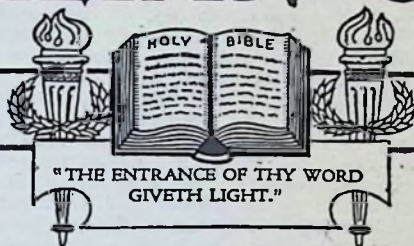


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Witnessing.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ is called "the faithful and true witness." He is the Amen, whose every word is true. In his interview with Pontius Pilate he declared that the purpose for which he came into this world was to "bear witness unto the truth." In witnessing, then, we follow the example of the Lord, to follow whose steps is revealed as the highest aim of our lives.

We have the Master's precept as well as example to consider. His last statement to his apostles before he ascended into heaven included these words: "Ye shall receive power . . . ye shall be my witnesses." How well those men fulfilled their allotted task is revealed in the book of Acts and the apostolic letters. We read that "with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." They were "witnesses of all things which he did." The testimony was irresistible. Opponents were not able to withstand the grace and power with which they spoke. Multitudes turned to the Lord. There were myriads who believed. As even non-believers put it, the world was turned upside down.

After the apostolic age the witnessing continued with good effect. The word had been committed to faithful men who successively proclaimed the truth. Within three hundred years the Roman Empire had been captured, and the mighty Emperor acknowledged the claims of Christ. All because of witnessing.

Our Missionary Task.

As we in Australia during this month centre our thought and efforts on our home missionary work, it is good to think of the glorious succession of witnesses to which we belong. We follow our Lord, the apostles, martyrs (this word means witnesses), and all the faithful preachers of the Christian age. The greatness of their success encourages us. The same Lord calls us to serve, and the same divine Spirit energises us for service.

It would be well if it were conspicuously true of all Christians that they, as their Lord, were witnesses to the truth. Especially is our witness to be of him who is himself the Truth. Apostolic preaching centred in Christ. As we read the sermons recorded in Acts we are struck by this, that they all commended Christ to the people and were intended to win people to allegiance to him. The early evangelists "preached Jesus"—his life of doing good, his matchless teaching, his death for our sin and resurrection for our justification, his ascension and glorification, and his coming again to judge the world and to receive his people unto himself. A more personal witness was also borne. Christ's transforming power and love for the individual were proclaimed. "He loved me, and gave himself up for me." "By the grace of God I am what I am." Many who were spiritually healed gave similar testimony

to that of the man born blind: "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." This warm, personal feeling and assurance most powerfully reinforced their general testimony. So should it ever be. The lack of it spoils many an excellent dissertation.

In apostolic days individuals who never professed to be preachers, at least in the modern sense of that word, passed on the message of life and gave a personal witness. Thus everywhere the word was proclaimed. Unfortunately we have less of this form of testimony than in the early days of our movement. Communists and other banned cults make use of personal propaganda to an extent which may put to shame those with a much better message.

If in every way Christ is preached, we, with the great apostle, may be content; for the power of the Gospel is undiminished.

The Witness of a Life.

Without hesitation we may say that the Christian living of the early disciples was itself a great instrument of evangelism. That is not to say that the Christians of the first century were by any means perfect. There were many failings and failures even then. But the contrast between the ordinary life of unredeemed men and the common life of Christians was very great. Christianity won, in part, because the Christian outlived the pagan. Nothing hinders the power of the Christian witness through preaching more than a failure to back up the word with the life. What we are may speak so loudly that people cannot hear what we say.

A paragraph from T. Howard Somervell's "Knife and Life in India" emphasises our present thought in a very striking way: "A man said to me, 'Sir, we want a new missionary at —.' 'What for?' I replied. 'You have got — there.' 'No good' is all he said in answer. I knew that the missionary in question was keen on the work and liked the people, and was surprised to hear this from a man of good character, who I knew was involved in no quarrel or grievance against the missionary or his society. So I asked, 'Why do you say "No good"?' The devastating reply was, 'He is always kind if you talk to him, but at time of drought, when people all around were half starving for lack of water, they asked him for permission to draw water from his bungalow well. He refused. It is no good to have a person like that talking to us about Jesus Christ.'"

"The Expository Times" prints this story under the heading "Whole Time Service." To full-time service we should all aspire.

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."—J. M. Barrie.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

MANY readers must have been interested in the references made by Mr. Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, to the late Mr. Chamberlain. Addressing the people in his own land, Mr. Kennedy said that Mr. Chamberlain had been misunderstood in America. "I was closer to Mr. Chamberlain than I was to anybody in England," he said. "The world will miss his sane counsel. He really gave his life that England might live." Mr. Kennedy's account of his interview with Mr. Chamberlain three weeks before the latter's death was very moving. Then Mr. Chamberlain had said to him: "Since my illness makes it impossible for me to be of further service to my country, my great concern is not to be a burden to my wife and family, so perhaps God in his mercy will take me soon."

The London "Times" paid a fine tribute to the work and character of Mr. Chamberlain: "No one can deny the conviction, courage, self-reliance, and decision with which he pursued his duty as he saw it. No leader left a finer pattern of high fortitude and devoted service to the State." Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy had been the only way to avert war at the time of Munich, while it simultaneously revealed Hitler in his true colors as the subjugator of free peoples.

Wet Canteens.

WITH many others we deeply regret the decision to introduce wet canteens into the soldiers' camps. We are glad to note the promises of strict supervision and control, and especially the statement that "conditions of the change are that hotels within a certain radius shall be placed 'out of bounds,' that co-operation of the States be obtained for the suppression of sly-grog shops near camps, and that after-hour laws at hotels near camps shall be rigidly enforced." There is no likelihood that all the restrictions will be acceptable to the men in camps, any more than that the introduction of wet canteens will please vast numbers of people who have the welfare of the men at heart.

Different church councils have already passed motions of disapproval. The Federal Social Questions Committee of Churches of Christ has passed the following resolution:—"This committee records its strong disapproval and protests that the Federal Ministry by a narrow majority and, it would appear, by the urgency of one minister in particular, has decided to establish 'wet' canteens in military camps. We take a very serious view of the situation and regard the change as being an economic blunder, a moral reproach, and as being a concession to the liquor business which hinders and weakens the military effort, rather than to the men, who, it is said, are clamoring for beer. This is a defeat at the home base, which is no less shocking to us than a defeat by the enemy."

The Victorian Council of Churches at a meeting on Friday last adopted the following resolution: "While not abating in our uncompromising

missing depreciation of the introduction of wet canteens in military camps, and slackening nothing in our urgent appeal in the interest of the nation for reversion to the dry canteen system, the council expresses its appreciation of the decision by the Government to enforce the law in the prohibition of liquor in militia camps."

Ministers' Allowances.

AT a meeting of the Presbyterian Commission of Assembly last week, questions of church finance and ministers' stipends were discussed. Speakers urged that there should be no retrenchment. There was no shortage of money for other purposes, and there should be none for the church. Dr. C. N. Button (Moderator-designate of the Presbyterian Assembly of Victoria) made some trenchant remarks. Speaking on a deliverance that the commission "remind ministers and representative elders of obligations undertaken to give conscientious attendance at meetings of the courts of the church," he is reported as saying that the church should help its ministers the same as any honest commercial organisation would help its employees. The absence of members from meetings was due to the fact that members were "bored to death" at the manner in which several members monopolised time for speeches. Some ministers lived more than 300 miles from Melbourne and could not afford to pay train fares to Melbourne. Another minister is reported as saying they were all being "ruled" to death. So many rules were being proposed that ministers would soon not know how to extricate themselves from the cumbersome machinery which is being built up.

The King and the Workers.

IN many ways King George and Queen Elizabeth have shown their great interest in their people. Their visits to bombed areas and their sympathy with the poor and suffering have revealed their hearts of love. Some of the photographs of Their Majesties in the midst of the people have shown in a very striking way their sympathetic attitude. No wonder they are so much appreciated and loved. A very remarkable paragraph in the press of Saturday last sets forth in a new way the relation between the King and the workers: "The King will be presented with the gold medal of the Trades Union Congress for conspicuous and helpful service to the trade union movement, says the 'Daily Express.' The medal is the highest T.U.C. award, and the King is the first royal recipient." It is easy to see why loyal subjects with sincere fervor pray and sing "God Save the King."

Seven Deadly Sins.

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK, in one of China's newspapers, has been deploring seven deadly sins which she says have hindered China's becoming one of the world powers, and is hampering her against Japan in the present war. They are: (1) Self-seeking; (2) False pride; (3) Cliques; (4) Defeatism; (5) Inaccuracy; (6) Lack of self-discipline; and (7) Evasion of responsibility. Not for China alone could such a diagnosis be made. Victories in the spiritual realm also are delayed because of such deadly sins as Madame Chiang Kai-shek enumerates.

THE really fundamental thing in a man's life is his choice of a religion. Two religions are to-day struggling for the mastery. There is the religion of Mammon, whose dominant purpose is selfishness, and whose creed is indifference to moral considerations, except so far as they may be regarded as instruments of individual advancement. There is the religion of God, whose purpose is service, and whose creed is loyalty to something larger than ourselves.—President Hadley.

The Presentation of Our Witness

Thomas Hagger.

WE have a witness to bear in common with all evangelical believers in the Christ—a witness to the exceeding sinfulness of sin, to the manifestation of the love of God through Christ, to the redemptive power of the sacrifice of our Lord, to the cleansing efficacy of his blood, to the mediatorial work he is now doing, to the promise of his return, to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer, and so on. Clearly and unflinchingly we should bear such testimony, but there is nothing distinctive about such. The pronoun "our" used in the title suggests a witness that is distinctive, one peculiarly ours. What is that peculiar witness? What is the great distinctive purpose for which churches known as churches of Christ exist? You will remember that, standing before the Roman governor, Jesus said: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I might bear witness unto the truth." And just as Jesus came into this world for a great definite purpose, so the churches known as churches of Christ came into existence for a definite purpose too. It was this purpose that animated the pioneers. And it is this great purpose that should fill us with enthusiasm to-day.

The witness the pioneers gave, and the witness we need to bear to-day is

1. A Witness to the Essential Oneness of the Church.

In the year 1809 Thomas Campbell drew up for the Christian Association of Washington a "Declaration and Address," in which thirteen propositions were submitted. The first of these declared "that the Church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one." The second set forth "that although the Church of Christ upon earth must necessarily exist in particular and distinct societies, locally separate one from the another, yet there ought to be no schism, no uncharitable divisions among them." The tenth proposition said "that division among the Christians is a horrid evil," that "it is anti-christian, as it destroys the visible unity of the body of Christ."

