacher, R. Hillbrick, or secretary M. Byard.

Bro. Ethelbert Davis began his fourth year as evangelist with the church at Auburn, N.S.W., this month. To mark the occasion the church held a public meeting in the chapel, followed by a social hour in the school hall on Nov. 14. Bro. W. J. Crossman (conference president) was chairman. Dr. Verco represented home mission and other conference committees. Bro. Wilson, of Canley Vale, spoke for the ministers' fraternal. Ministers from several Auburn churches expressed deep appreciation of Bro. Davis and his work in the district. A presentation of an electric fan was made to Bro. Davis as a token of esteem. The ladies made a gift of a handbag to Mrs. Davis, and the young people gave Miss Heather Davis a book. The church's deep appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Davis during the past three years was expressed. Bro. Davis had been asked to continue his work.

The 74th anniversary of the church at Bendigo, Vic., was held on Nov. 24 with large congregations. Bro. B. J. Combridge spoke in morning on "The Church's Unfinished Task." The choir under Mr. R. McPherson sang two anthems. In the afternoon a fine address was given by Mr. T. H. M. Lowther, minister of Bendigo Congregational church, on "A Chinese Interlude." Musical items were enjoyed. At night Bro. Combridge preached on "Humanity and the Hidden Treasure." The choir again rendered anthems and a quartette party sang. At an after service short talks were given by J. Ellis, E. H. Duus and B. J. Combridge. It was announced that the total amount received for year in a straight-out giving effort was £90. Young Ladies' Fellowship hold weekly meetings in home of Sister Briggs. Y.P.S.C.E. had a visit from the local union president, Mr. G. Forster, whose address was enjoyed. Miss M. Caldwell, in hospital from Castlemaine, shows slight improvement. Mr. Judd, from Swan Hill church, is also in hospital.

G. P. Pittman writes: "The church at Yarrawonga, Vic., has been greatly helped and encouraged by the 'Victorious Life Mission' held by J. E. Thomas from Nov. 13 to 25. Bro. Thomas preached with his usual power and impressiveness, and his messages were interesting and inspiring. Two lantern lectures, one on India and the other on England, were much appreciated. The missionary visited many of the homes of the members, along with Mrs. Thomas. We are all deeply indebted to them both, and to the church at Williamstown for sparing them for this special effort. Mrs. Pittman and I have been much encouraged by the very kind and hearty welcome accorded to us by the officers and members of the church, and their practical help on our arrival, and we are glad to be among such a warm-hearted people. In addition to the good meetings at Yarrawonga, we were much impressed by the prospects at Katamatite, where 22 broke bread last Sunday afternoon, and we are told we shall have a similar experience at Cobram. The kind brethren with cars render good service in conveying the preacher and his wife and others to these meetings."

Lygon-st. chapel was well filled on Thursday last, Nov. 21, for the 34th annual demonstration of the College of the Bible. R. Lyall presided, and the students provided the musical programme. Two chorus items and a male quartette were rendered pleasingly, and a piano-forte duet by Miss B. J. Saunders and G. T. Ellis. G. L. Murray, president Victorian Conference, gave a charge to exit students. The

principal, T. H. Scambler, presented diplomas to R. V. Amos, J. C. Cunningham, W. H. McCallum and R. W. Marshall, of Victoria; and I. W. Nixon, of W.A. I. W. Nixon, chairman students' committee, responded on behalf of the graduates. Bro. Lyall, on behalf of the board, presented a hand-bag to Miss E. Jermyn, who has completed thirty years in association with the college, and also made a presentation to Miss A. Jermyn in recognition of her services. J. C. Cunningham and W. H. McCallum both delighted the congregation with their addresses. The Victorian Foreign Mission Committee asked to be allowed to farewell H. R. and Mrs. Coventry who are returning to India, in the meeting, and L. Gole, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. C. T. Oliver, president women's conference, expressed the good wishes of brotherhood and sisters. Both missionaries responded and J. E. Allan commended them and exit students to the Father's care and blessing.

Our Book Table.

THE MAKING OF A CRIMINAL.

MR. F. OSWALD BARNETT, M.Com., of Melbourne, is well known for his humanitarian interest and work. In "The Making of a Criminal" he gives a striking analysis of the causes of delinquency and juvenile crime. His former investigations into slum conditions and his experience as a member of the Housing Commission have confirmed him in the view that bad housing is often related to delinquency. He shows the need for better social conditions, stresses the fact that the criminal is made in the early formative years of life, and makes a moving appeal for prevention rather than punishment. Delinquency starts as early as the age of seven years. 277 children were found guilty by 22 of our Children's Courts in a period of six months, and more than 60 per cent. of these children were under the age of 15 years. Inner areas provide proportionately five times more delinquents than outer areas do. Inner areas provide from three to five times more than their due proportion of criminals. It is a tragic story which the author tells. The book enforces its lessons, not merely by authoritative statistics, but also by many striking and entertaining illustrations. The book must be read to be appreciated, and we trust it will have a wide circle of readers, for a solution of the delinquent and criminal youth is very urgent. The Austral Co. will be glad to supply copies; price 2/6; posted 2/8. Extensive quotation cannot be made, but Mr. Barnett's general conclusion can be given: "There is an inescapable conclusion—criminality thrives most in the inner areas of the metropolis—the uncongenial environment provided by the inner areas is mainly due to poverty—that poverty is the result of broken, or casual, labor. Every step taken to reduce unemployment, to give greater security to labor, in other words, to give labor a greater share in the fruits of production, will tend to lessen by at least one-half the criminality in our midst. In doing so, the community will turn the economic loss caused by the unnecessary 'surplus' criminals into an economic gain, and at the same time give opportunity to those lads who, if freed from the unhealthy environment of an unjust poverty, would become normal, law-abiding citizens." This book may be recommended to all church leaders and all interested in social reform.

ADDRESSES.

