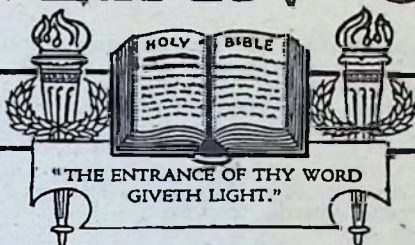


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Churches and Bombing Raids.

WE in this sheltered part of the Empire not only thank God for comparative quiet and ability to worship without interruption, but we also pray for our kinsfolk in the homeland that they may be given grace and strength to endure the ordeal through which they are passing.

Nothing else in the British religious papers which come to hand equals in interest for us the reports of the reactions of the churches to the enemy air raids, and the way in which church and Sunday school work is being carried on.

It is common nowadays for the services to be interrupted by air raid warnings, and congregations for a time frequently seek shelter until the safety signal is given. At times the congregation remains at worship. We cannot admire too highly the spirit in which the perils and hazards of war are endured by the Christian people of Britain. As an illustration of the perilous conditions, the suggestions which the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury has given to his ministers may be cited. He advises that "when an air raid is in progress at the appointed hour for service, the beginning of the service should be postponed until ten minutes after the 'all-clear' signal is given, provided that it sounds within half an hour of the appointed time of service. The clergy, he says, should in any case be in church ready to conduct some service, even though it may have to be shortened. If the warning is sounded during divine service, the congregation should be quietly invited either to leave, if they wish to do so, or to remain. If the sound of actual firing is heard while people are still in church, they should be advised to stay where they are, counsels Dr. Lang, as they will be safer there than if they went out into the streets. Should there be any public shelter in the immediate neighborhood of the church, the congregation would naturally be advised to go there until the danger has passed."

In our British paper, "The Christian Advocate," for Sept. 13, the editor writes: "The question of air raids and their effect on general health and church services has now become serious in most parts of the country. We have just completed a 'run' of sixteen consecutive nights when warnings have lasted from dusk till dawn. . . . After the first night we ourselves held a family council, and we all decided that we would make ourselves reasonably safe, by placing beds in the safest part of the house, and then go to bed at the usual time and refuse to let Herr Hitler interfere with our routine. Some of the family who had never been under fire before, felt that they would not be able to sleep, but their fears were unfounded, and we have slept pretty soundly ever since, even in spite of the horrible wail of a siren which isn't far away from the bottom of our garden. . . . We adopted our plan on the principle that if we were to be killed we couldn't die in a better place than in bed, and that whether we lived or died there

was no cause for fear. As a result the youngest member of the family has scarcely heard a thing and suffered no shocks."

Sometimes attendances at our church services are affected by the raids. The editor of the "Christian Advocate" remarks: "After a pretty bad raid in my own town on a Saturday night, I noticed a little thinning off in the congregation. But I noticed that four men, all well over seventy, and three women about the same age, were there! Indeed, I should have been dumbfounded if they had not been there, for their understanding of Christianity is such that they would never dream of absenting themselves from the worship of the church, and especially from the communion of the body and blood of our Lord. I have faith that the greater number of our people will respond in this way to the trying times which lie ahead of us."

Some Sunday schools are having a bad time. A paragraph in "The British Weekly" states that "one of the acutest questions is whether children under five should at present attend school at all. In all cases school authorities are making it clear that they cannot be legally responsible for any results of air raids, and many are obtaining signed agreements from parents to this effect."

British children seem to be able to settle down to air raid warnings. Principal Robinson writes: "I was at the house of a friend the other morning, where, quite independently, they have adopted the same technique as our own. There are three young children besides a baby. While there, I was surprised to hear the air raid warning signal. My friend never moved. I said, 'That's the warning, isn't it?' He said, 'Oh, no! that's the children playing at "air raids."' It was most realistic, I can assure you. But you see what it means. Those children had no fear of the thing. It had become in sixteen days as much a part of their lives as weddings and funerals at which children often play."

One of the best things we have seen is a new chorus the singing of which is recorded in one of the English daily papers:—"A little boy who lives on the Sussex coast sang a song he learned at school to his sister, in their shelter:—

"God is our Refuge

Don't be afraid;

He will be with you

All through the raid.

When bombs are falling and danger is near

He will be with you, till the 'All-clear.'"

It would be difficult to find a better reaction than that to the horrors of an air raid.

Death of C. J. Garland.

IT is with very deep regret that we report the sudden death on Nov. 27 of Bro. C. J. Garland, of Perth, W.A., the honored president of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia. In his home State our

brother will be very much missed, but we all have a sense of great loss. Our brother was a trusted business man, a true Christian, a wise counsellor, and a constant supporter of the church of Christ and of all good works. We sorrow with our brethren in Western Australia, who feel the loss of such a leader. Deepest sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Garland.

Doors of Opportunity.

GRIEVOUS losses have been borne by the churches in Great Britain. Many buildings have been destroyed, and many more seriously damaged. Many are facing a crisis in their work. It is good to read in the London "Christian" the following paragraph showing that evil is being overruled for good:

"The ministers, missionaries, and congregations concerned are facing the crisis heroically, and it is already evident that the experience of material loss is calling forth hidden, and often unsuspected, resources of faith and prayer. In several localities sorely tried workers are able to say with the apostle Paul that the things which have happened unto them—the apparent setbacks and disasters—are turning out for the furtherance of the gospel. Never were there so many doors of opportunity open for Christian ministry to souls and bodies as now in thickly populated areas where the enemy has spread fire and ruin."

Lord Tweedsmuir's Father.

THE autobiography of Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) is rightly attracting widespread attention. In it he pays a fitting and beautiful tribute to his father, John Buchan the elder, a minister of the U.P. Church, who is said to have given one priceless gift to his son—"he made piety seem perfectly compatible with happiness and fun." The distinguished son writes of him: "He was above all things a happy man. He found acute delight in the simplest things, for he savored them with a clean palate. Like the old preacher, he could exclaim, 'All this—and heaven too.' He had always the background of an assured faith to correct man's sense of the fragility of his hopes."

Kagawa.

CHRISTIANS in many lands are interested in the work of Kagawa, the great Japanese evangelist. Some time ago his imprisonment was reported. A report of his release is now being circulated. The Presbyterian "Messenger" quotes the following paragraph from an exchange: "Late in August Kagawa and his associate, Dr. Ogawa, were seized by military police while Kagawa was preaching at the church near his home. They were closely confined and examined for ten days on a charge of having violated the military regulations. A despatch from Tokio early in September reported that Kagawa had been released on condition that he retired to voluntary exile on an isolated island. But a letter received as this is going to press says that he has been unconditionally released, and will carry on his activities with unabated vigor."

The Progress of Our Witness.

J. E. Thomas.

THE body known as Churches of Christ came into being as the result of an earnest desire of many to plead for the unity of all God's people. It came as the union of many streams as they flowed into one great river. It is difficult to say the exact date upon which the movement commenced, but we can learn how wonderfully God was working in the hearts of many ere they became united in one devoted body. In 1793 James O'Kelly, afterwards joined by Rice Haggard, led the Republican Methodist body which declared that the followers of Christ should be known as Christians only, and that the Bible itself should be taken as their only creed. In 1800 Abner Jones left the Free-will Baptists in New England to organise an independent church with the name Christian only, and to discard all human creeds.

Barton W. Stone, a Presbyterian at Cane Ridge Church, Kentucky, led a wonderful revival of more than 30,000 people, and eventually formed an Independent Presbytery based upon the belief that the Bible alone is our only rule of faith and practice. This movement grew in a remarkable manner.

In 1810 John Wright in Indiana dropped the name Baptist and adopted the Bible as a creed without note or comment. He afterwards joined the New Lights, as the followers of Barton Stone were called.

Thomas and Alexander Campbell.

Thomas Campbell had sought to unite the Burgher and Anti-Burgher movements in Ireland, and when he came to America in 1807 he still longed to see the unity of the churches for the furtherance of the gospel. He formed the Christian Association of Washington, though he still remained in the Presbyterian Church. In order to set forth his views on Christian union he published his famous "Declaration and Address" in 1809. He said that a divided church is a self-contradiction and contrary to the will of Christ. He declared that the supreme authority of the church was the New Testament, and pleaded for a union of all Christians under the supreme authority of Jesus Christ. He frequently referred to "our brethren of all denominations," and pleaded with them to unite. His appeal to the clergy to destroy denominationalism was considered by many of them an impertinence, and sadly disappointed, he was forced to form the Association into a separate church. In this new church at Brush Run, the matter of baptism came to be one of great importance, and Alexander Campbell, who had been actively associated with his father, was baptised with others on June 12, 1812. While Christian unity was the first great plank in the platform of the new body, it became clear that if they were only to speak where the scriptures speak infant sprinkling and other traditional practices would have to be renounced. Sometimes we are accused of making baptism too important, but we only seek to give it the place Jesus gave to it. This is the only position for those who believe in his supreme authority.

Campbell and Stone Unite.

The Campbells joined the Redstone Baptist assembly in 1813, and sought to work within the church instead of starting another sect. They eventually united with the Mahoning Baptist assembly, but in 1830 this was dissolved, and they accepted the name of Disciples of Christ, believing that human names were contrary to the scriptures. All this time those who followed Barton W. Stone were faithfully seeking a union of God's people, and they had attained a good deal of success. They had

assumed the name of the Christian Connection. The leaders of both movements conferred, and in 1832 a union of these two bodies was consummated at Georgetown, Kentucky. There were 12,000 of Campbell's followers and 15,000 of Stone's. The union took about three years to complete, and was a great demonstration of Christian unity. The united body went on to greater victories for Christ, and was greatly heartened.

The first era of our movement was an effort to reform the churches, and was largely a teaching movement. Alexander Campbell, Dr. Robert Richardson and Isaac Errett were eminently suited for this work. Campbell engaged in memorable debates with Owen, Rice, Walker, Purcell and others. Up to 1820 there were only four churches and 200 members, but

"Though the Earth be Removed."

