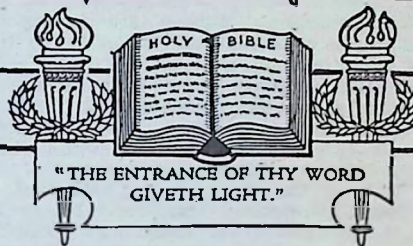


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## Church Leaders Discuss Vital Matters

**D**URING the past week, at church assemblies and elsewhere, many vital matters have been discussed. We note a few.

### More Vigor in Church Life.

In several of the assemblies a strong plea was made for a more vigorous Christian life. The Anglican archbishop (Dr. Head), after describing the war as an attack by paganism on Christianity, sounded a warning against apathy and indifference to the moral issues involved. "We need as a church," he said, "to be more active in support of our Christian faith in this time of war, so that we may be more aggressive in winning the world for Christ and in overthrowing paganism not only by force of arms but by our faith in him. The paganism we have to meet in Australia is not the worship of the State which has appeared in Germany, but the mild form of humanitarianism which is accepted by so many as a substitute for Christianity. Its champions assume that if a man does his duty, does not intentionally harm other people, and leads an honest, decent life, he may be called a Christian."

The retiring president of the Baptist Union also urged that the church should be more vigorous in its task. He declared that he had no sympathy with any false complacency. "I have noticed," Mr. Shepherd said, "that general careless attention to church arrangements goes with mediocre attendances and general lack of church life."

### Ministers and Education.

In the Anglican Synod an interesting discussion took place on decline of attendances and loss of influence and suggested means for arresting the decline. Mr. F. G. Allen said that the committee dealing with the matter had felt that there were three principal reasons; the services themselves, the seeming lack of spiritual vision among the clergy, and the lack of Christian education. Mr. H. D. Campbell said that the church's authority had to some extent vanished, and he attributed this to the failure of the clergy to maintain their position as "the most learned profession." He moved "that the synod declare that the adequate supply and training of the clergy is of urgent importance in view of the paramount tasks that will confront the church in the new post-war world." This motion was carried with the addition of a suggestion to the archbishop of the appointment of a committee to look out for boys suitable for holy orders and give them a wide literary and scientific education.

In the course of the debate some speakers urged that it was not men with letters after their names, but spiritually minded men, with knowledge of their fellows, that the church wanted.

The need of securing other helpers was also later stressed when the report of the Church

of England Men's Society was before the Synod. On behalf of the society it was stated that "unless the organised church is prepared to recruit and train laymen to supplement the work of her priests in winning men for active membership in the Christian church, she has lost the battle." "Ordained priests of the church could not possibly cover this work with its wide scope, and the C.E.M.S. provided the organisation for the training of laymen for the purpose."

### A Secular Journal's View.

It may be of interest to recall a leading article on "The Souls of Ordinary Men" which appeared in "The Age" a considerable time ago. It has a very direct bearing on the question of the training of preachers, and, representing the view of a great secular newspaper, is of special interest. We quote a few sentences:

"It is undeniable that many churches at this moment are facing a crisis.

"May it not be that the failure of super-intellectual churchmen with attractive personalities is due to their having no message which appeals to the souls of ordinary men? They cannot even get this class to come and listen to them. In the absence of ordinary men, the clergy have to address themselves to the members of their congregations; that is, to the already convinced and converted, and to adopt special modern efforts for keeping hold of the rising generation. Congregations are largely composed of devout and entirely worthy folk, who need to be ministered unto by faithful expositions of scripture; and even they can scarcely furnish sufficient properly qualified teachers for Sunday schools."

"The average preacher does not make ordinary men his grand objective. Meticulous intellectual accuracy is achieved at too great an expense. The language used is too often simply not understood of the people, and the message seems pathetically ineffective. It was said of a certain minister that he was invisible all the week, and on Sunday he was incomprehensible.

"We have in Australia thousands of highly educated ministers of the Gospel, men of blameless life and manifest devotion, yet we read of the want of power in Christian institutions, of communities where church-going is down to the London level of five or ten per cent. of the population. . . . The great revivals of history were brought about by direct, simple, fervent appeals to ordinary men. Pentecost provided the driving power. It is the business of the churches to recover it."

### Plea for Unity.

On the motion of Mr. E. R. Field, the Anglican Synod resolved "that in the present critical world position we recognise the urgent need for the Christian church to present a united front, and remembering gratefully the

recent combined meeting in the Town Hall and the Lord Mayor's appeal for unity, we promise to help to secure co-operation between the various denominations." "If the church is to be an inspiration and help in world reconstruction after this war we must unite and co-operate," Mr. Field said. "There are too many divisions—both in denominations and among ourselves. Less thought should be given to denominational differences and more to the things they have in common."

Mr. T. E. Ruth is quoted by the "Herald" as saying he could see no reason why the futile divisions of Protestant churches should be perpetuated. He retold the old story of the visitor to a lunatic asylum who asked what the meagre staff would do in a case of mutiny and received the reply that "lunatics never unite." A "Herald" admirer of Mr. Ruth writes: "To him all creeds are as one" (surely that cannot be!). "If you stand in Collins-st." he said, "you can hear three church services simultaneously. You may hear the Baptists sing, 'Will There be any Stars in My Crown?' and the Scots responding 'No, Not One!' while the Independents answer 'That will be Glory for Me!'" Mr. Ruth years ago styled himself a "Presmethbapgationalist." Saturday's "Herald" says he calls himself an Anglo-Pres-Meth-Bap-Gationalist, and adds that "the different labels for the different churches sickened him, and he did not even like his own comprehensive label, although it was an attempt at union." No wonder he dislikes his new name!

### The Gambling Spirit.

Leaders of all Protestant churches continue to protest against the resort to gambling for patriotic funds, and to the legalising of raffles for this purpose. The Anglican Synod passed a resolution of protest, stating that it believed gambling to be injurious to the economic well-being and moral stability of the community. It urged church people to refrain from participation in raffles, and said that an ethical and more equitable procedure would be to raise funds required for Comforts and Red Cross purposes by systematised voluntary contributions.

The Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian Church passed the following resolution: "That the Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, in view of the modification of the law against gambling, urgently requests all members and adherents to support the various appeals for the patriotic funds, but to refrain from participation in any gambling device, and to give their contributions in a manner worthy of our ideal of Christian citizenship."

The Congregational Union expressed indignation at the Government's legislation to legalise raffles for patriotic purposes, and declared that the street carnival associated with gambling was unworthy of our national dignity. The Union appreciated the Government's action in introducing legislation to limit dog racing. One speaker was reported to have said that "a time is coming when Chris-



tians will have to stand up to Governments which fly in the face of decency, by refusing to pay taxation, and if consequences attend the refusal, accept them in the name of Christian morality." The way in which this rash utterance has been seized upon by defenders of gambling illustrates how easy it is for good causes to suffer by unwise advocacy. The Presbyterian resolution quoted above indicates a proper attitude.

Doubtless many readers of the "Herald" of last Saturday appreciated, as we did, the very fine statement of Jane Quest on "Can't we give without hope of reward?" In part she wrote:

"I have an inhibition about going into the city on 'carnival' days—or perhaps it would be more correct to say that I have an inhibition about crowds and elbows, which are always so rampant on these days. However, circumstance took me to the city one such day recently. Since then I have wondered, and wondered, and wondered. . . ." "I know that money must be gathered in and garnered for this and that. But I wondered if human nature were such that money could only be wrung from the public by the various means that it is wrung from them." "Can there never be a 'carnival' day when someone will say: 'There is pain, want and suffering in the world to-day. Will you give out of your charity and compassion, gaining nothing, receiving nothing, without further asking?'"

We wish all writers in church papers would encourage such giving.

## Hospital Sunday.

THE public hospitals are having a time of great financial difficulty. Increased costs and a fear lest the heavy calls made upon the public by the numerous war appeals will reduce their contributions during October appeal are causing those responsible for management very great anxiety. Mr. Dunstan (Premier of Victoria) has issued an appeal for increased support, the need for aid being so very urgent. Members of the churches will do their part in helping. Humanitarian and religious reasons alike call for a liberal response.

## Grenfell of Labrador.

A GREAT man died last week. It is given to few to be so widely known and honored as was Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the famous author and surgeon. The story of his medical work in Labrador, and the ability and untiring devotion with which he gave his life to ministering to others, have been an inspiration to many. Sir Wilfred passed away at Charlotte, Vermont, U.S.A., at the age of 76 years. He was led to Christ by D. L. Moody. Hosts of readers have been benefited by the reading of his books, including "Forty Years in Labrador" and "What Christ Means to Me."

D. L. Moody led Grenfell as a young man to see that highest living was in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. At a meeting held by the Studd brothers, when the audience was asked to stand up if they intended to try and follow Christ, Grenfell followed the example of a sailor boy. "I immediately found myself on my feet," he said, "and went out feeling that I had crossed the Rubicon, and must do something to prove it." How well he proved it, the hospitals, hospital ships, schools, industrial and welfare work of Labrador give abundant testimony.

## Church and Lottery Money.

A COMMITTEE appointed by the Anglican Archbishop of Perth (Dr. Le Fanu), at the request of the Anglican Synod of 1939 "to consider the morality of accepting money from the Lotteries Commission" gave its report to the recent Synod. The committee's findings have caused surprise and aroused much criticism. From "The West Australian" we quote the following statement from the report: "We believe that the taking of a ticket in the

charities consultation is like drinking tea, eating food, or smoking tobacco, harmful only when done in excess. To deny the right of a man to eat food just because some men are intemperate gluttons is irrational, to deny the right of a woman to drink a glass of wine just because some women are intemperate drunkards is irrational, and to deny the right of a man to take a ticket in the charities consultation, organised for the charities of the State and under the control of the State, just because some men are intemperate gamblers is surely irrational. We find, therefore, no moral fault against the law of God and man in the theory and practice of the charities consultation. That being so, we find that the practice of the orphanages committee receiving money from the Lotteries Commission is justifiable.