C. E. Curtis (preacher Castlemaine church, Vic.).—17 Doveton-st., Castlemaine.
W. G. Graham (preacher Moreland church, Vic.).—34 Davies-st., Brunswick, N.10. FW 4082.
M. T. Lawrie (preacher Kadina and Wallaroo churches, S.A.).—Newtown, Kadina.
K. Sinkinson (secretary Victor Harbour church, S.A.).—Victor Harbour.
G. R. van Eerde (preacher Boonah church, Qld.).—Macquarie-st., Boonah.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.—On morning of Nov. 17 Bro. R. Raymond gave an inspiring message on "Shadows and Sunshine." At night Mrs. Watson rendered a solo, and Bro. J. Wiltshire delivered another chart address on "The Way into the Holiest." The final study in the offices of deacon and elder was given on Nov. 19. Bro. Wiltshire's review was followed by a profitable discussion.

TASMANIA.

West Hobart.—Sisters' sewing class held a successful sale of work to help building fund. Girl Guide company helped same fund by holding a social at which Collins-st. boys' club gave a gymnastic display. Tasmanian conference president, Bro. W. S. Lowe, gave gospel address on Nov. 24. Soloist was Mrs. H. Cooper. Four of the brethren were helping country churches.

QUEENSLAND.

Mackay.—There were good services on Nov. 17. Bro. W. W. McDowell continuing stewardship theme. Miss Letty Payne has been transferred back to Toowoomba. She helped all departments splendidly during her stay.

Annerley.—Excellent gospel meetings have been enjoyed during the month. On Nov. 21 the church enjoyed a concert by Annerley Choral Society, arranged by ladies' guild. On Nov. 24 an "Every member back to church" Sunday was held, when attendance for day was 115.

Bundaberg.—On morning of Nov. 17, Bro. L. Larsen's subject was "The Fall of Peter." At night he spoke on "Modernism—from Heaven or from Hell?" In the morning two sisters (baptised the previous Sunday) were received into fellowship. A Sunday school scholar, May Cedergreen, confessed Christ. Sunday morning services are very well attended.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—On Nov. 17 Bro. R. L. Williams' morning subject was "Consider the Lilies." At gospel meeting he spoke to a splendid congregation on "The Power of Reception." A number of strangers are noticed at gospel meetings. On Nov. 24 Bro. Williams' morning address was on "The Other Son." Evening subject, "A Prescription for an Earthquake."

Stones Corner.—The sisters' guild held a pleasant afternoon for home missions and guild fund. Bro. Greenwood gave a lantern lecture on New Zealand, proceeds being in aid of circuit funds. Bro. T. Coward was appointed intermediate superintendent of the S.E. Suburbs District C.E. Union. Bro. Berthelsen is still doing a good work. A young man was baptised on Nov. 20.

Charters Towers.—Bible school anniversary services were held Nov. 10. Children sang well under baton of Bro. Giezendanner. Annual Bible school tea on Nov. 12 was a great success, 130 sitting down to tea. Concert and prize distribution at night had 165 present. Children again did well with choral and individual items. The school was successful in winning the tournament in connection with Queensland schools. Bro. Samuels spoke at morning meeting and Bro. H. S. Coward at evening meeting on Nov. 17.

Roma.—Morning service on Nov. 10 was broadcast, attendance being very good. On 17th Bro. H. G. Payne visited on behalf of Home Mission Committee and Young People's Department. His address to the church was very helpful. He also spoke to the Bible school, at which the attendance was the highest for months. It being Children's Day scholars rendered items at gospel service, conducted by Bro. Payne. 75 were present. Scriptural examination certificates, also prizes, were presented. Gloria Ferguson received a gold medal for ten years' unbroken attendance. 53 broke bread for the day. Mrs. K. Saunders has presented to the church a beautiful pulpit chair, suitably inscribed, in memory of her husband, the late Bro. Harry Saunders.

Ma Ma Creek.—Recently Miss Dorothy Judge's lantern lecture and her address during Children's Day exercises were much appreciated. Bro. H. Payne and Bro. L. Enchelmaier (president and vice-president of the Y.P. Department) spent the week-end recently at Ma Ma Creek, and also visited Fordsdale and West Haldon Sunday schools. Bro. H. G. Payne was present on Nov. 24 in connection with H.M. work. A successful C.E. rally was held on Nov. 23, visiting societies being present from all Lockyer centres.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Victor Harbour.—Meetings are growing. Preparations are in hand for united Christian convention at Christmas. Some Air Force men in camp at Mt. Breckan are attending night service.

Port Elliott.—From Dec. 1 breaking of bread services will take place at 9.45 a.m. Afternoon service during winter months has been well worth while, but much larger meetings are anticipated for summer months.

Wolseley.—Church anniversary services were held on Nov. 27 with helpful meetings. Messages in song were rendered by members of Bordertown and Wolseley churches. Bro. Russell was speaker at both services. At night an offering for Children's Hospital and Minda Home was received.

Owen.—Meetings were well attended during past month. Bro. McKenzie gives interesting and informative addresses. He has concluded a series of gospel messages from Isaiah. J.C.E. has been awarded the banner presented each year to country society with highest points for efficiency. Sister Joyce Marshman is now J.C.E. superintendent.

Winkle.—At C.E. meeting on Nov. 14 an interesting paper was read from Bro. Patching. On morning of Nov. 17 Bro. Patching addressed the church on "God's Great Credit System." Bro. Hunt was speaker at night. On Nov. 20 the fortnightly prayer meeting was held. Bro. R. Morrell and G. Greenwood, of Berri, were morning and evening speakers on Nov. 24.

Strathalbyn.—On Nov. 9 the Bible school united with others in a picnic at Victor Harbour. On Nov. 10 Mr. Jackling spoke in morning and Bro. Wanke at night. Bro. Wilson has given illuminating chart addresses; one on the night of Nov. 17. The church has received with great regret the resignation of Bro. Wilson after a term of eight years' faithful ministry.