THOUGH the earth be removed and the mountains
Should sink in the depths of the sea;
Though the waters should fail in the fountains,
And the pastures a wilderness be:
The eternal God is upon his throne,
And his loving arms are around his own.

Though the kingdoms should totter and nations
Be scatter'd in war's array;
Though the world to its deep foundations
Should be shatter'd and melt away:
The eternal God is upon his throne,
And his loving arms are around his own.

Mid the lightning shafts and the thunder,
Our God is a refuge of peace;
He breaketh man's weapons in sunder,
And he maketh all wars to cease:
The eternal God is upon his throne,
And his loving arms are around his own.
—J. Lewis Milligan
in "The British Weekly."

this did not discourage the leaders. They went faithfully on with their plea for union, and became greatly respected. They did not appeal to the emotions, but to the intelligence of the Christian world.

Some accused Campbell of being all head and no heart, but he was establishing the work on a solid basis. In order to accomplish its divine purpose the church must be sufficiently instructed in the great truths it has been called to set forth. There was, however, something more needed, and this came in due time.

An Evangelistic Era.

In 1827 Walter Scott was set aside for the work of an evangelist, and this was the commencement of a new era of remarkable progress. Scott was especially adapted for this wider field of service. "Raccoon" John Smith and others joined in the same work, and hundreds were led to accept Christ by these men of God. Scott introduced the plan of inviting people to confess Christ publicly, and this met with a wonderful response. The old mourners' bench and penitent form gave place to direct appeal and public response. Everyone who openly confessed Christ was an added witness for him, and often others were led to make the great decision. Scott called his work the gospel restored, and he and his fellow evangelists had hundreds to respond during the year, and

it was necessary to call for more workers to care for the converts. It is this spirit of evangelism that has ever since characterised our movement and has contributed so largely to our growth. We must be sure that this passion for the spread of the gospel does not wane. Whenever the church fails to be evangelistic it will fail to grow.

All the long line of faithful men who have served so admirably in the field of evangelism call us to follow in their train, and ever to seek to bring to men the redemptive gospel of Christ our Lord. The supreme business of the church is to preach the gospel.

Organised Work.

With the growth of the work there came the necessity for more organised effort and closer co-operation. The American Christian Missionary Society was started in 1850. In 1874 the Christian Women's Board of Missions was commenced. In 1875 the Foreign Christian Missionary Society was launched. This came to be a mighty force largely through the heroic work of Archibald McLean. To-day the work of our churches has extended to many lands. It was only natural that the added organisation led to some differences of opinion as to methods of work. There have been some who, while not opposed to foreign missions, have opposed organised societies and conventions; but the work has continued to grow. There was a time when the organ question was warmly debated, and great men like Moses E. Lard and J. W. McGarvey very strongly opposed the use of an organ in the worship of the church. This did not interfere with the zeal of these brethren in the preaching of the gospel. It is a cause for thankfulness that these differences did not lead to great division. In things that were fundamental there remained a unity of heart and purpose.

Religious Education.

The needs of the work called for a united effort in the field of religious education. Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, and afterwards the College of the Bible became a centre of training. Alexander Campbell established Bethany College in West Virginia. Many other universities and colleges followed. A more definite attention was given to Bible schools among the young, and this teaching department of the church has grown in a remarkable degree. We are learning more than ever that the training of the young for Christ is the hope of the church and of the world.

Social Service.

There arose, as in the early church, the necessity for caring for the poor. There came the establishment of homes for the aged, orphanages, and a pension fund for aged preachers. Throughout the brotherhood there are many excellent homes, that all give evidence that the churches have not failed to care for those in need. These institutions will assuredly grow and bring added blessing to the churches as they continue to support them.

The Work in Australasia.

While we have dealt largely with the progress of the movement in America, there has been much cause for thankfulness in the advance that has been made in the work in our own land. The commencement of the cause in New Zealand was followed by the starting of the work in Australia. Thomas Magarey came from New Zealand and commenced the work in a building in Franklin-st., Adelaide, in 1846. The cause has since made very steady progress in South Australia. There have been many loyal and faithful brethren whose names are lovingly remembered who have been leaders of the work there. The work in Victoria really started in a tent in Prahran, and after-

wards came to the city. It has so grown that Victoria has become a centre of brotherhood work, and has a larger membership than any State. The other States followed in establishing Churches of Christ in centres where interested brethren had gone to live. Dr. Joseph Kingsbury in New South Wales and other loyal workers did splendid service. The South Australian conference really started the work in Western Australia, and sent T. H. Bates as the first preacher. This State has done splendid work in spite of geographical difficulties.

The work in Tasmania was started as the result of the efforts of George Smith, a Melbourne member, who moved to Hobart in 1871. He sought the help of O. A. Carr, who had come from America and started the church in a hall in Collins-st. Despite many difficulties the cause has grown in the beautiful island.

J. H. Johnson, who had gone to Queensland from Victoria, introduced F. W. Troy to the movement. He came to Victoria and made a plea at the annual conference for a man to be sent to Queensland. Stephen Cheek answered the call, and went back with him to the northern State. Cheek labored there till his early death in February, 1883. Many faithful brethren have helped to build a good work in this great State.

The work in Great Britain was more difficult, but James Wallis, David King, the family of Black, and others gave noble service in the Motherland. In Australia we have been helped by Sydney Black, M. Wood Green, the Ludbrook family, the splendid family of Pittman, and others; but few were able to come to our help from England, so Australia appealed to America. In the early days great help was given by the coming of T. H. Milner from England in 1862. This led to the desire to obtain evangelists from overseas. When Great Britain could send no one, H. S. Earl, an Englishman trained in America, responded to the call, and came in 1864. He did a great work in Melbourne and Adelaide. In the first year of his work nearly 300 were added. T. J. Gore and G. L. Surber arrived from America in 1866. Both did a memorable work, the former in Grote-st., Adelaide, and the latter at Lygon-st., Carlton. G. L. Surber introduced the method of asking for public confession of Christ that had been commenced by Walter Scott. This has since become the regular practice in our churches. Mr. Surber returned to America after some years, but T. J. Gore continued to give yeoman service for more than fifty years, and remained in Adelaide until his death. Just as success followed the evangelism in America, it has done in the churches in Australia.

Organised efforts were successful in initiating the foreign mission work following the visit of G. L. Wharton in 1889. Miss Mary Thompson was the first missionary sent out, and our band of missionaries has grown to about 21, in addition to a splendid band of Indian evangelists and teachers. With the founding of our college at Glen Iris there came an opportunity for many to fit themselves for the preaching of the word.

Looking back on our history, we feel that we have made a worthy contribution toward cultivating the growing desire for Christian unity that prevails to-day. We have sought to co-operate with all in every way possible who are seeking to unite the church of God as it faces its gigantic task. We have demonstrated, too, the efficacy of intensive evangelism, and have sought to emphasise through the years that the preaching of the gospel is the supreme business of the church. We have tried in an imperfect way to show that we must put the principles of Jesus Christ into every walk of life. We feel that God has greatly blessed us in leading us to be nearly two million strong in little more than a century. If we are true to all the principles of our movement and prove worthy of those gone before, we shall continue to grow in usefulness. Let us dedicate ourselves afresh to the task of bringing men to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Nicknames.

F. Collins.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE asks: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." This well-known quotation is often used, and it has a good deal of truth in it, for the names by which we are called frequently give little indication of our characters. There is, however, a fitness in many names, and the wearing of them is a challenge to emulate their great originals, or to express their beautiful meanings. Names should not be mere marks of identification, nor should we degrade them to the level of pleasing sounds or oddments of speech. So many names stand for what is best in history, the noblest ideals, the divine, and the eternal, that we are likely to lose some of the best things if we continue to use them unworthily. The pioneers of the Restoration Movement urged the use of

Bible Names for Bible Things.

Ecclesiasticism has renamed the "Lord's table" the "altar"; "the breaking of bread" "the eucharist" or "the sacrament"; baptism has been called "christening"; the ministry "the clergy," and the Lord's day "the sabbath." Some of these names have a measure of fitness; but some come from Judaism, paganism, or worldly institutions. We can be too stereotyped in our use of Bible names, but we must not degrade our Lord's appointments by substituting human expedients.

Worthy Names for Worthy People.

The New Testament is very positive concerning the names God's people should wear. "Call no man Father on the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven." "Be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your teacher, and all ye are brethren." One of the more important virtues of the Christian is humility, and it is presumptuous for any man to wear the titles which belong to God. The great apostacy culminated in the papacy, and each occupant of the papal throne assumes the title of "Lord God, the pope." The tendency of the practice of adopting official titles is in the direction of ecclesiastical arrogance. A pope is an overgrown elder, or pastor, or bishop. Let us avoid the language of Ashdod.

While official titles were not worn in apostolic churches, New Testament Christians never descended to the level of the familiarity or unseemliness which characterises many of our churches to-day. The Apostle Paul, when writing to the church at Thessalonica, spoke of those who ministered in holy things in a very dignified way. "Now we beg you, brethren, to show respect for those who labor among you, and are leaders in your Christian work, and are your advisers; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (1 Thess. 5: 12, 13 (Weymouth)). Why is it that so many church members speak of those in authority and of our most esteemed preachers by using nicknames, or mutilations of their first names? We have heard our worthiest brethren called "Jimmy," "Tommy," "Andy," "Alex," "Bil," "Les," "Bob," "Ted," "Dick," etc. Can we imagine "Paul, an apostle to the Gentiles," referring to his great contemporary as "Pete"; to his "own son in the faith" as "Tim."; or to his companion in travel as "Barney"? Indeed, I very much doubt if any such practice existed in his day. Whatever familiar terms of address, or reference we may use as intimate friends, we should never degrade the ministry of the word in public place or newspaper column by using nicknames for the King's messengers. This is the method of the public house, the betting shop, and the football field. Our plea is for

"That Worthy Name by the Which We are Called."

