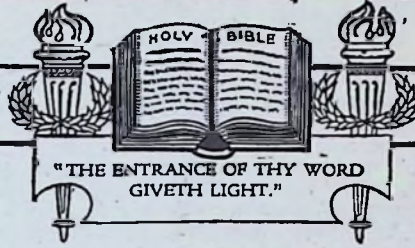


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The Garrison on Guard.

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THE Apostle Paul was a divinely inspired artist. From his pen there came many graphic word pictures, and there is no scene more vivid than that contained in the letter to the Philippians. Dr. Weymouth gives the passage in this way: "So will the peace of God, which surpasses all power of thought, be a garrison to guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." We see a besieged fortress; we see the enemy attacking rank upon rank; we see the little band of defenders nobly striving to keep the flag flying. This little group is the garrison on guard, and by constant vigilance they must be ready to meet any emergency. Their task is to resist the enemy and keep the fortress safe. Paul's picture, however, is not one of material warfare. He likens the Christian's heart to the fortress and the peace of God to the garrison on guard. Of course, the attacking enemy is the power of evil. The Christian needs defending, for many attacks are made on him, all aiming at capturing the fortress of the heart. The subtle seductions of sin demand a regular guard. The peace of God is the garrison on guard in the hour of our greatest need.

The peace of God is the garrison on guard in

The Hour of Temptation.

Temptation comes to every man at some time. To the common man in some gross form; to the nobler man in some more subtle way. In some way, at some time, it comes to all men. When the allurements of sin come to us we need a power beyond our own to give us victory.

Speaking to his disciples, Jesus once said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace." In that very utterance there is revealed the thought that they would need that peace. Then the Master goes on to say: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Here, indeed, we have a precious promise from the Prince of peace. He has overcome the world, temptation has no fear for him. In the hour of our need the peace of his presence will be the garrison on guard, keeping us from falling.

Sir Ernest Shackleton wrote in his record of the work in the Antarctic: "When I look back on those days, I have no doubt that Providence guided us, not only across the snow-fields, but across the storm-white sea that separates Elephant Island from our landing-place on South Georgia. I know that, during that long and racking march of 36 hours over the unnamed mountains and glaciers of South Georgia, it seemed to me often as if we were four, not three." The party only consisted of three, but they felt the unseen presence of the fourth in the hour of distress. When we are being tempted, for that is one of life's great hours of need, the peace of God will be the garrison on guard.

Then the peace of God is the garrison on guard in

The Hour of Disappointment.

Most of us have our cherished plans. Sometimes we are forced to see years of patient effort crumbling to ruins. Perhaps some honored friend deceives us. We are left alone, disappointed. But it is very true that disappointments are his appointments, for when we need him most he is there.

Disappointment has a very real power. In such an hour we are susceptible to temptation. It is then that we need a garrison on guard to protect the fortress of the heart. A young woman once came to a preacher and said: "I want to tell you something. I have been a victim of disappointment and discontent. All my life I have carried a bitter spirit, and I believed life was not worth living. I even believed there was nothing to live for." When the peace of God flooded her life and Christ became very real, all that was changed. She was protected from a recurrence of her suffering, but how much she would have been saved if that garrison had been on guard years before!

Again the peace of God is the garrison on guard in

The Hour of Personal Loss.

I talked one day to a woman whose husband had died a few months before. The grief of the parting was still very real to her. As we were talking she said: "Why did God take my husband? We were happy, he loved his children, and he was a good husband. I can't understand why he didn't take one of those who were not happy. I'm afraid it's made me very hard." As I listened to her, I, too, felt that she had become embittered. When grief has touched our lives, and we are likely to lose our sense of sympathy, and to become hard hearted, it is a good thing to have the peace of God in our hearts to protect us. To be conscious of the presence of the heavenly Watchman gives us comfort. The words of Jesus become wonderfully fraught with meaning for us. He said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you."

The hour of loss may bring to mind the contrasting hour of personal gain. In that hour, we too, need a garrison on guard. The time of prosperity brings with it the danger of falling. Wealth, fame or popularity may come our way, and with them comes the possibility of stumbling. Being exalted we may be unprepared for attack. I like what one recently said of two wealthy business men: "I admire them for their humility and love of Christ. Their wealth has not changed them." In the hour of prosperity they were kept from falling. Both in loss and in gain we are liable to heed

the tempter's voice, if there is not a divine garrison on guard.

Perhaps we are saying: "I could understand this if Paul had said that the presence of God, or the power of God, or the promises of God would be the garrison on guard. But how can peace protect us?" We only have to remember that it is the peace of God which protects us. There can be no peace of God without the presence of God. Where our heavenly Father is present, there also is his power. The peace of God is the surest sign of God's presence in the heart. The peace of God will be the garrison on guard to protect in all of life's hours of need. Knowing that the Lord is with us we are able to say,

"I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than go alone in the light."

Our Missing Men.

THE evacuations of Greece and Crete have brought sorrow to the hearts of many relatives and friends of men who lost their lives and great anxiety for those whose loved ones are yet missing. The Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender) reported last week that approximately 55 per cent.—3599 men—of the members of the A.I.F. who fought in Crete were still unaccounted for. Before the German invasion began there were 6486 Australians on the island, and 2887, including 218 wounded, have been reported evacuated. It is thought that a great proportion of the others are prisoners of war. Mr. Spender said that it was probable that a large number of Australian troops had been cut off in the north of the island. There is no indication of what proportion of the 3599 missing men are prisoners of war, what proportion died in action, and what proportion may possibly have escaped from Crete by means other than those provided by the navy. Included in the forces operating in Crete and Greece were many of our own men. Some of our people have rejoiced to learn of the safe evacuation of their loved ones. Others who are still anxious are hopeful and putting their trust in God. In the churches fervent prayers are constantly being offered for the preservation and safe return of the men whose presence and service are so much missed.

Dr. C. E. W. Bean, the official historian of the last war, is reported to have stated that although losses of Australian troops in Greece and Crete are heavy in comparison with those in the Libyan campaign, they are not heavy in proportion to those incurred by the A.I.F. in the 1914-18 war against either the Turks or Germans.

"Education for Insecurity."

UNDER the above heading an arresting address was given by Professor E. Ashby, of Sydney University, at a session of the Australian Association for Pre-school Child Development Conference held in Sydney last

week. The speaker urged the preparation of the rising generation for the new conditions of the post-war world. "We shall be the cause of great unhappiness," he said, "if we educate this generation of children for a stable and familiar world. I have called this address 'Education for Insecurity,' because it needs no prophesying and little foresight to see that we may have before us years of insecurity until the new values are established. The post-war world will be a world of non-economic values. The peculiarly Australian worship of standard of living may have to be replaced by striving for a standard of contentment—quite a different thing."

Professor Ashby asked, "What are the qualities needed for the next generation?" and gave the answer: "Courage, resource, a closeness to life, adaptability to the unfamiliar, resolve to keep alive that free spirit through hardship, and scorn of what, in the old economic world, was thought to be failure. These are the aims in education for insecurity." Christian people would wish to supplement that reply. Training for Christ, instruction in the Christian faith, the recognition that men do not live by bread alone and that spiritual values are above material ones, are essential elements in the highest education.

An Anthology of Comfort.

APPROVING notice is given by "The Expository Times" to what the reviewer calls "an anthology of comfort" compiled by Mr. Sidney Dark. "Lift Up Your Hearts" is Mr. Dark's own title of the book, which is filled with quotations chiefly from the Bible and well-known devotional literature. In these difficult days we can appreciate the work and its motive. "In these troubled times," writes Mr. Dark, "it has seemed worth while to put together this volume of encouragement, in the hope that the legion of the troubled and the burdened may be nerved to persistence and a stout heart by being reminded of the goodness of God, the wisdom of the wise, and the fine deeds of those who have successfully climbed the Hill Difficulty and have gone to their reward." At the end of the anthology appear the four great lines of Giles Fletcher:

"Christ is a path—if any be misled;
He is a robe—if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger—he is bread;
If any be a bondman—strong is he."

"Closer is He than Breathing."

A NEW anthology, entitled "God Signs His Name," has been prepared by Mr. H. Escott, who has collected many gems of thought from the devotional books written by Sir William Robertson Nicoll. The title is selected from one of the famous editor's striking sentences: "It is the golden threads of love which gleam through the mingled texture of our human life that sign in it the name of God."

One of Mr. Escott's selections emphasises the thought of God's nearness to us: "You remember the sneer about Christians who talked of God as if he were a person in the next street. We are lost if he is no nearer than the next street, lost if he is not nearer than the nearest, nearer than the atmosphere we breathe." These sentences are worthy of our remembrance. Though we know better, we are in danger of thinking of God as remote. A saintly minister in our hearing once told a large audience that an evangelistic service had been appreciated by people who were "listening in" in Fiji; and he added that the message had been heard even further, for God in his heaven heard it. The idea that God was further away from Christian people in Australia than Fiji is seemed not to be a novelty to the audience; yet it is far removed from reality. William Robertson Nicoll was right. "He is not far from each one of us; for in him we live, and move, and have our being."

The apostle's words are full of comfort. Tennyson's line puts the truth in a familiar way: "Closer is he than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet."

Choose Big Themes.

A VERY great preacher advised his speaking brethren to preach on big subjects—not to choose a little text or fragment of a text (an "if" or a "but"). There is much to be said in favor of the advice. A study of apostolic preaching fails to show that any inspired man confined himself to a phrase or a word. The New Testament is filled with treatment of great subjects which are still of first importance and full of interest. An

esteemed brother was recently advertised to preach on "Earth, Heaven, Hell." There seems no reason to think that he would feel cramped or be tempted to wander from his subject. A very experienced preacher can do wonderful things with apparently small texts—sometimes revealing their real greatness, and on other occasions drawing from them the things which he, rather than the original writer, first put into them. A young preacher may be well advised to give substance to his addresses by choosing big texts and great Gospel themes. One advantage is that he will not at the end of fifteen minutes have to leave his text for a hurried survey of mankind from China to Peru or of divine providence from Genesis to Revelation.

The Church and the Social Order.

THE report of the "Malvern Conference," or, as it is often called, "The Archbishop of York's Conference," held by members of the Church of England some months ago, is regarded as one of the most important conferences yet held dealing with the church and the social order. For the information of our readers we print some of its important findings.

The Social Order.

