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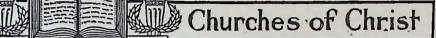
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Our Profit and Loss Account.

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B LIND Samson was led by a lad into the festal hall, where a multitude of hilarious pagans began to mock at his apparent weakness. He requested the guide to lead him to the mighty pillars supporting the roof. Reaching out, he gripped them with his revitalised arms, and by gathering his strength into one supreme effort, he brought the pillars, with the roof, down upon himself and a terrified crowd. Thus Samson at the time of his downfall dragged a host into the jaws of death.

Moses descended Mount Sinai to find the children of Israel dancing before a golden calf. Raising a cry and rending the unholy air which was so full of idolatrous screams, Moses asked, "Who is on the Lord's side?" Many stood out from the ranks of the degraded nation, and ranged themselves with Moses. Eventually he led a repentant people away from a god of gold to the God of Sinai. Here it is demonstrated how Samson was responsible for the death of many and Moses

for the reawakening of the spiritual life of a nation. And here we are reminded that there are occasions when the action of one person may mean much for the rise or the downfall of many.

Making Losses Our Profits.

In determining how we ought to act, we must keep in mind that no man lives to himself. So as Christians we are called upon to live with an eye to what may be profitable to others and not to what may be of profit to ourselves.

In a business a profit and loss account is drawn up from time to time. On the one side items which are a disadvantage to the business man are entered, while on the other whatever is considered an advantage is posted. We are concerned in business with whatever affects ourselves and is to our own advantage or disadvantage; we do not think of the other person. As the commercial world is now constituted, we could not run a business any other way. That what, may be a profit to our-selves may be a disadvantage to another, and what is a loss to ourselves may be an advantage to another, does not enter into our financial calculations.

Paul calls upon the Christians at Corinth to follow his example and to draw up their actions into a kind of profit and loss account which we may expect to find in the wonderwhich we may expect to find in the wonder-land of Alice, where everything is upside down. "You please men," said Paul, "even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."

Stalls in the City Market.

A question of conduct was raised by certain members of the church at Corinth. And it

was according to this principle of seeking to profit others that Paul gives advice. Corinth was a centre of pagan worship, and to the temples of the gods the people brought their offerings of sheep and oxen. Much of the meat from these sacrifices was sold at the stalls in the city market. Ought this meat be eaten by Christians? Paul had no objec-tions: "for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." If one were invited to take lunch with a citizen of Corinth, who was an unbeliever, and he had meat served at the table, then it would not be necessary to ask questions concerning the origin of the meat, whether or not it had been offered to idols. "Eat," said Paul, "asking no questions for conscience sake."

If, however, one who considers it a matter of principle not to touch such meat be present, and he says, "That meat has been offered to idols," then, according to Paul's argument, do not eat the meat for conscience sake; not for your own, but for the other man's conscience. It may not hurt you to eat the meat, but it may shatter the other man's faith. So forget yourself and your own loss; refrain from eating the meat, and act with an eye to the other man's profit.

Like the Ripples on a Pond.

Society is so constituted that each person has an influence upon many. As a stone thrown into the pond sends out ripples which spread into ever-widening circles, so our de-cisions and actions affect an ever-widening circle of friends and acquaintances. The repercussions of the evil actions of Adolf Hitler are being felt throughout the world. On the other hand the influence of the character of the Stranger of Galilee has raised a new hope in sinful men in many climes and ages.

While our actions do not yield so much good

or so much suffering as the deeds of historic characters, that they contribute something to the general stream of life is an undeniable fact. Therefore a great responsibility rests upon each one of us, for we know not how far the influence of our deeds extends.

A school teacher was surprised to learn that one of his young pupils set him upon a hero's pedestal and worshipped him. "After hearing of this from the boy's parent," the teacher said, "I realised the necessity of watching my behaviour in the presence of the child."

We all have our heroes, and each is the hero of others. Consciously or unconsciously we pattern our lives on others, and others watch us and are affected by our actions. One

false step may bring about our own downfall, and that downfall will affect others.

A young bank clerk, a member of a church, went to the races and began betting. He found himself in financial difficulties, so he

took money from the bank, hoping to repay it. He was not able to do this. His actions were revealed. He was imprisoned. Thus he brought disgrace upon himself, shame to his parents and friends and a slur upon the name of the

The maintenance of a good moral life encourages a high standard of life among our acquaintances. Now when we seek to measure the cumulative effect of the moral influence of the members of a Christian congregation, taking into consideration that many are parents. some are business men and others are professional workers making many contacts with young and old, we begin to realise how great is the contribution for good which the church makes in society. It is here that we find "the salt of the earth." Lest the salt lose its savour, it is the responsibility of each Christian to act for the profit of others.