"The church which is his body" must wear no other name, for "there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

We hear men glory in denominational or sectarian names. Shall we nickname the church, the Lamb's bride? Does not the name Christian make us share his glory upon earth? The name Christ indicates his offices of Prophet, Priest and King, and we are not merely disciples or learners, sitting at his feet, but we are also his ambassadors bearing the King's message, ministering his grace, and are part-takers of his divine nature. Nothing less than his name will adequately describe us, and in no other name can we claim sonship with God. "In the King's name" is a call to service and responsibility which we cannot refuse, and is also a pledge of an abundant and great reward. The church at Philadelphia is the only one of the seven churches in Asia which appears to have no condemnation; and even in its weakness kept Christ's word and did not deny his name. Because of that he promised that her overcoming members should have written upon them his own new name. "The glory yet to be revealed to usward" is described in the closing chapters of the book of Revelation, and not only its great joys, but its greatest honors are for those who serve him, and "his name shall be in their foreheads."

RELIGION AND BUSINESS.

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"Proclaim the good news to all creation."
—Mark 16: 15.

"You must not adopt the customs of this world."—Rom. 12: 2.

Some persons' idea of religion: what they learn (not earn) in the business world they must apply to church. As though the religion of business and the business of religion were Siamese Twins. The church of Christ is neither a "bull" nor a "bear." It does not buy low in order to sell high or high to sell low. It is not a merchandising centre of remnants and bargain sales. It does not specialise in selling stocks, bonds, insurance or cars. It surely is not a stage and amusement centre. Its sole business is that of saving souls.—Selected.

A PRAYER FOR COURAGE.

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GOD make me brave for life—
Oh, braver than this,
Let me straighten after pain
As a tree straightens after rain
Shining and lovely again.

God make me brave for life—
Much braver than this,
As the blown grass lifts, let me rise
From sorrow with quiet eyes
Knowing thy way is wise.

God make me brave—life brings
Such blinding things,
Help me to keep my sight,
Help me to see aright
That out of dark—comes light.

—Selected.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

A SACRED TRUST.

"I HAVE only been lent this earthly house,
In which my soul must live;
I have only been given the world's sweet gifts
That I in turn may give.
I've only been granted my strong right arm
To succor the poor and sad;
I have only been blessed with the joys of life
To make fellow-travellers glad."

"FATHER KNOWS."

"JOHNNY, don't you think you have got as much as you can carry?" said Frank to his brother, who was standing with open arms receiving the bundles his father placed on them. "You've got more than you can carry now." "Never mind," said Johnny, in a sweet voice, "my father knows how much I can carry." How long it takes many of us to learn the lesson little Johnny had learnt by heart. "Father knows how much I can carry." No grumbling, no discontentment, but a sweet trust in our heavenly Father's love and care that we shall not be overburdened.—E.J.S.

POWER OF THE GOSPEL.

MORE and more business and professional men are visiting all parts of the world. Here is the report of one who visited more savages than any other living man. Dr. Gell says: "Forty years ago you could buy a fat, juicy man for two dollars. You could not buy a little, shivelled, dried up man to-day for one hundred thousand dollars. How did this change come about? By the spreading of the gospel. Some time ago I dined with the daughter of the last king of the Cannibal Isles, and asked her if she remembered the dying words of her old father. She replied that he said, 'Lord Jesus, catch my spirit.'—Selected.

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—"ABIDE WITH US."

Monday, December 9.

AND I will dwell among the children of Israel.—Ex. 29: 45.

In the midst of instructions concerning ceremonies and sacrifices, God paused to assure his people of his presence and blessing. In the tabernacle which they were to erect he would meet them, and dwell among them, and be their God.

Reading—Exodus 29: 43-46.

Tuesday, December 10.

And he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever.—John 14: 16.

For a short time only would the disciples enjoy the bodily presence of Jesus, but for ever he would abide with them as the Comforter. Such fellowship would prove more helpful than even his bodily presence.

Reading—John 14: 15-20.

Wednesday, December 11.

Know ye not that ye are a temple of God?—1 Cor. 3: 16.

As in earlier days God dwelt in the temple, so now he dwells in the hearts of his people. How necessary it is to keep the temple pure, a fit residence for the Spirit of God!

Reading—1 Cor. 3: 16-23.

Thursday, December 12.

What agreement hath a temple of God with idols?—2 Cor. 6: 16.

SELFISHNESS.

EVERY one of us, but especially those who are busy in any good work with a view to benefit others, should earnestly watch and take care, lest self-importance and love of praise become our secret and ruling motive. The architect who built the Watch Tower of Pharos for the Egyptian monarch, ages ago, was ordered to put the king's name on it. As the architect, he wished his own name prominent, but dared not disobey so despotic a ruler. So he put the king's name boldly in letters of stucco and gilt, but underneath, on the granite he cut his own. The stucco lasted for a time, but gradually the waves washed away the king's name, and revealed the architect's and his selfishness. All our work one day will stand equally revealed. The selfishness in it will be made conspicuous, and our true character will be revealed in indelible letters cut into the very fibre of our being.—Selected.

HIS AGE!

"HOW old are you?" inquired the visitor of the son of his host. The boy removed his spectacles and wiped them carefully. "That is a difficult question. The latest personal surveys show my psychological age to be 12, my moral age 4, my anatomical age 7, and my physiological age 6. I suppose however you refer to my chronological age which is 8. That is so old fashioned that I seldom think of it any more.

POOR MOTHERS!

Gibbs.—"Mothers have a pretty stiff time of it." Nibbs.—"Why mothers in particular?" Gibbs.—"Well, they're always afraid that some girl will marry their sons, and that some man won't marry their daughters."

Be Prepared.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11.

Prayer Meeting Topic for December 11.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

NO two words can more aptly sum up this exhortation of the apostle than these two of the Scouts, "Be Prepared." And if it was good for the people of Paul's own day it is also needed to-day. The Christian must needs be prepared, for no one knows what a day or an hour will bring.

The Day of the Lord.

This is the day of the Lord, if not so far as the actual coming is concerned, a day in judgment of the nations. And who can tell but that he may come in very truth? "No man knoweth the day nor the hour." "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." And how dreadful is that day for the unprepared. For the faithful it is the day of their vindication, but for the careless worldling and the indifferent and the openly hostile it will be a day of horror, for their hell is come upon them. A false peace may possess them now, but it will not last. Even the calloused conscience may yet be raised and cry aloud in its anguish over unforgiven sin. But when he comes it is then too late. Nowhere are we ever taught that the godless and the foolish will have any intimation of that coming. Suddenly he appears and 'tis then too late.

Wide Awake.

The Christian is not taken unawares because he is always ready. Like the five wise virgins he is prepared. "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." He is a child of the light, of the day. "As many as receive the Saviour are thought of as having been called 'out of darkness' (1 Pet. 2: 9), as turned 'from darkness to light' (Acts 26: 18), and so living in the presence of that Light, casting away 'the works of darkness' (Rom. 13: 12), and having no 'fellowship' with them (Eph. 5: 11)."

"My Redeemer and my Lord,
I beseech thee, I entreat thee,
Guide me in each act and word,
That hereafter I may meet thee,
Watching, waiting, hoping, yearning,
With my lamp well trimmed and burning!"

Paul both encourages and warns the Christian. Our lives must be open and full of moral and spiritual health. "There are no double lives, no double reputations, no miserable contrasts between public and private life." The way we travel is made plain as day to us. None is so happy as the true Christian, none so reasonable, none so virtuous, none so amiable. "Ye are the light of the world."

A Summons to All.

To sleep in the day is not the natural thing but it is possible. We may become weary in well-doing and grow slack in our service. This is no time for sleep. Awake! To watchfulness. We are God's watchmen. We are not only looking for the coming, but also watching against a possible attack by the enemy. This is no time for indifference or boasting. "If the believer's eyes are lifted to heaven, he has to remember still that he walks on the earth." Be sober. This is not the mere absence of intoxication. We must be discreet, and exercise self-control. Eccentricity should not be characteristic of the Christian. Well balanced and judicious, he leads the way for others. He must also be armed for defence, for he fights "the good fight of faith." He needs the complete armor else he is likely to be defeated at some unguarded point. Most, like Achilles, have some vulnerable spot. Be on your guard, be prepared, be sober, be vigilant, watch and pray. He shall suddenly come.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 18.—THEM WHICH LABOR.—1 Thess. 5: 12-28.

Friday, December 13.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.—Eph. 3: 17.

Such frequently recurring expressions emphasise the fact of Christ's ever-abiding presence, and remind us that without him there could be no church, and minus his sustaining grace, our plety would wither and die.

Reading—Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Saturday, December 14.

Hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.—1 John 3: 24.

Here, then, is the test. Minus the Spirit, we possess not Christ, and are none of his. Yet the Spirit is not withheld from any who love him and keep his commandments.

Reading—1 John 3: 18-24.

Sunday, December 15.

Abide with us.—Luke 24: 29.

Naturally the two disciples desired further communion and conversation with this delightful fellow-traveller. Our Lord readily accepted the invitation, and soon became, as he always does, the host instead of the guest.

Readings—Psalm 37: 1-18; Luke 24: 1-35.

Our Young People

C.E. Interests and Activities.

Conducted by W. W. Saunders.

BREVITIES FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Holy Land.—A Baptist C.E. society is operating in Nazareth, and throughout the Holy Land quite a number of societies is working chiefly under leadership of Christian Arabs and Armenians.

Peru.—It is reported that a C.E. society has been formed in the Forest Region of Peru—the very heart of bigoted Roman Catholicism.

New Zealand.—The number of societies in existence in N.Z. in 1924 was only 13. A period of remarkable growth resulted in there being over 300 societies with over 8000 members in 1934.

National Convention.—Officers of the Australasian C.E. Union and delegates from the various States held a conference in Melbourne in October. Important discussions concerning C.E. advancement in Australia took place. It was regrettably decided that the international situation rendered the holding of a convention impracticable. Hence there will be no national convention in 1941.