The cleavage of opinion between different sections of the Anglican Church must be very great. For ourselves we much prefer the recent statements of Archbishop Head and the Melbourne Anglican Synod.

It is remarkable that the W.A. committee's report included the following sentence: "The committee feels that it is arguable whether, in the event of full support being available for the orphanages from other sources, the orphanages committee should continue to receive funds from the Lotteries Commission." So the lottery funds, are, after all, different from other money! The committee would have no doubt at all about money rightly earned and generously donated, and would never dream of saying it was arguable whether such should be received.

## The Cost of War.

THE newspapers reported last week that Britain is spending £14,000,000 per day on the war. Australia's expenditure is also very great. For the first quarter of this financial year Australia has spent £29,470,000 on defence and war services. This figure includes munitions and supply, but not all expenditure on defence works.

There is a greater cost than that given in terms of money. Who is not saddened at the tragic loss of life of young men in the fighting forces and of the civilian population? Shattered buildings are bad enough, but the thought of shattered lives, homeless women and children, is much worse. The bombing of

historic buildings, churches, magnificent cathedrals and hospitals, impresses us with the horrors of war. The greatest of all dangers is the injury which may be done to the souls of men.

We rejoice that the omnipotent God is in charge of the universe and in control of this world. He is able to bring order out of chaos, overrule evil for good, and to ensure the triumph of right. Let us all continue to seek his help for our Empire and submit ourselves more fully to his will. We need his assistance now so that we may be strong and confident. We need it for the planning and establishment of a new world order based on righteousness after the war is over.

## Slips.

IT is curious to note the slips which abound in public speech and writing. Church announcements and advertisements are frequently of even greater interest than was intended. Recently the notice board of Gardiner church, Vic., bore these lines:

Mr. T. Hagger

"An Unserved Religious Man"

Probably most readers recognised that the notice was intended to indicate a preacher and his subject. Bro. Hagger says that a worse thing befell him in Perth years ago, when he was advertised to speak on a special theme. The advertisement ran on as follows:

"Hell and How to Get There"

All Welcome.

Newspaper readers well know that neither pulpit nor religious press can hope to yield the funniest examples of slips. One of the most remarkable announcements we have seen appeared in the Melbourne "Argus" last week. The third paragraph of an announcement that Mr. Winston Churchill had a new grandson began with the following very remarkable sentences: "The baby will be christened Winston. Before her marriage a year ago she was the Hon. Pamela Digby, daughter of Lord and Lady Digby. As she was then only 19," etc. A later edition of the paper set right the extraordinary conjunction of errors by making it clear that it was Mrs. Randolph Churchill, and not her new-born son, who was formerly the Hon. Pamela Digby, and was married a year ago at the age of 19 years.

# Christian Character.

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THE English word "character" does not appear in the Authorised Version of the Bible. In fact, the sense in which we most commonly use the word—"the combination of qualities distinguishing a person"—was just coming into currency in the period when the Authorised Version appeared. The Greek term, of which the English word is practically a transliteration, occurs once only in the New Testament (Heb. 1: 3), where the Son is said to be the "express image" of God. It is not difficult to trace the development of meaning. Derived from a verb meaning "to scratch," or "to engrave," the Greek noun was used of an engraver, a graving tool, and of a die or stamp. It then came to be used of the mark engraved, especially of figures or letters, and metaphorically of the "distinctive mark or token impressed (as it were) on a person or thing, by which it is known from others." The metaphorical meaning is the use in Heb. 1: 3, and it approximates to the modern application. Shakespeare gets close to the modern use when in "Measure for Measure" he makes the Duke say to his deputy, Angelo:

"There is a kind of character in thy life,  
That to th' observer doth thy history  
Fully unfold."

Undoubtedly the New Testament has much to say upon the idea of character, in pointing

out those qualities which determine a good or evil life.

It is necessary to distinguish character and reputation. One writer has said, "Character is what one is; reputation is what one is thought to be." Another has put it, "Character is like an inward and spiritual grace, of which reputation is, or should be, the outward and visible sign."

Christian character has its basis in the righteousness of God. Herein is the difference between the merely "moral" man and the Christian. By adherence to certain principles of conduct, such as those of the Stoics, a man may discipline himself so that he will not give way to excess; he may even achieve positive goodness and become a blessing to his fellows, though at the risk of self-righteousness. But the Christian is a "new creature," and can say with Paul, "By the grace of God I am what I am." Laying hold of the righteousness of God by faith, he receives a new life-principle. Delivered from the guilt and bondage of sin by the redemption in Christ, he dwells in the sustaining environment of the divine life. In response to the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit, his desire is no longer for "the lusts of the flesh," but for the service of Christ. There is no room for self-righteousness, but the highest motives for striving after perfection.



Christian character is the blend of those qualities which make up the Christ-like life. The Greek ideal of education—a sound mind in a sound body—was good as far as it went, and produced some fine examples of human achievement. But it fell short of the Christian ideal, which is expressed in the prayer of Paul, "May your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame" (1 Thess. 5: 23, R.V.). H. W. Beecher said, "Many men build as cathedrals were built, the part nearest the ground finished, but that which soars toward heaven, the turrets and spires, forever incomplete." The fully developed Christian character is like a mature, luxuriant tree, bringing forth "fruits of the Spirit"—"love, joy, peace, good-temper, kindness, generosity, fidelity, gentleness, self-control." Good works will not be wrought in the spirit of the Pharisee who thanked God he was not as other men, but as the due expression of faith working by love.

## Excuses.

Stanton H. Wilson.

IN the fourteenth chapter of Luke is recorded a parable of three men who made excuses. This parable was a reply. It was a rebuke. It was a rebuke to a man. It was a rebuke to a man who spoke the truth, but who used that truth as an escape from facing up to his own neglect of neighborliness. Instead of realising his lack of compassion he played upon a figure of speech which Jesus had used, and plausibly uttered this platitude, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God."

Jesus' reply is an incisive censure of that excuse-maker and of all who try to cover their conduct and conversation with those detestable things we call excuses. We are all more or less given to this habit. We make

### Excuses to Our Friends.

The three men in this parable did that. Their excuses centred around some land, a few oxen and a wife. One who possesses none of these is obviously not qualified to estimate the respective worth (if any) of their excuses; especially when he lives nineteen hundred years after the times to which the imagery of this parable was adapted. However, their place in the parable assures us that they were no more cogent than their current counterparts.

To-day we usually blame the weather. It's a safe policy. It can not answer back. But if ever it did, believe me, some people would be in for a pretty bad storm!

Most excuses used "for church purposes" are exposed when given a different application. Some people do not go to church because of the blunders she has made. They point to the inquisition, when the church condemned many of her noblest men as heretics. They quote a host of other reasons (?) which they have memorised nearly as well as the winners of last Saturday's races. To such people it is well to mention that the day is not past recall when medical men thought that to hang a frog in a chimney was a cure for whooping-cough. Yet in time of sickness our contentious objectors do not hesitate to invoke the aid of the medical profession.

Some "Sunday excuses" if used on Monday would be openly ridiculed; but the church is expected to believe them. Why? Is our Christian courtesy being mistaken for credulity, slowness or even "softness"? But church members themselves are, unfortunately, not free from this habit. Indeed, not until we accuse ourselves do we realise how much we excuse ourselves. "To thine own self be true, and it follows, as day the night, thou canst not be false to others." The root of the trouble is

Christian character can be developed. We are to grow in grace. The trials and afflictions which beset the Christian may be a means of development. In this connection there is a passage of special interest and import. In Rom. 5: 3, 4 we read, "We glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." The word translated "experience" is used in two senses in the New Testament. It means "testing," and is sometimes used of the process, as in 2 Cor. 8: 2, and sometimes of the result, as in this passage. Just as the "temper" given to steel is the result of a process of "testing," so character is the result of Christian endurance. Dr. Weymouth translates the word in this passage "ripeness of character" and Dr. Moffatt and Dr. Goodspeed give the rendering "character." A similar thought is in Jas. 1: 2-4, where the "perfect work" of patience is "that ye may be perfect and entire."

that we are not true to ourselves. In other words we make

### Excuses to Ourselves.

We tell ourselves that church attendance will discharge our responsibility to God for a whole week. We give formal Christian worship for fearless Christian living. We use the good as a substitute for the best. The man whose truism called forth this parable did that. "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God"; Jesus did not deny it, but he did deny the man the right to use that truth as an excuse for not sharing the hospitality of his table with the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind. The glory of the hereafter is no excuse for not scattering a little sunshine in the here-and-now.

What we call the first temptation was really an invitation to the Son of God to excuse himself from the limitations of the flesh. Jesus' answer, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," not only rebuffed Satan, but also implied that every man's life is intimately related to God. That being so, every excuse a man makes, he ultimately makes to God. This means that we individually make all our

### Excuses to Our God.

The divine account of the history of man soon records his excuse-making. "Hast thou eaten of the tree? And the man said, The woman . . . gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me." Yet you will see from the subsequent verses that, despite their excuses, God declared the consequence of the sin of all three, the man, the woman and the serpent. What is it John says? "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves"—ourselves, but not God. Our Lord's rebuke to the Pharisees, "Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts," has caused more than the Pharisees to do some serious heart-searching. God is not mocked. In current Australian, you cannot bluff God. In his sight man's sin is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond is it graven on the tables of his heart. To deny one's sin is only to deceive one's self. But John did not stop there. He went on to say, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Why try to excuse ourselves and our sins when we have such a wonderful Saviour?