God himself is the Sovereign of all human life; all men are his children, and ought to be brothers of one another; through Christ the Redeemer they can become what they ought to be.

There can be no advance towards a more Christian way of life except through a wider and fuller acceptance of this faith, and through the adoption, by individuals, of the way of living which it implies.

There is no structural organisation of society which can bring about the coming of the kingdom of God on earth, since it is a gift of God, and since all systems can be perverted by the selfishness of man. Therefore the church as such can never commit itself to any proposed change in the structure of society as being a self-sufficient means of salvation.

But the church can point to those features of our existing society which, while they can never prevent individual men and women from becoming Christian, are contrary to divine justice, and act as stumbling-blocks, making it harder for men to live Christian lives.

In our present situation we believe that the maintenance of that part of the structure of our society, by which the ultimate ownership of the principal industrial resources of the community can be vested in the hands of private owners, may be such a stumbling-block. On the one hand it may deprive the poorest members of the community of the essentials of life. On the other, while these resources can be so owned, men will strive for their ownership for themselves. As a consequence, a way of life founded on the supremacy of the economic motive will remain, which is contrary to God's plan for mankind.

For one or both of these reasons, the time has come for Christians to proclaim the need for striving towards a form of society in which, while the essential value of the individual human personality is preserved, the continuance of these abuses will be no longer possible.

Christians, clergy and laity alike, cannot take part in this work unless they are ready to advocate and bring about a complete change in the internal position of the Church of England.

The General Principle.

We fully endorse the following declaration of the Madras Conference:—

"It is not enough to say that if we change the individual we will of necessity change the social order. That is a half truth. For the social order is not entirely made up of

individuals now living. It is made up of inherited attitudes which have come down from generation to generation through customs, laws, institutions, and these exist in large measure independently of individuals now living. Change those individuals and you do not necessarily change the social order unless you organise those changed individuals into collective action in a wide-scale frontal attack upon those corporate evils."

It should not be necessary to say that such a view as this does not in any way minimise the crucial significance of personal religion, which must always be the spring of Christian life.

Evangelism.

The church has a testimony to the world. This is first and foremost testimony to the Gospel itself; there is urgent need for more evangelistic preaching which may call men and women to submit their lives to Christ. There is also need to create in all who are or become members of the church a sense of its world-wide mission and its world-wide fellowship.

The Christian Doctrine of Man.

But the church has also a special testimony to the world in respect of its social and economic life. The Christian doctrine of man as created and redeemed by God for eternal fellowship with himself supplies on the one side the only sure foundation of freedom and of justice, and also on the other hand requires that men shall have an opportunity to become the best of which they are capable and shall find in the prosecution of their daily tasks fulfilment and not frustration of their human nature. This involves in our own time such an adjustment of machine-production as to secure that the use and service of machinery may be a true vocation. The Christian doctrine of man as a child of God carries with it the sacredness of human personality; a civilisation or social order must be judged by the extent to which it recognises this in practice.

Sin: the Perversion of Man's True Purpose.

Because we have neglected the true end of man, we have lost the controlling principle which allots to human activities their proper sphere and due relations to one another. Consequently, in the last period the economic activity of man, of which the product is the means to the good life rather than the good life itself, has become predominant, as though to produce material wealth were man's true end. We have here an example of the pervasive influence of human sin which the church must always keep before the minds and consciences of men. This is as relevant to schemes of reform to be operated by sinful men as to our judgment of the situation in which we find ourselves.

The Right to Property and the Rights of Property.

It is a traditional doctrine of Christendom that property is necessary to fulness of personal life, all citizens should be enabled to hold such property as contributes to moral independence and spiritual freedom without impairing that of others; but where the rights of property conflict with the establishment of social justice or the general social welfare, those rights should be over-ridden, modified, or if need be, abolished.

The Proper Purpose of Production.

The proper purpose of work is the satisfaction of human needs; hence Christian doctrine has insisted that production exists for consumption; but man is personal in all his activities and should find in the work of production a sphere of truly human activity, and the doing of it should be for the producer a part of the "good life" and not only his way of earning a livelihood.

The existing industrial order, with the acquisitive temper characteristic of our society, tends to recklessness and sacrilege in the treatment of natural resources, it has led to the impoverishment of the agricultural community, and is largely responsible for the problem of the "mass man," who is conscious of no status, spiritual or social, who is a mere item in the machinery of production, and who easily develops the herd psychology, which is automatically responsive to skilful propaganda.

A Challenge to Present Practice.

The following propositions were laid before the conference, which regarded them as a serious challenge and desired that they should be further discussed in a committee containing economists, industrialists and representatives of labor:—

(i.) The industrial world as we know it offends at many points against the principles which we have affirmed. To a large extent production is carried on not to supply the consumer with goods, but to bring profits to the producer; and the producer in turn is often subordinated to the purely financial ends of those who own the capital plant or supply the credit to erect or work it.

(ii.) This method of ordering industry, which tends to treat human work and human satisfaction alike as means to a false end—namely, monetary gain—becomes a source of unemployment at home and dangerous competition for markets abroad. We have seen the unemployment of Germany cured by an armament programme, whether adopted primarily for this purpose or not, and have cured our own, though (even so) not completely, by the same means. The system under which we have lived has been a predisposing cause of war, even though those who direct and profit by it have desired peace.

(iii.) The monetary system should be so administered that what the community can produce is made available to the members of the community, the satisfaction of human needs being accepted as the only true end of production.

(iv.) This status of man as man, independently of the economic process, must find expression in the managerial framework of industry; the rights of labor must be recognised as in principle equal to those of capital in the control of industry, whatever the means by which this transformation is effected.

(v.) In international trade a genuine interchange of mutually needed commodities must take the place of a struggle for a so-called favorable balance.

Conclusion.

To sum up, we believe that the most vital demands to be made by the church with a view to social reconstruction are two: The restoration of man's economic activity to its proper place as the servant of his whole personal life; and the expression of his status in the natural world as a child of God for whom Christ died.

The report closed with the following paragraph:—

The Good News.

The message of the church to those who have faith in God and put that faith into practice is Good News. Man cannot save himself or his society; but "God hath visited and redeemed his people" and is ready, if they are willing, to lead them "into the way of peace."

At the Table of the Lord.

THE GARMENTS OF THE SOUL.

"Christ Jesus, who was made unto us . . . righteousness."—1 Corinthians 1: 30.

"Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."—Romans 13: 14.

OUR Saviour in a parable showed the importance of being rightly clothed if we would enter into the presence of the King. The man without a wedding garment was rejected and cast into the outer darkness.

How shall we appear before the God of Righteousness? Were it our privilege to be granted an audience by an earthly monarch, we should give much thought to the manner of our going. Etiquette, dress and all relevant matters would receive careful attention. Yet, alas, men who will certainly stand before the King of kings make little or no preparation for the audience. We cannot appear in our ordinary garments. Often in the Bible lessons of sin and righteousness are conveyed under figures dealing with clothing. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." In the best of men there is nothing to commend us to God. To appear in the King's presence, we must have a new robe. That will suffice, and it is indispensable. We need the help of Christ, who, Paul says, was "made unto us . . . righteousness." Even Paul needed a change of garment, one not of his own providing—"not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness

which is of God by faith." In our hymn we pray:

"When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne."

In beautiful harmony with his statement that Christ has become our righteousness, the Apostle Paul twice speaks of Christians as putting on Christ, as it were clothed with him. When we look at one clothed with Christ, then perforce we see not the man in his sin, but the Christ himself. God, too, will see us in Christ Jesus. None of us need fear to face God who cannot look on iniquity, nor need we vainly trust in our self-righteousness. Christ is our righteousness, and we "put on Christ." The apostle told the Galatian Christians they were "all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptised into Christ did put on Christ." But putting on Christ is not a thing to be once done. Christians were commanded by the same apostle: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 13: 14). We have ever to be clothed with his righteousness. We would appear at this sacred feast clad in the fairest garment of the soul, each saying with Zinzendorf:

"Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress. . . .
This spotless robe the same appears
When ruined nature sinks in years:
No age can change its glorious hue;
The robe of Christ is ever new."

Which are You Like?

Luke 18: 9-17.

Prayer Meeting Topic for June 18.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

WE read this story when at Sunday school, and we have been reading it more or less mechanically ever since. Like some other stories we have failed to see in it anything applicable to ourselves. If Jesus wanted to make a similar application to-day I wonder what story he would tell? Which of these two men are you like?

The Pharisee.

We do not suggest that you are like the Pharisee, but have you ever honestly looked at him and at yourself? Of course, you do not dress like he did, and you do not pray in the street. People don't like that kind of thing. It isn't done. But there are other things. He trusted in himself that he was righteous. Ah! you are a decent living, moral being. You pay your debts, i.e., you pay material debts. No, you haven't paid all the debt you owe to God or to your fellow man. You are what you are because of the Christian environment and teaching to which you were subject in the days of your youth. But those things are spiritual and pertain to the kingdom of God. But self-righteousness rules out those factors, and is limited in its realm. You are righteous as men count it and not as God sees it.

You are very adept in making comparisons, and often measure your morality by the morality of others. Yours is not any worse by comparison, and this is true particularly when you take the church-man who isn't up to the average as a standard of measurement. It may even be that you are a little better than the hypocrite.

And you may also make another mistake of putting reputation before character. It paid the Pharisee to have a reputation, for he gained in social standing. Many a characterless life is camouflaged by a reputation. Sometimes the alleged moral man has no real character of the kind God wants in true men.

The Publican.

This taxgatherer sought not the public eye nor did he begin to compare his life with others. He was painfully aware of sin in his life. He was so borne down by the consciousness of it that he would not so much as lift up his eye to heaven. There were probably little sins and big sins, sins of omission and sins of commission, but in the aggregate it was sin that lay as a burden upon his heart, and all he could do was to say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." There was no excuse though, presumably had we been in his place we might have offered some. He was a poor helpless suppliant at the throne of a just and holy God. There was no vain repetition. Words did not come easily from his lips. He might have heard the accusing words of the Pharisee, but there is not any rebuttal, for he is what the Pharisee has said—a sinner.

Justified.