Victoria Park and Carlisle, W.A.—Our juniors in these churches are holding second and fourth places respectively at the end of the second quarter's competition for the W.A. union's junior efficiency shield. All good wishes for ultimate success are theirs.

Eastern Goldfields, W.A.—A fellowship known as the Eastern Goldfields C.E. Workers' Fellowship was formed at an inaugural rally in October. The chairman is Mr. S. E. Riches, preacher of our Kalgoorlie church.

Sports Days.—The popularity and acceptance of these events seem to be increasing, W.A. and Victoria having followed the lead given by N.S.W. The former union conducted its second annual field day on Nov. 11. The junior department of the Victorian union announces that its second field day is planned for March, 1941.

S.A. Awards.—At the C.E. night of the recent conference of our churches in S.A., the following received awards for success in efficiency competitions:—Y.P.: Unley (suburban), Milang (country). Intermediate: Mile End. Junior: Henley Beach (suburban), Owen (country). Heartly congratulations!

Greetings.—To all readers of these columns we extend best wishes for the approaching Christmastide and New Year. May the former be a time of blessed remembrance of the Christ-child and the latter a period of renewed, vital and effective service for the world's Saviour.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETIES.

Strathalbyn, S.A.—Two grades of C.E. are in operation in this church—junior and Y.P. Miss Joyce Durdin leads the juniors each Sunday morning. Membership 13, average attendance 11. Members contribute to Children's Hospital, Wanda Home and local church. Their musical and vocal talents are gradually developing, and thereby they render valuable service to the church and school. Y.P. meet each Thursday evening. Membership 29, average attendance 22. Eight committees—prayer, sunshine, missionary, lookout, citizenship, literature, room and social—are doing excellent work. The sunshine committee recently adopted the use of the sunshine basket as suggested in this column by Paddington (N.S.W.) society. The preacher, Mr. A. H. Wilson, is president of both the society and the district union. Society and district rallies provide opportunity for Christian fellowship and united witness, of which open-air meetings are a feature. The prayer committee actively supports all work, and the society with joy and confidence anticipates pressing onward and upward in service for Christ and the church.

Social Service

Notes and Comments.

Will. H. Clay.

Christmastide.

At this time of the year, when kindness overflows and the giving of presents is practised, churches are invited to remember "the household of faith." Members are the first consideration of the committees.

Christmas Fete at the Christian Guest Home.

The women of 70 churches are combining to make the fete a huge success. The usual stalls will be well supported, and profiting by the experience of last year, every care is being taken to meet the Christmas demand. The grounds will be flood-lit, a free 'bus service will run from the station, and large marquees will offer cover for stalls, concert and motion pictures. A splendid programme has been arranged. Mrs. Oakes, sen., who contributed £50 to the last fete, has sent a further cheque for £5, and expresses her regret that she cannot make it larger. She sends her good wishes for success. The women's auxiliary invites friends to send donations. The home is in urgent need of funds. A friend has given the home an order on the grocer for £10.

Christian Fellowship Association.

C.F.A. is continually being asked to give financial assistance beyond its power. In some cases hundreds of pounds are requested. Exorbitant interest is offered as an inducement to lend. It should be realised that, while contributions are on such a low level, C.F.A. cannot do more than meet real need, neither can money be loaned for private investment purposes. Funds are the property of C.F.A. members, and membership is open to all members of the church. Information will be sent on request.

League of Friendship.

The league now collects waste and unwanted material of all kinds from more than 7000 homes in Melbourne and suburbs, and is employing ten members. The league is registered with the State controller of salvage.

C.E. Grocery Rally.

Endeavorers under the leadership of Miss Rita Roberts conducted their half-yearly grocery rally. Groceries to the value of £7 were received by the Victorian committee. These occasions always prove to be happy gatherings when the practical side of the Christian life is emphasised. Many thanks to all.

National and Social Reconstruction.

Only 14 churches have so far returned petitions. These are urgently required. Only one State has replied to the Federal committee's request for co-operation. The matter is important and should be given attention.

Victorian Local Option Alliance Bay Picnic.

The bay excursion is being held on Monday, January 13, at Queenscliff. Members may secure tickets at the Social Service office, 3/6 and 1/9. Good company and happy fellowship guaranteed.

Trust and Trusts.

Information frequently reaches the Social Service office concerning loans, sometimes amounting to hundreds of pounds, which are negotiated in the local church or trust. The local standing of the member in need and his good work in the church and school are his credentials. Sometimes he preaches, and does it well. The results of many such transactions are most distressing for the lender. There are trusts both in and out of the church which give guarantees of honesty, and we recommend such bodies to kindly souls who may be approached to lend money. Advice is offered gratuitously to all members on all legal matters, and every assistance given in difficult circumstances, by any Social Service office.

Death of Federal Conference President.

OUR late beloved Federal Conference President and W.A. Conference Past President, Charles James Garland, received the home-call very suddenly on Nov. 27. With Mrs. Garland he was spending a few days at his seaside residence at Safety Bay when the call came. He had been in the water, and after a little mild exercise on the beach, was about to return to the house when he collapsed and died in a few minutes. Bro. Garland addressed the church at Claremont on the Lord's day before his call came, and was at the tent mission at Carlisle in the evening. On the Monday morning we conferred together concerning arrangements for a Federal Executive meeting to be held on what turned out to be the day of his funeral.

Our late brother celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth on July 19 last. He was a member of the church for fifty years.



The Late C. J. Garland.

having associated himself with our movement when a young man in Tasmania. He came to Western Australia soon after his becoming a member of the churches of Christ, and has been associated in membership with the churches at Fremantle, Lake-st., Kalgoorlie and Subiaco. C. J. Garland was a good man. In the business world where he was well known, both at Kalgoorlie and Perth, he was respected and honored. He was a most generous man, and the extent of his giving to our work in Western Australia will never be fully known. He was known in all his public activities for his consistency, punctuality and gracious appreciation of the worth of others. All the churches of the West will miss him, for most of them had his name on their morning plan. Subiaco will miss him most of all as a faithful deacon and valued supporter.

His body was laid to rest in Karrakatta Cemetery on Nov. 29, following a service in Subiaco chapel. There was a large gathering both at the chapel and at the graveside. Bro. J. Wiltshire, Federal Vice-president, assisted the writer at the services. Bro. Albany Bell paid a tribute in a brief address at the cemetery. In the passing of our beloved Federal President, the whole of our Australian churches have lost a faithful brother and servant. To Mrs. Garland in her great sorrow we have conveyed the Australian brotherhood's sympathy and love.—R. Raymond.

In saying to his suffering servant, "My grace is sufficient," the Lord said what he is saying to a great company of sufferers now on the same condition. That condition is the receptivity that takes now the help that is offered now.—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.

Here and There.

The Postal Department requests that all Christmas mail be posted early—not later than Dec. 17.

Bro. D. R. Hall, of Sydney, has been on a brief visit to Melbourne. We are glad to know that he has been restored to health after sickness.

It is expected that Bro. and Sister H. R. Coventry and Sister L. Foreman will travel to India on the same boat, which is due to leave Australia in the near future.

Members of our Victorian preachers' association had an enjoyable outing in the Dandenong ranges on Monday last. This was in place of their usual monthly meeting in the city.

The Hinrichsen-Morris mission at Balwyn, Vic., is having splendid meetings. The marquee was crowded out on Sunday night, and four made the good confession. There have been 20 confessions to date.

After eight years of service with the churches in the Strathalbyn-Milang and Point Sturt circuit of South Australia, Bro. A. H. Wilson is leaving that locality and going to Adelaide, where he will serve Brooklyn Park church.

A telegram received on Tuesday afternoon from our Federal Conference secretary (Bro. Roy Raymond) states that the Federal Executive is arranging a memorial service to C. J. Garland on Sunday next, Dec. 8, at 3.30 p.m., at Subiaco; preacher, vice-president, J. Wiltshire."

We deeply regret to report that owing to serious illness Bro. R. L. Williams has been compelled to relinquish his work of preaching at Ann-st., Brisbane, which he began a few weeks ago. The church earnestly requests the prayers of the brotherhood throughout Australia for his complete recovery.

A correspondent who evidently did not see the official statement writes in objection to enter "a strong protest against the sales tax on Bibles and Testaments." A hasty newspaper contributor supposed that such a sales tax had been imposed; hence some fears, which we are glad to note are unfounded.

Christmas is a time when special thought and kindly gifts are offered in Christ's name to the poor and needy. The Melbourne City Mission, which does excellent work amongst the poorest of the poor who live in the most congested districts of the city, is making its annual Christmas appeal, and confidently seeks the liberal support of the Christian community.

Some students and ex-students of the College of the Bible are planning to hold a mission at Morwell, Vic. Mr. McIlhagger expects to begin holding services in the Masonic Hall in December, and it is hoped that on January 12 a tent mission will commence, Messrs. I. W. Nixon and E. McIlhagger being the missionaries. A number of students will journey in relays to Gippsland to assist in the mission.

W. Gale writes: "Reports of magnificent home mission offerings are coming to hand. Some show advances on first Sunday over the amount contributed last year; others are waiting for the subsequent Sunday in the hope of exceeding last year's total. At the time of going to press 36 churches, which last year in the total offerings contributed £620/0/9, have in the first Sunday of this offering reported £536/2/1."

Recent beneficial rains in several States have been much appreciated, though falls have come too late for the harvests. During the week-end, Queensland and New South Wales have greatly benefited. The bountiful falls in the east of New South Wales have been specially welcome. For years the lack of rain over Sydney's catchment area has caused very great anxiety. Thankfulness should be expressed for the great blessing which has come.

A day of prayer, praise and intercession.—Our Tasmanian Women's Executive is planning for meetings throughout the State on Thursday, Dec. 12, when it is hoped that every sister will set aside some part of this day, "that we all might be one in Christ."