Such statements re-echo the teaching of the New Testament. Our Lord spoke of "one fold," "one Shepherd" (John 10: 16), and just before He went to Calvary he prayed for the visible unity of his people (John 17: 20, 21). The doctrine of the "one body" is clearly taught by Paul; just as clearly as is the doctrine of the "one Lord" (Eph. 4: 3-6). And John placed great emphasis on the doctrine of love—love for the Father, and love for all his children (1 John 4: 20); and the love atmosphere is that which makes real unity possible.

In all the nearly 150 years of history churches of Christ have ever pleaded for unity. They have insisted that division is sinful; they have urged that division has crippled the church's efforts. And that pleading is in harmony with the mind of the Master.

Yes, the church is essentially one, and only in such unity can her work be thoroughly and efficiently done. To this we have borne and are bearing witness.

2. A Witness to the Scriptural Platform of Unity.

Reference has already been made to some of the propositions in that masterly document called "Declaration and Address." Under this heading further reference becomes necessary. Proposition three declares that in order to unity "nothing ought to be inculcated upon Christians as articles of faith; nor required of them as terms of communion; but what is expressly taught and enjoined upon them, in the word of God. Nor ought anything be admitted, as of divine obligation, in their church

constitution and managements, but what is expressly enjoined by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and his apostles upon the New Testament church; either in expressed terms or by approved precedent."

In that great pioneer document then a call was made to respect the authority of Christ and of the Word, and the suggestion was made that in the teaching of the New Testament the platform of unity would be found.

On turning to that collection of sacred writings, we soon come to the passage in Ephesians (4: 3-6), where it is urged that an endeavor be made "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." That would be the unity of which the Holy Spirit is the author. It consists of seven items—one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. That platform or basis is perfect. Not one item can be omitted if that perfection is to be maintained. As you know, the rim of a wheel consists of a number of curved pieces of wood; if one of these pieces was left out you would not have a perfect rim, but you would have one that would be fatal to the use of the wheel. So if one of the units be left out we would not have a perfect unity. Not one of the seven items can be spared; the Holy Spirit has put them all in.

To recognise and understand those seven items we must take the sacred Scriptures as our sole rule of faith and practice. A correct interpretation of them can be arrived at by listening to the sanctified scholarship of the Christian world. Take the matter of the "one baptism." The scholarship of the Christian world is practically unanimous in testifying that the baptism of the New Testament was the immersion of the penitent believer.

And so it means clinging to the old slogan, "Where the Scriptures speak we will speak, and where the Scriptures are silent we will be silent."

At one time the witness to the sinfulness of division and the need for Christian unity was an essential part of our distinctive witness; but, on every hand to-day we hear men making a similar protest against division and a similar plea for unity. Thank God for that! At the present time our distinctive witness is largely for the scriptural way to unity. As that means a return to the simple Christianity of the New Testament then our witness is—

3. A Witness to the Need for a Restoration of New Testament Christianity to the world of To-day.

It is not likely that finality can be reached in any other way. And so we must continue to cry "Back!" "Back to New Testament Christianity!" "Back to New Testament unity!" "Back to Christ!" That will mean unity in faith, but not necessarily unity in opinion or methods of work. And it will demand an atmosphere of love and tolerance.

A restoration of New Testament Christianity will involve—

(1) A Restoration of the New Testament Church.

The New Testament church was not an ecclesiastical organisation ruled by ecclesiastical lords. It was a simple society of the redeemed, a simple fellowship of believers. It was not a national institution, but a divine, and its portals were open to men of all nations.

That church was generally known as the church, sometimes as the church of God and sometimes as the church of Christ. The party spirit, and party names to represent that spirit were alike condemned.

That church had a very simple creed. It was just an avowal of faith in Jesus as the Christ and the Son of the living God. Upon that truth Jesus said he would found his church.

That church had an initiatory rite, which has been called by B. A. Abbott "The Faith Ordinance." That ordinance was the baptism of the believer. That was a beautiful spiritual act symbolising the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

That church met on "the first day of the week" to keep what Abbott has called "The Love Ordinance." That ordinance is referred to in the New Testament as the Lord's supper, the breaking of bread, the communion; with that as the central thing other acts of worship were associated. That feast was a simple remembrance, and it did not require the presence of any official to make its observance valid.

In that church every member was a priest, and all had a right to participate in the ministry of the church according to ability. And yet that church set apart men to be elders, deacons, evangelists.

(2) *A Restoration of the New Testament Gospel.*

The gospel preached was one of power, and being preached with conviction, it won multitudes to the Lord Jesus. In Jerusalem, in Samaria, in Antioch, in Philippi, in Thessalonica, in Berea, in Corinth, in Ephesus, and in Rome itself, it was preached, and believed by many who heard it. The thrilling story is told in that book called "The Acts of the Apostles."

A careful consideration of the records found in that book by Dr. Luke will reveal to us that the Gospel then preached was a message concerning the Christ—who he is, what he did, and what he commands.

(3) *A Restoration of the New Testament Life.*

That life was one of absolute surrender to Christ; a life that had "put off the old man," and had "put on the new"; a life that visited "the fatherless and widows in their affliction" and kept one's self "unspotted from

the world"; a life in which the will of God was patiently sought and willingly done. And that means more than abstinence from the sins of the flesh; it demands renewed spirits.

To bear effectively witness to this New Testament life will call for more than verbal description of it; it calls for living it day by day. Perhaps just here we touch the greatest weakness in what we call the Restoration Movement. Our lives are no higher, no more heroic, no more self-sacrificing than are those of many of the believers in other communions; but they should be because of the plea we make.

This, then, is the great purpose why we exist as a people. It is to bear witness to the sinfulness of division, to the essential oneness of the church, to the need for the restoration of New Testament Christianity in order to unity. Such was the witness of the pioneers, and such must be ours. "For this cause" came we into being.

To that witness our pioneers were faithful, although they often had to bear it in the face of opposition. For us it is easier. We preach the unity message largely to hearts glowing with a desire for such to be achieved. We need to gird up our loins for a great effort. It is his will. Our witness is needed. To this end we must maintain our own unity; to this end we must cultivate that love that "thinketh no evil" of each other; to this end we must push on with the work until every community in our own land has a congregation to bear witness to these things; to this end we must send the message across the seas to other lands and to other peoples. And we need to become enthusiastic about it. We must, my brethren, because our Christ must be a sad Christ as he sees the weakness that has come out of division, and that division in spite of his prayer "that they may all be one." Let us cry aloud to each other—

"The gospel banner lift on high—

We'll plead with one accord,

For union on this truth alone,

That 'Jesus is the Lord.'"

And let us do it with all our might. Amen!

Education by Contagion.

THAT is a very vital education, perhaps the most vital of all, which is effected by contagion. It is given by touch rather than by teaching. The most profound education is not that which has been most deliberately given. There are professors in colleges and universities whose words no more affect the deep springs of the soul than the dripping of the broken spout outside their lecture-room. And even when they are not so entirely inefficient they may only inculcate certain doctrines while they do not educate the soul. It is the vital touch which tells upon character, and most frequently this touch is not conveyed through the medium of the spoken word. The touch may be given in a very temporary contact. A passing incident may convey the vital force. Or the experience may be more prolonged. We may brush against somebody for days and weeks together, and although never a moral precept or a spiritual counsel pass between us, we come under the power of an extraordinary contagion, and our character appropriates the virtue or the virus of our fellowship. It is education by contagion.

When we look back upon our early life from the high vantage-ground of later years, and we trace its turnings, and mark the great diversions which meant momentous destinies, we can see how often the change was made, not by a professional instructor, but by some influence which at that time was anonymous and untraced. I can look back upon my own early days, and I can see silent forces which were then invisible, pouring their influences like tributaries into the main stream of my life. And I could now write some names in this paragraph, the bearers of which would be

amazed to see them in print. There was T—F—, the ingenious playmate who gave me a hobby which has served me in all succeeding years. There was no deliberate leading; it was just education by contagion. There was P—G—. His love for politics made me a politician, and a very burning one, too! and then there was O—D—, who supplied our little circle with a standard of conduct. He never uttered an oracular word. He was a very shy and silent member of the boyish fellowship, but his very presence acted like a royal measure in the shaping and expression of our moral judgments and decisions. All these, and many others, knew nothing about what they were doing. I did not know it. But their fine contagion had a ceaseless ministry. The contact issued in forceful emanations and the vital currency was always flowing.

And so it is in higher interests still. Our contagions are usually far more educative and influential than our speech. Everybody is inclined to admit this on the bad side, but everybody is not so ready to admit it on the good side. They acknowledge that vice is contagious, but not virtue. They acknowledge that disease is contagious, but not health. It is more than likely that one is just as influential as the other. A truly strong and nobly consecrated life moves in human fellowships with tremendous power of contagion. The weight of human impressiveness is measured by the reality of its divine communion. It is touching and influencing everybody with whom it deals, and the touch is always holy and wholesome. "He that believeth in me, out of him shall flow rivers of water," and "Everything shall live whither the river cometh."—Dr. J. H. Jowett.

The Principle in Home Missions.

Luke 24: 46-53.

Prayer Meeting Topic for November 27.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

"BEGINNING at Jerusalem" is the order of Jesus for missionary work. It is the base for all subsequent building, and if the foundation is weak the superstructure is likely to totter and fall. There is no need, then, to make any apology for the work of home missions. You can't build a pyramid on its apex, neither can the world be converted if we neglect the homeland. The principle in home mission work is worth considering.

It is Good and Sound.

It is apostolic and of the New Testament order of things, and therefore we are committed to it. Christ gave command that we should evangelise the lands near by. "In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria." First, home territory, then border lands, then in all the earth. By example also we may be guided, for it was not till persecution fell on the church in Jerusalem that "they went everywhere preaching the Word." A strong and vigorous community had been built up, and when established so strongly in the faith that even persecution could not affect them, they went out. We stand for the restoration of that kind of life among the believers—not doctrine only, but life. Then comes a strong evangelism. Here we also have the principle of the golden rule in operation. If we have something worth while we should pass it on to our fellows, and we who are stronger even in church life should be prepared to help the weaker. When the strong are selfish and will not assist the weaker, there is bound to be disaster. Many of our brethren need our aid to-day. In missions we give to aid those who have not. The whole principle is sound in business and in work of the kingdom. The home business should be firmly established before launching out beyond or overseas.

To Save Life.