Glenelg.—Deacons tendered a social conference to men of the church on Nov. 18; over 40 were present. A varied programme and supper served by the deacons were enjoyed. Ladies' guild received nearly £40, when talent money was brought in on Nov. 20, with more to come. A young man and a young woman confessed Christ on Nov. 24. The preacher's subject was "The Greatest Sin in Glenelg."

Maylands.—Services on Nov. 24 were well attended. In morning Bro. A. Anderson spoke on "Beatitudes." At night a baptismal service was held. Bro. Wakeley's subject was "The Philosophy of Repentance." On Nov. 23 a large crowd from church, Endeavor societies and Bible school joined in State C.E. hike. About 1600 young and old had a very enjoyable outing, Mr. Hannam, of Maylands church, being organiser.

Stirling East.—Anniversary services were held on Nov. 10. In morning a teachers' dedication service was conducted. Special singing by the children, conducted by Bro. W. Gent, was rendered afternoon and evening. Bro. A. Jones, from Henley Beach, spoke at the three services on Nov. 13. Special items were given by the children. Bro. Paddick gave a short talk, and prizes were awarded. A presentation was made to Sister Mrs. Eric Golding in recognition of 18 years' faithful service in kindergarten during 13 of which she was superintendent. She resigned owing to ill-health.

York.—At a church meeting it was decided to ask Bro. I. Durdin to stay for another year. Another Bible school scholar has been won for Christ. On Nov. 17 she was received into fellowship; also Mrs. Green, by transfer from Cottonville. Bro. G. Aird is now superintendent of Bible school in succession to Bro. F. Lewis, who has removed to Mile End. Bro. I. Durdin has been laid aside. Bro. H. J. Horsell spoke in morning and Bro. A. Glastonbury preached at night.

Tumby Bay.—Two large congregations gathered on Nov. 10, when Bible school anniversary services were held. K. Chatsfield (Port Lincoln Baptist church) was afternoon speaker, H. Norris in evening. Special singing by scholars was enjoyed. On Nov. 11 a tea meeting, public meeting and presentation of prizes and certificates took place. Ladies' guild held a social afternoon on Oct. 31. Over 30 ladies were present. Bro. Norris gave a talk on overseas missions. C.E. society farewelled Pte. Keven Branford.

Murray Bridge.—Helpful service was given by Bren. Fred. Collins, Jas. Gibson and Douglas and Lindsay Fitzgerald during Bro. N. G. Noble's five weeks' chaplaincy duties in Gawler camp. Church's sincerest sympathy is tendered to Bro. Stan. Swift in the passing of his beloved mother. A successful men's fellowship was held on Nov. 10. Bro. Noble addressed good attendances here, and at Burdette on Nov. 24. Sister Lorna Brake was present at Lord's table after two years' illness. Bro. and Sister W. Gruhl, pioneer members, have celebrated their marriage jubilee.

Unley.—There were large congregations and impressive discourses on Nov. 24. Mrs. and Miss Martin, who were baptised on 20th, Dr. Trevor Turner (from Grote-st.) and Mrs. Turner (by baptism and transfer from Unley Methodist church), and Mrs. R. C. Rose, sen., and two daughters (from Lenswood) were received into membership. To inaugurate "National Fitness Week" Bro. Nankivell preached in the evening on "Character Forming." Two youths from Bible school were immersed. At annual meeting of women's guild, a highly encouraging report was read by secretary (Miss D. Hart), and officers were re-elected; Mrs. Nankivell as president. Endeavor societies are prospering. Young people's "sealed orders" meetings are much enjoyed.

Hindmarsh.—On Nov. 13 the Bible school concert was held with large attendance. The items reflected great credit on those responsible. Prizes were distributed and certificates obtained in recent scripture exams presented. Anniversary services were concluded on Nov. 17. In the morning Dr. Trevor Turner gave a good talk on Bible school work. In the afternoon Bro. A. J. Ingham, from Norwood, gave a bright talk to the children on "Nothing." Attendance was about 320. At gospel service Bro. Wm. L. Ewers preached to about 266 people on Daniel. Singing by the school was greatly appreciated at all services. On Nov. 24 attendance at morning service was about 96. Bro. W. L. Ewers gave a good message from morning lesson. In the evening a women's service was held with women's choir. Mrs. J. F. Allan sang a solo. Miss Valda Wood gave a violin solo accompanied by her father at the organ. A baptismal service preceded gospel meeting, when Mrs. Noble was baptised. Bro. Ewers preached on "A Seller of Fine Purple" to a congregation of 117. Sister Mrs. Whitford has been laid aside for several weeks in hospital.

VICTORIA.

Ivanhoe.—At concluding meeting of "Loyalty Campaign," a young lady from the Bible school made the good confession.

Portland.—On Nov. 24 Bro. Comer gave a splendid message entitled, "Peter, after Sanctification." Sister Kloester, from Ararat, was welcomed into the church.

Kyneton.—The visit and address of Bro. G. L. Murray, conference president, were enjoyed on Nov. 3. Mr. Robertson McCue, of Local Option Alliance, gave an informative and interesting address on Nov. 24.

Maryborough.—Bro. Holland's addresses continue to impress. Subjects on Nov. 24 were "Restoration," and "The Hardest Word—No." All auxiliaries are working harmoniously.

St. Kilda.—A working bee was held on Nov. 15 to rebind hymnbooks. On Nov. 24 Bro. J. Holway, from H.M. committee, was morning speaker. The church sympathises with Bro. Don. Marshall in the recent loss of his father.

Castlemaine.—Bible school picnic was held in local gardens on Nov. 9. Bro. Curtis was welcomed by president of Castlemaine District C.E. Union at its annual meeting. Attendances are slightly improved, although some sickness prevails.