The mission at Dunolly, Vic., concluded on Dec. 1. Seven decisions and one reconsecration testify to its success. After being baptised on Saturday night, Sister Mrs. Henderson was received into fellowship on Sunday morning. All meetings were exceptionally well attended, as many as 90 coming to evening gatherings. The mission party comprised Miss Saunders, L.R.S.M., A.Mus.A., as pianiste; E. F. G. McIlhagger as song-leader; I. W. Nixon, out-going preacher, as speaker; and L. G. Johnson, who takes over the work. A teacher's Bible to Miss Saunders and a monetary gift to Mr. McIlhagger were presented with words of thanks for the splendid service rendered, and to Mr. Nixon a cash presentation was made as a farewell gift and gesture of appreciation of his term of service.

"The Red Book" (No. 12) containing topics and daily readings for 1941, has been issued by the National C.E. Unions of Australia and New Zealand. We congratulate the preparer of this book, Mr. Howard Earle, Bible Study Superintendent, on the excellence of the material provided. The book is admirably suited to help the young people of the societies, and, indeed, any Christians who care to study it. The wide range of the studies provided is indicated in Mr. Earle's statement regarding the syllabus: "The 'Consecration topics cover two series of studies—one on 'The Dedicated Life,' which is the soul of C.E., the other on 'Christ's Kinsmen,' being studies in the Beatitudes, which are lines drawn by our Lord in the portrait of the man and the woman of the kingdom of God. The main series of studies is on 'Cardinal Elements' of Christian Endeavor. This theme has been chosen in view of the diamond jubilee of the movement. Three other series of studies are included in the syllabus:—(1) 'On Seeking Satisfaction,' being studies in the little known (and understood) Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. (2) 'On Learning to Pray'—and who does not feel his or her need of guidance here? (3) 'On the Significance of Jesus,' being studies in 'What Jesus Means for Men' as this is indicated by the names they called him by and the names he himself made use of." We strongly recommend this "Red Book," and trust all its users will receive instruction and blessing.

In its issue for Oct. 3 the London "Christian World" had the following note: "To-day is the 250th anniversary of the death of Robert Barclay, the Quaker apologist. His famous book entitled, 'An Apology for the True Christian Divinity,' was one of the outstanding theological works of the seventeenth century, and it remains a standard work on the principles of the Society of Friends. It was first published in Latin in 1676, and in English in 1678. Barclay was a Scotsman, born in Morayshire in 1648. In 1667 he and his father associated themselves with the then derided cause espoused by George Fox. It was at about the same time that William Penn made a similar decision, and the two young men became Fox's ablest and most influential supporters and colleagues. They travelled widely, both in this country and on the Continent, and they shared persecutions and imprisonment. Later, however, Barclay came under the protection of the Duke of York, afterwards James II., and was in favor at Court. He was one of the twelve Quakers who were granted the proprietorship of East New Jersey in 1683, but although he was appointed nominal Governor, he acted through a deputy and was never himself resident in the Colony. He continued to live on his estate in Scotland, and to serve the cause by his writings.

He had outstanding gifts both of scholarship and of practical sagacity, and no man did more to build up the organisation of the Society of Friends, or to expound and defend its principles."

Our Book Table.

"JERICHO'S JUDGMENT."

WHEN the first edition of Mr. W. J. Beasley's "Jericho's Judgment: The Fascinating Story of Modern Archaeology" appeared, we gave a favorable review. Throughout the world this interesting volume, with its graphic story of investigation and its striking corroboration of the biblical narrative, has had a very large circulation. Messrs. Marshall, Morgan and Scott Ltd. have now issued the fourth special Australian edition in paper covers at the low cost of 2/9; posted 3/-. Dr. Mowll, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, writes a commendatory foreword. Preachers and Sunday school teachers will find this book most valuable. It is an excellent book for the ordinary man "who has neither the time, nor the training to keep up with the details of scientific archaeology." 28 good illustrations add to the value of the book.

THE ROAD TO ARMAGEDDON.

THOSE who know Mr. David Simpson's other books will be prepared for his treatment of prophecy as set forth in "The Road to Armageddon." In a little volume of about 50 reading pages he deals with war; the Jewish problem; signposts of Armageddon—religious, social, political; the Rapture of the church; Britain and Palestine; and Armageddon itself. Sometimes there are statements made for which proof would be desirable. We are surprised to find our author applying Mark 13: 14-16 to events still future instead of to the destruction of Jerusalem, from which Christians fled to safety in harmony with the advice of our Lord. The price of the booklet is 1/6, posted 1/8.

"THE DOCTOR SAYS."

THIS is the title of a splendid little book on sex questions by the late Dr. D. Stewart McColl. He deals as only a Christian and a doctor can do with the subjects of purity and overcoming temptation. Lt.-Col. C. Bjelke-Petersen writes a foreword strongly recommending the booklet, saying: "I have no hesitation in endorsing, as I believe every outstanding religious and educational leader of the day would endorse, his observation that spiritual help is necessary to this stern battle of life, and I know that such help can be obtained through contact with the living Christ." Mr. S. John Bacon, of Melbourne, is the publisher of the book, the price of which is 6d., posted 7d.

"CROSS INTO SWASTIKA."

THIS one of Hodder & Stoughton's series of pamphlets on the spiritual issues of the war consists of a collection of quotations from original German documents. The translations are made directly from the German, and the source is always given. They are representative of the works of men who would destroy our holy religion. The opening extract is from Hermann Rauschning's "Hitler Speaks," the statements being made by Hitler in 1933. Its terrible opening sentences are: "The religions are all alike, no matter what they call themselves. They have no future—certainly none for the Germans. Fascism, if it likes, may come to terms with the church. So shall I. Why not? That will not prevent me from tearing up Christianity root and branch, and annihilating it in Germany." Here is another quotation, from Rudolph Hammer's "End of German Protestantism": "The teachings of Christianity must be kept free from German youth, for German youth are to be brought up to be hard, true, loyal men. Youth educated in Christianity must be soft, pliant and disloyal, for true Christianity and life cannot be combined, and above all, Christianity and Germany cannot be combined." The price of the booklet is 4d., posted 5d.

News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—On Nov. 24 Bro. R. Edmunds, of Invermay, addressed church, and Bro. Max Kane gave gospel address. Morning attendance on Dec. 1 was 115, and Bro. Lowe spoke on "Concerning Two Sons." H.M. offering was taken. At night a baptismal service was held. Bro. Lowe's topic was "Crown Rights in His Kingdom." 129 broke bread for the day.

Invermay.—During Bro. Morgan's absence on holiday, services were conducted by Bren. J. Hodgson, E. A. Stevens, R. Edmunds, H. V. Stevens, M. Alderton and H. Nicholls. Sunday school held a very successful annual picnic at Perth on Nov. 4. On Nov. 24 Bible school anniversary services were conducted with special singing at afternoon and evening services. Evening attendance was over 200. Bro. Hodgson spoke in morning at a teachers' recognition service, and Bro. Morgan delivered special children's messages at all other services.

QUEENSLAND.

Alblon.—Bro. D. R. Stirling is on annual holidays. Local brethren have given very helpful messages. Bro. T. A. Fergusson has been leading prayer meetings and Bible classes. At gospel service on Dec. 1, prizes won by young worshippers were presented by Sister Mrs. Whitnal. Band of Hope gave first concert on Nov. 15. On afternoon of Nov. 27 an isolated believer was immersed.

Bundaberg.—Morning service on Nov. 24 was broadcast. Bro. Larsen's topic was "An Important Question and Two Answers." The chapel was crowded, it being 17th church anniversary service and "every-member-present" Sunday. Three Bible school scholars made the good confession. At night Bro. Larsen spoke on "Christian Unity." Four Bible school scholars were baptised, and two men confessed Christ. Mrs. Roberts is ill in hospital.

Toowoomba.—The anniversary thanksgiving offering which totalled £106 (£6 above the aim) has been devoted to building fund. Bible school anniversary on Nov. 24 was eminently successful. Bro. H. G. Payne, Queensland youth organiser, was guest speaker. Prizes were distributed in afternoon, 164 awards being made. A children's choir, trained by Bro. L. A. Trezise, occupied gallery at afternoon and evening services. A youth tea, organised by Bible class and attended by over 60 young people, was addressed by Bro. Payne. There was one confession at gospel meeting.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—At Boulder Sunday school anniversary services on Nov. 10, singing and items by the children were very good at both the afternoon and evening services. Bro. Riches gave an interesting illustrated address entitled "Bells" in the evening, service being well attended. Prize distribution and demonstration was held on Nov. 13. Two ladies were baptised on Nov. 24, and one has been received into fellowship. Bro. Riches is giving talks on "The Holy Spirit" at weekly prayer meetings.

Maylands.—On Nov. 3 Bro. Bamford spoke at both services; his message at night was on "Christ the Light of the World." Bro. Lavery, from North Perth church, spoke at 11 a.m. on Nov. 10. The evangelist conducted gospel service. There were good meetings for the day. On Nov. 17 Bro. A. Bell exhorted the church. At gospel service Bro. Lavery spoke in absence of the evangelist, who was sick. On Nov. 20 the women's guild conducted prayer meeting. Thanks of the church are extended to Bren. Lavery, A. Bell and D. R. Hill for supplying platform need.

Perth.—On morning of Nov. 24 Mrs. Watkins was welcomed into membership. Bro. J. Wiltshire gave a helpful message on "The Perils of Distant Discipleship." At night Bro. V. Conigrave rendered a solo, and Bro. Wiltshire delivered the final chart address on "The Way into the Holiest." Visitors included Sister Miss Gill, Bro. L. Wiltshire, Box Hill, Vic. On Nov. 27 Mr. J. Corbett spoke to C.E. society on "Christian Citizenship."