Unless we use we shall lose even that we have. This applies universally. If the brain be not used its powers fail. Cease to use any muscle and it becomes useless. Even the eye may lose its power if not used. A stagnant pool is a menace to health, and in the Dead Sea from which there is not an outlet there is no life. It is the running stream that carries life and health. It gives and lives and makes life to be abundant in all God's creation. What kind of church is yours? What do the members say? We have heard some say, "I am not getting anything out of it, and I will give nothing." If they made a contribution they would receive such a blessing that would surprise even themselves. These, who do not give, die spiritually. If they did not they would be exceptions to the universal law. To get and to have for selfish reasons is to die—to give is to live. Jesus talks of those who lose their lives and those who keep them unto life eternal. The selfish lose and the unselfish keep them. The church and the church member wise in missions will live.

Missions To-day.

When Jesus sent his disciples out to preach it was not to an easy task. It never is. The devil sees to that. We must offer ourselves no excuses now, for there was never a time when the world needed more the practical application of the gospel. And how shall it know what to practise unless we preach and practise. We must be Christian—followers of Christ—even though it may mean losing or spending to the extent of one's own life.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 4.—THANKSGIVING.—Psalm 21.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

LOVE VICTORIOUS.

"O LOVE! which lightens all distress,
Love, death cannot destroy;
O Grave! whose very emptiness
To Faith is full of joy,
Let but that Love our hearts supply
From Heaven's exhaustless Spring,
Then, Grave, where is thy victory?
And, Death, where is thy sting?"

A WISE GIRL.

ONE morning early, when a company of the persecuting soldiers of James II. were abroad "hunting down the Protestants," they met a servant maid running along the road without shoes or stockings.

"Hold there," says the captain, "where are you going so early, and why do you run so fast?"

The poor girl was taken by surprise, but answered with wonderful ingenuity and self-possession, "My elder brother is dead, and his will is to be read this morning. I am going to receive my share of the riches he has bequeathed to me, as well as to my brothers and sisters, and I am afraid I shall be too late."

The soldiers made no further attempt to stop her. Her figurative language saved her life, and at the same time, it expressed an inspired truth with force and beauty. She was going to partake of the Lord's Supper with a concealed band of persecuted Covenanters.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

GOD is love, and to love men till private attachments have expanded into a philanthropy which embraces all, at last even the

evil and enemies, with compassion—that is to love God. God is truth. To be true, to hate every form of falsehood, to live a brave, true, real life—that is to love God. God is infinite, and to love the boundless, reaching on from grace to grace, adding charity to faith, and rising upward ever to see the ideal still above us, and to die with it unattained; aiming insatiably to be perfect even as the Father is perfect—that is to love God.—F. W. Robertson.

THE MARQUIS' STORY.

WHEN the famous Orpheus choir almost electrified the Sunday School Convention delegates, at Glasgow, the Marquis of Aberdeen, with great gusto, told a story which delighted everybody. I know it is not new, but it will bear repetition. There was once a village concert, his lordship said, at which a baritone from town was to perform. The singer arrived, and was waited upon by a big, strong fellow who wanted to beg a favor. "Yes, what can I do for you?" he asked politely.

"Well, sir," said the big man rather nervously, "I see you're down to sing about the Village Blacksmith. I came to tell you, sir, that I have the honor of being the village blacksmith, and to ask you if you could manage somewhere to put a word or two in the song to say I also repairs bicycles."

Policeman to magistrate (referring to the prisoner): "He plays the saxophone, but he's here on another charge."

"My wife talks so much that I have to go to a football match every Saturday afternoon to get peace and quietness," stated a harassed husband.

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—KINGDOM PECULIARITIES.

Monday, November 25.

THY kingdom come.—Matt. 6: 10.
God has never been without a kingdom, yet this prayer includes a request that his kingdom shall come. One has but to consider dispensational truth to realise the significance of this petition, which undoubtedly alludes to the kingdom which Jesus would establish upon the day of Pentecost.

Reading—Matthew 6: 1-15.

Tuesday, November 26.

My kingdom is not of this world.—John 18: 36.

Jesus thus explains to Pilate that his kingly claims in no way conflicted with worldly authority, for the simple reason that his kingdom was not of this world. Yet our Lord refrained from explaining the principles of his kingdom to one who repudiated his claims.

Reading—John 18: 38-40.

Wednesday, November 27.

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation.—Luke 17: 20.

The Pharisees' thoughts were upon external things. They sought position and power in "a sensuous Messianic kingdom." Jesus now shows that his kingdom is within men. It is spiritual and not material.

Reading—Luke 17: 20-37.

Thursday, November 28.

Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?—Acts 1: 6.

Even the apostles, like the Jews, failed to understand the nature of Christ's kingdom, thus illustrating how slow men are to get rid of preconceived views even when clearly shown to be erroneous.

Reading—Acts 1: 1-11.

Friday, November 29.

The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking.—Rom. 14: 17.

On the contrary, it concerns right thinking and right conduct; it results in peace of which the world knows nothing; it creates satisfactory and everlasting joy. It is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Reading—Romans 14: 13-23.

Saturday, November 30.

Who translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love.—Col. 1: 13.

So, whatever greater blessings may some day be conferred upon us, we have already been translated into the kingdom of our Lord.

Reading—Colossians 1: 1-23.

Sunday, December 1.

If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself.—Luke 23: 37.

The soldiers would have Jesus demonstrate his power by "coming down" from the cross, whilst Jesus had definitely said that when men should see him "lifted up" they should know that he was the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. So, by refusing to save himself, he saved others.

Readings—Isaiah 53; Luke 23: 1-25.

Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

The Glorious Calling.

A CHRISTIAN leader of note said recently: "The richest experience of my lifetime has been as a teacher of young people in the Bible school these last few years. Before that time I had looked upon teaching as something to be avoided; as an unattractive duty which some unfortunate persons had been obliged to assume. Since I have been teaching, however, I have discovered that the teacher is a most fortunate person. He is challenged to constant improvement, and he rejoices greatly in the happiness which comes from teaching."

Perhaps there are teachers who are unhappy, discouraged and negligent in their work. They fail to prepare well for the Bible school hour. They are tardy and irregular in attendance. They consider their office to be a distasteful duty, and they dread, and Sunday afternoon is not welcome. If there are such teachers we believe we can solve their problem for them. Our suggestion would be that they give more time and attention to their work. We feel safe in saying that any teacher who gives reasonable time in preparation, who reads the Bible daily, prays regularly, calls on the homes of the class, will agree with our friend that life's richest and most enduring experience can be found in teaching boys and girls. There is a vast army of happy, successful teachers, and these are building the very foundation of all that is best in the religious and social life of Australia.

There is a constant need for more and better teachers. Our opportunities are not lessening, but increasing with the years. If you want to multiply all that is best in life, there is no finer place for your enterprise than in the Christian school. This glorious task is worthy of the best you can give. Do not fail.

A GROWING SCHOOL.

LENSWOOD is situated in the Adelaide hills. Just two years ago a Bible school was commenced with three scholars. After one year's work, 22 children were in attendance. At the anniversary picnic 52 children and friends gathered in happy social fellowship.



Lenswood (S.A.) School Picnic.

The second anniversary of the school has just been celebrated with a school membership of 50. A great day of fellowship and enjoyment was experienced at the second anniversary picnic, when 120 scholars and friends attended.

SAID President Woodrow Wilson in an address before the Salesmanship Congress in Detroit: "Charles Lamb, the English writer, made a very delightful remark that I have long treasured in my memory. He stuttered a little bit, and he said of someone who was not present, 'I h-h-hate that m-man'; and someone said, 'Why, Charles, I didn't know you knew him.' 'Oh,' he said, 'I-I-I don't, I-I-I can't h-hate a m-man I know.' That is a profound remark. You cannot hate a man you know."—"The New Democracy."

H. G. Harward Honored.

THE appreciation and love of the Australian brotherhood, as expressed in the splendid response to the appeal made by the Home Mission Committee and Executive of New South Wales, was publicly declared at a great home mission rally in Enmore Tabernacle on Oct. 30. Bro. B. G. Corlett, chairman of H.M. committee, called upon Bro. G. Burns to make a statement, in which he announced that the fund had reached the splendid sum of £413/8/6, from which £3 had to be deducted as the cost of running the appeal. Bro. Burns explained that a very generous response had been received from each of the States of the Commonwealth, and expressed deep appreciation of the spirit of co-operation shown by all with whom he had corresponded.

Bro. W. Crossman, conference president, made a presentation to Bro. Harward, which took the form of a statement from the committee intimating to Bro. Harward that after consultation and mutual agreement, the fund was to be devoted to the purchase of a home for our brother and sister, in which they would be enabled to live rent free, and thus enjoy in perpetuity the love and generosity of the Australian brotherhood. Bro. Harward very feelingly and suitably responded.

On behalf of the testimonial committee, may I be permitted to say "Thank you" to my brethren who helped so splendidly, and made the work of this worthy appeal one of very great delight. At the close of the presentation an anonymous donor announced on a slip of paper that he would make the amount up to £450, which gesture perfectly crowned a very happy gathering.—G. Burns.

WILL you kindly give me space in the valuable columns of your paper to express our gratitude to churches and individual members who have so generously contributed to the above fund? The N.S. Wales committee has presented to us the sum of £450, contributed throughout the different States of the Commonwealth. In no sense do we feel worthy of such recognition. For almost 50 years we have been privileged to preach the gospel, and plead for the church of the New Testament. In those years of ministry we have received much encouragement from the brethren. And abundant reward has been received in the many won for Christ and the churches established in new fields. We thank all who have made this gift possible. It will be used in the erection of a home where all the members will be welcomed as they visit our great city. With thanksgiving to God for his abundant mercy through the years, and grateful appreciation of this fellowship, yours in Christ,—H. G. Harward.

South Australian News-letter.

H. R. Taylor, B.A.

Dissemination of Distinctive Literature.

DURING the general conference several speakers advanced a strong plea for a more extensive distribution of our literature and tracts. Churches in the State have been asked to take up the matter and arrange for a literature table to be placed in the chapel porch, from which our publications can be taken by church attendants. It has been suggested also that at a convenient time during the year a general distribution of tracts and literature might be made in districts where our churches are established. Subversive publications are continually being left in the letter boxes. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain in presenting the claims of the gospel before the public through the printed page.

Council of Religious Education.

Bro. W. Beiler, whose work among young people in the Bible schools has been so successful, has been asked to organise a big "forward movement" programme for 1941 in

connection with the Council of Religious Education. He has resigned his pastorate of the Brooklyn Park church, and will concentrate his efforts to advance our Bible schools and religious education in general.