Stawell.—On Nov. 24 Bro. Jackson conducted both services which were much enjoyed. Bro. King has suffered bereavement of his brother, and sympathy is extended to him. Bible school has started another year of good service, two new scholars being added.

Preston.—Young people enjoyed outing at Begley's Bridge on Nov. 5. Bro. F. R. Raisbeck, of Carlton, conducted gospel service on Nov. 17, his message being much appreciated. Dr. W. A. Kemp spoke on behalf of home missionary committee on morning of Nov. 24.

Dunolly.—A good start was made for the mission with a prayer meeting on Nov. 23. There was a well-attended meeting on evening of Nov. 24. Bro. McIlhagger was song-leader and also sang a solo. Bro. Nixon gave a forceful address on "The Nutshell Gospel."

Shepparton.—The church experienced a day of happy fellowship on Nov. 24 when Bro. Gordon Andrews returned after seven years to take services for day. There were large attendances. Bro. Andrews also conducted broadcast session over 3SR on Sunday afternoon.

Boronia.—Bro. L. G. Read concluded his ministry with the church on Nov. 24. At conclusion of morning service a presentation was made to Bro. Read expressing appreciation of his three years' service. Bro. P. Thickens, of the college, the incoming preacher, was introduced to the members.

Northcote.—On Nov. 17 Mr. Atkin spoke in morning, and at night Mr. Gale gave a lantern lecture, "The Romance of Home Missions." Mr. Atkin addressed both meetings on Nov. 24, and at night a young lad decided for Christ. 46 scholars from Sunday school have signed the pledge.

Arauc.—On Nov. 20 the ladies' church aid society held a successful American tea at home of Mrs. Bryant. The visit of Bro. Gale and his address at prayer meeting were greatly appreciated. On Nov. 24 Bro. E. Green was welcomed by transfer from Northcote. At gospel service a man made the good confession.

Echuca.—On Nov. 17 Bro. H. Hargreaves spoke in morning on "Power." Evening meeting was conducted by Bro. W. B. Payne; subject, "Rocks on the Road." Afterwards five brethren from Cumeroogunga church were baptised. At conclusion of evening service hospitality was extended to military forces in camp at Echuca.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Nov. 24 Bro. H. A. G. Clark, the morning speaker, delivered a much appreciated address. Bro. Hughes preached at evening service. Sympathy was expressed to relatives of Sister Mrs. Paulina Barrett (nee Mitchell), who passed away a few days previously.

Carlton (Queensberry-st.).—In the Bible school on Nov. 24, a decision day service was conducted, and after a helpful talk by the superintendent, Bro. L. E. Stevens, two girls and two boys made the good confession. The church sympathises with Bro. Gow, the secretary, in the death of his wife in China.

Dandenong.—On Nov. 17 fellowship was enjoyed with Bro. Murray, conference president, whose subject was "Fellowship in the Church." A brother was welcomed into membership. Bro. Coventry preached at night on "The Four Cross-bearers." On Nov. 24 his theme was "The Two Disciples who Failed"; evening, "Ruth's Decision." Bro. J. Cosson, who is in camp, was presented with a New Testament at morning service. Attendances are good, and auxiliaries working well.

Black Rock.—Owing to sickness attendances have been small, but are improving. Reports at annual meeting were satisfactory. Bro. Mathieson's messages are appreciated. On Nov. 16 and 23 working bees on extension of church vestries and baptistry made great progress. Bro. Baker did much of the preliminary work.

Blackburn.—On Nov. 13 the boys' club paid an enjoyable visit to Sennitt's ice cream factory. On Nov. 17 Bro. Sandells spoke in morning. Bro. H. C. Bischoff preached at night and Mrs. Sandells sang a solo. Bro. Bischoff spoke at both meetings on Nov. 24. Sympathy is extended to Bro. Miles in loss of his father.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 24 "Prayer and Progress" was the subject of Mr. Baker's morning address. Three were received into membership. 142 attended Bible class at "an afternoon of music and song," and 97 scholars were in Bible school. At night Bro. Gale's illustrated address on "The Romance of Home Missions" was greatly enjoyed.

Box Hill.—Bro. A. Hughes (Swanston-st.) addressed the church on Nov. 24. At gospel service Bro. H. A. G. Clark, M.A., continued a series on "Great Words." Attendances were good. A young man was received into fellowship and two senior girls of Sunday school were baptised. Sunday school attendance for month has averaged just over 200.

Haven.—Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 17 and distribution of prizes, with a good attendance. Opportunity was taken of Bro. Bert Berry's presence to refer to his good work in connection with the school. He is now on military duties. After an address by Bro. C. W. Jackel on Nov. 24, a lad confessed Christ and was baptised at Horsham the same night.

Footscray.—On Nov. 19 Bro. C. Lang gave a splendid illustrated address on home missions. Sisters Miss Wicking and Miss Ruby Allen have recovered from illness and are able to have fellowship with the church. Bro. W. Gale brought a helpful message to the church on Nov. 24. Visitors were welcomed. At close of gospel message by Bro. Wakefield a young man confessed Christ.

Oakleigh.—Members of young people's organisations attended and conducted evening service on Nov. 17. In support of home missions Bro. Gale gave a lecture, "The Romance of Home Missions," on Nov. 18, and Bro. Webb, of Hartwell, gave a challenging message at worship service on Nov. 24. Nineteen members of Explorers' Club attended a week-end camp at Glen Waverley.

Chelsea.—During the past few weeks, Mr. C. Lang gave a home mission lantern lecture; Mr. Holton, of Aboriginal Uplift Society, delivered one on the work and conditions of the aborigine, and on Nov. 19 Mr. Ross Manning, of the Belgian Congo, illustrated the work being done there. All these were very much appreciated. Mrs. McRae is back at meetings after a very long illness.