Why was he justified rather than the other? The other man regularly went to church and as regularly prayed. But the other man was a hypocrite. Let us all know there are hypocrites both inside and outside of the church. Some hypocrites never pray, and some poor self-confessed sinners pray often not in parade but in the inner room. Fasting and tithing and church going may all be fruitless and unproductive of real, consecrated, humble service such as counts for eternity. Pride serves but to destroy the best. Humility lifts us to God. "A humble and a contrite heart, O Lord, thou wilt not despise." Lord keep me so.

TOPIC for JUNE 25.—IS IT WISE TO BE WEALTHY?—Luke 18: 18-30.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

KEEP ON HOPING.

A TOPICAL verse sent by an English firm of manufacturers to their representatives in Melbourne:—

Keep your temper, Gentle Sir,
Writes the manufacturer.
Though your goods are overdue
For a month or maybe two,
We can't help it, please don't swear.
Looms are scarce, goods are rare,
Can't get yarns, can't get dyes;
These are facts, we tell no lies.
Harry's drafted, so is Bill,
All our work is now uphill.
So your order, we're afraid,
May be still a bit delayed.
Keep on hoping, don't get vexed,
Maybe this month, maybe next—
Keep on hoping, don't say die,
We'll do your order by-and-bye.

THE CHRISTIAN'S INFLUENCE.

THERE is a spiritual effluence proceeding from some people's lives analogous to the perfume of flowers. To sit in their presence is to be helped and purified. Such was the influence of Professor Henry Drummond.

A woman whose husband was dying came late to his house one night and asked him to come to her home. "My husband is deelin', sir. He is no' able to speak wi' you, and he is no' able to hear you; but I would like him to ha' a breath o' you about him afore he dees."

No more radiant crown was ever placed upon Drummond's brow. The woman had known him and loved him for his work's sake, and she felt that his presence would be a sanctify-

ing ministry, and would help to calm and bless the spirit of her husband as it was leaving for home. There is nothing to wonder at about all this. It is the promise of the Master—"He that believeth, out of him shall flow rivers!"—J. H. Jowett.

LET NOTHING BE LOST.

SMALL things are apt to be despised, yet from these spurned and trifling objects the greatest works are often accomplished.

A famous artist, who worked in mosaics, had a boy employed in his workshop. One day the lad timidly asked his employer if he might gather up some odd pieces of glass on the floor. His request was granted.

Later the master entered a room seldom visited by him, and found hidden away a beautiful piece of mosaic work, worthy of a master hand. The youth in his leisure had made it from the despised fragments which the master had thrown away.

So it is with the Christian life. We must attend to the small duties if we are to build up a beautiful character and Christ-like life.

Heard on egg Sunday in a suburban church the following announcement: "The junior Endeavorers are celebrating egg Sunday to-day, and invite your co-operation. Arrangements have been made for you to lay your eggs in the church porch."

Geography Teacher.—"Now, George, how do you know the world is round and hangs on nothing in the air? How do you prove it?"
George.—"I don't have to prove it. I never said 'twas."

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—BROTHERLY LOVE.

Monday, June 16.

BY this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13: 35.

To love one another as Christ loves us is a "new commandment," differing from that required by the law as the affection of the members of a well-ordered family differs from and is superior to a sympathetic interest in the welfare of our fellow-men.

Reading—John 13: 31-35.

Tuesday, June 17.

In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another.—Rom. 12: 10.

The word "affectioned" is found nowhere else in the New Testament. It signifies such love as exists between husband and wife, parents and children; a love which is fitting on the part of those who belong to God's great family and have the same aims and interests.

Reading—Romans 12: 9-21.

Wednesday, June 18.

Love never falleth.—1 Cor. 13: 8.

Miraculous powers were but temporarily bestowed, but love abides for ever. It is worth cultivating because of its permanence, and should never be neglected, because no other grace exerts such beneficent influence.

Reading—1 Corinthians 13.

Thursday, June 19.

Show ye therefore . . . the proof of your love.—2 Cor. 8: 24.

Paul pleads for the financial support of his co-laborers as an evidence of their love, which

reminds us that there can be no greater proof of love than self-sacrifice, and no more conclusive evidence of a fervent desire to extend the kingdom of Christ than to liberally support those who give themselves to the ministry of the word.

Reading—2 Corinthians 8: 16-24.

Friday, June 20.

Through love be servants one to another.—Gal. 5: 13.

During his earthly ministry, by stooping to help others Jesus proved the truth of his assertion, "I am in the midst of you as he that serveth." We must never forget that "a disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord."

Reading—Galatians 5: 13-26.

Saturday, June 21.

This is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that ye love one another.—1 John 3: 11.

We also have from the beginning heard this message. No subject has been more often preached upon or grace more frequently extolled. The one thing too often lacking is the practice of love.

Reading—1 John 3: 1-12.

Sunday, June 22.

We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.—1 John 3: 16.

In a sense, Christ laid down his life not only when he was crucified, but during the whole of his earthly ministry. Though not called upon to die for our brethren, we should, by self-sacrificing service, lay down our lives for them.

Reading—Deuteronomy 15: 1-15; 1 John 3.

Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

BOOKLETS FOR TEACHERS.

IT is becoming increasingly difficult to secure good practical books for the use of teachers in their work. Severe restrictions on imports have limited an already limited supply. Two useful handbooks have just been produced and issued locally by the General Board of Religious Education. Both of these are practical helps for teachers, and will prove to be of assistance particularly to those in the lower grades of the school.

"Poster Making for Amateurs" will be welcomed by all progressive teachers who desire to instruct through the eye-gate, and secure the co-operation of the scholars in useful handwork. The book seeks to teach how this work may be done—for it's a lead to amateurs. It deals with such subjects as posters and their purpose, equipment, how to print, planning a poster, children's poster work, etc. Much very instructive material is available here.

The other booklet deals with "Sand Tray Work" for beginners, primary and junior grades of the school. The writer sets out clearly the value of the sand tray as a method of expression work, and indicates the materials necessary for doing effective service. It has useful hints on methods and how the story may be built up on the sand tray as it is being told. Both books are well illustrated, and we can heartily commend them to teachers and schools as practical helps. They may be obtained through the Austral Publishing Co., and the price in each case is 1/6 or 1/8 posted.

LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

BIBLE school teachers and youth leaders had an excellent opportunity to step-up their enthusiasm and efficiency through the public lectures and demonstrations held in Melbourne during the last few weeks. Most of the suburban centres were represented on each of the four nights. Several progressive centres had large delegations present each night. The attendances on the four nights were 150, 186, 190, 175.

The first night it was our pleasure to have with us Messrs. A. T. McNaughton and R. Mathias, president and secretary respectively of the National Council of Religious Education. They gave us an appreciation of the breadth and depth of our work as they dealt with the subjects of "The Aim and Methods of Religious Education." Their fine treatment of the subjects whetted our appetites for the next week when Messrs. R. T. Pittman and A. W. Stephenson were our leaders. Everyone was led into a better understanding of the sacred word by Mr. Pittman as he dealt ably with "The Teacher's Text-book." Taking as his subject, "The Source and Use of Teaching Materials," Mr. Stephenson led his hearers into new and satisfying fields for teaching materials.

On the third night we had our largest attendance when we devoted time and thought to "The Scholars We Teach" week by week. The company was divided into departments, with Mrs. G. Fraser as leader of the kindergarten-primary group, Mr. K. A. Jones with the junior section, and Mr. A. A. Hughes led the intermediate teachers. Mr. K. A. Jones also led a study on "Securing the Scholars' Co-operation."

Our last night was given up to a consideration of methods of visual education. In a graphic, illustrated manner Mr. W. H. Broadbent revealed how "Picture and Poster Work" could be effective in religious teaching. With the aid of a lantern and modern projector, together with slides and film strips, Mr. W. Gale demonstrated how we could present historical and religious incidents in pictorial method.

New South Wales News-letter.

Ethelbert Davis.

THE city of Samaria was stirred by the gospel in the early days of the church's history. That experience has been repeated in the city of Wollongong in the year 1941. The city has been literally stirred by the same gospel. It is not my intention to tell the story of the great mission that established a church after the New Testament in that place. Others will write that story. I want to write down for all to read my deep conviction that the success achieved was due to the preaching of the simple outright gospel of Christ. Some have said that the missionaries are men with one idea. It is the men of one idea who do things, providing the idea emanates from God as the gospel does. I heard a preacher say, "I preach the modern gospel to a modern people, but I confess I have not won a man, woman or child to Christ in six years." Yet the straight-out gospel of the cross, preached without fear or compromise, has won in one town 133 men and women to Christ in two months. The personal charm of the missionaries and the methods of appeal adopted had their place, but the gospel they preached with its one central idea, Christ and him crucified, proved to be the power of God unto salvation.

An Ordination Service.

At Wollongong on May 29 a unique service was witnessed, and by nearly all present for the first time. It carried one's mind back to the days of the early church, when an inspired apostle commanded a preacher to "set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city." Before a congregation in which the Holy Spirit's presence brought a hush upon every soul, three elders and ten deacons were set apart to their office by the laying on of hands. It will be a long time before the influence of that meeting ceases to affect the members of that church.

Another Mission.

The next Hinrichsen-Morris mission has been arranged for Hurstville. It will be different from most of the other missions held in this State, in that a number of churches have grouped themselves together to support the effort. The churches of the group are Hurstville, Beverly Hills, Penshurst, and Mortdale. By this means a very large district will be reached. The Hurstville church is the only one that has a full-time preacher. The others are led by men who give part of their time to service of the church. The three smaller churches are situated in rapidly developing suburbs.

Tasmanian News-letter.

W. S. Lowe, B.A., B.Com.

What's Wrong?

THE Church of England Diocesan Conference recently held in Launceston was in the nature of a general discussion, to which the public was invited, of the subjects, "What's Wrong with Reunion, Sunday, the Church, the Old Order," on successive days. Each subject was introduced by one or two speakers officially appointed, after which there was general discussion. Speakers showed a conscience on the union question and recognised the urgency of it, though few practical suggestions were forthcoming. The danger of increased secularising of Sunday was agreed, though one speaker held that the church could not be logical in its utterances on this subject as each individual must make his own decision. Mr. H. B. Cranswick said of the "old order" that moral development had failed to keep pace with mechanical advance, that not enough had been spent on education, and that war was a sufficient indictment of the order which produced it.

Housing Reconstruction.