Evangelistic Crusade.

The Unley church is seeking the services of Principal T. H. Scambler and a team of students for a special effort during May of next year. Bro. W. H. Nankivell, during recent weeks, is having a fine response to his appeals for decisions for Christ.

Decrease in Betting.

A drop of £465,584 in the turnover in registered betting premises for the three months ended September 30, compared with a similar period last year, is disclosed in the latest available official figures.

Scriptural Instruction in State Schools.

A bill to give effect to this has passed the House of Assembly by twenty-seven votes to three. The leader of the Opposition (Mr. Richards), who as a private member sponsored the bill, explained that it provided for religious instruction by those qualified to impart it during half an hour each week. The bill is now before the Upper House, and has passed the second reading. There appears to be no doubt that it will become law. Bro. W. Beiler, the secretary of the Religious Instruction in State Schools League for several years, has been commended by the retiring Bishop of Adelaide for the active part he has taken in advocating this most desirable amendment to our Education Act.

Tasmanian News-letter.

W. S. Lowe, B.Com.

Assemblies.

THE month has seen the annual assemblies of Methodists, Congregationalists and Baptists in the State. Amongst the resolutions passed by the last-named were included opposition to the Sunday sale of petrol, the expression of disappointment at the permanent results of the King's call of the nation to prayer, and the condemnation of the use of gambling devices for the raising of patriotic funds. The assembly also re-affirmed its desire for a re-allocation of broadcasts on some other than the census basis.

The Methodists expressed continued opposition to wet canteens and called for a revision of the State's marriage laws. The assembly also committed itself to the work of reconciliation through international refugee relief service. Among the arrangements for the ministry was the placing of A. R. Gardner, B.A., at the Launceston city church for a fifth year.

Anniversaries.

The Congregational Assembly coincided with the centenary of Christ Church (Congregational), Launceston, whose building is one of the most beautiful in the State. A. Penry Evans (Melbourne) and L. C. Parkin (Hobart) conducted special services. The former also assisted in the 110th anniversary celebrations of Hobart Congregationalism.

Sidmouth Presbyterian church building has reached its hundredth year. This building is one of the prominent sights on the west bank of the Tamar for those who enter Tasmania by the strait steamer service.

Amongst Ourselves.

Northern and Southern district conferences met during the month with considerable enthusiasm. F. T. Morgan has accepted a further engagement with the Home Mission Committee and the Invermay church. The committee is planning forward activity through a number of missions. Hobart churches are regularly assisting near-by country causes, and in recent weeks there have been seven additions to one of these churches and six to another. The Southern Youth Committee recently held a very

successful social gathering at which northern representatives were present to explain arrangements for the Christmas service camp to be held at Mole Creek.

Addendum.

The death of A. R. Rivers, Dean of Hobart since 1920, was recently announced.

The Bishop of Tasmania has declared publicly that there is a need of more spiritual training for school children. He advocated a daily period for this purpose.

New Zealand News-letter.

W. R. Hibburt.

Strengthen the Home Base!

WITH this slogan the Home Missionary Committee is making special endeavors to quicken the congregations into more intensive evangelism. It is appealing for £1000 to maintain its present fields and initiate new work. L. R. Usmar, general secretary, has travelled 8000 miles in the past eight months visiting the churches, conferring with committees, conducting meetings and calling on isolated brethren in rural areas. He reports the encouraging fact that many members in these areas maintain their interest in the principles of the restoration movement and are eager to hear of the work of the churches, receive literature and tune into our radio messages.

A Noble Record.

For three-quarters of a century the church of Christ at Wanganui has given a true and faithful witness. In doing so it has thrust many laborers in the field. It is the church home of Harry Bell, Frank Purnell, Howard Fagan, who are conducting important ministries in U.S.A. In their greetings to the church at the recent 75th anniversary celebrations they referred to the influence of the church on their boyhood days. Horace Cave labours in Australia; Matthew Bell, L. R. Beaumont and R. Hoffman in New Zealand. The honor board also contains the names of the following missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hadfield, Mrs. W. Waterman (nee Grace Metzenthin) and Miss M. Taylor. This congregation continues its missionary zeal and gives liberally to work in the home land and overseas missions. Godfrey Fretwell is the present minister, and beloved by all. He has just been invited to minister for a further term.

Objecting to Lord's Prayer.

The Education Department recently challenged the Wellington Education Board concerning its right to permit the use of the Lord's Prayer in schools under its jurisdiction. A spirited debate took place, and Board members reasoned: "We are fighting a war allegedly for the defence of Christianity, yet we say to Christ, 'Keep out of our primary schools in New Zealand, while we beg you on our bended knees to come and help us.'" The incident is further proof that educational departments are not greatly concerned in putting spiritual concepts into the child's mind.

Brevities.

The elders of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (Mormons), totalling 34, have been ordered by cablegram from their leaders to return to Salt Lake City. It is a matter of church policy dictated by the war.

Jehovah's Witnesses have been in conflict with the prevailing public opinion recently. The latest occasion is the refusal to allow their children to salute the flag. One parent produced a gramophone record to prove that the sect was opposed to saluting the flag. Though the authorities deplored the action, they did not bring pressure to bear. The sect has since been banned.

Christchurch Anglican Synod adopted a resolution recommending church people to study federal union "as a means of implementing Christian principles in international affairs."

Here and There.

The Baptist Union of N.S.Wales has opened a hut at Ingleburn camp for the use of the United Board of Chaplains.

Because of military service Bro. A. E. Forbes has been released from Mile End church, S.A., as preacher, and Mr. Geo. T. Fitzgerald, of New Zealand, has accepted a call to take up the work there.

Bro. W. J. Crossman (conference president, N.S.W.) attended Armistice Day service in Sydney on Monday, Nov. 11. At night he was present at a dinner given by the Ministers of State to meet His Excellency Luang Dhamrong Navasvasti and members of the Thailand Goodwill Mission.

For some years Dr. Wm. Robinson, Principal of Overdale College, Birmingham, has been Lecturer in Christian Doctrine and the Philosophy of Religion in the group of Selly Vale Colleges. It is now announced that he has been appointed full Professor. He will continue as Principal of Overdale.

Every sign of increased interest in the cause of unity is of importance. In England within the last two or three months efforts made to unite the Federal Council of the Evangelical Free Churches and the National Free Church Council have been successful, and the Federal Free Church Council is in being. So "for the first time the Free Churches of England have a single and authoritative body to represent their common witness before the world."

Word has been received from Bro. Frank Manning telling of his safe arrival in Cape Town en route to Belgian Congo. Mr. Ladbroke, preacher of Johannesburg church, wired him an invitation to spend a few days with them, which he was able to do. He enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Ladbroke and other Christian friends. Whilst there he had the opportunity of seeing the eclipse of the sun on Oct. 1. He sends greetings to all friends in Australia and New Zealand.

The church officers at Maryborough, Vic., have decided to purchase four dozen almanacs specially for distributing to members "as a reminder of church obligations and to bear a silent witness that the home was represented in our churches." Probably some other boards of officers use the almanac in a similar way. The idea is a very commendable one. Maryborough church is also conducting a drive on behalf of the "Australian Christian," and in three weeks the subscription list has grown from 2 to 21.

Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A., writes: "Probably many of our brethren in all the States will be wondering how Bro. Hinrichsen is in health since his very serious illness. Though he is not yet completely back to his former physical condition, I have never before heard him preach any more vigorously or with greater power. The marquee was crowded on Sunday evening, and many business people are talking of the wonderful meetings. There have been five decisions to date. I am sure we are to have a very happy mission. I trust the brethren everywhere will remember us in their prayers, and especially pray that Bro. Hinrichsen may continue to have the blessing of God both physically and spiritually."

We have been requested to announce that the Burwood Boys' Home has obtained a gift of £2500 from the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. George Kiel, so that additional buildings might be erected. A contract for the additions has been entered into. The amount of the contract exceeds the amount available, and in addition, further expenditure would have to be incurred—furnishings, concreting paths, some metal wardrobes, a stainless steel wash trough, beds for new dormitories, furniture for new staff sitting room. Help is urgently required. Any contributions will be gladly

accepted and acknowledged by the honorary treasurer, Mr. G. L. Murray, who may be addressed care of the office of the Home, 422 Collins-st., Melbourne.

The mission at Wingham, N.S.W., has continued with growing interest. There have been four more decisions, making 16 to date. Six were welcomed into fellowship at a largely attended service on Nov. 17. Others have been brought back who have been away from the church for years. The church has been greatly heartened. Taree church had large gatherings at all services on Nov. 17. Bible school anniversary services were held afternoon and evening. Bro. G. D. Meyers, one of the new members, addressed the children in the afternoon, and Bro. Saunders spoke to a very large gathering at night. A young man made the confession; his father is one of the converts of Wingham mission.

Nurse L. Foreman was farewelled at the mission tent in Whitehorse-rd., Balwyn, on Monday evening, Nov. 18, in the presence of a large audience. The missionaries kindly agreed to hand over the meeting to the Foreign Mission Committee for part of the service, and Mr. L. Gole occupied the chair. Words of farewell were spoken by the chairman, Mrs. G. T. Oliver, Mr. G. L. Murray and Mrs. C. Brough. Flowers and a monetary gift were presented to Miss Foreman, who gratefully acknowledged the gift and spoke of her appreciation of the support given to her. Mr. H. R. Coventry read the scripture lesson and Mr. H. G. Clark led in a dedicatory prayer. The date of Miss Foreman's departure is unknown, the war having made all shipping uncertain, but it is expected that she will leave about the end of this month.

The following paragraph is from the Sept. 6 issue of "The Christian Advocate," our British paper: "From many quarters now we hear of brave and noble deeds being done, and some of our own people are amongst those mentioned in the press. I hear of Mr. James Westwell, of the Thirlmere-rd. church, Liverpool, who has recently been awarded the O.B.E. for conspicuous bravery in dealing with an I.R.A. bomb in the head post office. Naturally the Thirlmere-rd. folk are proud of Mr. Westwell and so are we all. From the 'Glasgow Record' I hear of another brave deed of self sacrifice by Dr. Frances Badenoch, of the Shawlands church, who is now a Surgeon Lieutenant in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. Dr. Badenoch waded out about a mile through treacherous mud flats up to his waist to rescue an enemy airman who had been bombing the district and who had baled out. Dr. Badenoch is well known in F.O.Y. circles. He has a sister who is a medical officer in Birmingham and is cousin of Elsie Badenoch, who for many years was on the staff of our Indian mission. His action is a true illustration of fulfilling our Lord's injunction, 'Love your enemies: do good to them that despitefully use you.' Of Lieutenant Badenoch we are also proud."