Bayswater.—Mr. Gibson, of B. and F. Bible Society, gave an interesting lantern lecture on Oct. 26. W. Gale visited on Nov. 16 with an illustrated lecture on "The Romance of Home Missions." On Nov. 17 Mr. Goff (Methodist) exhorted the church. Mr. Burns in evening spoke on "The Ideal of Life." Y.P. had a visit from J.C.E. on Nov. 21 at which juniors had full control of meeting.

Ormond.—On Nov. 17 Bro. C. L. Lang gave two good addresses. Bro. J. Ritchie gave a fine talk at prayer meeting on Nov. 13. On Nov. 24 Bro. C. L. Lang gave the church a good address. After the meeting Bro. H. Farmer was given a wedding present from church and Bible school. At gospel service Bro. Scambler gave a good address. Some members are away through sickness.

Horsham.—Interest is well maintained by fine attendances at Lord's day services. Bro. C. W. Jackel is continuing dispensational chart addresses. Last Lord's day three young folk made the good confession, and three were baptised. Miss Jean Marshman was tendered a kitchen tea on Nov. 12, and was married to Mr. W. Kelly on 23rd. A novelty social was held in aid of tennis club on Nov. 25.

St. Arnaud.—The work is going on steadily. Bro. Pratt's messages are appreciated. Attendances keep up to average. On Nov. 10, at Bible school's anniversary, Bro. A. H. Pratt delighted in afternoon with a message on "The Violin." At night his address on "The Anchor" was inspiring. On Nov. 14 the school concert was a great success. Services on Nov. 24 were well attended. Sister Mrs. McNicol was present after a long period of sickness.

Montrose.—On Nov. 16 the annual picnic of Sunday school was held enjoyably on Mount Evelyn reserve. On Nov. 17 there were fair meetings, when Bro. Steel closed his short ministry with the church, giving two very nice addresses. At close of morning service the church presented Bro. Steel with a cash gift in recognition of his work. On Nov. 24 Bro. Roberts, of the college, commenced his work, giving two thoughtful addresses.

Essendon.—On Nov. 24 Bro. Illingworth spoke at both meetings. At gospel service three Sunday school girls were baptised. After the address on "The Water Test," two Bible class girls confessed Christ. Girls' gymnasium class held a very successful display on Nov. 19. On 21st the ladies' guild held a successful "Rain-bow Fair." There have been eight confessions lately, and a spirit of revival seems to be sweeping through the church. Meetings are well attended.

Gardiner.—At prayer meeting on Nov. 20, Bro. and Sister Ross Manning gave short addresses on their work in Belgian Congo. An offering amounted to £4/13/-. On Nov. 24 Bro. A. G. McCulloch, of Swanston-st., exhorted the church, and Bro. Hagger, assisted by Emmanuel Quartette Party, preached at night. 201 broke bread for the day. Ladies of church assisted Bro. Young at Caulfield military camp by providing sufficient food to entertain 160 soldiers for supper after evening service.

Surrey Hills.—Bren. R. G. Giles and J. McG. Abercrombie assisted with services on Nov. 24. The church regrets sickness of Sister Andrews, recently returned from visit to Adelaide. Resignation of Bro. R. G. Giles as superintendent of Bible school has been accepted with regret. The church will greatly miss the active membership of Bro. and Sister Giles, who are moving to another locality. Ladies' guild showed good result from "Blue Bag" effort for year. Girls' club finished season with successful calisthenic display.

Middle Park.—On Nov. 13 Bro. C. Lang delivered an appreciated lantern address on home missions to a combined circuit meeting. The church was grateful to Bro. Roberts, from the college, and Bro. J. Northeast for occupying pulpit during Bro. Jackel's vacation. On Nov. 20 members from mid-weekly meeting attended the mission at Balwyn. On Nov. 24 Bro. Jackel delivered interesting addresses. Sympathy is extended to Sisters Mrs. Downs and Miss Enderby in the death of their sister, Mrs. Greenwood.

Frankston.—Speaker on Nov. 10 was Bro. Burns, of North Essendon. On Nov. 17 Bro. Amos spoke at both services; evening topic, "The Sufficient Saviour." After a ministry of 33 years Bro. Amos is leaving to take up full-time work at Georgetown, N.S.W. After morning service on Nov. 24, he was presented with a gift of cutlery from the church. Bro. H. J. Finger will commence his ministry on Dec. 15. After evening service five carloads of members travelled to Chelsea to witness the baptism by Bro. Amos of two young men who recently confessed Christ.

Drumcondra.—On Nov. 12 the ladies of Latrobe-terr. church joined with those of Drumcondra in a welcome to members of women's conference executive. After words of welcome, the meeting was left in the hands of Mrs. Bischoff. Other speakers were Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Clark. Afternoon tea was enjoyed. On Nov. 17 Bro. C. Fletcher spoke at 11 a.m. on "Shadows." At night Bro. Dudley spoke on "The Christ of the Galilee Road." Bro. McKay represented Drumcondra at opening of Belmont church on Nov. 17, where there was a successful gathering.

Ringwood.—Appreciated messages have been given by visiting speakers, Bro. Banks being at Mitcham every alternate service. At Bible school anniversary on Nov. 17, children sang splendidly under leadership of Mr. J. Vass. Bren. Candy (afternoon) and Taylor (evening) delighted with their children's talks. On Nov. 20 Y.P.S.C.E. society visited mission at Balwyn. Bro. Brown gave a helpful message on morning of Nov. 24. School anniversary services were continued. Bro. Wakefield spoke on "Candles." In the evening Bro. K. Jones addressed children and spoke to parents on "Leading the Child."

Geelong.—A successful opening service was held at Belmont on morning of Nov. 7, 28 members breaking bread. Bro. Macnaughtan gave a fine address. At morning service at Latrobe-terr., Bro. Dudley, from Drumcondra, gave a delightful message. At night Bro. Macnaughtan spoke to a fine gathering. One young lady confessed Christ, and there was also a baptismal service. On Nov. 24 Bro. Macnaughtan at morning service spoke on "The Hole in the Hedge," and in evening on "The Religion of the Devils." There was a baptismal service. A few members are sick. Sister Bonny has been in hospital, but is home again. Meetings are well maintained.