Fremantle.—Encouraging improvement in attendances marked 48th church anniversary on Nov. 3. Bro. J. W. B. Robinson, of Nth. Perth, presided at morning meeting. In the evening a young people's choir of 25 members, conducted by Mrs. Briddick, assisted. Sisters Ruth and Joy McDiarmid and Mrs. Cosh also helped with musical items. Bro. Wiltshire, of Lake-st. church, assisted at week night meeting. A special offering for local funds reached £18. Dorcas and church aid society has given over £5 for Christmas cheer amongst the brotherhood. Bible school attendances have improved, average now being well over the hundred. The war comforts organisation has raised £55, and an endeavor is being made to reach every one associated with the church in army or navy with a useful gift before Christmas. It is much regretted that Bro. E. R. Sherman is terminating his engagement at Palmyra in January next to accept a position with the church at Inglewood.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Moorook.—The work goes on well under the leadership of Bro. Patching, of Berri circuit, who has delivered some fine, instructive addresses. C.E. society is doing well, and Sunday school attendances are good. Dorcas society continues its good work.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—The work is going on steadily. Bro. Hurren is giving splendid addresses, and midweek prayer meetings are keeping up well. The Gospel of Mark is being studied. J.C.E., under Sisters Mrs. De Laine and Miss Leedham, is making good headway.

Naracoorte.—Bro. and Sister Banks, of Moonta, were visitors during past month, and Bro. Banks' helpful morning and gospel addresses on Nov. 3 and 10 were much appreciated. Meetings are well attended, although there is much sickness among members. Bren. Davey and Mc Nicol are ably assisting the church.

Whyalla.—Twelve attended breaking of bread service on Dec. 1. Bro. W. J. Tregloan gave a helpful exhortation on "Demas." The brethren decided to bid for a block of land for a chapel. Helpful meetings have been held in the home of Bro. and Sister L. Berry under the leadership of Bro. A. G. Thurgood for two Saturday evenings.

Bordertown.—All meetings are well attended, especially Y.P.S.C.E. Bro. Russell exhorted on Nov. 24, and Bro. E. P. Veroo preached in the evening. Bro. L. E. Veroo spoke on Dec. 1. Miss McMartin is ill in hospital at Glenelg. The church extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. L. E. Veroo in the home call of her mother, Mrs. McCallum.

Mile End.—Re-union gatherings proved a great blessing and witness. Objective of £100 for debt reduction was realised. Fellowship of many past members was enjoyed. Bro. H. P. Manning gave the morning address. The afternoon "Back-to-Bible School" brought many past teachers, and Bro. W. L. Ewers spoke. Tea was attended by about 40. In the evening Bro. Forbes gave a powerful message to a big congregation. Two anthems by a large choir conducted by Mr. Reg. Lampshire were appreciated. At a social on Nov. 27 a representative gathering assembled. Bro. B. W. Manning was main speaker. Dec. 1 was closing of Bro. A. E. Forbes' ministry, and after the gospel service a parting gift was made to Mr. and Mrs. Forbes on behalf of officers and members.

Semaphore.—Bro. Oram has entered his seventh year as preacher. Between 70 and 80 friends of Sister Bell Grant met in the school hall on Nov. 26 and gave her an evening and presentation. She and Private Knight, A.I.F., were married on Nov. 30 in the chapel. S.S. had largest attendance for year on Nov. 24. I.C.E. and J.C.E. are having good meetings.

Point Sturt.—On Nov. 10 the church celebrated its eighty-fifth anniversary. Bro. Wilson spoke at both services. In the evening Miss R. Howard rendered a solo. On Nov. 23 Mr. C. H. Swan, secretary of Bible Society, gave an interesting illustrated lecture on "The Soul of a Continent." Attendance at church meetings has fallen off slightly owing to sickness. Milang Endeavorers held weekly meeting in the chapel on Nov. 27.

Norwood.—On Nov. 17 Bro. Grosby, of Prospect, spoke at morning service on behalf of S.A. Temperance Alliance. Bro. Ingham preached at night. On Nov. 20 Mr. Derbyshire, of B. & F. Bible Society, gave a lantern lecture on "Palestine, Old and New." Officers of the church attended Y.P.S.C.E. on Nov. 25 and conducted the meeting. Bro. Ingham spoke at all services on Dec. 1. At night members of the cricket club attended.

Queenstown.—On Nov. 24 Bro. G. Cox exhorted the church and Bro. Brooker preached at night. On Dec. 1 Bro. Brooker spoke at both services. On afternoon of Nov. 21 the sisters' bright hour was held. Miss Grant, president of sisters' conference, gave an enjoyable talk. On Nov. 23 the girls' club held a successful "continental," proceeds for Christmas cheer for poor of church and for Protestant Children's Home.

Glenelg.—Young people's club enjoyed a hike and barbecue on evening of Nov. 23 as a wind-up. On Dec. 1 Bro. D. K. Beiler acceptably addressed the church and Mr. Derbyshire, of the B. and F. Bible Society, spoke at night. The preacher presided. Bro. Thomson, on behalf of the church, made a small presentation to Bro. John Milbank, who may soon be leaving with 2nd A.I.F. Choir journeyed to Pt. Adelaide Methodist mission and rendered the cantata "Esther" on Dec. 2.

Brooklyn Park.—During the preacher's absence on holidays, helpful messages were given by Bren. J. Maxted, G. Bridgman, A. Coin and H. D. Steward. On Dec. 1, 53 broke bread, 82 were in Bible school, and 75 at evening service. Bro. Beiler preached morning and evening. After his message on "The Thing Worth Knowing," a Bible school scholar confessed Christ. A quartette was beautifully rendered. Bro. A. H. Wilson has accepted the church's invitation to labor as part-time preacher beginning on Feb. 9.

Murray Bridge.—A successful sacred concert was held on Nov. 27 towards work of men's fellowship. Bro. N. G. Noble's morning message on Dec. 1 was "Where is Now Their God?" Evening subject was, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" A young man confessed Christ and was immersed. A helpful duet was sung by Sisters Brenda Orchard and Laurel Harper, and a solo by Sister Clem. Gruhl. At 3 p.m. a gift was made to Bro. Les. Keatch from Bible school for excellent secretarial services before leaving to reside in Adelaide.

Nailsworth.—On Nov. 24 Mr. Rankine, of Fullarton, spoke in morning to a fine and appreciative audience. Bro. Shipway preached at night. Northern Suburban C.E. Union held half-yearly rally in the chapel. A nice meeting was held; Bro. Cornelius was speaker. Lady members of Y.P. visited Barton Vale girls' home and presented a concert which was much enjoyed by the girls. Bro. Shipway was speaker at morning service on Dec. 1. Attendance at new Bible class was 27. At night Bro. Shipway preached on "When He Comes."

Hindmarsh.—On morning of Dec. 1 Bro. W. L. Ewers gave a splendid exhortation. Mrs. Noble, baptised the previous Lord's day, was welcomed into fellowship. In afternoon the men's Bible class held annual re-union and fellowship tea, with a splendid gathering. Mr. Walter Sims spoke on "After the War—What

Then?" About 120 sat down to tea. About 150 were at gospel meeting, when a male choir of 40 sang two hymns. Bro. Ewers preached powerfully on "Except a Man be Born Again." Bro. Higgs was a visitor from Northam, W.A. On Monday evening last the Y.P.S.C.E. held their annual mystery hike.

Cottonville.—At gospel meeting on Nov. 24 a young girl was baptised. On Dec. 1 three were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. A. E. Brown gave a fine address on morning of 24th, and on 8th Bro. Cliff Manning, who has enlisted in Army Medical Corps, addressed the church. Members of "busy bees" have almost completed renovations to hall. Endeavorers are sending Christmas parcels to Aborigines' Mission at Finnis Springs. Attendances at Sunday school have been very good, with a recent record for some years. Special Tuesday evening meetings concluded last week, when Bro. W. L. Ewers spoke. The work continues in wonderful heart.

VICTORIA.

Hampton.—On Dec. 1 Miss Bevilacqua, from S.A., was amongst visitors. Home mission offering was £16/4/6. Bro. Stephenson gave interesting addresses. Girls' gymnastic classes held a successful display on Nov. 27.

Preston.—Inspiring services were held on Dec. 1. Bro. Robinson delivered the morning exhortation, when two were welcomed into fellowship. He also preached at night to a good congregation. Home mission offering was £5/15/3.

Coburg.—After a ministry of eight years, the most successful period in the history of the church, Bro. H. Swain last week tendered his resignation. Many tributes were paid to his great service, and his resignation was accepted with regret.

North Essendon.—On Dec. 1 the church welcomed the conference president (Bro. Murray), who spoke at morning meeting on home missions. Following Bro. Roffey's gospel address in the evening, two Bible class girls made the good confession.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Dec. 1, at morning service, a young lady and young man were baptised. A brother and a sister from Torrens, S.A., were present. Bro. Hughes preached at both services. Bro. J. Richards, from Unley, S.A., was amongst visitors.

Ararat.—A successful Christmas tree and sale of work in town hall on Nov. 28, organised by ladies' church aid society, was opened by Mr. R. J. Burke, the mayor. Miss D. Fox has been appointed Bible school secretary. Miss T. Patton, of West Preston, was welcomed into fellowship.

South Richmond.—During past month attendances on Sundays have been fair. Prayer meetings and women's sunshine circle meetings are happy and profitable times. Sunday school attendance has been encouraging. On Nov. 30 one of the teachers, Miss E. Whitmore, was united in marriage to Mr. R. Leslie.

Newmarket.—On Nov. 17 Bro. Robb addressed both meetings. Sister Mrs. Robb rendered a violin solo. Bro. Robb spoke at both services on Nov. 24. A ladies' quartette was rendered. Bro. W. Clay addressed morning meeting on Dec. 1. Bro. Robb preached at night, and Joan Sullivan rendered a solo.

Bentleigh.—On Nov. 24 Bro. Withers, from Brighton, addressed morning service and Bro. C. Young preached at night. Ladies' mission band held fourth anniversary on Nov. 27 with a fine gathering of members from district churches. An interesting address was given by Sister Dudley on experiences in the New Hebrides.

Yarrawonga.—Well-attended meetings were held on Dec. 1. Mulwala Sunday school had highest attendance for some time. At gospel service a young man of the A.I.F. confessed Christ and was immersed. Bro. Pittman continues to give very helpful addresses. Much sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sister Nicholson and family in the loss of their little boy Ken. Bro. J. Nicholson, jun., is on final leave.