GREAT THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

HIGH-WATER mark was reached in Enmore Tabernacle on Wednesday, Oct. 30, when our N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee arranged a united thanksgiving service and home mission rally. The suggestion that thanks be rendered to God for his wonderful answer to prayer for the recovery of Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen had been made from several quarters. It was decided to combine this with a rally previously planned before Bro. Hinrichsen's illness, to launch the December home mission appeal. The vast auditorium was packed, in a meeting that will long be remembered by all who attended, for its spiritual power and inspiration. Bro. Hinrichsen's message was the crowning

feature of the gathering as he told us some of the emotions and thoughts that possessed him as he hovered between life and death in those critical days. It was an inspiration to see him so wonderfully well, and every heart glowed as he confessed his belief that God had spared him to do greater things for Christ. An anthem, "Our Land for Christ" (words and music by Bro. and Sister G. Burns) was sung by the preachers' choir. The annual appeal for home mission enterprise was worthily launched, and the slogan announced in these terms: "£500 in the annual offering, with 500 souls for Christ in five months of 1941."

WHEATBELT NEWS, W.A.

BRUCE ROCK.—The third annual gathering of the wheatbelt brethren was recently held here. 70 broke bread and over 90 were present at gospel service. Three were baptised. Chief speakers were Bro. R. Hilford, H.M. and Bible school organiser, and Bro. Geo. Hughes. Several other conference officials, including superintendents of departments of sisters' auxiliary, attended. Delegates from Bruce Rock, Narembeen and Mukinbudin churches took part. It was a most inspiring event. On Nov. 9 Bro. W. Mutton and Sister Elsie Gillard, both of Bruce Rock, were united in matrimony, Bro. C. H. Hunt officiating. The ladies' aid held a successful afternoon for patriotic comforts funds, under leadership of Sister W. Arnold.

Mukinbudin.—After three years of visitation by Bro. Hunt, the brethren of Mukinbudin and Bonnie Rock district have been organised into a church of the New Testament order. They will meet once a month. The evangelist will continue quarterly visits, and more if possible. Bro. Percy Sprigg was elected secretary. Bro. J. Dear, recently immersed, is a source of great strength to this new cause.

Narembeen.—The work continues strongly. Bible school celebrated fourth anniversary on Nov. 17. Another small Bible school is being established in this area, some 12 miles out of the township, and will be known as Arrowsmith.

Hillside.—The Lord's table is regularly set up and a small Bible school is doing very good work. There were 27 present at last service, on afternoon of Nov. 10.

Bendering.—A gospel service is creating a good impression and has average attendance of 25. There are only a few members, but prospects are encouraging. On Nov. 6 a lantern talk and social evening was well attended. A number of children are using Austral Graded Lessons, and a Bible school is contemplated. Bro. John Morgan, local school teacher, has been most helpful, but unfortunately is at present in hospital.

A working bee recently met at the manse and completed an ornamental front fence, and a motor garage for the preacher's car. The work cost £25, £10/5/- of which was donated by ladies' aid. The ladies held another shop afternoon on Nov. 8 and raised an additional £11/5/- for their work.

ADDRESSES.

Chaplain Allen Brooke.—33rd Batt., 25th Inf. Brig., A.I.F., Abroad.

S. L. Patching (preacher Berri church, S.A.).—Box 179, Berri.

W. L. Robb (preacher Newmarket church, Vic.).—37 Flemington-st., Flemington, W.I.

G. Rootes (preacher North Adelaide church, S.A.).—176 Archer-st., North Adelaide.

Alister G. Thurgood (secretary Whyalla church, S.A.).—Care of Mrs. R. Scott, 37 Darling-ter., Whyalla.

MARRIAGE.

DEAN-GRANT.—On Nov. 17, at Kingsford Church of Christ, N.S.W., Thomas William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean, Yarrowonga, Vic., to Nancy Clara, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Grant, of Sydney.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.—Bro. Harris, from Norseman, was among visitors on morning of Nov. 10. Bro. J. Wiltshire gave a stirring message on "A Grievous Neutrality." At night Sisters McDiarmid rendered a duet, and Bro. Wiltshire delivered the third chart address on "The Way into the Holiest." An offering was taken for kindergarten union of the State. On Nov. 12 an excellent concert was given by the young people in aid of South Perth work.

TASMANIA.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Dorcas society held a successful sale of work to provide funds for charitable work; the function was opened by Mrs. Bowes. Good services on Nov. 10; large numbers of young people present. Mr. Bowes' subjects were "Manning the Outposts" (a plea for home missions) and "The Day of Visitation." Large attendance at Bible school. At a teachers' tea tokens of appreciation of long years of service were given to Miss Jones and Miss Woolley, who have relinquished teaching duties. Mr. Bowes gave a short talk to the teachers.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Annual picnic was held at Gravelly Beach on Nov. 4. Nov. 10 was first anniversary service. Bro. Lowe in evening gave a fine illustrated talk on "Coats of Arms." On afternoon of Nov. 17 a cradle roll was called; examination prizes and certificates and school prizes were distributed. At night Bro. Lowe gave an illustrated address, and a number of children signified their desire to accept Christ. A class of instruction is to be held for them. Over 400 were at evening service, and 120 at morning. Communicants for the day numbered 140. C.E. society has re-opened with good interest. Bro. Lowe continues his mid-week series on "Makers of History" with encouraging attendances.

QUEENSLAND.

Mackay.—The Loyal Orange Lodge attended gospel service on night of Nov. 3, when the

with the church for past seventeen months as preacher, left on Nov. 3 for Boonah. At a farewell social he was recipient of a cheque from the church officers. Sister van Eerde was presented with a handbag and gloves from ladies' guild. Farewell addresses were given by the Mayor (Alderman McDowall), Messrs. Brooks (Baptist church), Potter (Methodist) and Crawford (Presbyterian). Officers spoke on behalf of church, Sunday school and ladies' guild. Bro. H. G. Payne, H.M. secretary, on Nov. 7 gave an encouraging address on home missions. Bren. A. Price, J. Ingham and A. Popp are taking services whilst the church is without a preacher.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Whyalla.—On Nov. 17 Bro. V. Kerwood, a visitor, gave a fine exhortation. There was an attendance of twelve.

Edwardstown West.—Attendances continue between 40 and 60. Bible school has twice recently had record attendance of 105. A boys' cricket team has been formed, and preparations are in hand for a tennis club. On 17th Bro. Fielder gave a message on "Faith" at morning meeting and Bro. Edwards preached at night, a visiting sister rendering a solo.

Maylands.—There were good attendances on Nov. 10 and 17. Bro. Wakeley was speaker. A baptismal service was conducted on both Sunday evenings, and there was one decision on 10th.

Berri.—Mr. Greenwood was morning speaker on Nov. 3 and Mr. Hunt led gospel service. P.B.P. entertained mothers at "Mother and Daughter" social. Ladies of church met at home of Mrs. Williams on Nov. 7 to bid farewell to Mrs. H. Clark. Bro. Patching spoke at both services on Nov. 10. Church building has been renovated and painted by voluntary labor.

Glenelg.—There were good meetings on Nov. 10. At night Bro. W. Ewers, of Hindmarsh, spoke. Dorcas had a happy gathering at final meeting for year. The choir, with Bro. Thomson, attended Forestville mission on Nov. 12. On 17th Bro. P. R. Baker was morning speaker and Bro. Thomson at night, when a mother and daughter came forward. A man was recently baptised in the sea by the preacher.

Naillsworth.—Very good meetings have been held. On evening of Nov. 10 Bro. Edwards brought a helpful message. On Nov. 12, girls of physical culture classes held annual demonstration. Bro. Farrow has accepted superintendency of Bible school, and Bro. Reg. Matthews has been appointed conductor of choir. On Nov. 17 an adult Bible class was formed; 26 were present. Appointments were filled by the young people and Bro. Shipway is to be speaker. Some members who have been sick are improving.

Mile End.—A very successful demonstration of girls' club was held under leadership of Mrs. Smedley. Mrs. Forbes made presentations to Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Smedley. Mrs. Forbes was thanked for her help in the club, and well wishes were expressed for her future; she was made a parting gift. Junior boys held last meeting of year, and Mr. Crouch presented to Ken Matthews the coveted trophy. Regret was expressed that Mr. Forbes, who has greatly helped the boys, was leaving. A pasty supper followed. There were good meetings on Nov. 17.

Cottonville.—Reports at annual church meeting revealed a very healthy condition. In 12 months membership increased by 38, and in last six months £35 was paid off debt on church property, £40 was spent on renovations to hall; general finances were very good. Sisters' auxiliary report disclosed extensive activities. In addition to donating £10 towards debt reduction and £4 to hall renovations, much mission and relief work was accomplished. Bro. Parker was elected as a deacon. Special Tuesday night meetings are creating interest, recent speakers being C. Schwab and G. Rootes. Girls' Fellowship conducted a successful wind-up social on Nov. 14. Work continues on hall renovations, and outside painting is in progress.

Kadina.—At annual teachers' meeting on Oct. 23, C. E. Larcombe was re-elected superintendent (for 17 years he has held this position), A. R. Paterson secretary, Don Oakley treasurer. On Oct. 27 S. R. Trenwith exhorted and Bro. Lawrie preached at night. Bro. and Sister Larcombe sang a solo, and the choir an anthem. A sale of gifts was held on Oct. 30 by ladies' guild; they handed £41 to building fund as a result. Bren. A. P. Russack and Lawrie spoke morning and evening respectively on Nov. 3, Bro. Lawrie conducting a Scout service; Scouts took part. On Nov. 17 Bro. Lawrie exhorted church. In the afternoon Miss W. Harry, B.A., of S.A. W.C.T.U., gave a chalk talk on "Alcohol." At night the ladies' guild held anniversary. Miss Harry gave an address, Miss G. Hollands rendered a solo, Mesdames Darby, Larcombe and Misses R. Trenwith and D. Thoday a double duet, ladies' choir, with Bro. Larcombe conductor, an anthem. Mrs. A. R. Paterson, president of guild, presided over service.

Wampoony.—At church anniversary on Nov. 3 Bro. W. A. Russell was speaker and E. L. Milne chairman. Wampoony, closed on Nov. 10 for conference Sunday at Bordertown.