## Loneliness.

1 Thessalonians 3: 1-8.

Prayer Meeting Topic for October 23.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THE apostle to the Gentiles made many friends, and evidently loved companionship. When he left Berea he was conducted to Athens where he remained till Silas and Timothy could come to him (Acts 17: 15). It seems that Timothy had joined him, but he was greatly concerned for the welfare of the infant church at Thessalonica. He could not rest, and decided to send Timothy to them. Loneliness was a most undesirable thing, but in view of the circumstances, he thought it good to endure it.

### Lonely at Athens.

And it was a great city. Have you ever felt lonely in the city? Lonely in the crowd! It wasn't that Athens was uninteresting. It was a religious city, for it was said that here it was easier to find a god than a man. Here Paul discovered an altar with an inscription "to the unknown god." There was a craving for news from afar and a discussion of it. There was a richness of speculation, and any travelling sophist was sure of obtaining an audience. It was not by any means uninteresting, but Paul was lonely. "At Athens alone" had an appeal in it as truly as did his letter to Timothy when he said, "Only Luke is with me" and "at my first defence no man stood with me, but all men forsook me." The Thessalonians would know of the apostles' desire for fellowship in Christ, and could then measure the degree of solicitude of Paul for them.

### Loneliness.

Very great men are generally lonely. They are so far ahead of the crowd and their thoughts are not appreciated. It was thus with Jesus. Who of the apostles understood him? Not one. He went to the cross, and when disaster threatened "they all forsook him and fled." Great men may have admirers but few if any who understand.

Preachers of God's truth sometimes feel that way. How few there are who are one hundred per cent. Christian. Not that the preacher himself is that, but he has an ideal, and is working day and night to accomplish his task and so few stand loyally by or assist to the full. He has a church, but he is alone. True, there is the tendency to be Elijah-like and to be unaware of the hundreds who have not bowed the knee to the Baal of pleasure or selfishness. Loneliness upon the height is terrible but endurable. And it might even be good.

### When Loneliness is Good.

In Paul's case it was, and any man or woman ought to be prepared to pay the price if thereby the kingdom of God may be extended or enriched. Many a missionary has felt the terrible loneliness of the field, but recognised it was good because of the service that could thus be rendered. If a man is in his thought so far ahead of the crowd that they do not understand or appreciate, should he fall back to where they are? There is the pioneer in the realm of thought and religion, and we should honor them as truly as we do the pioneer in the more material realms. Alexander and Thomas Campbell must have felt terribly lonely at times, but it was good, for there was the work of God in promoting a spirit of unity so needful to an unappreciative and divided church. This is not a warrant for the eccentric or faddist, nor should such ever congratulate themselves on being alone. But where there is loneliness with God and in the interests of his work we honor such.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 30.—REVEALING PRAYER.—1 Thess. 3: 9-13.



# The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

## THE LITTLE THINGS.

OH, it's just the little homely things,  
The unobtrusive, friendly things,  
The "won't you let me help you?" things,  
That make our pathway light.  
So here's to all the little things,  
The done and then forgotten things,  
Those "Oh, it's simply nothing" things,  
That make life worth the fight.

—Selected.

## A CLEAR HEAD.

MISS WILLARD once asked Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, if he were a total abstainer; and when he said he was, she said, "May I enquire whether it was home influence that made you so?" He replied, "No, I think it was because I always felt that I had better use for my head." Miss Willard afterwards remarked, "Who can measure the loss to the world, if that wonderful instrument of thought that has given us so much of light and leading in the practical mechanism of life had become sodden with drink instead of electric with original ideas?"

## A SACRED SPOT.

MANY years ago an old man might have been seen walking the streets of Gloucester, leaning upon the arm of a younger friend. As they reached a certain place, "Stop!" said the aged man, and so saying, he stood, uncovered his head, and passed some moments in silent prayer. That place was the site of the first Sunday school; that venerable man was Robert Raikes, its founder. The tears rolled thick and fast down his cheeks as he said to

his companion, "This is the spot on which I saw the destitution of the children and the desecration of the Lord's day, and first asked, 'Can nothing be done?' A voice answered, 'Try.' I did try; and see what God has wrought!" And countless numbers bless God to-day for their early instruction in the Sunday schools, for the work grew and spread.

## SOME ADVERTISEMENTS.

**MISSING.**—Some families from church.  
**STOLEN.**—Several hours from the Lord's day, by a number of people dressed in their Sunday clothes.

**STRAYED.**—Half a score of lambs, believed to have gone in the direction of the town of No Sunday School.

**WANTED.**—Several young people, when last seen were walking in pairs up Worldliness Lane which leads to the city of No Good.

**LOST.**—A lad, carefully reared, not long from home, and for a time very promising, supposed to have gone with one or two older companions to Prodigal Town, Husk Lane.

Any person assisting in the discovery shall in no wise lose his reward.

## NOT HIGH ENOUGH.

The traveller went into a certain hotel, and going to the enquiries clerk asked what was the cost of staying at the establishment. He was told that it was 30/- on the first floor, 25/- on the second, 20/- on the third, and 15/- on the fourth. The enquirer reflected for a moment, then turned to go away. "Is the tariff too high?" enquired the clerk. "No," he replied, "it's the building that's not high enough."

# The Family Altar.

## TOPIC.—CHRIST THE STONE.

Monday, October 21.

OTHER foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 3: 11.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone of the church, whilst the doctrine of prophets and apostles (and not the traditions of men) constituted the basis upon which the church was built.

Reading—1 Corinthians 3: 10-15.

Tuesday, October 22.

A tried stone.—Isa. 28: 16.

No other stone than Jesus has been so tried and tested by friends and foes, yet he has stood the tests of every one, and the test of time, so that even now all men would be willing to declare that they can find no fault in him.

Reading—Isaiah 28: 1-15.

Wednesday, October 23.

Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious.—1 Pet. 2: 6.

"To you therefore which believe," says the apostle, "is the preciousness." Unsanctified eyes are blinded to the real worth of this stone. Only by personal experience can we appreciate the preciousness of our Saviour.

Reading—1 Peter 2: 1-6.

Thursday, October 24.

Unto whom coming, a living stone.—1 Pet. 2: 4.

The costliest and most beautiful of this world's stones cannot be compared with Christ, for they are all destitute of life. Our Lord

is "a living stone," and he has "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Reading—1 Peter 2: 1-5.

Friday, October 25.

He is despised and rejected of men.—Isa. 53: 3.

Not only the Jews have rejected our Lord, but countless multitudes to whom the gospel has been preached, but who have failed to accept it. He is rejected by foes, and crucified afresh by many of those "who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift."

Reading—Isaiah 53.

Saturday, October 26.

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.—Matt. 16: 18.

Christ is the foundation of the church, and all his followers are stones in that edifice, yet it must not be forgotten that "the church or kingdom of Christ among men rests organically and constitutionally upon a foundation of apostolic authority, for the apostles were the mouthpieces of the Holy Spirit, though all the apostles had equal rights."

Reading—Matthew 16: 13-20.

Sunday, October 27.

Every one that falleth on that stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whosoever it shall fall it will scatter him to dust.—Luke 20: 18.

Not always will men have the opportunity to receive this priceless gift, for the precious stone will some day become the crushing stone, and will grind to powder all those to whom it was offered, but who rejected it.

Readings—Psalm 118; Luke 20: 1-28.

# Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

## Pictures and How to Use Them.

JUST how much of the material we teach are we actually getting over into the minds and lives of our boys and girls? The Normal Instructor and Primary Plans tells of an experiment where a lesson was taught to two groups of children of the same mental age. One group received the information through the ear only; the other group used the ear and the eye as objects and pictures were employed to illustrate the lesson. Six months later the two groups were examined. The first, those who had learned through the ear only, could reproduce five per cent. of the material taught. The second, those who had used both ear and eye, could reproduce eighty per cent. If the use of posters and illustrations will raise the percentage of material retained by the child from five to eighty, we shall want to avail ourselves of this most effective means of teaching.

### What is an Illustration?

An illustration is that which is used to explain. It may be an object, a diagram, a picture or a group of pictures. For our purpose let us discuss the merits of the last two. Pictures will strengthen and clarify the mental image made by words. For example: "Nancy stood at the window crying because it had rained for three days." These words will produce a vague image of a girl in tears standing at a window. There will be as many different "Nancys" as persons who hear the words. But when these words are supplemented by a picture, everyone will know her approximate age, color of hair, eyes, and the kind of clothes she wore. All will be interested in one particular Nancy and her particular problem.

### Things to Remember.

Use colored pictures whenever possible. If the desired picture can only be secured in black and white, add color yourself with crayon or water color. You do not have to color everything in the picture, but just enough to make it more attractive.

Illustrations ought to be large enough to be seen easily by the farthest child, unless they are to be passed around so that each one may see close at hand.

Pictures should be hung on the level with the child's eye. The eye level of a beginner may seem very low to an adult, but to the child it is just right.

Avoid that which is ugly and gruesome. Pictures should arouse right feeling and right interests.

Be sure your pictures are true to facts, regardless of their artistic merit.—N.Z. Bible School Bulletin.

## Character Built by Activity.

IN character development leaders need to order the programme to meet the boundless energies of young people.

Keep your emphasis upon the growth of the boy. Find out what ideals and purposes underlie the boy's desire for certain activities.

Keep the aims of the club or society in mind, checking the activities occasionally to see that the boys are growing—growing in knowledge, attitudes and conduct.

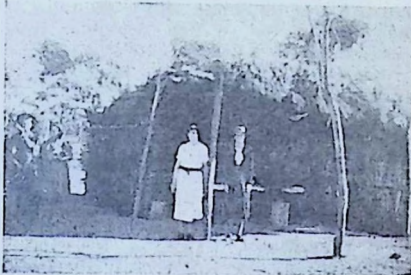
Be on the alert for those occasions involving moral decisions, which arise during the course of the activities. These situations can be used to apply Christian principles with telling effect on the character of the boys.