Each of us is set in such a place in the structure of society that we either lower the moral standard of the community or raise it. We hasten the spiritual destruction of others or we help in their salvation. Let us be wise and profitable servants of the Master and seek not our own profit but the profit of others, so that they may be saved!

Rationalists Silenced.

MR. F. C. SPURR, a well-known Baptist minister, is well remembered by many in Australia. For some years he was minister of Collins-st. Baptist Church, Melbourne. In a recent letter to the "Australian Christian World" he included a striking paragraph under the above heading, and referred to the change which, he says, has come over the minds and consciences of many in Britain who formerly were amongst the avowed enemies of Christianity. He writes:-

"The 'Rationalists' are strangely silent now-a-days. And they have good reason to be, for they have nothing to say to the present situation that is worth saying. The stern realities of Europe have rudely awakened them from their wild dream. Dr. Gilbert Murray, who is one of the noblest of them, now definitely traces the Nazi horror to their repudiation of that civilisation which is based upon the Christian tradition. will be remembered that his brilliant daughter, Rosalind Murray, wrote more than a year ago a revealing book, in which she criticised with great acumen what she called 'the failure of the good pagan.' That book has never been answered. There is no answer to it. She herself was brought up in a household, the memory of which she venerates, to believe in the all-sufficiency of wenerates, to believe in the all-sufficiency of man to achieve his own destiny. And she shows how complete has been the failure. Another of the same school, Dr. C. E. M. Joad, Professor of philosophy in the University of London, wrote a year ago a book in which he confessed to his own distillusionment. He had been a philosophy in Wettershall. ment. He had been a militant 'Nationalist.' But in that book he avowed that nothing

but religion is capable of providing the dynamic equal to the making of a new and true world. Yet he added wistfully, 'Alas, I have no religion.' He has now just issued a new pamphlet, in which he goes farther, and declares that the 'monstrous invasion of the rights of man coincided with the decline of Christianity.' Still more emphatically he declares that there can be no ultimate justification for the repudiation of this tyranny 'except in the Christian valuation of man.' A vague and tepid democratic belief in human rights is not enough, he says. 'There must be a conviction that only religion can command.' Such a swing over as this is highly significant. The thing is to get this conviction into the hearts of the people as a whole. You see then what a unique opportunity lies before the church."

Women and Smoking.

DURING the past two months, doubtless because we have been more frequently wandering about and dining in a big city, we have seen more women smoking than ever before within a similar period of time. While we do not think that as a matter of right women are in a different position from men, we note with sorrow the increase in the number of those who cannot enjoy a meal in a public restaurant without a smoke. Their lack of consideration for fellow diners whose table they defile is to be deplored.

A lady correspondent of the London "Christian World" has evidently suffered. She puts the matter as follows:

"May I be allowed to express my disgust at the increasing number of women smokers, particularly in restaurants? They not only puff the smoke across the table into one's face, but they shake the ash on to their neighbor's clothes; it does not matter to them where it goes! I often wish they could see how much better-looking they are when not smoking, because when they are are enjoying (?) the weed they grimace and look squint-eyed in trying to keep the smoke out of their eyes, and their lips are put through all sorts of contortions. I often wonder how much is spent on cigarettes by women members of our churches, and if they support their churches as generously as they support the tobacco manufacturers."

"The Rouseabout" in his column in the Melbourne "Herald" had the following paragraph under the heading "I've Given up Smoking":

"While it is a good and even brilliant idea of somebody that cigarette smokers should sign the pledge and release supplies in Australia for the ALF. overseas, it may fail in effect, because of the impossibility of nearly all of those who smoke giving up the habit. Especially women! Only one man in a thousand can deliver himself completely and permanently from cigarettes once he has become a regular smoker, but if there is a woman who succeeded in making a clean break, she must be marvellous. Most of them gave up smoking, permanently, with the greatest of ease—for a week, just to prove they could do it."

The enslavement of the will indicated in these words, the bondage of grown men and women to a habit which (to put it mildly) is useless, furnishes one of the strongest arguments against the spread of the smoking practice.

The Gospel.

OME good things were said at the annual Laymen's Conference held at Westminster College, Cambridge, in April. The subject was "The Christian Gospel." Professor C. H. Dodd said that the modern rival gospels of Communism and Fascism drew their main strength from their giving men an interpretation of the meaning of events; members of those movements

have the inspiring sense of marching with predestined forces which are achieving something new in history. To meet these rivals at the source, Christianity would do well to reaffirm an element in the gospel as preached by the first Christians. For them the gospel was good news about God; God, whose creation was shot through and through with evil, nevertheless continually intervened to reclaim man by his mighty acts, as the Old Testament had taught, and in Christ the great final act had begun, in fulfilment of prophecy. In Christ God judged evil, redeemed the world, gave men new power and filled them with hope of a world to come. Dr. William Paton, who spoke on the gospel in relation to the world background, declared that the church, though weak in many ways, is more united than at any time in her history, and exists as a magnificent instrument for the settlement of world problems, if only she

is sufficiently surrendered to Jesus Christ. Her primary task was not the reformation of the social or political structure, or the maintenance of its own organisation, but evangelism.