Pt. Pirie.—At morning service on Nov. 17 Mr. C. O. Lundberg (Baptist) gave the address. At night Mr. Hutson's subject was "Life's Supreme Question." Miss Hazel Green is in Pirie Hospital recovering from operation. Satisfactory progress is being made by Miss Phyllis Smith in Adelaide Hospital.

VICTORIA.

Essendon.—On morning of Nov. 17 Bro. Illingworth spoke on "God's Witness." At a well-attended gospel meeting he preached on "The Leading of a Little Child."

Brunswick.—Bro. White's addresses are very helpful. An endeavor is being made to encourage children to attend evening service. Instead of a picnic on Nov. 5, the children were given a treat on 16th. Sister Cornish is home from hospital.

Bentleigh.—On Nov. 3 Bro. Andrews, of Garden Vale, addressed morning service and a student from the college preached at night. On Nov. 10 Bro. F. Hartvigsen spoke in morning and Bro. Nance-Kivell gave an inspiring address at night.

Sunshine.—On morning of Nov. 17, Bro. Rivette's subject was "Prayer." Bro. Holloway preached at night. On Nov. 13 an enjoyable social evening was held to distribute Bible school prizes. Bro. Wakefield, from Footscray, gave an address.

Ararat.—On Nov. 13 a table games night was held to aid piano fund. It was made additionally interesting by a display of championship table tennis given by a team from local club. With addition of other donations, the school has now reduced its piano debt to £7.

Camberwell.—Services on Nov. 17 were very well attended. Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen spoke at 11 a.m., Bro. T. H. Scambler on "Temples of God" at 7 p.m. Temple Day offering was £35. Sister Cameron and Bren. R. Muller and D. Pescod are recovering from illnesses.

Maryborough.—On Nov. 17 there were good meetings, and Bro. Hollard was speaker. Choir has been re-formed and made first appearance under leadership of Bro. Hollard. Bible school is in good heart, and kindergarten shows signs of improvement. Work is going along nicely.

Hampton.—Morning speaker on Nov. 17 was Bro. G. Clark. At night Bro. Stephenson preached, the choir sang and Mrs. Henshilwood helped with a solo. Visitors were welcomed, amongst them being Bro. and Sister A. McDiarmid, from America, en route to Wellington, N.Z.

Northcote East.—Pleasing reports from all auxiliaries were given at half-yearly business meeting. Helpful addresses have been given by Bren. Ward and McLaughlan. On Nov. 17 Bro. Goldsworthy, of Fairfield, presided. An exhibition and sale of hobbies held by Bible school revealed outstanding talent.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Good meetings were held on Nov. 17; 188 in communion. Bren. T. and L. Peacock, of W.A., had fellowship with the church. Bro. Howard Earle gave the exhortation. Bro. Buckingham preached the gospel and one made the good confession. Bible school is growing. Building extension will begin soon.

Wedderburn.—Meetings are fairly well attended, although much sickness prevails. On Nov. 17 Bro. Wright, of Boort, gave helpful addresses. The church welcomes back Bro. Irwin Probyn, who has been ill since an accident 18 months ago. Sunday school continues to progress; seven new scholars enrolled since anniversary on Sept. 15.

Horsham.—On Oct. 26 the Bible school held a successful picnic at Bungalally. On Oct. 27 there was one confession at gospel service, and two candidates were baptised. Bro. W. Gale afterwards gave a lantern lecture on home missions to a large audience. On morning of Nov. 10 two new members were received, and Sister Chatfield, transferred from Minyip, was welcomed.

Portland.—On Nov. 17 Bro. Waters gave an inspiring address on "The Greatest Work in the World." A Bible class has been started in connection with Sunday school, and much interest is shown.

North Williamstown.—Gospel meeting on Nov. 10 took form of women's service. Ladies' choir assisted and P.B.P. officers were installed. Bro. Jas. E. Thomas gave a fitting address. Church was grieved to learn of sudden passing of Bro. A. Tovey. Sympathy is extended to his loved ones. Messages from Bro. H. Watson and Chaplain Chas. Young were greatly enjoyed on Nov. 17.

Red Hill.—On Nov. 17 Mr. R. W. Marshall completed three years' ministry with the church. On Nov. 16 about 50 friends met and gave him gifts of a travelling-rug and sleeve-links. At the Lord's supper 49 were present; 26 were at J.C.E. meeting, and there was a full attendance at gospel meeting, when the confession and baptism of a young man were heard and seen. Mr. Marshall cheered with his messages for the day.

East Doncaster.—Bro. E. Roffey addressed morning service on Nov. 17 on "Christian Union." Evening service was conducted by Bro. Finger, who has just concluded a helpful ministry with the church. Bro. Eager is expected to commence with the church next Sunday. Sale of gifts on Nov. 16 was opened by Sister Oliver, and £23 was raised. Sister Bullen has been received by transfer from Glenferrie.

Boronia.—Bro. Ross Manning, from Belgian Congo, addressed the church on morning of Nov. 10 and gave a lantern lecture on his work on Nov. 11. Sister Ross Manning spoke to ladies of church on Nov. 12 at a social organised by P.B.P. club. On morning of Nov. 17 Bro. Bean, of Methodist church, exchanged with Bro. Read. At conclusion of Bro. Read's gospel service a Sunday school scholar, Alison Hocking, was baptised.

Gardiner.—Members of P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs entertained their mothers at enjoyable social evenings. On Nov. 13 Bro. A. L. Gibson interested a large attendance with an address on "The Jew and the Second Advent." Bro. A. W. Connor gave an inspiring exhortation on morning of Nov. 17. At the age of ninety years, Sister Mrs. McCallum, one of the first members of the church, fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 12. Sincere sympathy is felt for all who mourn.

Parkdale.—Bible class continues in homes of members. On Oct. 20 Mr. E. S. Nicholson, of Victorian L.O. Alliance, spoke in morning. On Oct. 26 a complimentary social was tendered to Sister Miss Amelia Scarce. On Nov. 9, Bible school held picnic on Edithvale Beach. Sister Mrs. A. Toyne provided prizes for races and also meals. Bro. A. W. C. Candy (South Yarra) gave the church an excellent address on Nov. 10. Bro. C. G. Taylor has been speaker at all other services.

Doncaster.—On morning of Nov. 17 Bro. J. Tully addressed the church. Women's mission band held final meeting for the session. Sister Miss Ludbrook gave an interesting travel talk. A nice collection of goods was received for Chaplain Young's work in military camp. Bible school held annual picnic on Nov. 5 at Mordialloc. Junior I.O.R., conducted by three of our members after school hours, held final meeting for session on Nov. 12; supper was prepared by the ladies.

Footscray.—Bro. Peacock, sen., and Bro. Les. Peacock, of Inglewood, Perth, had fellowship with the church on Nov. 10. Bro. A. J. Tomkins is recovering from illness. Continued sickness of Bro. John Boyle is causing anxiety. New paths and planting of shrubs donated by Sister Miss Hansen have improved appearance of chapel and grounds. Gospel meeting on Nov. 17 was well attended, when a praise service was conducted and Bro. Wakefield spoke on "God is at the Organ."

Moreland.—Many interesting reminiscences were included in a H.M. lecture by Bro. Gale on Nov. 12. Bible school attendance on Nov. 17 was highest for a long period, 40 be-

ing in senior Bible class. Bro. Graham preached on "Earthquakes" at gospel service, when one man accepted Christ. The choir splendidly sang an anthem. A complimentary social was tendered to Sisters Miss Payne and Miss Beaumont on Nov. 18, in appreciation of many years' service as Bible school teachers.

Wangaratta.—The church had a visit from Mr. Ross Manning, of Belgian Congo, who gave a splendid lantern lecture. Mr. Cockroft, from Swan Hill, exhorted the church on one Sunday morning, and at night Mrs. Cockroft rendered a solo. On Nov. 12 a social and presentation were given to Mr. and Mrs. Dada, recently married. Prayer meetings and C.E. attendances have grown. Increased interest is shown by members at gospel services. Bro. A. R. Lloyd gives helpful addresses.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 16 the young people gave an enjoyable presentation of the biblical drama, "For He Had Great Possessions," as their contribution to the anniversary celebrations. Bro. Barclay Jackson is making good recovery after illness. On Nov. 17 Bro. Baker addressed the church on "Where Faith Must Stand." At Bible class Mr. Ennis combined his wartime talks with one on "Can Prayer Help in Wartime?" At evening service one young man was baptised, and at after meeting a lady was received in.

Boort.—On Nov. 3 Bro. Wright gave two splendid addresses. Bro. Wright gave a helpful morning address on 10th. In the afternoon Bro. Dyer took Bro. Wright and four members to Yarrowalla to break bread with Bro. T. B. Hurcus, who is very ill. At night Bro. Wright gave a splendid sermon on "Life Choices." Half-yearly business meeting was held on Nov. 14. On Nov. 17 Bro. Coventry, of Wedderburn, spoke helpfully to the church, and at night gave a splendid gospel address. Bro. Stock sang a solo.

Yarrowonga.—The church is indebted to Bren. Cowper, Houghton, L. Jones, A. Chappell and Stan. Chappell for taking meetings during period without preacher. Bro. G. P. Pittman commenced his ministry with church on Nov. 10, with well-attended services. In the afternoon Mulwala Sunday school anniversary was held at which Bro. Pittman spoke. Bro. J. E. Thomas commenced a "Victorious Life Mission" with the church on Nov. 13. Meetings have been inspiring and well attended. The church is being helped and blessed.

Hartwell.—A successful Bible school anniversary was brought to a close with a splendid concert given before a crowded audience on Nov. 13. In connection with 19th anniversary of church a Temple Day was held on Nov. 16 to reduce building debt. Bro. Jas. E. Webb was in the vestry and £107 was received, with more to follow. Services on Nov. 17 were splendidly attended. Bren. A. L. Gibson and Jas. E. Webb were the anniversary speakers. 150 communed for the day—a record. Prospects are exceedingly bright.

South Melbourne.—Steady work continues in all departments, Bren. McCallum and Cunningham faithfully presenting the Word. Bible school anniversary was very successful. The services of Bro. J. Nichols as song-leader and Bren. H. Earle and H. Campbell as special speakers were appreciated. Kinder anniversary held on Nov. 17 (Mrs. Newman superintendent and Miss B. Duncan leader) was well attended and successful. Bro. K. A. Jones was speaker at youth council meeting and youth rally at 7. Bro. H. McCallum spoke in morning and Bro. J. C. Cunningham at 3 p.m. to kinders and friends.