# W.A. Home Missions.

## NORSEMAN.

MISSES Eadie and Bentley are doing splendid work, under difficult circumstances, among the aborigines at Norseman. Their home is a tent, and of course is lacking in the many comforts and conveniences that most have come to look upon as essential. Their meeting-



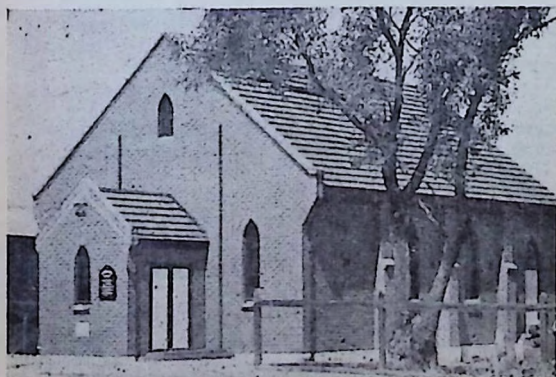
Bush Hut Meeting Place, Norseman, W.A.

place is a kind of bush hut, as seen in the picture. Yet these two good sisters are reaching many of the natives. A church has been established, of which there are about 30 members. They are regular in their attendance at meetings, and by their lives are showing the influence that the Master is having upon them. The Home Missionary Committee is assisting a little this work. As to how much more can be done depends upon the response to the home mission offering on Nov. 3.

## WEMBLEY.

The establishment of the church at Wembley is one of the achievements since last offering. Three committees—Home Missions, Young People's and Church Building Extension—combined to make this work possible. Splendid work of leadership and organisation was done by Bro. D. M. Wilson, the first secretary of the church. Regular assistance is being given by Bro. J. Wiltshire, preacher of Lake-st. church. Bro. A. G. Elliott continues to preach the gospel in this delightful building in this important suburb. An increased offering will mean an extended home mission work, with the possibility of more such causes being established.

The work of the Home Mission Committee



The Chapel at Wembley, W.A.

is now being carried on in conjunction with that of the Bible Schools and Young People's Department. Bro. R. Hilford is now secretary and organiser of both committees.

## THE PLAN THAT PAYS.

Confirm.—Preach and teach was the New Testament plan. Thus churches were confirmed or strengthened in the faith. "Things were

most surely believed among them." They knew and grew.

Explore.—We must recapture the pioneer spirit. There is need for a resourceful and adventurous faith, that will search out new places and contact new people. The gospel is an adequate message for everybody, everywhere.

Expand.—As we go, so we grow. A living faith is bound to enlarge. It will think better things and plan bigger things. Self-imposed limitations will yield to a policy of progress.

Recoup.—Evangelism pays. The gospel touches life at its source. It is propulsive. It will cause the desert places of the human spirit to break forth in living streams of generosity. God transforms our scattering into an ingathering. On Nov. 3 let the giving hand bespeak the loving heart.—James Gordon, President-elect of conference.

## PRAYER AND SACRIFICE.

FOR the Western State this is Jubilee Year. At this time we not only look back on the



R. Hilford,  
Secretary and Organiser, Home Mission  
Committee and Bible Schools and Young  
People's Department, W.A.

year's work in the State, but on fifty years. We are inspired by those years, and with that inspiration will make an offering that, in spite of difficult times, will be a splendid one.

Of course, it will not be easy; but then it never is easy. When the disciples had experienced failure and wondered why, they questioned the Master. His reply was that these things only come by prayer and fasting.

As we review our home mission work—all that has been done, all that might have been done, and all that could be done to-day, we wonder how we can do it. The Master's reply is for us too. It can only come, first, by constant prayer; close fellowship with him, so that we can catch something of his desire and his love and see the fields through his eyes. Then comes the need for us to pay the price of doing this work—the fasting or self-sacrifice that is behind all true Christian service.

In our prayers and our giving this work will be done. Happy is the heart that will have as big a share in this work as the Master would like it to have.—R. Hilford.

## South Australian News-letter.

H. R. Taylor, B.A.

### Conference Echoes.

THE time of our conference is fixed to coincide with the Royal Show, which always brings large numbers of our country brethren and sisters to the city. The show was not held this year, but nevertheless we had a better representation of delegates than usual from distant parts. Evidently our brethren who came to the city were able to give undivided attention to the business sessions. A suggestion has been made to the incoming executive that more business men in the city might be induced to participate in the conference if a public holiday could be included in the period chosen for the conference. Keen interest was displayed in this year's gathering. Any uncertainty which was felt in regard to developments in international affairs did not interfere with the determination of the brethren to carry on the witness of the gospel and enlarge the scope of the work. An attempt is to be made to meet some of the difficulties which arise from the transfer of preachers from one field to another by the appointment of a Preacher Placement and Advisory Board. This Board will endeavor to secure a pledge from churches and preachers that they will use it in the way indicated without any loss to the principle of independency which has hitherto characterised our people. The retirement of Bro. H. J. Horsell from the position of union secretary has reminded the brotherhood of its debt to a faithful servant who has carried its heaviest burdens for over 30 years. The secretarial duties of the union and the home mission department will devolve upon your correspondent.

### A Converted Public House.

A gospel meeting recently held at Forest Range in the Adelaide Hills was conducted in the billiard room of an old hotel which has been delicensed. On the outside wall near the doorway an advertisement in large letters draws attention to a particular brand of port. Within the walls on the Sunday night in question 50 persons, including a group of happy children, sang the songs of Zion under the leadership of Bro. J. Roberts, paving the way for an address on the old gospel lines. People come many miles to express real joy and true fellowship, not being drunk with wine, but filled with the Spirit.

### A Cause for Thanksgiving.

The gradual recovery of Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen from his serious illness has called for many expressions of gratitude to God for the preservation of a life so mightily used in spreading the gospel. Some of our churches hope later on to have the services of our brother for mission campaigns.

## HE LIKED IT ANYWAY.

WHEN Peter Ainslie was a young preacher he spoke one Sunday morning at a country church. At the close a gentleman said to him, "That was a fine sermon!" In the afternoon Mr. Ainslie preached at another rural church. To his surprise he observed the same gentleman in the congregation who had complimented him on his morning sermon. Having prepared just one sermon, he endeavored to rearrange it mentally and make it somewhat different. Again the same man told him, "That was a fine sermon!" In the evening Mr. Ainslie preached at another church. Again he saw the same man in the congregation, much to his consternation. Again he tried to rearrange the material, for it was the same sermon which he had preached at morning and afternoon services. This same man again said to him, "That was a fine sermon!" When he could do so unobtrusively Mr. Ainslie asked who that man was. The reply was, "Why, that is So-and-so; he is stone deaf."—"Christian Evangelist."



# Here and There.

This is jubilee year in Western Australia. A special interest should therefore attach to the offering for home missions to be taken throughout the State on Nov. 3. Particulars of the work are given on page 601 of this issue.

Isolated members in Sale district, Vic., are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held at Mr. Murnane's residence, 73 York-st., Sale, on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10.30 a.m. This will be the first meeting of the brethren there.

The jubilee evangelistic crusade at North Richmond, Vic., led by Bro. T. Hagger, began on Sunday, Oct. 13, with decision day in the Bible school. There were six decisions for Christ. Good meetings have followed, Bro. Hagger preaching with great power.

We regret to hear from Bro. A. Anderson, our Federal F.M. secretary, of the death on Saturday last, and the funeral on Monday, of the father of Miss Cameron, our missionary at Shrigonda, Ahmednagar District, India. The sympathy of a wide circle of brethren and friends will go out to the bereaved ones.

Mr. Lionel B. Fletcher is expected to arrive in New Zealand this month. Later he will come on to Australia. Mr. Fletcher is well known in the Dominion and the Commonwealth. For the past twenty years he has been a most successful evangelist, and has conducted great campaigns both here and in Britain, U.S.A. and Africa.

On Oct. 13, at Gardiner, Vic., Bro. T. Hagger was morning speaker, and Bro. H. G. Earle, of North Richmond, preached in the evening. College offering has reached £57. To the delight of the church, Bro. Hagger announced that an anonymous donor had given £300 towards the erection of a building for the proposed new cause at Darling.

Anniversary services of Penshurst church, N.S.W., on Oct. 13 were a great success, both meetings being well attended. 46 broke bread. School was well attended. During September there were six confessions, one baptised believer was added, two adult adherents intimated their desire to be immersed and link up, and two were received by transfer.

At Oakleigh, Vic., on Oct. 7, the ladies' choir, under leadership of Miss Pittman, presented a fine programme to an appreciative audience. At morning service on Oct. 13, Mr. Robertson McCue, representing Local Option Alliance, was speaker. Mr. Mudge conducted evening service. Mr. Davies provides transport every Sunday for guests at Christian Guest Home who wish to attend services in the chapel.

The church at Grote-st., S.A., is holding a series of special services leading up to 94th anniversary. On morning of Oct. 13 Bro. H. P. Manning gave a very powerful address on "Sounding Out the Gospel." Bro. Hurren in evening gave a stirring address to a good gathering on "The Church's Marching Orders." A young woman and a young man were baptised. Sickness is still very prevalent.

A cabled message from London in last Saturday's newspapers read as follows: "Miss Mary Davey, Britain's oldest woman, has died, aged 108. She was an assistant at a Brighton bakery for 70 years, until she was over 90." A note from Miss Lynda M. Foreman to Mr. D. E. Pittman states: "Miss Davey was father's aunt (my grandmother's sister), whose letter you printed in 'Pure Words' some months ago. She was a wonderful old lady, keenly interested in church work (Baptist) and politics."