North Essendon.—On Nov. 17 Bro. McIlhagger closed a very happy ministry of 20 months, presenting the gospel splendidly in his address and in song. He was farewelled and Bro. Roffey welcomed at a social gathering on Nov. 20. Gifts to Bro. McIlhagger included a hymnbook (C.E. and Y.W.L.), wallet (school), and cheque (church). On the same evening the annual building fund thankoffering was received, over £33 being now to hand towards the £40 aim. Bro. Roffey's ministry commenced with encouraging meetings on Nov. 24, and at song service following evening meeting items from Essendon and Ascot Vale visitors helped to make the welcome a district one.

Warrnambool.—An uplift has resulted from the fortnight's spiritual campaign conducted by Bro. Jack Methven. Opportunity was also taken to instil a greater interest in C.F.A. On the last night (Thursday) the electric light failed as Bro. Methven entered upon his address. Candles were requisitioned to make it possible to have a social cup of tea, when appreciation was expressed to Bro. Methven for his help and a presentation made. One young married woman made a decision. The church has suffered by the removal of Bro. and Sister Readhead and family to Warragul. They were recipients of gifts and good wishes prior to departure. Bro. Readhead was a deacon, Sister Readhead was secretary of mission band.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Taree.—Bible school anniversary was very successful. It concluded with demonstration and prize-giving evening on Nov. 19. A splendid programme was presented, and the building was packed. A very happy Bible school picnic was held at seaside on Nov. 23. Bro. A. G. Saunders spoke at both services on Nov. 24. **Grafton.**—Splendid meetings are held. Christians are being stirred and souls saved. Bro. Retchford's subject on morning of Nov. 17 was "Faith"; evening, "What must I do to be saved?" A lady confessed Christ, and another rededicated her life. 30 broke bread for the day. Attendances at gospel services have an average of 40.

Chatswood.—On morning of Nov. 23 Bro. Youens made an eloquent appeal for home missions. Two sisters from Victoria were present. There was a very good attendance at night, Bro. Youens' subject being "A Man's Choice." There was one baptism. Bren. J. Tingate and Barton Perkins are visiting Victoria for a period of some months.

Canley Vale.—The church rejoices over the number of young people who recently decided for Christ. Two girls from the Bible school were baptised on Nov. 24. The church tendered a farewell social on Nov. 23 to Bro. L. Thomas, who is leaving for overseas service with the A.I.F. Presentations were made by Bro. S. H.

Wilson of a fountain pen on behalf of the church members, and by Bro. A. V. Stimson of a money belt on behalf of K.S.P. club. A new intermediate C.E. society has been formed.

North Sydney.—On Nov. 24 the visit of Bro. Baker, from Kingsford, was appreciated. To kindergarten session of the school anniversary Bro. Paternoster gave a blackboard talk on a gate. Cradle roll was inaugurated and certificates distributed by Mrs. Paternoster. Anniversary was continued at night, when Bro. Paternoster, who also trained the children, spoke on the value of a child. There was one adult confession and baptism. At public meeting on 25th, prizes and examination certificates were distributed. Bro. Surtees gave a chalk talk.

Mosman.—G. E. Burns exhorted on "God's New Things" on Nov. 10. Bible school anniversary commenced at 3 p.m., when A. Hinrichsen, of Rockdale, spoke on "Watch." Mrs. T. P. Dale presented the kinders' awards. At night the school assisted in choral items (Marcia Burns, soloist), and Bro. Burns preached on "A Snake in the Wardrobe." A young lady made the good confession. The anniversary concluded on 12th, when the school presented "Dhond" by Dr. Oldfield, the F.M. Children's Day piece. Bro. Paternoster (F.M. secretary) presented awards and examination certificates. On 17th Bro. Roxburgh, of Epping, and Bro. Spencer, of Paddington, spoke morning and evening respectively. On 24th Miss Gow was welcomed to fellowship, and Bro. Burns spoke on "Go Home and Tell Them." At night Bro. Bruce (State Chancellor) and Bro. Dietsch (State Scribe) installed K.S.P. officers prior to Bro. Burns' address on "Slippery Places." H. Saxon was soloist.

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MARRIAGE.

COOK-LEONARD.—On Nov. 16, at Colac, Charles Gordon, younger son of the late Dr. J. Cook, of Bendigo, and Mrs. Cook, of Hawthorn, to Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, of Colac.

DEATHS.

BARRETT.—On Nov. 20, at "Medwyn," 56 Kinkora-rd., Hawthorn, Pauline, loved sister of Louisa (Mrs. Meldrum, Sydney), and dearly loved aunt of Katie Mitchell, late of Mosman, N.S.W.

"Father, in thy gracious keeping,
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CHAN GOW.—On August 26, at Fat Shan (Kwang Tung Province, South China), Ro-se, the dearly beloved wife of Daniel, loving mother of Chung (dec.), Youek (dec.), Ching, Gamm, Gann (dec.), aged 53 years. God alone knows in a thousand different ways.

IN MEMORIAM.

DICKSON-LAWSON.—In memory of our beloved sister Mary, who passed away at Canterbury on Nov. 30, 1939. "A life made beautiful by kindly deeds."

—Inserted by W. P. and A. H. Lawson.

HARDING.—In loving memory of Wilfred, loved husband of Ruby, and loving father of Don and Ken, passed away Nov. 25, 1921. Loving memories.

—Inserted by his wife Ruby.

McCLEAN (Sarah).—In loving memory of our dear mother, who was called home Nov. 29, 1936.

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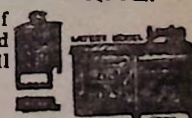
—Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

WEYMOUTH (Annie Elizabeth).—In loving memory of our beloved mother, who was called to higher service on Nov. 22, 1935; also our dear father, July 27, 1913. "Not to-day but every day in silence we remember."