Portland.—On Dec. 1 Bro. Comer's address to the church on "Earthly Trial Watched by Heavenly Hosts" was enjoyed by all. Offering for home missions was £1/16/-.

Wedderburn.—Church attendances maintain a fair average. Sister Mrs. Holmes is in hospital. During Bro. Coventry's stay combined meetings were held, when all ministers of Protestant churches in the town took part. Meetings were well attended, and messages of high standard. While Bro. Coventry is in S.A. for college vacation, visiting speakers will carry on the work.

North Williamstown.—Very helpful meetings were held on Dec. 1. At morning service Bro. and Sister M. Partridge, of Launceston, were welcomed into fellowship. At night two who had previously owned Christ were immersed. Sisters' mission band held anniversary afternoon recently, when an enjoyable talk was given by Mrs. H. A. G. Clark.

Sunshine.—On morning of Oct. 24 Bro. Saunders gave an exhortation on "Something Worth Glorifying In." At night Bro. Plummer's address was on "Confessions." Bro. Cox spoke on morning of Dec. 1. In the evening Bren. Thomas and Fergus gave the message relating to the "Second Coming of Christ." Soloist was Bro. Neil McCann. Home mission offering, £4/10/-.

Hartwell.—Both meetings on Dec. 1 were well attended. In morning three who recently confessed Christ were received into fellowship. At annual dinner which concluded church anniversary celebrations, the ladies handed the officers a cheque for £35/10/-, making a total of £66/10/- for a year and five months' work to reduce building debt. Temple Day offering is now £110.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Fair meetings were held on Dec. 1. Bro. Robinson speaking. In an effort to increase school attendance an individual class rally has been started. Keen interest is taken by scholars. Sister Mrs. Evans has been unable to attend meetings owing to ill-health. At close of gospel service a young lady of the Bible class made her stand for Christ.

Camberwell.—There were good attendances on Dec. 1. Bro. Scambler maintaining interest well. Home mission offering was up 60 per cent.—£13. Choir has held successful evenings at homes of Misses Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cleland. Prayer meeting supports Balwyn mission on Wednesday nights. Bro. J. Turner, of East Kew church, has accepted a call to Camberwell, commencing first Sunday in March.

Berwick.—On Nov. 24 a visit was appreciated from Bro. W. Pike, whose addresses were very helpful. Bro. K. Jones officiated at the marriage of Miss Pateman and Mr. Ronaldson on Nov. 30. Young people from Dandenong paid a visit on Saturday afternoon, and games of tennis were enjoyed. The church is behind Bro. Pike, who is working hard for the success of the mission to be held at Morwell.

Parkdale.—Bro. Alex. Wilson gave a splendid gospel message on Nov. 17. Kinder department had a picnic party on afternoon of Nov. 23; Sister Mrs. A. Toyne provided meals. Twelfth home-coming day services were well attended, many former members and friends being present. Messages of Bren. L. E. Brooker at Y.W.L., A. L. Gibson at worship service, and C. G. Taylor at gospel meeting were very good.

Ormond.—On Nov. 25 the officers of the church conducted C.E. meeting, Bro. J. Ritchie giving a good address. Bro. C. L. Lang gave a fine talk at prayer meeting; attendances still keep up. On Dec. 1 Bro. Lang gave a helpful address in the morning. Bible school went to 3 DB for Sunday School of the Air; Bro. C. L. Lang was speaker. At gospel service he gave a forceful message. Home mission offering for day, £10.

Reservoir.—Bro. Lofts gave the message on morning of Dec. 1. Gospel meeting was entirely conducted by ladies of the church, Sister McInnes presiding. Three anthems were rendered by ladies' choir under leadership of Mrs. Plummer. An excellent address was given by Sister Bischoff. At conclusion of the meeting Sister McInnes handed a cheque for £35 to the

church secretary from the ladies to be paid to building fund principal. This money was portion of proceeds from a recent sale of work.

Hamilton.—On Nov. 17 Bro. T. Robb was speaker. At annual business meeting of church on Nov. 20, splendid reports were received. Bro. R. Miles was elected a deacon to replace Bro. Eric Porter, who has gone to Macarthur to reside. All other officers were re-elected. Supper was served. On Nov. 21 several visitors were present. Bro. and Sister J. Methven, of Warrnambool, were with the church on Dec. 1. Monthly after-church fellowship at night was enjoyed by many. Home mission offering was made during day.

Ballarat (York-st.).—Attendances at all services are good. Bren. Ritchie, Feary and Sheppard have been speakers. Opening of tennis courts was held successfully on Dec. 1. Working bee has effected improvement to chapel surroundings preparatory to painting chapel. Junior Endeavorers have donated 10/- to home mission appeal. Bro. Ritchie has conducted anniversary services for third time in one of Ballarat's largest Methodist churches. Well over £5 was collected on Nov. 30 as quarterly contribution to building fund.

Mildura.—Last Sunday Bro. L. Cameron was speaker at 11 a.m. Several visitors from Berri, S.A., were welcomed. Bro. Lewis' address at gospel service was on "Drifting from the Truth." Many outsiders were present. Two young Sunday school scholars were baptised. Last Saturday a working bee was held to line Sunday school building; this work is almost completed. C.E. held a social in home of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson on Nov. 26. Prayer meetings on Thursday evenings are encouraging; attendances continue to increase.

Boort.—On Nov. 24 there were good meetings. Bro. Wright gave a helpful morning address on "It is Finished," and at night a splendid gospel message on "Conversion." Sister Lacy and Bro. Wright sang a duet. On Dec. 1 Bro. Wright's messages were very helpful. Morning subject, "To live is Christ, to die is gain." Gospel address was on "Naaman the Leper." Four members rendered a quartette. Bren. D. Lanyon and D. Jones are home on final leave. Bro. Wright spoke words of farewell and wished them God's blessing.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 25 a very successful display by gymnasium club was given in Victoria Hall. On morning of Dec. 1 Bro. Baker spoke on "The Ministry of Comfort." 159 broke bread. Mr. Ennis addressed the Bible class on "Can the Church Work Effectively in War-time?" At night the Rechabite Lodge attended under leadership of Bro. H. H. McKean. There was a very large attendance. Bro. Walter Albiston, of the lodge, preached a fine sermon on "Remember Now Thy Creator." Bro. Joyce, aged 86 years, passed away during the week.

Essendon.—At C.E. meeting on Dec. 1 Bro. Jack Brideson, secretary of Bible school, unveiled a large notice-board in the shape of the C.E. shield as a memorial in honor of Joan Kemp. Bro. Illingworth received into fellowship three young people who were baptised recently. Gospel meeting took the form of a combined young people's service. Bro. Illingworth gave an interesting discourse on "Small Things, Small Beginnings," and also baptised three young ladies who made the good confession on Nov. 24. On Nov. 28 the ladies' guild held their final meeting for the year.

West Preston.—Bro. Brown gave morning address on Dec. 1, when Mrs. Jones was received into fellowship. At close of gospel service on Nov. 24, Bro. Wigney baptised a sister who confessed Christ the previous week. Bro. Wigney's earnest gospel messages are appreciated, and he is very active in visitation. Missionary committee visited W.M. band recently, when gifts were brought for Guest Home. On Oct. 29 they joined Thornbury ladies in a visit to the home, where a helpful and pleasant afternoon was spent with the old folk. On Nov. 20 Mrs. McKeecknie addressed the ladies, and on this day gifts were brought for Guest Home fete. The band has an average attendance of 25. Recently the P.B.P. entertained

officers and their wives. The officers conducted devotional period and also the social evening, when trophies won by girls' basket ball team were presented.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—A fine spirit prevails in all meetings. Half-yearly business meeting showed all branches of work in healthy condition. On Nov. 24 Bro. J. Allan gave a challenging message on "The Country Calls." Bro. Gale's illustrated lecture on home mission work was much appreciated. On Dec. 1 Bro. Clipstone spoke at both services. Addresses were entitled, "Fields White to Harvest," and "What this State Needs." Bro. Lloyd Griffiths, on final leave A.I.F., was presented with a wallet. H.M. offering was £22/16/6. Sympathy is expressed to the McConchie family in the homecall of their mother.

East Preston.—First anniversary services were held on Nov. 16 and 17. An open-air meeting conducted by Campaigners for Christ on Saturday, at 6.45, was followed by a gospel meeting in the chapel, addressed by Mr. L. Buck. Sunday speakers were, morning, Chaplain C. Young; 3 p.m., Mr. A. G. Bennett; 7 p.m., Mr. C. J. Robinson. At the latter service, attendance was 90, and the children sang splendidly. A tea meeting was held on Nov. 19, and with distribution of prizes concluded a happy anniversary celebration. There is an average attendance of 50 at Bible school, 20 at worship meetings. Several scholars have decided for Christ, and there is a live J.C.E.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Georgetown.—At first annual church meeting on Nov. 30, all deacons nominated were elected. A sister who recently made the good confession was baptised at mid-week prayer meeting, and was also received into fellowship on Dec. 1, services on that day being conducted by Bro. Wylie.

Enmore.—Despite torrential rain and attendances down to half the H.M. offering doubled total of that for last year. Concert held on Nov. 26 for bomb relief fund will yield over £20. On Dec. 1 two messages were given over 2CH—one on the "College of the Bible" at 6 p.m., and the other at 8.45 on "Our Position."

Paddington.—There were excellent attendances at Bible school anniversary. The singing was of a high standard under the leadership of Miss T. Walter. Bro. Greenhalgh gave an illustrated address on "The Message of the Clock." Prizes were presented, and those won at annual examination, also Y.P.D. banner for 1940. A record school attendance was reported for the month. On Dec. 1 Miss Betty Dale was received into fellowship. Bro. Greenhalgh spoke at both services, on topics, "Modern Herodians" and "Addition by Subtraction." Attendances were good.