Dr. J. Vernon Bartlet, Emeritus Professor of Church History at Mansfield College, Oxford, died in August, aged 76 years. He held his professional office for 40 years. Dr. W. B. Selbie, his friend and colleague, writes: "Bartlet was a true scholar, learned, cautious, and exact. But he was no mere scholar. Nothing human was alien to him." "He was indeed one

who loved his fellow-men. Though he never held a pastorate, he was a true shepherd of souls." Dr. Bartlet's writings have helped many readers.

We are delighted that favorable reports of Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen's health still come to hand. His early resumption of work is indicated. He is planned to speak in Melbourne Town Hall on the evening of Nov. 3, when the final meeting in connection with Lygon-st. church's 75th anniversary has been arranged. It is hoped that a great city witness will be given on this occasion. Following this, Bro. Hinrichsen is planned to conduct a mission at Balwyn, for which the church and preacher (Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A.) have been making great preparations.

Services have been good at Balwyn, Vic. A special home-coming service and preparation for E. C. Hinrichsen mission in November was held on morning of Oct. 13. It was the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the opening of church building. Bro. J. E. Thomas gave a helpful address; Bro. J. E. Austin (only foundation officer still in office) presided, and visiting foundation officers helped in service. Over 170 were present. Mrs. Oliver (president of women's conference) is unwell. Sister Wright has made a wonderful recovery. Mr. Patterson is still strengthening members in the faith.

The 56th church anniversary was celebrated at Unley, S.A., on Oct. 13. Chaplain A. E. Forbes, of Mile End, preached in morning and Bro. Nankivell at gospel service. Special music and large congregations. Evening offering of £10/1/2 for London bombing raids victims. Bible College offering to date, £20/16/6. Bible school picnic at Long Gully on public holiday was efficiently conducted and enjoyable. Promising movement has been started for installation of a number of deaf aids in the chapel. Hearty appreciation is shown for "The Friendly Word," a weekly circular issued in interests of the church.

At Northcote, Vic., during "Victorious Life Campaign," Bro. Frank Hunting gave heart-reaching messages. Attendances have been fairly good, and help of sister churches in sending delegations has been much appreciated. Special after-school meetings have been a great success; on three afternoons 170, 250 and 275 children heard and saw the message of Christ through moving and still pictures. Bro. Withers addressed morning meeting on Oct. 13, and at night Bro. Hunting continued the campaign, speaking to a good audience on "Defeat." Bro. Tinkler and the choir are much appreciated in singing each night.

At Murray Bridge, S.A., two, immersed on Sept. 28, were received into fellowship on Oct. 6. Last of a series on prodigals was given at evening service. Y.P.S.C.E. and friends held annual picnic at Mannum Falls on Oct. 7. Bro. I. Blenkinson has been elected Bible school secretary, and Bro. N. G. Noble chairman of local ministers' fraternal. Bible class room has been chosen and renovated. "Parables of Jesus" and "Greatest Human Question" were the preacher's subjects on Oct. 13. Soloist was Sister Nath. Grundy. Bro. N. G. Noble commences five weeks' chaplain duty at Gawler camp on Oct. 16.

Bro. R. Hilford, home missionary secretary, W.A., writes: "Nov. 3 marks the special opportunity for us all to further carry out the Master's great command. But suppose the brotherhood responds with an increase of about 25 per cent. of the income of the committee? There are churches which, although now being helped, could be helped to a greater degree. There are places where we already have members that could be opened up and much work done. There are towns where we are not represented, that because of their size and importance it would be good to commence preach-

ing the New Testament message. Endless possibilities. The field indeed white unto harvest. Let every child of God not only pray to send reapers, but give on Nov. 3 that their prayers might be more fully answered."

At farewell evening at Brunswick, Vic., to Bro. and Sister Patching on Sept. 27, a gift of notes was made to Bro. Patching. Representatives of auxiliaries expressed appreciation of the work of the retiring evangelist. Bro. Scambler spoke in praise of Bro. Patching and also words of recommendation of the new evangelist, Bro. White. Sister Jackson, on behalf of the sisters, presented Sister Patching with a shoulder spray. On morning of Oct. 6 Bro. Scambler presided and introduced Bro. White. Bro. White's evening topic was "Follow the Leader." Sister Osborn rendered a solo. Bro. Cox and Sister Mrs. Adams were present at morning service on Oct. 13 after absence through sickness. Bro. Walkerden has left hospital, and Sister Cornish is progressing favorably. Tennis club was successful in winning premiership match of Churches of Christ winter competition.

Under the heading, "It's a Miracle," Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, our N.S.W. Director of Evangelism, contributes an article to "The Christian Messenger." From it we cull the following: "Every day for some days, somebody has said to me, 'It's a miracle.' Doctors, sisters, nurses, as well as our own beloved brethren, have joined in the chorus. Probably some of the former sincerely mean that something has happened quite contrary to their expectations. I have been allowed up only a few days, and I do not feel inclined to write much. However, I am so anxious to keep in touch with my loyal friends and to say 'Thank you' to them for their prayers that I am writing this early. My brethren, your prayers wrought not one miracle, but at least three. First—humanly speaking, recovery was impossible. Secondly, alleviation of terrific suffering was strikingly accomplished. Thirdly, the doctor assures me that there will be in time a 100 per cent. recovery."

At Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas., Sister Mollie Snooks and Bro. Geoff. Foot have been united in marriage. A social evening was given in their honor. They have been very active in all departments of work. They received the gift of a chiming clock from members. Sister A. Rose was welcomed back after almost 12 months' absence through illness. Reports at half-yearly business meeting showed good progress in all departments; there were eleven additions for the six months. Finances are in a healthy condition; for the same period £384 was contributed for all purposes. A lad from the school was baptised and received into fellowship. Mrs. Parkin, a baptised believer, was also received into fellowship. Bro. W. S. Lowe has commenced a series of addresses on "The Faith of Our Fathers." On Oct. 6, the first was on "God was in Christ." On Oct. 13 there was a splendid gathering, and much interest was shown in the second of the series, "The Power of the Resurrection." College offering amounted to £6. Recent visitors include Bren. D. Duff and Dedd. from Victoria. Splendid interest continues with good attendances, average attendance being 130 breaking bread.

## IN GOD WE TRUST.

In God we trust, he is our sure defence;  
He shields us with his own omnipotence.  
In God we trust, he is a solid Rock;  
Unmoved and firm against all earthly shock.  
In God we trust, he is our Helper now;  
We pay to him our humble solemn vow.

—Selected.

## ADDRESS.

C. Byrnes (preacher of Penshurst church, N.S.W.).—347 Forest-rd., Hurstville.



# News of the Churches.

## TASMANIA.

**West Hobart.**—A new venture for kindergarten and primary departments was the holding of an anniversary display separate from rest of Bible school on Oct. 13. The building was crowded, and 30 children took part in the exercises. Presentation of prizes and cradle roll texts was made. In the evening, when Bro. Tease spoke on "The Tears of Jesus," a young lady accepted Christ.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

**Perth.**—On Oct. 6 Bro. T. Nicholson was welcomed into membership. Visitors included Bro. and Sister F. Lewis, from South Yarra, Vic. Bro. J. Wiltshire gave an uplifting message on "The Transcendent Wealth of the Kingdom of God." At night the cantata, "Under the Palms," was repeated. There was an increased attendance, and one decision in response to Bro. Wiltshire's appeal. On Oct. 8 a meeting of church officers and other workers was held. Bro. Wiltshire gave an inspiring talk on the personnel and duties of deacon.

## QUEENSLAND.

**Mackay.**—Bro. W. W. McDowell spoke twice on Sept. 29, and baptised a lad in the evening. Junior C.E. is doing good work. On Oct. 6, Bible school anniversary services were well attended. Captain Baker (Salvation Army) was guest speaker in the afternoon. 30 children sang as a choir at night.

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—Bro. H. G. Payne spoke at both services on Oct. 6. It being "Stewardship" month, the subjects were on that important topic. In absence of Bro. Payne, who is touring the north in interests of H.M. Committee, Bro. Wendorf, acting-president of conference, on morning of Oct. 13, gave a fine address on "Stewardship of the Money Problem." Bro. T. A. Fergusson, of Hawthorne church, was speaker at gospel meeting.

**Annerley.**—The church was greatly blessed and attendances were good at Sunday meetings in October, Bro. H. E. Greenwood preaching. The removal of Bro. Len Wyeth on account of transfer is regretted. In October Bro. Thos. Geraghty was called home. He was a faithful man of God and a friend of youth. A memorial service was conducted by Bren. J. Coward and H. E. Greenwood, at which there were 86 present. Two young people confessed Christ. Fellowship with many visitors, including interstate members, has been enjoyed.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

**Milang.**—Bible school held anniversary services on Sept. 29 and 30. Bro. Nankivell, of Unley, spoke enjoyably at all services and the scholars sang well. Prizes were distributed, also several certificates won at S.S. examination. The picnic was held on Oct. 5.

**Edwardstown West.**—On Oct. 6 Bro. Bridgman exhorted at morning service, at which four sisters were welcomed into membership, one convert and three by transfer. At night Bro. Hinde preached the gospel. On 13th Bren. Butler and Taylor were speakers. Bible school attendances continue near to 100.

**York.**—Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 29. In morning Bro. W. Beiler, of Brooklyn Park, spoke at a teachers' recognition service. Bro. A. Brown gave an interesting message, and Bro. I. Durdin led evening meeting. At midweek gathering Bro. Ingham, of Norwood, gave the message. Prizes and certificates from scripture examination were distributed. On Oct. 6 anniversary services were continued, speaker in morning being Bro. A. Anderson. Kindergarten had special pieces in afternoon; Bro. I. Durdin preached at night. The following Monday the Bible school picnic was held at Hawthorndene, Blackwood. Bible school graduation service was held on Oct. 13.