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RESIGNATIONS.

THE brotherhood will learn with regret that the resignation of Bro. and Sister Dudley as missionaries to the New Hebrides has been received by the Federal Board. These workers gave faithful and efficient service on the Islands for three years, but since coming home the health of Bro. Dudley has not improved sufficiently to allow him to return to the exacting conditions of Island service. At their last meeting the following resolution was recorded:—"Resolved that the resignation of Bro. and Sister Dudley as missionaries to Aoba be received with sorrow and regret, and that we place on record the loyal and faithful service of these workers during their term of three years on the Islands. We pray that God will soon restore Bro. Dudley to normal health, and that with his wife and family they will find happy and fruitful ministry in the homeland."

After serving on the Board for more than fourteen years, Mr. A. J. Gard has been compelled for health reasons to tender his resignation. Bro. Gard has been a very valuable worker for the South Australian brotherhood. He has served on several committees, has filled the office of president of the South Australian conference and for years had charge of the conference choir. Owing to physical disabilities he declined all offices save his membership with the F.M. Board. The Board will miss his wise council and his carefully thought out speeches relating to financial matters. His help and advice on the financial sub-committee during the past six years have been invaluable. The Board do not feel they can adequately express their appreciation of his services, but have left this permanent record concerning the work and worth of our esteemed brother: "Resolved that this Board receive with profound regret the resignation of Bro. A. J. Gard, and that we record our deep appreciation of his fourteen years of loyal and unstinted services as a member of the F.M. Board. We desire further to record the debt of gratitude the Board and the brotherhood owe to Bro. Gard for his work on the finance sub-committee during the difficult years of reconstruction after the depression years. We, his friends and brethren, sympathise with Bro. Gard because of his indisposition, and pray that God will continue to use him in some quieter and less strenuous avenues of service."

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

A REMITTANCE of £60 has already been received in India for Christmas cheer, and we anticipate sending a further amount the first week in December. The sum of £20 has been allocated for China and will be used for the Christmas services. Our Chinese Christians are suffering greatly because of the Japanese invasion and increased cost of living. The ordinary amount has been sent to the New Hebrides, and in addition two boxes were sent to our workers there. As no boxes have been sent to India, it is planned, if Christmas cheer funds permit, to send a money gift to each missionary.

A MISSIONARY RETURNS, (Concluded.)

MISS VAWSER had carried out some fine improvements at what must have been great sacrifice to herself. I do not know how she did it all.

As soon as was convenient, I visited Dhoraja, Bhangaon and Pargaon to meet the folk there. It was good to see them all, and he greeted most kindly by them. They said they had been praying for my safety. All were anxiously

waiting for the rain, but one has to be amongst them to realise all this means to them. They are holding on, and though so poor, are for the most part content, and are made happy by the little extras. We who are more fortunate often fail to realise what we receive in the ordinary course of events. As the children come on who are having the benefits of schooling, we hope for a stronger cause in each of these centres. The following week I went to Baramati and had the pleasure of meeting our missionaries in that centre, also numerous Indian friends and the lads of the home. On my way to Mr. Bolduan's home that afternoon, I found a "guard of honor" waiting me. It was unique, and was composed of those who had been in the Shrigonda home as tiny babies or infants. Some were absent, but there were sixteen or seventeen in the guard of honor; the smallest of all had a banner that explained the significance. They all looked so nice. Govind Thorat, the house master, was responsible for the gesture, which was as pleasing as it was simple. Bro. and Sister Thomas have the care and responsibility of these boys now, and are very worthy guardians.

We left for Shrigonda the next afternoon, and to my great surprise quite a large number of the Baramati Christians had gathered at the station. I was garlanded once again. It was quite overwhelming, for somehow those days on the boat had given me a kind of neutral, "also ran" complex, and all this made me feel I was somewhere—somehow—and that something was expected of me. Now here I am, right on the job again, and I am happy to be at it. I feel it is a work that counts—a work that Christ has set us to, reclaiming and establishing. He has given a part of India as our particular charge. As far as we can see, if we do not do it, it will be left undone. May we be true to the trust for Christ's sake.

As I write this I think of the many sisters of the different States whom I met, and who in spirit are with us in the work. Many I met personally in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South and Western Australia; those in Tasmania I did not meet this time, but we have many evidences of their love and interest. Many of you want me to keep in touch with you. Will you use what I have written to inform those who may not read the "Christian"? My greetings to you all.—Florence Cameron.

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Obituary.

Mary Elizabeth Dumesny.

IN her 68th year, Sister Mary Elizabeth Dumesny passed away at Pimpinio, Vic. A member of the kingdom for over forty years, her decision for Christ was made in the early days of Polkemmott church. Of late years she was practically isolated from church fellowship, but maintained a steady witness for the Lord she loved. Her passing was preceded by a time of intense suffering, which she bore most patiently and with much fortitude. She faced the future without fear, for her life was hid with Christ in God. A large gathering at home and graveside testified to the love and esteem in which she was held as a true wife, a devout mother and a faithful Christian. The bereaved ones are commended to the comfort of God and to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—"the resurrection and the life." The writer committed the body to the ground at Quantong cemetery.—C. W. Jackel.

Mrs. Martha McCallum.