Some larger cities would be amused by the description of some areas in Hobart and Launceston as slums. Hobart is the Commonwealth's second oldest city, and the lack of early planning, together with the age of many buildings, is seriously concerning the city's responsible citizens. A systematic survey has been completed covering both conditions and rents charged, and an endeavor is being made to plan wisely for elimination of the worst areas. There are difficulties, due to poverty and seasonal employment of the occupants, but the city proposes to overcome the problems. Many areas in Launceston are equally as bad, but there seems little civic conscience about them.

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Mission at Devonport.

Devonport has again justified its reputation as a difficult environment for spiritual work. Bren. Macnaughtan and Barber have just concluded a six weeks' tent campaign in the town, where we have had a small community for many years. The town has about 5000 population, and meetings were consistently fairly well attended, but it proved very difficult to bring these people to decision. Anonymous threats against missionary and tent served to enliven the campaign. We understand that decisions numbered 12, and there can be no doubt that the church will be considerably strengthened.

Various.

Miss Krishnabai Godre, B.A., well-known Indian missionary figure, has been visiting the State in the interests of her work.

As one result of petrol rationing many service stations do not operate at all on Sundays, and there is a move from the industry to make Sunday closing in this field a part of the law.

Completely failing to touch the real point at issue, those interested in the maintenance of racing (horse and dog) have been compelled to make some reply to the widespread criticism of the continuance of racing at the present time. Their naive reply is that many racing enthusiasts do not know what national service they can render, and await suggestions of something they can do instead of racing!

The responsibility of reporting Tasmania's moral and religious happenings will after this letter pass into other hands. The writer thanks readers for their forbearance during the past three years, and hopes that some items have occasionally leavened the lump.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

[Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.]

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

IN his letter of May 14 Andrew A. Hughes advocates protest by the churches against what he describes as stupid and unjust conviction of certain young men for refusing on grounds of conscience to comply with the defence laws of the Commonwealth. I am not aware of the facts of the case, and would hesitate to judge ex parte. It is readily conceded that the conscience of an individual is entitled to respect, in so far, of course, as it is sincere. The difficulty frequently lies in proving sincerity. I do not desire, in fact, would avoid, controversy on whether a follower of Jesus Christ is necessarily an "objector for conscience sake." That there is diversity of view is manifest from the fact that sincere followers—some members of Churches of Christ, including our chaplains—are serving under military control, many voluntarily. I do not suggest for one moment that the young men referred to by Mr. Hughes are otherwise than sincere. Personally my faith

in any "conscientious objector" or "Christian pacifist" is seriously shaken when he limits his objection to service under any system entailing the sacrifice of personal comfort and possibly the facing of personal peril, but at the same time suffers no violation of conscience from the acceptance and full enjoyment of the protection and other benefits secured by those who accept all the obligations of citizenship. No doubt many, like myself, would find greater satisfaction in joining in an expression of admiration and gratitude to those brave men and women who, at so much personal sacrifice and in many cases risk of death, are serving in the forces arrayed against those who seek to despoil the earth and enslave mankind physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.—H. F. Morris.

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IT would be unfortunate for us if "these semi-political matters" were not allowed discussion. As Mr. W. S. Lowe says, "If the church is not concerned about the rights of the free conscience, who will be?" Some appear to think that the other man's conscience does not matter, and can be summarily brushed aside. Different is the Christian attitude expressed by Paul (1 Cor. 11), when he teaches that it is so important that even liberty of personal conduct ought to be conditioned by the other man's conscience. The question as to whether certain objectors are really conscientious does not enter here. With the adoption of the English law the proper authority will decide that. A more sympathetic understanding is due to those who, far from being sympathetic toward any disruptive element in the community, refuse to serve as part of the military machine, but are willing to give non-combatant service under non-military control. Men whose loyalty to Christ as Lord is unquestioned, and who are fundamentally loyal to their country, should have the practical assistance of their brethren. Loyalty is not so easily proven or disproven as your correspondent thinks, but it is plain that the very verse of scripture, inaptly quoted on one point, does enjoin in the clearest conceivable language, "Love the brotherhood." In the light of that love we must discover our attitude toward those who "for conscience toward God endure grief" (1 Pet. 2: 19).—B. J. Combridge.

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AS the mover of the resolution at conference referred to by Bro. Tyler, I ask for space to comment.

1. I would correct the statement that the resolution was passed by a bare majority only. Observation from the platform would be clearer than Bro. Tyler's, and my impression was that the majority was very substantial, less than a score of members voting against. Others afterwards confirmed this, stating the majority as ten to one. There were quite a number of other resolutions passed with a much less majority, but following our usual methods they are assumed to represent the majority viewpoint.

2. It is significant and encouraging that both the Congregational Union Conference at Melbourne, and the Australian Methodist General Conference at Brisbane, have both recently passed almost identical resolutions, the latter being moved by Chaplain-General Rev. T. C. Rentoul, the past president of conference.

3. Is it the usual practice for any minority at our conferences to misrepresent to interested parties a majority decision of conference? Having been in the minority quite a few times myself, I would refuse to associate myself with the reprehensible action adopted by Bro. Tyler and others of the minority in this matter.

4. Is the singing of the National Anthem, mainly in wartime only, to be the criterion of a Christian's loyalty to Jesus and his Gospel, which is our primary responsibility even in wartime?

5. Will Bro. Tyler give us chapter and verse
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Here and There.

The American "Christian Standard" is featuring a serial story entitled "Big Enough for God," by Mr. T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed., principal of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic.

Bro. H. Gray, after completing seven years of ministry at Bassendean, W.A., has resigned his work in that field. We understand that the church is looking for a successor to continue the faithful service.

Our next issue will be our annual foreign missionary number devoted to the work of our missionaries overseas. In all the churches throughout Australia an offering for this work will be made on the first Lord's day in July.

Bro. and Sister Colin Thomas and Miss E. Caldicott arrived in Melbourne from India last Saturday morning. We trust that their furlough in Australia will be a very happy one and that it will refresh them for further service overseas.

The Victorian General Dorcas will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 18, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m., in Swanston-st. lecture hall. A special invitation is extended to sisters to be present at 2.30, when there will be a display of work done by the committee and friends, and representatives of some of the departments helped by the Dorcas will speak of their work among the sick and needy of the city.

We have received from Bro. W. Beiler a booklet concerning the S.A. Churches of Christ Training Camp held at Easter. It is entitled "Gathered Blessings from Gawler." Twelve pages of interesting reading are printed on art paper, and a stout cover contains a directory of camp members, and other matter. This attractive booklet forms an excellent souvenir of a camp whose theme was "Efficiency" in the Christian life.

Bro. Will Finger, superintendent of the Bible school at Rocklea, Qld., states that notification has been received that owing to alterations the Masonic Hall must be vacated. As there is no other hall, it is necessary to make provision for the school of 50 scholars by praying and working for a building. The prayers of the brethren are solicited on behalf of the present need and that a church may be established in the district.

An interesting service was held at Coburg, Vic., on Sunday evening, June 8. It took the form of a youth rally, and members of all the young people's auxiliaries formed the choir, and various representatives shared in the service by leading singing, scripture recital and reading. All took their parts excellently. Bro. Keith Jones gave the address. An offering was received for the Young People's Department. Youth work in this centre gives much promise for the future.

On June 4 a large crowd gathered at Margaret-st. church, Launceston, at a public farewell to Bro. and Sister W. S. Lowe, who are returning to New Zealand to continue their ministry. Brief tributes were paid to their faithful work in Launceston, and good wishes expressed for the continuation of their sterling service at Ponsonby Road, Auckland. Representatives from Margaret-st. church, State youth department, the ministers' fraternal, Council of Churches, Invermay church, Sisters' Auxiliary and the youth organisations of Margaret-st., and the conference president spoke, and greetings were received from Sandhill church and the Sisters' Conference. Little Helen Stevens presented Mrs. Lowe with a bouquet, and a presentation of a wallet of notes was made to Bro. and Sister Lowe. Items were rendered by Margaret-st. choir, and Sandhill and Invermay members. The meeting was followed by supper in the school hall, when the opportunity of expressing personal farewells and good wishes was given.

Preachers' Provident Fund.—All passbooks received from contributors before the end of May have now been returned to contributors with all entries made therein. Others received since will be returned as soon as possible. The secretary of the fund (W. H. Hall, "Hurlston," Carysfort-st., Blackheath, N.S.W.) requests that every preacher who has not sent his book so far this year will please do so without delay. Some preachers have not sent their books for a considerable time, and are asked to do so now.

Too late for any personal comment to be made in last week's issue, the editor learnt with deep regret of the sudden death of Bro. John Tully, of Doncaster, Vic. Our brother was widely esteemed for his Christian character, business integrity, love of righteousness, kindness of heart, and active service. He was deeply interested in temperance and benevolent work. In church and in the Rechabite society he was highly honored for his work's sake. He will be greatly missed not only at Doncaster but throughout the State. A good man has gone from us.

The Austral Co. has at times received enquiries for a church membership record card, and one has now been prepared which has received the approval of the Victorian Preachers' Association. Space is allowed for the following particulars:—Name; residence; place of business; occupation; number in family; number in this church; number in no church; church activities; position in Bible school; how received; date received; date baptism; date of marriage; date removed; how removed; where removed; date of death; remarks. It will be seen that a comprehensive record can be made. Size of card is three by five inches, and the prices are: 12, 9d.; 50, 2/-; 100, 3/6. Postage is extra. Preachers and secretaries are invited to apply for a free sample.

The 36th anniversary of the church at Queensberry-st., Carlton, Vic., took place on June 1 and 3. On the Sunday morning the speakers were Bren. E. McClean and D. L. Shue. At night Bro. R. Burns preached. The public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, when the chapel was filled. Bro. Wing Dann presided. A review of the church's history and activities was given by Bro. D. Gow, the secretary. There had been 15 additions during the year. Bren. J. E. Allan as conference president, L. Gole on behalf of the Victorian F.M. Committee, and R. Lyall brought messages of encouragement. Musical items were rendered by R. Till and A. Chan, and scholars of the Sunday school sang. During the evening an offering was taken for the China Relief Fund. At the close of the meeting supper was served.