**Pt. Pirie.**—S.S. anniversary services were held on Oct. 6 and 9. Singing under baton of Bro. A. E. Arnold was excellent. Mr. Lundberg (Baptist) and Mr. Hutson were speakers. Picnic was held at Napperby on Oct. 7. The preacher's daughter, Sister Miss Hutson, of Melbourne, met with the church on Oct. 13. Sister Miss P. Smith is making slow progress in hospital. Bro. Hutson had charge of both services on Oct. 13.

**Fullarton.**—Deepest sympathy is extended to Sister Rainsford in the death of Bro. Rainsford, who has been a faithful witness for many years. A very successful C.E. social was held on Oct. 12; several new members reported. Gymnasium classes have been suspended for a time owing to the illness of Bro. H. Gitsheim. Bro. Rankine's messages on the "Talents" in the morning and "Thy Redeemer Lives" at gospel meeting were much enjoyed.

**Queenstown.**—On Oct. 6 Bro. Ewers, of Hindmarsh, delivered a fine gospel message, a nice number being present. On Oct. 13 Bro. Mossop gave the church a splendid address. The gospel was preached by Bro. G. Cox, whose subject was "The Man with the Vision." Bro. Brooker is making satisfactory improvement, and hopes to be back with the church in two or three weeks' time. Sympathy goes out to the family of Foote, who have lost a loved one.

**Semaphore.**—Sickness and removal have affected attendance for several weeks. On Oct. 6 Bren. Alf. Foote and A. B. Erskine were the speakers. Bible school picnic was held at Hazelwood Park on Labor Day. The school regrets that the superintendent, Bro. K. J. Peacock, is in Adelaide Hospital. Bro. Peacock, who is also church treasurer, may have to undergo an operation. Scholars are being trained by church choir conductor, Miss Ivy Bray, for anniversary.

**Hindmarsh.**—On morning of Oct. 13 fellowship was enjoyed with Messrs. Alfred Williams and Fred. R. Lovett, of the Mildway Centre, who are helping in an after-church evangelistic campaign in this district, and a number of visitors. Mr. Williams was the speaker, and Mr. Fred Lovett contributed a solo. At gospel service Bro. Wm. L. Ewers gave the message. The choir assisted with an anthem. Mr. Williams was again present, also Mr. Trevor M. Morris, missionary of the Mildmay team.

**Dulwich.**—Bro. and Sister E. A. J. Allen have been welcomed back into fellowship on return to district. Bro. Les. Keatch has also since come to live in district. Mrs. Smith has returned from N.S.W. Church has formed a youth committee, with Bro. Bridgman as chairman pro tem, and Bro. K. Towney secretary, to co-ordinate auxiliaries' work. Offering of £15 was taken for London air raid victims. On Oct. 13, in absence of Bro. Collins on leave, Bro. J. T. Train, of Col. Light Gardens, exhorted in morning and Bro. Cave, of Naracoorte, presided. At night Bro. Bridgman spoke and Bro. Cave sang.

**Maylands.**—Bible school anniversary services were continued on Oct. 6 with very bright meetings. Morning speaker was Mr. R. Heard, of Norwood Baptist church; afternoon, Mr. Nankivell, of Unley; evening, Mr. Wakeley. Their addresses were much appreciated. Two girls from the Bible school made their stand for Christ. The school's annual concerts were held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 2. Bible school picnic was held at Hazelwood Park on Oct. 7. At morning service on Oct. 13 Bro. A. Anderson expressed the sympathy of the church to our esteemed secretary, Bro. A. L. Read, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Howard Read in the sudden loss of son and husband, Bro. Howard L. Read, who was highly respected by the members and throughout the public service departments of the government. Bro. Wakeley was speaker at both services, and at night two young lads from the Bible school confessed Christ.

**Naracoorte.**—Worship meetings have been well attended and fellowship enjoyed with visitors from Owen and Prospect. Bro. Cave has been accepted for service with Y.M.C.A. and gave farewell addresses on Oct. 6. Mrs. Cave conducted kinder department display in afternoon. On Oct. 8, at a farewell to Bro. Cave, a presentation was made on behalf of the church. Bro. Cave has been group Scout-master at Naracoorte for the last two years, and was given a farewell party and presentation by Scouts, Cubs and the group committee before his departure for Adelaide.

**Prospect.**—Attendances at gospel services during past month were good, Bro. C. Schwab preaching with power. P.B.P. installation service proved a successful and inspiring meeting. Ladies' guild annual meeting held recently had an excellent attendance. All auxiliaries are working well. Attendance at combined Bible class on Oct. 6 was 40. A presentation was made of a clock to Miss D. Terrace and Pte. G. Bonney (A.I.F.) prior to their marriage. A kitchen evening was given to Miss Jean Purdie. A foundation member, Mrs. McLaren, is seriously ill. N. Fuss and R. Green have gone to Victoria to train with R.A.A.F. Bro. C. Sander is in Woodside camp, A.I.F.

**Brooklyn Park.**—There were crowded services on Oct. 6 for the church's 16th anniversary and home-coming day. Many past members attended. Four young men, baptised the previous Lord's day, and one by letter from Cowandilla, were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. J. E. Shipway (conference president) gave a heart-searching address. At a nice J.C.E. meeting Bro. Willing was speaker. At the back-to-Bible school session messages were given by Bren. W. Pearl, L. Arthur, S. H. Sherriff and W. Beiler. At night Bro. Beiler preached on "The Triumphant Church." Beautiful messages in song were given by a special choir and a solo by Mrs. M. Wills. Thankoffering for building fund reached £62, besides £12/10/- through the copper offering. It was a day of delightful fellowship and encouragement.

## VICTORIA.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—On Oct. 13 Bro. Hughes preached at both services. Offering for College of the Bible amounts to £41.

**Hampton.**—A fortnight's mission began on Oct. 13, when Bro. H. M. Clipstone delivered earnest addresses. Bro. J. Machin conducted the singing and sang a solo at night.

**Sunshine.**—On morning of Oct. 13 Bro. Petrie gave the exhortation. In the evening Bro. Plummer spoke on "The Lord will Provide." Bright meetings are held by C.E. Members are still working hard for aborigines.

**Middle Park.**—Bro. Jackel spoke at both services on Oct. 13. At close of his splendid gospel address a young lady made the good confession. Bro. Jackel has arranged special prayer series for the uplift of the church.

**Portland.**—On Oct. 13 Bro. Comer spoke at both morning and afternoon services. Subject in morning was "The Morning Star"; afternoon, "Will England Survive?" Attendance is maintained well at all services and prayer meetings.

**Reservoir.**—Good meetings marked the close of Bible school anniversary on Oct. 13. Speaker at afternoon meeting was Bro. C. E. Watson and in the evening Bro. Muller, from Camberwell. Bro. R. McLaughlin, from Northcote East, spoke at morning worship.

**Castlemaine.**—Messages from Bro. Rossie are much appreciated by the church. At a recent youth service the young people formed a choir and assisted in gospel service. Attendances at Bible school are back to normal. A competition of "Birds of the Bible" is in progress.

**Coburg.**—On Oct. 6 a successful youth tea, at which Bro. W. Graham, of Moreland, spoke, was held. The work among the young folk is thriving, and recently a Y.P.S.C.E. society was formed. Speakers for past two Sundays have been—in the mornings, Bren. J. H. Barnden and F. B. Withers; and in the evenings, Bro. H. G. Rasmussen.



**Malvern-Caulfield.**—Good meetings and interest are maintained. Bro. McKenzie, of Owen, S.A., was morning speaker on Oct. 13. Bro. Buckingham held the attention of a good congregation with the gospel address on "The Millennium." Three made the good confession.

**Ararat.**—On Oct. 1 Mr. E. S. Nicholson gave an interesting lantern lecture, also addressing W.C.T.U. and united intercession service. Several scholars signed the temperance pledge after the Sunday school lesson. The school is assisting in a united concert for patriotic funds.

**Ivanhoe.**—On morning of Oct. 13 Bro. J. Plummer, of Reservoir, gave a message from Luke 19: 1-28. A "Loyalty Campaign" is being conducted with special series of addresses by Bro. E. L. Williams. College of Bible offering amounted to £8/2/-, an increase of £3 on last year.

**Blackburn.**—Bro. H. C. Bischoff was speaker at all services on Oct. 6 and 13. On Oct. 3 the prayer meeting committee visited the women's mission band and conducted the meeting. On Oct. 6 a united witness meeting was held; Mr. Fletcher brought the message; H. C. Bischoff presided.

**Ormond.**—Oct. 6 to 10, meetings for deepening of spiritual life of the church were held. Bren. C. L. Lang, A. B. Withers, H. A. G. Clark and Thos. Hagger all gave stirring messages and were much appreciated by the members. Bro. C. L. Lang and Ron. Lang sang a duet and Bro. Ron. Lang a solo.

**Echuca.**—On Oct. 6 Bro. H. Hargreaves spoke at worship. At night Bro. W. Payne preached on "Life's Purpose," after which he baptised three converts from Cumeruogunga. S.S. anniversary services on Oct. 13 were well attended. Bro. Keith Jones gave appreciated addresses, and special singing was rendered by the scholars. A good spiritual tone prevailed.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Sunday last was a great day, it being opening day of Bible school anniversary. Speakers were Mrs. Colin Dabb, of Geelong, and Mr. John Turner, of East Kew. There were good congregations, splendid addresses and excellent singing by children under leadership of Mr. Nat. Haddow. At afternoon service kindergarten scholars received prizes. 155 broke bread.