Albury.—Despite much sickness amongst the members, meetings during November were all well attended. Sisters Spieres and Pratt, and Bren, Sproule and Williams are recovering. Bro. Alan Garland, of A.I.F., conducted both services on Nov. 24. The church is pleased to have the fellowship of Bren. Don. Thomas, Alan Garland, Davies, White and many others in A.I.F. camp. On Nov. 23 Bro. Gerald Jansen, a much loved deacon, was called suddenly home. The church extends sympathy to Sister Jansen and family in their great loss. An enjoyable Bible school picnic was held on Nov. 30. After ten months as student preacher, Bro. Walmsley commenced full-time ministry on Dec. 1.

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Ethelbert Davis.

THERE has been a remarkable revival of interest in the work of evangelism in this State during the past year. That has been very largely due to the successful missions which have been conducted by the Hinrichsen-Morris team, and the passion with which E. C. Hinrichsen, as Director of Evangelism, has been urging the churches to be more aggressive in their work. With three or four exceptions, all the churches have applied for a Hinrichsen mission. Those of us who are evangelistic by temperament, training and conviction welcome the rising tide of interest, and pray that ere long the flood-tide may be reached.

Half yearly Conference.

At Hamilton, Newcastle, on Nov. 16, the first half-yearly conference was held. The last annual conference decided that such a conference should be held in some district outside Sydney. The place for the first gathering was well chosen, for the meetings were splendidly attended, and the interest was keen. Each of the committees of the general conference sent representatives, who presented the claims of their respective departments. The evening session was the most largely attended. Roy L. Arnold was the speaker, who took as his subject, "The Best Church I Know."

Naremburn.

One of the smaller churches in Sydney is the church at Naremburn. For some months it has been helped by Chatswood church. Mr. R. V. Amos, who has graduated from the College of the Bible this year, and who is preacher-elect of the church at Georgetown, will assist the church for a couple of months. It is expected that this will lead to a greater work being done.

Kingsford.

The next Hinrichsen mission in New South Wales will be held at Kingsford, a district known until late years as South Kensington. The mission will start early in the new year.

ADDRESSES.

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DEATHS.

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ZELIUS.—On Nov. 27, 1940, Ernest Reginald, beloved youngest son of the late Martin and Eliza Zelius, and loving brother of Ruby (Mrs. C. T. Oliver, 67 Rochester-rd., Balwyn), Henry, Florrie (Mrs. C. G. Gill) and Edith (Mrs. W. J. Lacey). Aged 52 years. Rest after weariness; peace after pain.

IN MEMORIAM.

COMBRIDGE.—In loving memory of our dear one (J. R. Combridge), who was called home Dec. 3, 1934.

Sleep on, beloved,
Sleep and take thy rest;
We loved thee well, but
Jesus loved thee best.
Good-night, good-night, good-night.

—Inserted by his loving wife and daughters,
Mrs. Morton and Doris.

COMING EVENTS. BROADCAST SERVICES.

Hindmarsh, S.A., Dec. 22, 7 p.m., 5 C.L. Preacher, W. L. Ewers. Choir presents excerpts from "Messiah." Annual service in interests of Hindmarsh Town Mission.

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ORPHAN SUPPORT.

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We now have available several boys who need supporters, and would be glad to hear of any school or society willing to undertake the support of a boy. This valuable work must be continued, but such a large family is a big drain on our resources. The steady income from our supporters for this work has been much appreciated over the years, and if possible, we do not want any gaps. Each unsupported boy or girl means we have to find at least £6 to cover the cost of the child's food for the year. Christmas cheer, Children's Day monies, and Christmas boxes have usually been able to supply much of the clothing and medical comforts. Share your Christmas blessings with one of our orphan boys in India. Full particulars will be gladly supplied by the Federal secretary.

INDIAN NOTES.

MAY we suggest that Christmas and New Year greetings be curtailed this year? The savings in purchasing cards and postages would be considerable. We do not suggest that our missionaries should be struck off our greetings list; but it can be done among our friends and acquaintances. Instead of cards of greetings send a love gift to overseas missions. It will also serve a much better purpose.

The annual meeting of the Indian Conference was held Oct. 20-30, and successful gatherings have been reported. The women's meeting was presided over by Mrs. Escott, president of the sisters' conference. Several greetings were read from several women's conferences in Australia. About sixty-five women assembled for this day of inspiration and praise. One important step was announced—a retreat for Christian women was to be carried out during the Christmas holidays. The general conference was presided over by the president, Mr. T. E. Escott. Twenty-eight delegates were present from the other centres, and about one hundred Christians gathered for all sessions of conference. This conference also decided to undertake special evangelistic work at Patas village, nine miles from Dhond, and accepted the kind offer of Dr. Oldfield to undertake regular medical work in the village.

Reports Stated:

20 new members by faith and baptism. 376 partook of the Lord's supper on an average in the four centres.

£41/10/- annual offering to support work under conference. £57 is in hand for evangelistic work.

The women who were attending the Bible-woman training classes under Bro. Bolduan have been appointed, some to full time, others to part time work. It is felt that the study classes have been well worth while, and there is a desire for a continuance at a future date. Dr. Oldfield states that they are planning to



Boys at Blake Memorial Home, Baramati. These boys represent a fair sample of the boys in the home. For such as these we are now asking supporters.

lay the foundations of the proposed chapel at Dhond. The donor of the chapel has already forwarded £100 so that this foundation work might be undertaken.

Dr. Oldfield also says, "The weekly visits to Girim, near Dhond, continue and seem to be well worth while. We celebrated the Dhond church anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 13, and a number of young fellows from Girim came to the meetings. They seemed to enjoy them, and we hope that there will be a reaping time among them soon."

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Obituary.

Mrs. C. Bridge.

MRS. CHRISTINA BRIDGE, aged 78, passed to her rest on Nov. 5 after a long illness. She was the widow of the late John Bridge, of Maylands church (W.A.), who predeceased her by two years. Our late sister was baptised at the age of 11 years by the late Peter Brown in Victoria. She and her husband were united in marriage by Bro. A. B. Maston, and were spared to celebrate their golden wedding. Bro. and Sister John Bridge were pioneers of Footscray church (Vic.). After coming to the West, they were in membership at Fremantle, later pioneering the cause at Maylands. Our sister was a Christian mother full of kindly deeds. A son and daughter, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren mourn the passing of one beloved. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—T.D.M.

Margaret Ann Turner.

SISTER MARGARET ANN TURNER was called home on Nov. 7 at the age of 84. She confessed Christ on Oct. 16, 1904, at a tent mission conducted by the late Thomas Bagley, and became a member of the church at Lygon-st., Carlton, where she rendered active service for Christ, being convener of C.E. sunshine committee and a foundation member of the Century Bible Class. During the past twelve years she had membership with the churches at Ivanhoe, Fairfield and then at Northcote. Our sister was very friendly in disposition, and was always an encourager and helper of others. She was faithful and diligent in her church associations, and although advanced in years, was regular in attendance at the Lord's table. Although she has passed from our presence, we remember her splendid character, and are assured that she is now with the Saviour she so much loved to serve.—W.T.A.

Tasmanian Women's Auxiliary.

BRO. L. A. BOWES gave an interesting address at West Hobart meeting of sisters' executive. A milk bar has been set up at Brighton camp, and the Temperance Alliance purpose assisting in establishing one at the Elphin Camp, Launceston. Temperance broadcasts are given by Bro. Bowes every Sunday at 1.45 p.m. from 7 HT. Mrs. Madel-Cole, president, expressed the sisters' appreciation of the address. Devotions were ably led by Mrs. Warmbrunn. A vocal duet was contributed by Mesdames Watkins and Ayers.

Good reports were received from all auxiliaries. The fair held by Margaret-st. Dorcas society was very successful, £56 being taken. Mrs. Watkins was appointed obituary superintendent in place of Mrs. N. A. Cooper who resigned through ill-health. The following sums are gratefully acknowledged for home mission special fund:—14/- West Hobart sewing class and £2/11/- collection taken at southern district conference.

Dec. 12 has been set aside for a day of fellowship in Collins-st. chapel.

Next meeting to be held at Collins-st. on Dec. 2.—B. Taylor, secretary.

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

THE auxiliary meeting was held at Grote-st. chapel on Nov. 6. Devotions were led by Mrs. Rootes, whose talk was on the "Fear Not" of the Bible. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Wakeley. Prior to devotional meeting each month a prayer service held from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. is very well attended, and a wonderful uplift.

At business session the president (Miss Grant) presided. There were 89 sisters present (58 delegates).

Obituary superintendent reported that Sisters Mrs. Shipway (Goolwa) and Mrs. Clarke (Strathalbyn) had received the home-call. Letters had been sent to the bereaved.

Collection for November meeting, £1/13/7½. Home Mission Committee superintendent had collected £2/15/5 for October.

Overseas Mission Committee.—£1/19/5 for October was collected. Christmas parcels for New Hebrides were awaiting further instructions.

Literature Committee.—Parcels of literature had been sent to Northfield Hospital, Sunset Lodge, Escourt House, and many others.

Hospital Committee.—Eighty-one visits were paid to Royal Adelaide Hospital, Children's, Keswick, Morris, Home for Incurables, Cottage, private, Old Folks' Home, Sunset Lodge, sick and aged. Magazines distributed, 35. Sweets, jam, cakes, fruit, etc., given. Money on table at auxiliary, 2/3.

Financial Statement, October.—Home missions, balance in hand, £2/16/7; general fund, balance in hand, £12/6/10; overseas missions, balance in hand, £6/3/-; catering fund, balance in hand, £15/6/6.

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ence, life's golden thread of purpose, "that
good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Let
the contagious courage of our Lord Jesus
Christ transform us into effective workers and
loyalists of God. For thy name's sake. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, by word and act
as well as by unconscious influence, we earn-
estly desire to be thy fellow-workers. We set
ourselves to this great privilege, very humbly
and by thy grace, knowing how liable we are
to savor of human rather than divine things.
Purge us! Place us! Empower us! we beseech
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