Prahran.—The 88th anniversary was held on Nov. 17, and a day of fellowship and reunion was enjoyed by largest congregation for years. Soul-searching addresses were delivered by Bren. H. M. Clipstone on "The Beloved of Christ—the Church"; C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Lit., B.D., on "The High Standard of Saintliness"; and F. C. Hunting on "Discipline." At gospel service a young lady made the good confession, and two young people re-consecrated their lives to Christ. Bible school scholars during afternoon presented two items under

conductors of Bro. Chipperfield. Bro. Val. Wolf and his son Max during gospel service delighted with duet and solo. The ladies provided delightful meals for well over 300 friends. Greetings were given at the tea tables by Mrs. Oliver (president of women's conference), Bren. Robt. Lyall, F. Lewis and R. Geyer.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Successful Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 3, Dr. W. A. Kemp interesting with his messages. Annual tea, demonstration and prize-giving were conducted on Nov. 6, individuals and classes of school presenting a fine programme. Bren. W. Reid and L. Smith were speakers at Doveton-st. on Nov. 3. On Nov. 10 Bren. G. L. Murray and W. Gale occupied Dawson-st. pulpit as home mission deputationists. Bro. W. Benson conducted special temperance service in school—many old pledges reaffirmed and new pledges signed as result. Doveton-st. successfully celebrated first anniversary of commencement of work, church and school combining. Speakers were Bren. J. Holloway, W. Gale and G. L. Murray. Special singing was rendered by the school. Bro. T. Maxwell conducted morning service at Mt. Clear. P.B.P. entertained officers and wives at social evening on Nov. 14. Bro. J. A. Wilkie addressed morning meeting at Dawson-st. on Nov. 17, and at close of Bro. W. W. Saunders' message at evening service three young people made the good confession. Bren. Saunders and Wilkie were morning and evening speakers respectively at Doveton-st., and Bro. Maxwell preached at evening service at Mt. Clear. Sympathy of the church is tendered to Bro. E. Davey in the death of his mother.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Hornsby.—At a business meeting on Nov. 6, it was decided to acquire adjoining vacant land. Bro. Rofe presided at annual meeting which followed. Bren. W. H. Crosthwaite and J. R. Little were elected elders. R. Bishop, E. J. Hilder (treas.), T. Newman, T. E. Rofe, R. F. Simmons, and R. O. Sutton (sec.) are deacons. Financial statement showed £265 raised for local use, £129 for brotherhood activities. Bro. P. H. Morton presided on Nov. 10. Church also appreciated a message recently from Bro. P. Verco.

Taree-Wingham.—Due to encouraging attendances at evangelistic campaign conducted by Bro. A. G. Saunders at Wingham, mission services continue. On afternoon of Nov. 6 at Taree, the Sisters' Missionary Aid Class held monthly meeting, when four sisters were baptised. In the evening at Wingham a splendid service was held, over 40 people from Taree supporting meeting. Six candidates were baptised. On following evening three young people decided for Christ, making a total of thirteen during past two weeks, including one baptised believer. On morning of Nov. 10 at Taree, the right hand of fellowship was extended to six new members who will link with this congregation. The church also extended welcome to Bro. D. Myers, who stood by the side of his wife, a new convert. Mr. Myers was a former Seventh Day Adventist minister, and is a gifted speaker; he conducted all the gospel services in absence of Bro. Saunders at Wingham during several weeks past. On evening of Nov. 10 Bro. D. Myers spoke at Taree, whilst Bro. A. G. Saunders was preacher at Wingham. At Wingham one decision was made, and at communion service three members were welcomed into fellowship.

Carramar.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 17. Bro. E. Davis spoke in the afternoon, and Bro. Crossman at night.

Lidcombe.—The 57th church anniversary services were held on Nov. 10. An inspirational social was held on 13th. Bro. E. Andrews addressed church on Nov. 17, and Bro. G. Morton preached at night.

Enmore.—On Nov. 17 two new members were welcomed, and the Churches of Christ Hymn-book was used. The church enjoyed the fellowship and message of Sister Mrs. Owen Still, of Yotsuya Mission, Tokyo. Our sister and family of four was in Sydney a few days en route for Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Bankstown.—Bible school anniversary services were continued on Nov. 10. Bro. McLeane spoke in the afternoon, and Bro. Carter at night. Tuesday night's concert and distribution of prizes was well attended. Services on Nov. 17 were not so well attended. Bro. J. Budgen spoke in the morning and Bro. Murphy at night. Bible school keeps up well.

Georgetown.—Sunday school anniversary services concluded on Nov. 4 with a greatly appreciated programme. Prizes were presented by Bro. Fraser, superintendent. The picnic was held on Nov. 9 at Kotara. Bro. Wylie addressed church on morning of Nov. 10 on home missions. At night several anniversary items were repeated, and examination certificates presented. Bro. Wylie was preacher.

Chatswood.—At Bible school anniversary on Nov. 17 there were excellent attendances at all meetings. Morning service was excellently conducted by school staff. Bro. Youens' subject was "Our School." A sister was received into fellowship. In the afternoon the children rendered special music. Bro. P. Thomas, B.A., of Marrickville, gave an excellent illustrated talk, and prizes were presented. At gospel service there was one confession. Two sisters were present from Caulfield, Vic.

Bexley North.—The 8th church and school anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 10. Bro. A. Baker, of Kingsford, exhorted church, and Bro. T. Weir gave an illustrated address in afternoon and delivered gospel message at night. All meetings were crowded. 73 broke bread, and 175 attended afternoon service, all available seats being filled. Prize-giving and demonstration were held on 11th, children excelling in singing, dialogues and other items. On Nov. 17 Bro. Weir exhorted. At night a lady made the confession, the preacher's subject being "The Man who was Introduced to Himself."

Paddington.—There were excellent attendances for Bible school anniversary. In afternoon kindergarten and cradle roll prizes were distributed. Singing under leadership of Miss T. Walter was of high standard, assisted by orchestra. Theme of the services was "Time," carried out in songs, recitations and scripture readings. At night Bro. Greenhalgh preached an object sermon to a large congregation on "The Message of the Clock." School gained Y.P.D. banner for examinations for 1940. Bible school anniversary closed with demonstration and prize-giving on Nov. 12. There was a splendid programme of music, singing, dialogues and recitations on the anniversary theme, "Time," also a fine tableau entitled "Redeeming the Time." Prizes and also certificates gained in annual examination were presented. Recognition was made of Miss T. Walter's services as conductor and secretary of school, and of Mr. Knight's valued assistance. On Nov. 17 Bro. Greenhalgh addressed church from Luke 22: 42. At gospel service his topic was "God's Definition of a Fool." A young man and woman were immersed.

BORDERTOWN-KANIVA HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE, VICTORIA.

CONFERENCE meetings commenced on Nov. 10 in Bordertown town hall. Bro. W. W. Saunders, of Dawson-st., Ballarat, was speaker, and all addresses were greatly appreciated. At communion service his subject was "Our Supreme Duty"; in the afternoon, "How will God's Kingdom Come?" Evening service was

preceded by a song service led by Bro. H. Howell. Bro. Saunders spoke on "Why Preach Christ?" Bordertown-Mundalla combined choir rendered anthems afternoon and evening, under leadership of Bro. H. Howell. Bro. Harold Raymond, blind violinist, contributed a violin solo, and Bro. Dan. Stewart a vocal solo.

Services were continued on Nov. 13, when visitors were present from Kaniva, Naracoorte, Lillimur, Moonta and Adelaide. A devotional service at 11 a.m. was presided over by Bro. Dan. Stewart, of Kaniva; Bro. H. Raymond contributed a violin solo, and Bro. Saunders spoke on "Our Task To-day." Y.P.S.C.E. hour commenced at 2.45 p.m. with a song service led by Bro. Stewart. Reports and greetings were given, and a musical item by Kaniva C.E.S. Bro. Saunders' address was on "Building a Life." This session was presided over by Bro. Don. Verco, Bordertown C.E. president. At conclusion of C.E. hour Bro. H. Williams (Kaniva), conference president, took the chair, when business was discussed. A resolution was passed to be presented to the Prime Minister against opening of wet canteens in A.I.F. camps.

Evening service again commenced with a song service led by Bro. Stewart. Items were given by Kaniva choir and Bro. D. Williams. Bro. Saunders spoke on "Why Doesn't God Intervene?" All services were largely attended. On Wednesday dinner and tea were served by Mundalla and Bordertown sisters respectively.—Jas. E. Macdonald.

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HOUSTON (nee Ruth Bradbrook).—On Nov. 16, at Vaucluse, E. Brunswick, to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Houston, Dargo—a daughter (Marion Ruth). Both well.

DEATHS.

MATHIESON.—On Nov. 14, at her residence, 18 Wynnstay-gve., Prahran, Edith Catherine, beloved wife of John C. Mathieson and devoted mother of Myrtle, Kenneth, Gertrude, Jack and Jean, and loving mother-in-law of Ivy, Alma and Norm., and grandmother of Phyllis, Betty and Lauris. Peace, perfect peace.

TURNER.—On Nov. 7, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Margaret Ann, beloved wife of Thomas R., and loving mother of Frederick (deceased, A.I.F.), Dave, Albert, Irene (Mrs. Brown, dec.), Walter (dec., A.I.F.), and Elsie (Mrs. Archer), aged 84 years. Love's labor ended. Home at last.

IN MEMORIAM.

HAINES.—In cherished memory of my dearly loved wife, Edith Louisa, and our loving mother, who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 20, 1934.

At home on that beautiful hill of God,
By the valley of peace so fair,
Some day, some time, when our task is done,
We shall meet our dear mother there.
—Inserted by her loving husband, Ted, and family.

NIXON.—In cherished memory of my dear friend, Rene, whom God called home on Nov. 20, 1939.

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THE WAR AND MISSIONS.

IT is becoming increasingly evident that missions in many areas of the world will find it difficult to maintain at normal levels their evangelistic, educational and medical activities. The position is felt more acutely in enemy controlled countries, and in places where German missionaries have been working. In many cases missionaries have been interned or been ordered to leave their stations, whilst other countries such as Belgium, Norway, Denmark and Holland have not been able to send financial assistance to their struggling brethren.