**Mildura.**—On Oct. 13 the morning service was broadcast through 3MA. Bro. J. Lewis spoke on "He Humbled Himself." Sunday school anniversary services were held afternoon and evening. Mr. Holland, from Mildura High School, was speaker for afternoon, and Bro. J. Lewis spoke on "Money" at gospel service. Under leadership of Bro. B. Jenkins the children rendered many delightful numbers.

**Ballarat (York-st.).**—Bren. Connor, Scambler and Roberts paid an appreciated surprise visit on Oct. 13; an exceedingly helpful message was received from Bro. Connor at morning meeting. Sister Jean Bailey, kindergarten expert, entertained teachers with a lecture, when S.S. workers enjoyed teachers' tea. Evening meeting was good, Bro. Ritchie preaching, and young men taking part; pleasing solo by Bro. Peter French.

**Red Cliffs.**—Women's mission band held 8th birthday on Oct. 3, about 60 ladies being present. Representatives were present from Mildura, Merbein, Coomealla and all local guilds. The following day the mission band ladies paid a surprise visit to Mrs. Torney (vice-president), who has been sick for some months. Mr. J. W. Lewis, of Mildura, has commenced circuit work with Red Cliffs, and gave a thought-provoking address on Oct. 6.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—In absence of the preacher, who is conducting a mission at Hampton, Mr. R. T. Pittman spoke at morning service on Oct. 13 and Mr. R. Morris in the evening. Attendances were not so good as previous Sunday, when 170 broke bread. A successful concert arranged by the choir in aid of organ fund was held on Oct. 2, a visiting choir presenting the programme. Sisters Touzell and Stow have recently suffered bereavement.

**Dandenong.**—There was good attendance on morning of Oct. 13. Bro. Coventry gave an inspiring message on "The Uninvited Guest." In the evening the Bible class took charge with song and service. Bro. Len Buck spoke on "Me a Christian! Why Not?" Supper was served by the ladies. On Oct. 9 the church held a fellowship tea with a good attendance. Bro. A. A. Hughes gave an inspiring talk on "Good Overcomes Evil." Auxiliaries are all working well.

**Garden Vale.**—Helpful messages were delivered on Oct. 6, in morning by Bro. Nance-Kivell, "The Body and the Bible"; evening, Bro. G. P. Pittman. Bible school teachers attended a lecture, "Visual Aid to Bible School Work." J.C.E. gifts for aboriginal mission were displayed at East Melbourne Baptist church. Boys' gymnasium and Y.P. club are progressing and helpful. On Oct. 13 Bro. Nance-Kivell spoke in morning on "The Household of Faith," and preached in evening.

**South Yarra.**—Anniversary services on Oct. 6 proved the most successful for many years. The singing was led by Mr. Higgs, who greatly inspired the children. On Oct. 9 the concert and prize-giving was held, and on afternoon of Oct. 13 the kindergarten gave a demonstration. Bro. A. G. Searle spoke at gospel service on Oct. 13 in the absence of Bro. Candy. The church is enjoying the fellowship of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and family, from Brim. Bro. and Sister Fred. Lewis are holidaying in Western Australia.

**Fitzroy (Gore-st.).**—Meetings have been fairly well attended the past two Sundays. On Oct. 6 the Bible school held anniversary services. The scholars sang special hymns afternoon and evening and were much enjoyed. Bro. Robinson spoke at both services. On Oct. 8 a children's tea was held, followed by concert and distribution of prizes. Bro. Robinson spoke at both services on Oct. 13. Cricket club held a social evening on Oct. 12, and a presentation was made to Mr. E. Reynolds prior to his marriage to Miss Vi. Davies.

**Hamilton.**—The annual fete held on Oct. 3 resulted in £61 going to building fund. On Oct. 6 Bro. Waters' gospel message was "The Antidote for Sin." Monthly after-church fellowship followed. C.E. society entertained twelve men from the military camp on Tuesday night, at games and supper, and an enjoyable time was spent. Several members journeyed to Horsham on Thursday for the conference, and all report a splendid time of fellowship. On Oct. 13 a fine message on "The Failure of Success" was given by Bro. Waters.

**Parkdale.**—Bro. W. Wilson gave a helpful message on Sept. 22 at worship service. The choir conducted a pleasant social evening on Sept. 28. Services on Oct. 6 were well attended, it being 15th anniversary of Y.W.L. Present and former members of league conducted morning service and assisted at gospel services. The messages of Bren. Reg. Ennis and C. G. Taylor were appropriate. Appreciation was expressed to the leaders, Sisters Miss A. Allamby and Miss Maisie Hogan. £4/9/6 was received for bomb victims and £5/16/3 for College of the Bible.

**Box Hill.**—Sunday school anniversary services, held in Box Hill City Hall, were concluded with a very large audience on Oct. 6. The concert on Oct. 1 was of a high standard. Speakers were Bren. G. Andrews, R. Morris, H. C. Bischoff and H. A. G. Clark, M.A. The S.S. superintendent, Bro. S. Salishury, conducted the singing, and the organising was in the hands of the secretary, Bro. G. Gray. Bro. Robert Rogerson, by faith and baptism, was received into fellowship on morning of Sept. 29. Three young people were baptised on Oct. 13.

**Geelong.**—Especially pleasing attendances on Oct. 6. At conclusion of Bro. K. Macnaughtan's address on "Bleating Sheep and Lowing Oxen," three people confessed Christ. On Oct. 7 members of young ladies' and young men's clubs combined to re-organise band of hope; officers were elected. "Sealed orders" and a text hunt were features of an enjoyable C.E. meeting on Oct. 8. Mr. W. H. Holloway,

representing B. and F. Bible Society, spoke on morning of Oct. 13. At night Bro. K. Macnaughtan's subject was "Bible Baptism in Ten Commandments." A baptismal service followed.

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.).**—Principal T. H. Scambler and Bro. A. McRoberts, of the College of the Bible, were present as C.F.A. deputationists on Oct. 13, Bro. Scambler speaking morning and evening. Bro. A. W. Connor, a former preacher, assisted in evening service. Miss Amelia Scarce rendered a solo. Morning speaker at Doveton-st. was Bro. D. C. Ritchie. At night a Y.P. fellowship parade was held. Special items were rendered, and Bro. L. Smith preached on "Life's Supreme Question." Bro. W. W. Saunders conducted morning service at Mt. Clear. Bro. Pegler was welcomed back after some months in South Australia. Removal of Jones and Tulford families from Mt. Clear is much regretted.

**Maryborough.**—Average number of communicants for September showed 25 per cent. increase over previous month. Church half-yearly meeting held on Sept. 25 showed credit balances and healthy conditions. A drive for new readers for "Christian" has resulted in six new subscribers. Bro. Holland has received notice of his appointment as a chaplain in the military forces. Anniversary of Bible school on Oct. 13 was a great success. At teachers' recognition service Bro. Holland gave an address on "A Labor of Love, of Honor, of Obedience." In afternoon scholars presented "Songs and Sayings of David" as arranged by Mrs. Mauger, of Aldgate, S.A. A suitable address was given. At night, to a full building, the scholars sang delightfully. Bro. Holland again spoke. At morning service one was received into fellowship after baptism.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

**Enmore.**—On Oct. 13, 174 communed, and there were two decisions.

**Canley Vale.**—About 80 were present at gospel service on Oct. 6, at which Bro. S. H. Wilson delivered an address on "Baptism." Three girls from the Bible school and a boy were immersed. A very enjoyable church family picnic was held on Eight Hour Day at The Playground, George's River.

**North Sydney.**—On Oct. 6 the gospel message by Bro. F. T. Saunders was much appreciated. Y.P.C.E. society has made a good beginning, and band of hope is also moving well. Sick-ness has reduced attendances, but several recoveries are gratefully reported. Bro. Paternoster is having a brief vacation.

**Chatswood.**—On Oct. 13 all meetings were well attended. In the morning Bro. and Sister Ross Manning had fellowship, and Bro. Manning gave an interesting address on mission work in the Belgian Congo. Bro. Youens' evening subject was "Dicing with Destiny." Miss McLean, late of Mayfield, and Miss Hay, late of West Hobart, Tas., were received into fellowship.

**Burwood.**—Bro. F. T. Saunders gave an excellent lantern lecture prior to Bible College offering, which realised £10/15/-. A number of young people holidaying at Katoomba held their own morning service on Oct. 6. A young people's fellowship has been formed, incorporating members of girls' and boys' clubs. Dr. Roy Millar has returned after a period at Toowoomba, Qld. There was a baptismal service on Oct. 13.

**Paddington.**—There was a good meeting for breaking of bread on Oct. 13. Bro. MacCallum, of Epping, addressed church from 2 Cor. 8, 9, his message being much enjoyed. Bible school is preparing for anniversary. At gospel service Bro. Greenhalgh preached to a good gathering; topic, "New Life for Old." A drawing-room afternoon held on Oct. 12, at the home of Sister Larcombe, realised over £3 for home missions.

**Granville.**—New scholars are added to the school week by week. Ten scholars sat and passed in recent scripture examination. Bro. S. B. Hibbard is superintendent. Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., officiated at the wedding of Miss Freda Smith and Mr. D. J. Eastley, of Ulver-



stone, Tas. Church office-bearers formed a working bee, painting and renovating building. Recent visiting morning speakers, Bren. G. Morton and L. C. Yelds, delivered appreciated messages.

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OCTOBER 26.—Newmarket Church of Christ sale of work will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. All old friends welcome.

OCTOBER 27 and 28.—Berwick Sunday school anniversary. Speakers, Oct. 27, 11 a.m., Mr. Grenville Hing; 3 p.m., Mr. Keith Jones; 7.30 p.m. Oct. 28, 8 p.m., concert programme.