W. Gale writes: "In the week-end the writer fulfilled an engagement at Sunshine. The brethren were hearty and optimistic. A suggestion we made at Good Friday home mission rally has borne fruit at one centre in a wonderful way, and by a cause that has not benefited by the addition of new arrivals from the country to its membership. At the Masonic Hall gathering, we reported that some country churches had suggested that, for the time of the present country problem, our city and suburban churches should individually, or perhaps in groups, 'adopt' one or more of our hard hit country centres, assisting them financially till a change of conditions make it no longer necessary. Mr. Bischoff, our preacher at Blackburn, went home and pondered over this idea. He mentioned it to the congregation on the Sunday. The idea struck home. Volunteers came forward, and now that church is contributing 15/- per week towards the cause at Ringwood-Mitcham (their immediate neighbors) in order that a like amount of home mission subsidy can be released to help an up-country centre. That's quite a big thing, and we are very grateful."

In the interests of the hospital at Dhond, India, a sacred concert was given by the Victorian Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir in Swanston-st. chapel, Melbourne, on Monday, June 9. The programme consisted of well-rendered numbers by the choir under leadership of Miss M. E. Pittman, with Miss D. Cook accompaniste; solos by Miss W. Lee and Mr. A. Haskell; violin selections by Miss J. Robb; and elocutionary items by Mrs. E. Ryall. During the interval Mr. A. Hughes expressed the appreciation of the audience for the programme and that of the F.M. Committee for the gift that would result for the upkeep of Dhond hospital. He also called to the platform Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas and Miss E. Caldicott, our missionaries who have just returned from India, each of whom gave a brief greeting and expressed joy in being back for a time in the homeland.

As an envoy of the World Student Christian Movement the distinguished Christian scholar and statesman, Dr. T. Z. Koo, will be visiting Melbourne for a few days this month. In order to give the general public an opportunity to hear him, the regional committee of the World Faith and Order Movement is co-operating with the Student Christian Movement in the holding of a public meeting in the Independent Church, Collins-st., on Tuesday, 17th inst., at 8 p.m. (this meeting has of necessity been transferred from the Melbourne Town Hall). The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne will preside. Choral items will be rendered under baton of Mr. Herbert Davis, choir-master of Scots. Dr. Koo will speak on the Christian view of life in relation to modern world conditions. Anticipating that the capacity of the building will be fully taxed, arrangements are being made to relay the meeting to the Independent Hall adjoining.

Much time, prayer and preparation were put into making the Ungarra circuit rally, S.A., the success it was. Held at Ungarra on June 1, it reached a high standard. About 54 inches of space were used in the "Lincoln Times" paper to advertise our plea and to make Pentecost known to the general public. There were members present from Tumby Bay, Mt. Isabella, Brooker and Mt. Hill, as well as local members and visitors. Bro. Cliff Young, the circuit president, presided at the afternoon service and the Lord's table. Bro. W. Gordon gave an instructive pre-communion talk on "The Power of the Lord's Supper." Bro. A. Jones sang a solo. Bro. R. W. Young gave a helpful address on "The Power of the Local Church." Tea was spread in the vestry, and many had fellowship in this way. A very good prayer meeting was held prior to the evening service, which was conducted by Bro. G. H. Newell, the circuit preacher. A choir rendered three messages in song. Bro. Newell's address was on "Our Plea: Restoration and Unity." The services of the day were of a solid nature and full of power.

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A brother in Queensland has an old copy of "Gospel Standard" (Kirby, London), 1897-8, and of sermons by Joseph King (Standard Co.), and vols. 8, 14, 12, 13, 11 of Wesley's works, which he would give for the cost of postage. The Austral will pass on applications.

News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—At Bro. Lowe's farewell services on June 8, 150 were present at night, when the message was on "The Unchanging Christ"; 120 broke bread during day. Three were welcomed to fellowship. At all regular weekly meetings expressions of regret at Bro. and Sister Lowe's departure for Auckland (N.Z.) were voiced.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—On June 8 Mr. J. Park exhorted on "The Years the Locust hath Eaten." Young People's Fellowship held second tea, when several new members were welcomed. At evening service, at which Bro. L. A. Bowes spoke on "A Lonely Man and Jesus," six young men took part in the service. One lad came forward. The condition of Mrs. L. M. Cole has improved in last few days. Aged Miss Bradley has returned home after an operation.

West Hobart.—During absence of Bro. Tease as chaplain in camp, meetings have been addressed by Bren. L. A. Bowes and A. Heard, from Collins-st., and Bren. N. Warmbrunn and J. Woolley. Brownies and Girl Guides held a church parade on evening of June 1, after which a pleasant hour of vocal and instrumental items was enjoyed. On June 4 Miss Hudson, a representative of Bethel Peniel mission to Cape Barren Island, gave a lantern lecture about her work.

Devonport.—At Bro. and Sister Street's home on June 3 a gift evening was tendered to Sister Lucy Hewett, prior to her marriage. Gifts were made and good wishes expressed. On June 7 Bro. Street officiated at the marriage of Sister Hewett and Bro. Clem Burt. On June 8 Bro. Street gave a fine morning address on "An Angel in a Storm." At night his helpful address was on "God's Compassion." A young lady who accepted Christ during the mission was baptised.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—On May 31 the Eastern Goldfields C.E. Fellowship held a rally with the theme, "Conquest for Christ." There was a good number present at Y.P. rally, held in Methodist church. On June 1 Bro. Riches gave both addresses, topic for gospel service being "The Purple Cloth and Prayer." One young woman made her stand for Christ. Bro. and Sister Colin Ewers sang a duet.

Perth.—On morning of June 1 Bro. A. G. Elliott gave an appreciated exhortation on "The Question of the Hour." Visitors included Sister Mrs. A. Hutson (Port Pirie, S.A.). At night Sister Mrs. Watson rendered a solo, and a stirring address was delivered by Bro. J. Wiltshire on "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" On June 4 Mrs. Wade, of United Aborigines Mission, spoke to C.E. society about conquests of the gospel in Warburton Ranges.

Fremantle.—North Fremantle school held successful fourth anniversary services on May 25 and 26, during which seven scholars made the good confession. Fremantle Bible school celebrated 41st anniversary on June 1 and 2. Bro. G. Hughes conducted children's singing at Fremantle. Bro. C. Sagers that at N. Fremantle. Bro. Raymond, at Fremantle, gave an encouraging message on morning of June 1. Among visitors have been Pte. Latham, of Kingaroy church, and Pte. Store, of Townsville, Qld., both proceeding overseas. Dorcas and Church Aid Society have decided to pool all moneys raised for home and foreign mission work and to divide them equally between the two.

QUEENSLAND.

Annerley.—The pre-Pentecost special campaign of two weeks was helpful, and there was one decision for Christ by a young man. On June 1, Pentecost Sunday, Bro. Greenwood was preacher; there were 65 present. Prayer and Helping Band is engaged in good work for the needy. On June 7 Bro. Greenwood officiated at the wedding of Miss Annie Galletly to Mr. Fred. Willet.

Monkland.—In spite of excessive wet with floods, meetings were well attended on June 1. Bro. E. Trudgian preached at night. J.C.E. held a successful games night in aid of the picnic fund.

Gympie.—Record floods prevented a full attendance at "family roll call" on June 1, but a good number responded and several greetings were received. An offering for renovation fund exceeded £7. Extensive improvements are being commenced. Bro. Fisher is giving a series of week-night studies on "The Tabernacle." On June 2 Bro. Fisher conducted a service in Goomboorian hall.

Maryborough.—Good attendances at Lord's day services are encouraging. Bro. A. Anderson, F.M. secretary, spoke at both services on May 18, and gave an interesting lantern lecture on 20th. He also addressed sisters at a Mission Band meeting. The church extends sympathy to Sisters Mrs. E. Laing, Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. J. Rühle in their bereavements. On evening of May 25 a memorial service was held for the late Sister Mrs. Loose. Bro. V. S. Dallinger conducted.

Charters Towers.—Bro. Giezendanner terminated his ministry with the church and commenced at Townsville on June 1. About 150 attended a farewell service for Bro. and Sister Giezendanner and family. Representatives of ministers' fraternal, Rechabite Lodge, W.C.T.U., and all societies of the church spoke well of the work of Bro. and Sister Giezendanner and of the high esteem in which they were held in Charters Towers, and wished them God's blessing on their work in Townsville. Bren. Samuels and Reid have joined teaching staff in place of Bro. and Sister Giezendanner. At morning meeting on June 1 Bro. Samuels spoke on "The Mistakes of Jonah." At night Bro. H. S. Coward preached on "Pentecost." There were good attendances.

Bundaberg.—Gospel service on May 18 took the form of a Bible night. Bro. Larsen invited those who had Bibles of historical or sentimental value to bring them. Bro. Anderson, F.M. secretary, spent three days with the church and visited many homes in company with Bro. Larsen. They paid Sisters' Guild a visit on May 21. Morning service was broadcast on May 25. Sisters Hazel Brown and Gladys Lassig and Bren. V. Cedergreen and A. Turner sang a quartette. At night a service was held in memory of Sister Mrs. Plath. Sister Mrs. McIlhagger, who has been seriously ill, shows a little improvement. Bro. Larsen's address on June 1 was entitled "The Bombshell that Shook the City." Both services were well attended, and many strangers were present.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Balaklava.—On May 12 a social was held in honor of Bro. Jack Bowden, A.I.F. Miss H. Shepherd made a presentation of knitted goods from Dorcas Society, and Bro. Bartlett a copy of New Testament and Psalms from church. On May 18 Neville Hood, a Bible school scholar, was baptised at evening service. Sister Mrs. Ingham, from Norwood, sang a solo. A 21st birthday party was tendered Bro. Frank May on May 21. The guest was presented with a kit-bag from church friends. Bro. Bartlett has been giving some interesting addresses on the Holy Spirit.

Hindmarsh.—On June 8 the 86th anniversary services of the church were held. In the morning Bro. W. L. Ewers spoke on "The Bride of Christ." The choir contributed an anthem; Miss L. Goodall was soloist. At the gospel meeting Bro. Ewers conducted and Bro. H. P. Manning delivered a message on "The Greatest Need of the World To-day." The choir sang an anthem, and solos were rendered by visiting singers. On June 7 Sister Miss D. Oatway and Bro. A. Russell were married in the chapel. On the same day Bro. Lionel Swanbury, of Moorook, was united in marriage with Miss M. Till. Bro. Ewers officiated.

Winkie.—On May 25 members motored to Berri to join with Berri and Moorook members in celebrating church anniversary. C.E. meeting on May 29 took the form of a debate. Bro. M. Rowan was morning speaker on June 1 and Bro. Patching preached at night.