The National Missionary Council of Australia recently issued a pamphlet called "A Test of Fellowship." This reveals that the missions concerned have been supported from continental sources to the extent of approximately £1,600,000 per annum. Now nearly the whole of this is cut off, and bare requirements necessitate at least £1,000,000 per annum. It is estimated that 3456 missionaries are affected, representing 13 per cent. of the total mission force of the world. Africa, Netherland East Indies, Manchuria, New Guinea, and to a lesser extent India and China are involved. It is doubtful whether any Lutheran missionaries remain in New Guinea, but it is definitely known that many were interned at the beginning of the war. British missions in Africa and India are seeking to give oversight and financial help, a notable example of this being the offer by Bishop Chambers of Africa, who has offered the government to care for one of the German missions with five stations in his diocese. The National Christian Council of India with the active co-operation of Lutheran churches in America is doing much for missions in India. An Indian report says: "It is a matter for deep thankfulness that the work of the missions and churches immediately concerned has been saved from collapse, and the indigenous workers and the churches have been relieved of all undue anxiety." That such help has been given is commendable, but it is doubtful whether such outside help can be continued. British, American and Dominion churches are beginning to feel the strain, for already they are almost entirely responsible for the world's missions. A British report just issued says of their societies: "All the societies show a decline of income since the beginning of the war. The twelve Anglican societies show a loss of between £30,000 and £40,000 for the first six months of the war. The Baptist Missionary Society has suffered a 12 per cent. decrease; the Methodist Missionary Society is in practically the same position."

When the above facts are known, we of the Australian Churches of Christ can be grateful that we have been able to carry on all our overseas work without curtailment, and plans are made to advance. We should not be deceived, however, nor be lulled into a sense of false security. The programme mapped out for this year is exceptionally heavy, yet it is the minimum of what should be attempted. The return of Miss Foreman and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coventry is essential if we are adequately to work the Indian field when Miss Caldicott and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas return to Australia early in the New Year. That a nurse should go to the Islands to help Bro. and Sister Hammer can be accepted without question. Despite the liberal giving during the July offering we will need an average income of £300 per month to carry out this programme if we are to maintain our financial stability. All gains because of the record offering will be lost unless this monthly average is maintained. Income for October amounted to £185, a much lower average for October than for several years. We would urge all leaders to keep the needs of our overseas workers before the churches so that the gains made can be consolidated.

A MISSIONARY RETURNS.

(Continued.)

LATER, as I crossed the station to our platform, one with a bright smiling face came towards me, and reminded me that he was Bhikoo Shinde's brother. Bhikoo is one of the Shrigonda co-workers, and the brother is a railway policeman, and was for a time in our boys' home.

The train left, and as heavy rain had fallen the country was green everywhere and great stretches of water met the eye. The Western Ghats were beautiful; waterfalls and abundant vegetation adorned the hills and mountains. Between Bombay and Poona I saw only Indian people on the stations and heard the familiar Marathi language. I thought I would notice what the various posters were—what India was giving prominence to these days. It may not have stood entirely for that, but some were urging folk to buy War Certificates, others appealed for Red Cross funds; some would tempt the readers to go the "Round Tours for Business, Pleasure and Pilgrimage"; others told of dress fabrics, Indian headache ointment, Poona races, "Safety First."

When the train arrived at Poona it seemed as if the journey's end was near, but it was still a few hours away. The next stop was Dhond, and then, what? It was just thrilling to see all the familiar faces. Miss Vawser had come that far to meet me, and with her were two of our faithful men workers—Eshwar Zadhew and Bhikoo Shinde. There were Dr. and Mrs. Oldfield, Helen Wiltshire, Dr. Patil, the compounder, the pandit and the hospital nurses and others of the staff. I was garlanded. It was all so kind of everyone. We had to change trains at Dhond and wait some time for the Shrigonda train, so could spend some time with the friends who had gathered.

Continuing our journey, we arrived at Pimpri, five miles from Shrigonda, and arrived at the bungalow at 9 o'clock. We were met there by Dr. and Mrs. Michael, who have come to take up the work here. It was good to see them, and we are fortunate to have them. Robert is a lovely little chap and a feature of great interest to the Indian people. Then came the meeting of the girls and little ones. It was lovely to see them all so well and happy. Miss Vawser declares they have all been wonderfully good, real dears, and all that. I wonder! A family that we count in scores and all so angelic! I thank Miss Vawser for such a wonderful report, and tell the girls it is something to live up to. Some of the girls had left to take up other work or training; some have gone to relations; one girl has married since my return, and another has become engaged. Miss Vawser had admitted other needy ones, but this is information for the secretary, so I must stop.—F. Cameron. (To be concluded.)

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THE Southern Tasmanian Churches of Christ District Conference was held in Dover chapel recently. Executive for following year is:—President, N. J. Warmbrunn; vice-presidents, G. O. Tease, B. J. Golder; secretary, G. E. Ashlin; treasurer, T. W. Lillye; H.M.C. representative, N. J. Warmbrunn. Next conference is to be held at Kelleve in 1941, when Bro. A. E. Heard will preach the conference sermon.

All meetings of conference were well attended, and inspiring addresses were given by N. Warmbrunn, H. England, B. Golder, A. Heard and G. Tease. At gospel service the conference sermon was preached by Bro. Tease, and a young lady made the good confession.

During past year there have been 37 additions to the southern churches.

The following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this conference of Churches of Christ in Southern Tasmania views with alarm that it is intended to introduce wet canteens into military camps; that we enter a strong protest, and that we re-affirm our approval of the dry canteens." A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Army, and the local Minister.—G. E. Ashlin, conference secretary.

A Padre's Plea.

THE last few days I have been thinking of what churches of Christ would do if they only knew how they could help, as I have been asked by many what they could do to help me in my work. I make a few suggestions.

As I sat at communion this morning with a few of the soldier worshippers, I thought how much more homely our service would have been with a nice communion plate to hold the bread, a small white table cloth, and a serviette to cover it to keep the dust off. I knew there would be some who would willingly give these articles to match the communion tray and glasses given to me by Mildura district churches. Not always do we have the band or the Y.M.C.A. piano. A small folding organ would be a welcome addition to our equipment for our worship service. A Sankey's music book would also be helpful to guide the organist.

If any member cares to send any of the above articles, it would be wise to write me first, as I am sure I shall get more even than I have asked for. I should not like to have to pay return freight.

Some chaplains have a fund from which they receive gifts for their requirements. We can obtain a plentiful supply of games, sporting and writing material from the Y.M.C.A., and knitted goods from the A.C.F., but to brighten the lives of these men in camp at Christmas time I thought we might be able to give them some little article such as a khaki handkerchief, tooth paste, shaving cream, or chocolates. Good light books and magazines are always acceptable.

Your help will be appreciated even more than you can realise. Any of the last-named articles can be sent direct to me, or left in town at some central depot to be collected.—J. K. Martin, Chaplain 2/8th T. Bn., Darley, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria.

Obituary.

J. T. Alloway.

ESSENDON church, Vic., lost by death on Nov. 8 one of its old and esteemed members, Bro. J. T. Alloway. He was 75 years of age, and had been in membership for over 50 years with the churches at Newmarket, Ascot Vale and Essendon respectively. Last year he celebrated his golden wedding. He was a quiet, faithful disciple, but for several years had been an invalid and unable to attend meetings. After a long and weary period of waiting and suffering patiently endured, he at last peacefully entered into the rest that remains for the people of God. The writer conducted the funeral in Fawcner Cemetery on Nov. 11 in the pres-

ence of his relatives. He has left a wife (Sister Alloway), four children (married) and six grandchildren to mourn his loss; also a sister (Sister Murdoch), sister-in-law (Sister Hambridge) and his youngest daughter (Sister S. Hainsworth), who are members with us. We lovingly sympathise with his lonely widow and all the bereaved.—A.E.I.

C. A. Clark.

ON Sept. 19 Bro. Charles A. Clark, aged 62, of Port Fairy church, Vic., was promoted to higher service. He was baptised at a mission held in Terang by Bro. Harward in 1904. In 1926 he became associated with the church at Port Fairy, and of late years was recognised as the leader in all departments of the work there. He was honored and respected by all with whom he came in contact, and dearly loved by the church. Bro. Clark was one of the chief supporters of the south-west seaside circuit, and did much to make possible the financing of the work. The service at the home and the graveside was attended by friends from far and near, and extra seating had to be obtained to accommodate the congregation at the service of remembrance in his home church. We commend his sister-wife and sorrowing relatives to the loving care and oversight of our heavenly Father.—G.E.D.

Miss C. Hopgood.

THE brethren of Strathalbyn (S.A.) church were saddened by the unexpected passing of Sister Miss Clara Hopgood. She united with the church at Milang in early life, and always proved faithful as a Christian, and full of good works toward the sick and aged. For a number of years she held membership with the church at Grote-st., where she was much beloved for her consistent life. After much service for others, her strength was unequal to a severe sickness which came upon her, and she passed peacefully away from these earthly scenes on Oct. 18, at the family home in Strathalbyn. A wealth of floral tributes and a large attendance at the graveside gave eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which she was held.—A. H. Wilson.

William Race.

IN the evening of October 23, Bro. William Race, of the church at Balwyn, Vic., suddenly received the call to higher service. The news came as a shock to all the folk, for he had been at the Lord's table and in apparently good health on the Sunday preceding. He, together with his wife and son, migrated to Australia from England over twenty years ago, and it was soon after they came to Balwyn that Bro. J. E. Thomas made contact with them and all three were baptised and received into membership on Oct. 10, 1926. Bro. Race has proved a loyal member, and has given splendid service to the church which will miss him much. We laid all that was mortal of him to rest in Box Hill cemetery in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. The sincere sympathy of the church is expressed to the dear wife and son, who have been bereaved, but we are all comforted by the fact that he liveth for ever more.—H.J.P.

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is in the midst of the flame with her.—Spurgeon.



Eternal Creator, who hast ordained the sun
and moon and stars for our good, we praise
thee for thy church, which thou hast ordained
to help in the home-coming of human souls.
We thank thee for her psalmists and prophets,
for her priests and teachers; but most of all
because thou hast ordained thy Son to be King
of thy holy hill of Zion. Thou hast mightily
strengthened her in days of persecution; in
darker days of doubt and unfaithfulness thou
hast not forsaken her, but restored her to thy
favor. Save her from setting her heart on
adorning herself and forgetting her mission.
As thou hast given her to be the Spirit's Bride,
may she ever with the Spirit point to all men
the way to Christ. And mercifully grant, O
Lord, that the ways of Zion may be in the
heart of her children: so shall they all unite
as one to call the families of men to Christ.
Amen.—H. Elvet Lewis.



Let us pray for the churches throughout the
world, for their truth, unity and stability;
that in all, charity may flourish, and truth may
live. For our own church, that what is lack-
ing in it may be supplied, and what is unsound
corrected; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our
only Lord and Saviour. Amen.—Bishop
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