### OCTOBER 20.

#### MALVERN-CAULFIELD BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Speakers:

3 p.m., Mr. Wallace Jackel.

7 p.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham.

We will be on the look-out for you.

#### NORTH RICHMOND (Coppin-st.), VICTORIA, JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

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3 p.m., Thos. Hagger.

7 p.m., A. B. Withers.

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#### BURNLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

OCTOBER 27.

Speakers:

3 p.m., Bro. T. A. Fitzgerald.

7 p.m., Bro. C. Cole.

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7 p.m., Bro. A. A. McRoberts.

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7 p.m., Mr. W. H. McCallum.

Nov. 3,

3 p.m., Mr. H. Earle.

7 p.m., Mr. J. C. Cunningham.

Wed., Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Annual Demonstration and Distribution of Prizes.

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#### BRIGHTON. NOVEMBER 10.

##### HOME-COMING.

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#### BIRTH.

MORGAN (nee Garth).—On Oct. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Morgan, 11 McKenzie-st., Launceston—a son (Frank Gilmore). Both well.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

ADERMANN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, who passed away Oct. 14, 1934. "Awaiting the resurrection morn."—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

BURROWS.—In memory of my dear wife, Louisa Chambers, who at Surrey Hills departed to be with Jesus on Oct. 22, 1934. Memories.—T. W. Burrows, Bonbeach.

TEWKSBURY.—In loving memory of my faithful husband, and loving father, who was called home Oct. 4, 1939.

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Monday, Oct. 28—"The Background of Our Witness," Principal T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed. Lygon-st. Birthday Tea. Church of Christ Ladies' Choir.

Tuesday, Oct. 29—"The Presentation of Our Witness," Thos. Hagger. Swanston-st. Choir.

Wednesday, Oct. 30—"The Permanence of Our Witness," A. R. Main, M.A. Tea for Preachers and Students. College Choir.

Thursday, Oct. 3—"The Progress of Our Witness," J. E. Thomas. Brighton Choir.

Friday, Nov. 1—"The Propagation of Our Witness," E. Lyall Williams, M.A. Conference Committee's Tea. Church of Christ Ladies' Choir.

Sunday, November 3 (Home-coming Day)—11, "Love Across the Years," Mr. Reg. Enniss; 3, Address by Mr. G. L. Murray, Conf. Pres. (Dedicatory Service); 7.30, Great gospel service in—

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## INDIAN FIELD APPRECIATION.

**B**RO. REG. BOLDUAN, secretary of C.O.M., India, has conveyed from that body their joy on receiving the news from Australia concerning the annual figures. Knowing how hardly many English and European missions have suffered because of acute financial difficulties, our Indian missionaries have been able to appreciate all the more what the Australian brotherhood have done by their loving response. Commenting on the difficulties experienced at home and in India, Bro. Bolduan says: "Thus we were totally unprepared for the news in your letter of Sept. 10 that the income of the Board this year exceeded last year's income by more than £1500. It is more than difficult to adequately express our feelings. I have been asked to convey to you and the churches at home our appreciation of such a wonderful achievement. I know of nothing that has ever given us greater encouragement. The irregular communications with home since the commencement of the war make home seem further away. We were becoming accustomed to having all our mails by air; now we have to be content and wait and wait until they arrive 'after many days.' By comparison, we feel almost forgotten. But if ever doubts existed, all have been removed. What greater proof could be given that, in the midst of dark days and difficult situations, the churches at home have an impelling desire that the Lord's work go on without hindrance? In a very signal way have the churches demonstrated their faith, and we feel almost humiliated. We want you to know of our thankful appreciation and of the encouragement you have given us. With such a church behind us we will do more than carry on—we'll go forward! 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow!'"

## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS.

**S**EVERAL difficult situations exercise the mind of the Federal Board at the moment, and we ask the brotherhood throughout Australia to pray that leading and guidance may be given us as we seek day by day to carry out given tasks.

Pray for our beloved chairman, Bro. A. L. Read, and wife that they be sustained in their deep sorrow in the loss of their only son, Howard. Few of our missionaries have not shared the kindly hospitality of Bro. and Sister Read, and knew Howard also as a sincere friend and companion.

Indications point that our missionaries in Australia, Miss Foreman and Bro. and Sister Coventry, might experience difficulty in leaving for India. Naturally little information can be given, but available information mentions protracted sea-routes and increases in fares of upwards of 100 per cent. Missionaries who are planning to leave on furlough early in 1941 are likely to experience similar difficulties. Apart from the above difficulties, little accommodation for passengers is available.

Yunnanfu, already reported as likely to suffer at the hands of Japan, has already felt the

blow. As we anticipated, the Indo-China railway was put out of commission, but having bases in Indo-China, Yunnanfu has been attacked by the air. Much foreign property has been destroyed, and the large Church Missionary Society hospital has been hit. This hospital is a large one, and can accommodate scores of patients. It is in this hospital that Pearl Anderson had her training, and as far as we know continued to serve the hospital. With the announcement that the Burma road is to open (this road connects Burma and Yunnanfu), even more violent assaults might be expected. Several mission boards have work in Yunnanfu, among them our own friends of the Chinese Home Mission Society. Remember these things and all Chinese Christians at this hour.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER MONIES.

**A**S far as possible all monies for Christmas cheer should be in the hands of the Federal Board before the end of November. This will mean that if such monies are sent through State departments it will need to be in their hands some days previously. Regulations now in force permit us to send monthly remittances overseas, and these are sent the first week in each month. Monies received after the last week in November cannot be included in December monies, and thus will not be in time for Christmas. We hope to make the first allocation of Christmas cheer money in November so that the islands and China will have early word. As usual, India will have the first remittance in November and the second in December.

Speaking of Christmas, we would also remind our readers that if cards of greeting, etc., are to reach our workers on all fields before Christmas, such should be sent almost immediately. Little information along these lines can be expected from the postal authorities, and sometimes mails must be held up for some weeks. Be wise, post early.

## THE DUTY OF THE CHURCH.

**I**T is the church's duty to concentrate all its energies to do the work of Christ. It is not just to worship; but it is to continue to do Christ's work with the help and the strength that we get in worship. Too much of the energies of ministers and of churches is being spent in taking permanent care of hereditary Christians. The church exists not to save itself but to save others.—V. S. Azariah, India.

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## Obituary.

Thomas N. Geraghty.

**B**RO. THOMAS NICHOLLS GERAGHTY passed away on Oct. 1 at the age of 90. He was an associate of Carl Fischer and Stephen Cheek in the starting of the first of our churches in Queensland; that at Zillmere, in August, 1882. There is now but one living pioneer of that time and place—Sister Mrs. Carl Fischer. Bro. Geraghty was an able and enthusiastic advocate of New Testament Christianity. He was a school teacher under the Education Department, and wherever he went he declared his principles in public and private. With a good personality, a fine preaching and singing voice, and an utter lack of fear, he was no mean protagonist. For the past 20 years he was a member of Annerley church. Until the last year or two his physical strength was good, and his mental powers lasted almost to the end. In recent years, on more than one occasion he sat as a Bible class scholar in the Y.P. Department's annual examination and took prizes. On Oct. 7 Bro. H. G. Greenwood conducted his funeral, assisted by the acting-president of conference at the funeral parlor and the conference secretary at the grave in Dutton Park Cemetery.

I wish to pay a brief personal tribute to one whom I greatly esteemed and dearly loved, and whose passing I feel as a deep personal loss. In all my years of ministry I have never met a brother in Christ who was more loyal to the preacher, and I shall ever cherish happy memories of sweet fellowship with him at Annerley.—C. Young.

W. A. Nelson.

**T**HE church at Rockhampton, Qld., has suffered a severe loss in the home-call of Bro. W. A. Nelson after a short illness. A foundation member, through Bro. Hinrichsen's mission, our late brother served as a deacon for many years and also as secretary for a time. His smile and kind words of welcome to both members and visitors endeared him to all, and the place he held in their affection and esteem was clearly shown by the large congregation that gathered at the chapel and followed his remains to their last resting place. Always ready to help in the work of the Master, our brother had arranged to take services this month, and at his last appearance at church presided at the Lord's table. The sympathy and love of all who knew him will go out to his sorrowing wife, son and daughter. Mr. Bert Crow performed the offices at the chapel and graveside.—Jas H. Cooper.

F. W. Rainsford.

**B**RO. F. W. Rainsford fell asleep in Jesus on Sept. 30 at the ripe age of 86 years. He and his wife were baptised into Christ 52 years ago by the late Bro. Jesse Colbourne at Park-st., Unley, S.A. After a few years they went to Hindmarsh, thence to Perth and Maylands in W.A. For a while they were at Gawler on returning from W.A., and had fellowship with the Grote-st. church and Croydon church. They were transferred from Grote-st. to Fullarton church in 1925. Bro. Rainsford was one very highly esteemed. He was an intelligent Christian gentleman. He belonged to the worthies of the past generation of disciples, and was firm in the faith. He loved the church and supported the church in many ways. He and his wife had been united for 63 years. Failing health for several years prior to his decease made it impossible for him to attend church services. He was an ideal husband and father of three sons all surviving him. May our heavenly Father comfort and sustain the bereaved ones in their time of sorrow. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—A. C. Rankine.

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consolation to all who mourn. We give thanks  
for their persistence in a ruthless world and  
their patient proclamation of life's higher values  
which we so easily miss. Let them whisper to  
our hearts to-day, testifying of thy glory and  
providential love. Let them quicken us in the  
quest of the beautiful and win our allegiance  
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Eternal God, I thank thee that the wind of  
the spirit is as the breath of spring. Trans-  
form the wilderness of my soul into a garden,  
and make the desert blossom like a rose. Fill  
my life with thy grace and graces so that  
many weary people may find in me the garden  
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