MRS. MARTHA McCALLUM was born in South Australia on Nov. 2, 1850, and passed into the beyond on Nov. 12, 1940, and so lived here for just over ninety years. In early life she accepted Christ, was baptised into him, and became a member of the Baptist church, and throughout her long life she faithfully served the Christ whom she had accepted as her Saviour and Lord. Some years after her marriage the family removed to North Yanac, Victoria, some thirty miles from Kaniva. One day the late Bro. McCallum was in Kaniva on business and came into contact with the late W. W. Tomlinson, who was then an evangelist in connection with the Churches of Christ in the Wimmera. An invitation was extended to the preacher to visit North Yanac, which he did. The result was the establishment of a church which met for some time in the McCallum home. During the latter years of her life, our departed sister made her home with her daughter, Mrs. McCann, and was a member of Gardiner church. Mrs. McCallum had a family of ten—six boys and four girls. Three of those boys and one of those girls preceded her into the eternal world. Of the six boys, five entered the Christian ministry, and one grandson graduates from the College of the Bible this year, while another was a student at Glen Iris a few years ago, but was killed during his student days. Our sister lived a wonderfully useful life, proved to be a splendid wife and mother, and was a most devoted Christian. Three daughters (Mrs. McCann, of Gardiner, and Mesdames R. M. Williams and L. E. Verco, of Kaniva), and three sons (Percy D., the present preacher at Epping, N.S.W., and Carey and Cecil, in U.S.A.) are still with us. Her life was a life well spent, and because of her faith in the Christ of God, it is to be continued in the glory. May we all live as faithfully as she did.—T.H.

Mrs. M. Shipway.

ON Oct. 22, in the early hours of the morning, Sister Margaret Shipway (nee Goldsworthy) passed peacefully to her heavenly home. Born at Milang Jan. 22, 1858; baptised by the late Bro. Judd at Point Sturt Sept. 8, 1870; married by the late Bro. H. D. Smith at "Fair View," Milang, Dec. 31, 1884, and a foundation member of Goolwa church, our sister has left behind the sweet influence of a saintly life. Friends and relatives came many miles to Currency Creek cemetery on Oct. 23, when Mr. A. H. Wilson and Mr. Nelson also assisted in the services in the home and at the graveside. Scores of our members have visited the old homestead at Myrtle Grove, Currency Creek. Our sister must have travelled thousands of miles in the faithful observance of the Lord's supper. She leaves behind her a faithful family in the church of three sons and three daughters. On Nov. 3 special reference was made to our sister's faithful and consistent life

by the writer. The God of comfort will be the portion of the bereaved loved ones.—B. W. Manning.

John R. Turner.

JOHN ROBERT TURNER passed away suddenly on the morning of Nov. 5, at the age of 72. He was received into Bendigo church, Vic., 35 years ago, having previously had fellowship with the Baptists. He served for some years as a deacon, and although hindered through ill-health from active service in recent years, he retained an abiding interest in the work. He was of a particularly friendly disposition. A large number gathered to pay respect to his memory. Bro. A. W. Connor led the services, assisted by B. J. Combridge. Our late brother leaves a wife and family of two sons and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Chaplain J. O. Methven, of Queensland. All rest in the confidence of the Christian's hope.—B.J.C.

J. B. Williams.

MR. J. B. WILLIAMS, who was a native of Cornwall, was baptised at Grote-st., Adelaide, more than 35 years ago by our late Bro. Ben. Huntsman. Later Bro. Williams was associated with the churches at Mile End and Dulwich, being a foundation member of both. He was a deacon in all of these churches, and was active in choir circles at Grote-st. About six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Williams became associated with the Unley church, where they have attended regularly until shortly before his decease at the age of 85 years. Our brother served almost 50 years in the railways department, and was a well-known conductor on the Adelaide and Melbourne express. Bro. Williams richly adorned the doctrine of Christ, and both he and Mrs. Williams have been highly esteemed for their Christian graces, by a large circle of brethren and friends. The church at Unley extends sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Williams and other members of this fine family.—W.F.N.

North-Western District Conference, Vic.

THIS was held at Horsham on Oct. 10. Bro. Thurrowgood, preacher of Stawell church, led devotional service in morning. The conference president, Bro. G. T. Black, of Warracknabeal, then took charge, and after a welcome to visitors gave the president's address. A helpful discussion followed.

After lunch, served by sisters of Horsham church in school hall, reports were received from Kaniva, Ararat, Brim, Dimboola, Horsham, Haven, Hamilton, Minyip and Warracknabeal churches, also secretary's and treasurer's reports. Report on camp held at Hall's Gap was given by Bro. H. Newell, of Minyip. Bro. Waters, of Hamilton, gave an address on "The Need of the Hour."

Election of officers: President, C. W. Jackel, Horsham; vice-president, A. J. Fisher, Ararat; treasurer, G. Miller, Horsham; secretary, F. J. Sherriff, Horsham. Camp committee, Bro. and Sister H. Newell, Minyip; H. Williams, Kaniva; C. W. Jackel, Horsham; T. H. Hadden, Hamilton; C. Sherriff, Horsham; and A. J. Fisher, Ararat.

Horsham was chosen as the place of next conference. Several resolutions were brought forward by conference. An invitation was extended to the new cause at Portland to have fellowship with the conference. Tea was served by Horsham ladies.

Evening session began with a song service led by Bro. Jackel. During the evening Miss L. Marshman, Miss A. Williams, Miss Ella Mackley, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Short rendered pleasing items. Bro. C. W. Jackel led in an intercessory prayer, and two addresses were given, one by Bro. Edwards, of Brim, on "The Need of the Church," and the other by Bro. Fisher, of Ararat, on "Hold High the Torch." Supper concluded a wonderful day of blessing and fellowship.—F.J.S.

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seach thee, the earnest expressions of evangelis-
tic hearts. Give each church an eye to the
strength and progress of all the churches. Give
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have become established in the inheritance of
light lend a generous, helping hand to others
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Lord. For his name's sake. Amen.

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that timely, adequate help be given to all small
companies of believers who, denied the thrills
of fellowship in larger groups, still bear wit-
ness to Christ Jesus the Lord. Enable them to
continue with steadfast faith and active en-
deavors, to show forth the faith that saves, the
hope that rejoices the heart and the love which
abides forever. Let help be given, we beseech
thee, through the ministries of the Spirit and
of the Word. Moreover, let aid be given by
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