Forestville.—Bro. G. A. Jessup, of Unley, spoke on evening of June 8. At a public meeting on May 28, in connection with anniversary of Bible school, prizes were distributed, and a programme of musical items was arranged by Miss M. Culver. An offering of £3/3/4 was received in aid of Protestant Children's Homes, Mordialta.

Bordertown.—Work in all departments is well maintained. Bro. Harold Howell exhorted on morning of June 8, and Bro. Russell preached at night. Bro. Alan Inniss (R.A.A.F.) preached on June 1. Bro. and Sister L. E. Veroo have been laid aside through sickness. Visitors have been present. Sister Miss Leedham rendered a solo on June 8. A kitchen evening was tendered Sister Melva Barrett by C.E. society prior to her marriage with Bro. T. Richardson. On June 1 Bro. Russell said farewell to Bro. and Sister Melich and family, who are leaving the district, and made a presentation of a Bible.

VICTORIA.

Portland.—On June 8 Bro. Davey addressed the church on "Pentecost." Members regret the loss of Sister Haines, who has removed to Geelong. A suitable presentation was made.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Enjoyable meetings were held on June 8. Bro. Hughes preached at both services. Amongst visitors all were pleased to have Bro. A. L. Read, president of Federal Conference and Foreign Missionary Board.

Morwell.—On June 1 the church enjoyed fellowship of brethren from Sale, one of their number presiding. Bro. L. Jones, of the college, who has been appointed speaker until a full-time man is available, gave the addresses at both services.

Ormond.—On June 4 Bro. C. L. Lang gave a good message on "Remember the Sabbath." At worship service on June 8 he gave a helpful address, and at night preached on "The Christ of the Ages." Bro. O'Brien and Sister Jenkins, who have been very sick, are back at meetings.

Footscray.—A social arranged by Y.P.S.C.E. on evening of May 26 in aid of overseas missions realised 30/-. At Women's Mission Band afternoon on June 3, ladies of Baptist church arranged programme. Bro. C. Young was guest speaker at Phi Beta Pi club on June 3.

Hartwell.—Splendid attendances at both services on June 8 marked commencement of Bro. Webb's third year of ministry with the church. At night two young people were baptised. On June 3 about 80 ladies were present to celebrate tenth anniversary of Women's Mission Band.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—There were good attendances on June 8, when Bro. Clipstone preached at both services. The church regrets the passing of Bro. Foster, and extends sympathy to Bro. and Sister G. Fountain in the loss of their infant son, and to Bro. Griffiths in his recent bereavement.

Emerald.—On June 8 Bren. Burns and Beament represented interests of Eastern District Conference with a view to considering greater activity. The bodily remains of Bro. Arthur Collis, who for many years rendered faithful service, were recently laid to rest. The work is being carried on by local help.

Frankston.—The church received a visit on May 25 from Bren. R. Lyall and R. Enniss, who led morning worship. Members remained after service, when Bro. Enniss, on behalf of the Church Extension Committee, said that financial aid had been offered by an anonymous donor for erecting a chapel at Frankston. Plans are being prepared, and it is expected that the building will soon be commenced. On June 1 Bro. McIlhagger gave morning address. Mission Band meeting on June 4 was addressed by Mrs. McDowell. Bro. H. Finger spoke at both services on June 8.

Stawell.—On June 1 Bro. Collett spoke in morning on "God's Methods." Bro. Jackson preached at night on "The Grace of God." Endeavorers are having very good meetings, with big increase in numbers.

Oakleigh.—On June 8 Bro. J. Mudford addressed morning meeting on "Light, Heat and Power." Bro. Scambler spoke at night, and the choir rendered an anthem. Bro. Mudge is making slow progress toward recovery.

South Yarra.—On June 1 Bro. J. McG. Abercrombie spoke at morning service, and Bro. J. Brown at night. On June 8 fully attended morning and evening meetings marked commencement of Bro. A. W. Connor's short ministry with the church. On June 3 the Ladies' Guild held weekly meeting at home of Mrs. Ellison, it being her 87th birthday.

Castlemaine.—The church has suffered by several removals from district. Three young lady members were recipients of presentations recently. Bro. Curtis is continuing addresses on sections of the Lord's prayer. At evening service on June 8, a young married man responded to the appeal. The church is organising a forward move with a definite percentage aim in each department. The visit of Bren. Allan and Gale and the interesting views screened were much appreciated.

Hawthorn.—The Campaigners for Christ have been giving challenging messages at the New Life Campaign now being conducted by them. Mr. Walter Pike, a returned missionary from China, at a well-attended fellowship tea on June 8, stirred all who heard him. The campaigners are calling all to continuance in prayer, surrender to Christ as Lord, and to a realisation of power in witness through the indwelling and infilling of the Holy Spirit. Interest in the campaign is increasing.

Bentleigh.—Enjoyable services were held on June 2 at 12th church anniversary. Bro. Chipperfield, from Coburg, presided in morning and Bro. Webb, of Hartwell, gave a challenging address on "The Scientific Accuracy of the Bible." Bro. Nance-Kivell gave a splendid address at gospel service on "Why the Church of Christ?" Happy fellowship was spent with past members. On June 9, helpful messages were delivered by Bro. Smith, of Mont Albert, in morning and by Bro. Hartvigsen at night.

Camberwell.—Work is in good heart under leadership of Bro. Turner. On June 1 special emphasis was made on "Pentecost" and "Christian Union." On June 5 a complimentary concert was tendered to Miss Amelia Scarce. Bible school has had record attendances. Bro. Turner has fully organised religious instruction in State schools. Bro. W. A. Fordham has been appointed a justice of the peace. Preparations are in hand for building renovations in connection with 25th anniversary. Much emphasis is being made this month on overseas missions.

Northcote.—On June 1 Mr. Atkin was speaker at both services. At night a young lad decided for Christ. He also spoke at both meetings on June 8, and in the evening a young man confessed Christ. A church social was held on May 31, when a presentation was made to Sister J. Baker and Bro. R. Prideaux, who were married on June 7. Women's Mission Band held anniversary on June 4. Church members were invited to the meeting. After a successful and interesting evening, members of W.M.B. entertained the visitors to supper.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—First church dinner for 1941 was held on May 28. Y.W.L., led by Sister Mavis Hicks, conducted annual competitive, prize-giving and mothers' night on May 29. L. G. Bond, minister Dawson-st. Baptist church, and Bro. W. W. Saunders exchanged pulpits for morning service on Christian Union Sunday, June 1. At night Bro. J. A. Wilkie preached, Bro. Saunders being at Mt. Clear. Bren. C. Hill and T. Maxwell were morning and evening speakers respectively at Doveton-st. Bren. W. W. Saunders and J. A. Wilkie conducted both services on June 8 at Dawson-st. and Doveton-st. respectively. Much sickness prevails. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Williams was bereft of both father and mother within a fortnight.

Drumcondra.—On evening of June 1 Bro. G. Bell was immersed. He was received into fellowship on morning of June 8. On June 4 ladies of mission band paid a visit to Latrobe Terrace, where Mrs. Dudley spoke on the New Hebrides. In the evening the ladies held a pasty supper, and over £4 was cleared for church funds. On morning of June 8 Bro. Dudley spoke on "Building a Christian Home," and at night on "The Man who Passed By." Bible school is functioning well at new time, 10 a.m., but teaching problem is becoming acute owing to military training for some of the staff.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Meetings have been splendidly attended, and have maintained good interest. Four have been received into fellowship recently. On June 3 a concert given by the Orpheon Choristers, assisted by Miss Edna Stock, Miss Dorothy Crawford and others, and conducted by Hector Crawford, passed all expectations. Y.P. Social Club, under leadership of Bro. C. Gadge, provided a concert on May 31 at Footscray in aid of Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Arrangements are being made for a special campaign in connection with opening of addition to church building.

Gardenvale.—The church has had fellowship with and helpful messages from Bren. C. Young, T. R. Morris, F. Hartvigsen, A. Withers and Nance-Kivell. Bible school teachers attended youth lectures at Swanston-st. Ladies' Guild had company of Miss McRae, who told of experience on a Nazi ship. On June 4 they held second anniversary. Home Mission Committee took charge, and Mrs. McCann delivered the message. Junior C.E. is rendering valuable service. Young people's club was entertained by Bro. and Sister Nance-Kivell; Bentleigh young ladies were present. The young people had an instructive visit to the "Age" office.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—There were very well attended services on June 8. Mr. Baker spoke in morning on "Reading the Bible in War-time." Mr. W. H. Broadbent addressed 103 people at afternoon service. In the evening Mr. W. H. Rainey, B.A., F.R.G.S., Commonwealth secretary of B. and F. Bible Society, addressed a large congregation on "A Vision Glorious." Mr. Val. Wolf rendered two solos, and Mr. Hugh Jeffrey read from the Braille scriptures. An offering was taken for the society. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Kerrigan have been too ill to come to services for some time, and officers of church had the communion with them in their homes.

Essendon.—At morning service on June 8 the church had fellowship and assistance of two from North Essendon, Bro. Funston presiding and Bro. Roffey giving a fine address on "Faith Through the Shadows of Suffering." Gospel meeting took form of a young people's service, preceded by baptisms of Ernest and Gwen Shelton, children of Sister Mrs. Shelton, president of the Ladies' Guild. Mr. Frank Thornton and Mr. Tate, captain of church football team, rendered beautiful solos. At conclusion of Bro. A. E. Illingworth's talk on "The Dream Ladder," two young girls from Sunday school—Ailsa Watt and Shirley Peat—took their stand for Christ.

Prahran.—The church thanks those who helped in the special meetings, when Bren. Baker, Hagger, Thomas, Abercrombie, Webb, Nance-Kivell, Stephenson, Buckingham and Methven exhorted to continuance in praise and prayer. The services were greatly helped by visiting choirs and soloists. The meetings were brought to a close on June 1, when an every-member-present morning service was followed by a Bible class guest day, dealing with the early days at Prahran, and the gospel service, after which a fellowship hour was spent round the piano. Visitors were entertained at dinner and tea. On June 8 a young man and his wife and two Bible school girls confessed Christ.

Balwyn.—Sickness affected attendances for a while, but they improved on last two Sundays, 148 breaking bread on June 8. On June 4, Women's Mission Band held 16th birthday meeting. Mrs. Sandells spoke, and about 60 were present. Meetings were well attended on all evenings of a Victorious Living Campaign, at which Bro. Hagger spoke and Bro. Percy Thiek-

ens conducted singing. Bro. Patterson exchanged with Mr. Hagger on morning of June 8, and Bro. Hagger gave an excellent address to close the series of meetings on "Hear ye Him." S.S. and Bible classes have been well attended of late, also Endeavor Societies and P.B.R. The church has enjoyed fellowship with many visitors, and is glad to have Bro. and Sister Austin back again.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Merewether.—Sunday school anniversary was held on June 1. Many good items were rendered by kindergarten and the older scholars. Bro. Amos, of Georgetown, and Bro. Nixon, of Sunshine, Vic., were the speakers.

Hornsby.—Mother's Day services were addressed by Bren. J. Barker and J. R. Little. Social service offering was nearly £8. Hornsby stall at Boys' Home fete raised about the same amount. Bro. and Sister Little have been with the church for two years, and the good results of their labors are shown, particularly in connection with Bible school and Endeavor society.

Canley Vale.—A pleasant musical and social evening was held on June 7, at which a presentation was made on behalf of church members to Bro. and Sister S. H. Wilson. The musical programme was arranged by Mrs. T. Burling. Good attendances have been maintained at services. Three new members were recently received into fellowship, two by transfer from Lidcombe.

Rockdale.—A visit from Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen was enjoyed by the church on morning of June 1. The chapel was filled, every kindergarten chair used, and many were unable to find seats. It was the largest service since the mission over 15 months ago. All departments of church are doing splendid service. The church extends sympathy to Bro. Kurns in the loss of his wife.

Chatswood.—Mr. P. Thomas, minister of Belmore church, addressed the church recently. Mr. Youens continues to uplift with fine messages, and question box is proving helpful. Dr. J. P. Shelton spoke on morning of June 8, and Mr. Youens' evening subject was "Is He Coming Soon?" Ladies' Mission Band offering on the occasion of 21st birthday yielded over £40 in reduction of church debt. Mr. Youens is increasingly in demand for addresses at local and State-wide functions.

Bankstown.—On May 25 Bro. Deane spoke in morning, Bro. G. Morton at night. Endeavorers worked well for fete at Boys' Home; they had sweets stall. Young women of Endeavor knitted a pair of bed-socks for each lady in Aged Ladies' Home and took them on day of fete. On May 26 Endeavorers and church members gathered at a social, and a presentation was given to Miss E. Knopper and Mr. Reg. Edwards prior to their marriage. The help of Bro. Palmer at week-night prayer meetings is much appreciated.

Georgetown.—On June 7 a combined conference of Sunday school teachers was presided over by Bro. F. Hunting, youth organiser. Tea was served. Conference re-commenced at 7 p.m. A helpful and edifying time was experienced by all teachers. Sunday services were conducted by Bro. Amos in morning and Bro. Hunting in evening. At close of evening service a brother was baptised. On June 1 Bro. I. Nixon, from Sunshine, Vic., spoke at morning service and at C.E. on Tuesday night along with Bro. Symes, C.E. Union general secretary.

Paddington.—There was good attendance at morning service on 8th anniversary of Bro. Greenhalgh's ministry. On behalf of the church, the secretary, Bro. Harris, expressed appreciation of the good work accomplished during that period. A happy re-union of young people Easter campers was held on Saturday, when moving pictures of camp days were shown and a presentation was made to Bro. Greenhalgh by the campers. At gospel service Bro. Greenhalgh gave a stirring message from Rom. 1. With regret we report the continued serious illness of Bro. N. Fell.

Victorian Women's Executive.

THE monthly meeting was held on Friday, June 6, Mrs. H. C. Bischoff, president, presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. D. E. Pittman. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Knight (Tasmania), Mrs. C. Dawson (Canberra), Mrs. McKay (Drumcondra); Mr. J. E. Allan, president of general conference, who gave a most thoughtful and informative address on overseas missions, and Mr. A. Anderson, Federal F.M. secretary, who conveyed greetings and appreciation for the loyal support of our women in the work of missions.

Correspondence included letters from Prime Minister, Local Option Alliance, Women's Inter-church Council, thanks from Mrs. Clewett, and several apologies for absence. Sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Mr. J. Tully, and to Mrs. A. M. Cole, president of women's conference, Tasmania. From funds £5 was granted towards purchasing tin foods and other necessities for our boys at Darwin.

Missionary Department.—Ten women's groups have been served since last month either by speakers or by teams—Swanston-st., Nth. Richmond, Fairfield, Essendon, Balwyn, Dandenong, Lygon-st., Northcote and Gardenvale. Prayers are requested for home mission fields which are suffering from drought and war conditions. We rejoice in the safe return of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas and Miss Caldicott.

Hospital Visitation.—During the month 75 visits have been paid to various institutions. Will all those who have contributed gifts of comfort and cheer to the sick and lonely accept grateful thanks from the committee?

General Dorcas.—Appreciated gifts of clothing and material were received from interested friends. From a regular subscriber a donation to A. Moysey Memorial Fund was received. During college vacation the dormitories were given necessary attention, thanks to Mrs. Waterman. 130 articles were despatched to one private case, Hospital Committee, Eye and Ear Hospital, City Mission (Port Melbourne), Thornbury Benevolent. Comforts for soldiers were received from Hampton, Essendon, Essendon North, Footscray, Middle Park, Balwyn, Bayswater, Doncaster; 4/- in cash from Balwyn and private donor; magazines from Mrs. F. Lewis.

Temperance.—Two meetings held this month and very sympathetic hearing given, also promises for literature. We wish to urge upon members the need for watchfulness in regard to the liquor trade's intention of getting wine served in restaurants and cafes.

Social Service.—During the month 24 parcels of clothing, etc., were received, also a large quantity of groceries, result of C.E. grocery appeal. A parcel containing beautiful knitted children's socks, the work of late Sister Bullock, of Moreland church, has been received. To all for loving interest and support we say, Thank you. Fifteen parcels were distributed, containing 237 garments and 13 pairs footwear, also groceries. Several parcels went to country churches. A sack of clothing is ready for Cumerooogunga, and a parcel has been sent to Aborigines' Uplift Society.

Isolated Sisters.—50 letters written; 7 replies received.

Prayer Meeting Committee visited Oakleigh, Collingwood, South Richmond; Ivanhoe, West Preston, Frankston and North Port. Helpful and appreciated addresses were given, and Mrs. McIvor and Mrs. Fergus greatly assisted with their singing.

Next meeting of executive will be on Friday, July 4, at 2.15 p.m. Mrs. A. W. Candy leads devotions. Open meeting for committees.—Miss Rometch, secretary, 1 Elizabeth-st., Hawthorn, E.2.

THE MISSION AT DEVONPORT, TAS.

THERE are many excellent people in Geelong church. Fourteen weeks ago they undertook to maintain the work while the preacher was absent on missions in Tasmania. This they did with the appreciated assistance of visiting speakers, to whom praise and thanks

are due. We returned to find the work in good heart.

We found some wonderfully good friends and faithful Christians in Tasmania. Devonport mission was held under great difficulties. With but a small church in the town, we could have the support of only about 25 local members. The nights were extremely cold; we had to attempt to heat artificially the tent. In spite of many difficulties and anxieties, the effort has been successful in adding to the church a number of adult members, while a large number of other people attended the meetings, and we trust, have received that which will yet bring them to obedience to the truth. The response to the thankoffering was most encouraging. One particular encouragement was the visits paid by members from sister churches, some from as far distant as Invermay and Launceston, and some being friends who united with the church in the Invermay mission. We cannot praise too highly the faithful support we received from many local members, some of whom, though very aged, did not miss a night. Will Christian friends pray continually for those who, without the happy circumstances under which so many of us labor, still faithfully serve Christ and present the truth?—K. A. Macnaughtan.

RECALL TO RELIGION MISSION, UNLEY, S.A.

FROM May 11 to May 25 Principal T. H. Scambler and Messrs. B. V. Coventry, D. H. Pike and C. H. J. Wright, of the College of the Bible, Melbourne, conducted a series of special meetings. In addition to personal visitation in the community, each of the missionaries delivered four main addresses. The general theme of the mission was "The Kingdom of God," and the messages delivered were both inspirational and instructive. Members of the team also occupied a number of the pulpits on Sundays throughout Adelaide. In addition to answering questions, Mr. Scambler nightly presented a phase of the subject of the kingdom of God.

The meetings, which were largely attended, were augmented by visitors from sister churches. Several choirs also helped acceptably with special music. The vocal quartettes of the mission team were also greatly enjoyed.

The church has been uplifted by this ministry. The fine team-work of the missionaries, their deep spirituality and high quality preaching, have deeply impressed the entire congregation and won many friends and supporters of the College of the Bible.—W. F. Nankivell.

OPEN FORUM.

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to substantiate a Christian using the methods he advocates to safeguard our liberty to worship, etc.?—L. O. Collyer.

[We request contributors to note the announcement at the head of this department. A writer who has already had his say on a subject is supposed to make way for others. We do not desire to print rejoinders and counter-rejoinders.—Ed.]

ADDRESSES.

A. W. Connor (preacher pro tem. South Yarra church, Vic.)—65 Barton-st., Mont Albert, E.10. WX 3043.

H. Hargreaves (preacher Hamilton church, Vic.)—18 Burns-st., Hamilton.

E. G. H. Mott (secretary East Kew church, Vic.)—8 Booral-rd., Kew, E.5

WANTED.

Any church or Bible school having kindergarten chairs or equipment to sell, please contact Arthur F. Kennedy, 1b Grandview-ave., Burwood, E.13.

We stopped the press to insert the following telegram from Sydney: "Hinrichsen-Morris had splendid meetings Hurstville first week; ten decisions.—Alcorn."

IN MEMORIAM.

MEE.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away on June 11, 1930; also my dear father, on June 13, 1934; also dear Tom, on May 11, 1939.

I do not think of them as dead,
Though their faces I see no more;
They left me here to carry on
While they went on before.

—Inserted by their loving daughter Julia.

PRATT.—In sacred and loving memory of Kenneth Arthur, who was called up to Christ on June 12, 1933. 1 Thess. 4: 16-18.

—Inserted by his loving parents.

COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 14, 15, 16.—Eastern District Conference of Churches of Christ, Bayswater (King's Birthday week-end). All meetings in Mechanics' Institute. Sat., June 14, 3 p.m., business session; 5.30 p.m., basket tea; 7.30 p.m., inspirational meeting. Speakers, Bren. R. Banks, T. H. Scambler. Sunday, June 15, 3 p.m., Conference Sermon, Bro. J. E. Allan, President Victorian Conference. Monday, June 16, 2 p.m., Women's Conference session; speaker, Bro. H. C. Bischoff. Basket tea, 5.30 p.m. 8 p.m., united youth rally; Bro. W. Graham. Testimonies. Box Hill quartette party. Spend the day at Bayswater.—R. Burns, Conference President; E. H. Beament, Secretary.

JUNE 21.—The Chinese Christian Union of Victoria have invited Dr. T. Z. Koo, Secretary of World Christian Students' Federation, to give an address on China at the Chinese Mission Hall, Queensberry-st., Carlton (few doors from Swanston-st.), Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m. Welcome.

JUNE 22.—16th Ormond church anniversary, 11 a.m., Bro. W. H. Clay; 7 p.m., Bro. C. L. Lang. All old members welcomed back for the day.

COLLINGWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST. KING'S BIRTHDAY CONVENTION SECOND COMING.

3 p.m., Mr. Crawshaw.
Mr. N. C. Lumisden.

6.15 p.m., Mr. H. Watson.

7.30 p.m., Mr. A. L. Gibson

(Basket tea, 5.15 p.m.)

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CONVENTION, JUBBULPORE.

ON March 3 we arrived at Jubbulpore, after our 600 mile journey by train from Dhond. We went as fraternal delegates from the Australian Churches of Christ mission to the annual convention of the American Disciples of Christ Mission. The American disciples have about forty missionaries now on the field, and they gave us a fine welcome to their meetings and an invitation to take part in any of their discussions, and also to attend any of their committees. Their mission has been in existence for about seventy years, and it was to work in conjunction with them that Miss Mary Thompson, our first missionary, came to India. Each day of the convention some time was spent in consideration of the theme, "The Unchanging Christ." A number of the missionaries gave addresses bearing on various aspects of the subject. Among them it was good to hear one of their Indian brethren of missionary status, Mr. Masih, give an address on "The Unchanging Christ and the Indian Church," and Dr. Don. McGavran's address on "The Unchanging Christ and Ourselves" was a masterly presentation of the gospel scheme of salvation.

Each day business was transacted, mostly in committees, whose reports and recommendations were either accepted by the main body of the conference or sent back for further consideration. Their problems are connected with the growth of the Indian church at a stage different from that of the Indian church under our direction. They have a large body of Indian Christians with some self-governing churches, some of which are passing through a phase of "growing pains." It was good to see the very sympathetic way in which the missionaries tried to help their Indian brethren with the different problems which had to be faced. There were several Indian representatives with full voting status in attendance at the convention, and they took an intelligent interest in all the proceedings. The annual conference of the Indian churches in connection with the mission preceded the mission convention, and one day was spent in joint session, when missionaries and church leaders met to discuss matters of interest in general. In this way some good suggestions came to the fore, and the Indian members were encouraged to realise that they are brethren, loved by their fellow-missionaries.

Mr. W. B. Alexander has been the mission secretary-treasurer for about thirty years, and has exercised a wonderful influence on behalf of the mission. His approaching retirement from mission service caused much sorrow, and the missionaries contributed to give Mr. and Mrs. Alexander a constant reminder of their affection, in the shape of a silver tea service.

The American mission is conducting various types of mission work, including three hospitals, dispensaries, schools, children's homes, and the joint running with the Methodist mission of a theological college. It is good to note that the evangelistic work is greatly emphasised. They have 117 workers, in direct evangelistic work, and work in 1148 villages. Dr. McGavran is now recognised as an authority in connection with group evangelism among the untouchables. They annually report the conversion and baptism of some hundreds of Indian people. We took the opportunity to arrange with Dr. McGavran to come to tell us at our next annual mission meetings about the work which he is doing.

We came away from the convention feeling that it was good for us to be present. We have gained a bigger conception of the mission work in India, and gained much encouragement in the realisation that mission problems can be met where there is a spirit of brotherliness.

It was an inspiration to us to see two of the Indian brethren, Mr. Masih and Mr. Singh, carrying their missionary status so splendidly. These have both spent some time in America in study and in deputation work, and prove to be a tower of strength to the mission. The American methods and ideals differ at times from ours, and there may be room for argument concerning these things, but we came away thanking God for this splendid band of Christians who are doing such a great work for the extension of God's kingdom in India. —G. H. and J. M. Oldfield.

A VISITOR TO INDIA.

MR. REG. P. CLARK, who is serving overseas with the Y.M.C.A., wrote a letter to Mr. J. Holloway, secretary of the church at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., from which we take the following:—

It has been my privilege and my very great pleasure to meet all our missionaries in their own homes (camps in some cases), and to see them under actual working conditions and to participate with them in their exercises.

I have been in their camps; met with them in their churches; addressed their congregations; visited with them in their local villages; attended their clinics; witnessed their native lantern lectures and sing-songs; attended early morning Bible-women's classes; spoken in their schools; accepted their garlands of flowers (symbol of welcome); and met with them in the breaking of bread.

It has been a great experience. I had often wished I could some day visit our mission fields, but never expected to do so. Never shall I forget my visit. Visiting them each in turn as I did, I am able to assure you they are all at their tasks, and it seems to me, working most efficiently, courageously and happily. All these great people have their own particular part to do, and everything seems to work like a clock. Travelling sometimes on foot, or bicycle, by bullock waggon or by car, they are out on the job—visiting, demonstrating, preaching, teaching, winning; bringing to their dark-skinned Indians the light of Christ.

I stayed for a short time in the bungalow at Shrigonda built years ago by Bro. Harry Watson. Here is carried on that inspirational compound work of Miss Cameron. Dr. and Mrs. Michael are also here. An inspection of this work cannot fail to impress. The scores of clean, happy, smiling girls and young women in their splendid surroundings are sufficient evidence of successful mission enterprise. "By their fruits ye shall know them." If I had visited but one of our missionaries, I would write at some length in appreciation of his or her work. But having visited them all, I must express myself in words of general

appreciation, and I do so comprehensively and sincerely, knowing that each of our teams of workers is doing a work of which we may well be proud.

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Keith Charles Curtis.

IN the early morning of Sunday, May 11, Bro. Keith Curtis, of Glenelg church, S.A., passed to be with Christ after a long illness. He was the only child of the late Bro. Stan. Curtis and Sister Doris Curtis, and was in his seventeenth year. Of a happy disposition, together with a keen intellect and a great desire for spiritual things, he showed promise of a very useful life. He was baptised in his eleventh year, and at the time he was laid aside in sickness he was secretary of the intermediate Christian Endeavor and a member of the young men's Bible class. Short services were held in the home of Mrs. Brady (aunt), of Adelaide, and of Mr. Metcalfe (uncle), of Balaklava. A large number attended at Balaklava cemetery, where Bro. Bartlett, of the local church, assisted the Glenelg preacher. Feeling reference was made to Keith's home-call at services on May 11. To his mother and the sorrowing relatives is extended the deepest sympathy of the church, knowing that it is only for a time until the trump of the Lord and his appearing, when he shall bring his saints with him.—W.T.

Mrs. Harrod.

ON Saturday evening, May 24, Sister Mrs. Harrod was run down by a motor car in Main North Road, and died on admission into hospital. Mrs. Harrod was 71 years of age, and had been with the church at Nailsworth (S.A.) for about nine months. She was a bright, happy, Christian lady. She loved her church, and sought to serve her Lord well. Mrs. Harrod became a member of the church in Port Pirie, and was for some time a Sunday school teacher and deaconess. She was loved by young and old alike. Sister Harrod was known for her kind deeds and hospitable nature. She truly had it in her heart to do what she could in acts of benevolence. She is with her Lord, and for her, like Paul, this is far better. Her loved ones we commend to the Lord of all comfort.—J. E. Shipway.

C. Lovell.

BRO. CHARLES LOVELL passed away at the age of 94 years. He was a faithful member of Brunswick church, Vic., for over 50 years, also of North Fitzroy. He loved his Lord and Master well. He was loved by all who knew him. He served as a deacon and elder. He was an elder when he fell asleep. He was a member of Christian Endeavor until a few years ago. He was an active member until about eight months ago, visiting the sick and suffering. He was also one of the speaking brethren. Now he has gone to his rest. He leaves behind two sons and a daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will miss him, also a host of friends. His example to his brethren and sisters will be long remembered.—A.M.

Tasmanian Women's Auxiliary.

THE meeting at Collins-st., Hobart, on June 2 was presided over by Mrs. G. Tease, vice-president, who after a severe illness was welcomed by the sisters. There was an atmosphere of sadness due to absence of our beloved president, Mrs. Madel-Cole, who through injuries received in a motor accident on May 27 had to have her right arm amputated. Prayer is asked that God will supply the faith and courage she will need in the days to come, and that he will quickly restore her to continue in the service she loves. A message of sympathy was sent from the executive to Mrs. Cole. Devotional session was led by Mrs. Pearsall. Mrs. Button addressed the meeting, basing her talk on the 46th Psalm. A solo, "Bearing His Cross," was rendered by Mrs. Watkins. Four prayer meetings were held at Collins-st.

on Sunday mornings, and one at the sanatorium which was addressed by Mr. Tait.

During May, 15 visits were paid to sick folk; flowers and fruit distributed.

The superintendent of mission bands (Mrs. J. Boxhall) has written appeals to the following churches for the forming of mission bands: Margaret-st., Invermay, Devonport and Dover, and was pleased to report a favorable reply from Devonport. An encouraging letter has been received from Bro. F. T. Saunders, secretary of the College of the Bible, commending the fine efforts of the few engaged in mission band work in Tasmania.

Mrs. Watkins (obituary superintendent) has sent messages of sympathy to Miss Rodd, Hobart, and Mrs. Smith, Inveresk, whose loved ones have been called home.

A day of prayer and fellowship will be held at West Hobart on June 16.

Mrs. Munday has expressed appreciation for visits and kindness shown by the Launceston sisters and young people during her period in hospital.

Next meeting will be held at Collins-st. on July 7.—Mrs. M. F. Taylor, secretary, 20 Kendall-st., Moonah, Tas.

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E. C. Hinrichsen.

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