WHEN TO PRAY.

Pray when your life grows weary,
Your days become drab and drear,
For these are the days you need guidance,
And prayer brings the Master near.

Pray if youth is upon you;
Cease not if you're in your prime,
And dare not if age compels you
'To how to the rush of time.

-George W. Wiseman.

At the Table of the Lord.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

"Jesus took bread, . . . and said, Take, eat; this is my body."—Matthew 26: 26.
"I am the bread of life."—John 6: 49.

BREAD was so pre-eminent in the food of God's ancient people that frequently in Scripture the word is used for food in general. We sometimes refer to it as the staff of life. It is needful for the sustenance of our bodies. "Man does not live by bread alone." Many forget that important truth. Yet man does live by bread

wheread.

"Man does not live by bread alone," for he is not merely a physical being. He has a body, but he is a spiritual being, with needs and aspirations which can never be satisfied with material supplies. The food of the soul is found in Christ. The Lord Jesus spoke of himself as "the bread of life." Christ is as needful to the sustenance of our spiritual life as literal bread is to the maintenance of life in its lower, physical sense. The spiritual bread "is taken by him who comes to Christ; it is eaten by him who believes on him; and it satisfies every need. It sustains the spiritual life in strength, and refreshes it in weariness. The bread of life giveth a principle of life, and he who hungereth and thirsteth for it shall also be filled, but with that which abideth, so that he shall never hunger and shall never thirst." We cannot dwell on the details of the wonderful chapter in which Christ tells of "the living bread" and its satisfaction, and of the necessity of eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of man if we would have eternal life. Many of the disciples found Jesus' words hard to understand and turned away from him. Doubtless we shall fail to fathom their depth of meaning, but we will not go back because of misunderstanding. Christ forbade a literal interpretation of the eating of his flesh: "The flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit and are life" (John 6: 63).

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There is no valid reason for believing that the Saviour's words in John 6 were spoken with direct reference to the Lord's Supper, though in the Supper we have the symbolic representation of the eating and drinking mentioned in the chapter. At the table we have blessed communion with Christ and our fellow believers, and find nourishment for our souls as by faith we feed upon him who is the true and living Bread.

"By faith we take the Bread of life With which our souls are fed."

And, apart from this partaking, all eating of literal bread at the table would be worthless But we can come in faith and say—

"O blest memorial of our dying Lord, Who living bread to men doth here afford! O may our souls for ever feed on thee, And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be."

THE MESSAGE OF THE CUP.

"The blood of Jesus [God's] Son cleanseth us from all sin."—1 John 1: 7.

OF what supremely does the cup speak to us as we sit at the Master's table? The Lord Jesus, in giving it to his disciples, said: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for many unto remission of sins." In perfect accord is the great statement of the Apostle John which we have used to express the innermost message of the cup. When we come to the table, as humble penitents, conscious of many sins and shortcomings, it is good to have in mind these words: "The blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

They give the comfort which we need.

"The blood ... cleanseth." John did not write "cleansed"; but of course he knew that true believers rejoiced in past forgiveness. He would have said with Paul, "By grace have ye been saved." Yet he wrote "cleanseth." Both "cleansed" and "cleanseth are right. The use of the latter word reminds us that though we were freely forgiven when we accepted Christ, not all our sin was in the past. Even Christians fall into sin. In the very next verse John writes: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." For the sins of the week and this day, the blood of Christ avails. The only hope we have for any forgiveness—of sins past, present or future—is in the cleansing blood of the Son of God.

"Cleanseth from all sin." No sin is too great

"Cleanseth from all sin." No sin is too great for pardoning love. Nothing remains unforgiven when Christ cleanses us. There is no need for consciousness of grievous failure to keep us from glad remembrance of the Lord—"the blood cleanseth"!

I am not unmindful of the conditional nature of the apostle's word. Not all people have the right to say, "The blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin." The sentence reads: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin." We dare not separate the Lord's gracious promises from the conditions to which he has attached them. So let us give heed to the words, "if we walk in the light." In God is no darkness at all; and if we say we have fellowship with him, but continue to walk in the darkness, we lie and do not the truth. Endeavor after a Christlike life, and a walking in the light, are essential conditions of receiving a blessing at the table of the Lord or cleansing through his blood. But if we walk in the light there are two blessed results: (1) "We have fellowship"—with God and with fellow Christians; (2) "The blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

"That blood which flowed for sin
In symbol here we see,
And feel the blessed pledge within
That we are loved of thee."

Towards Unity.

Principal T. H. Scambler, B.A.

THERE was never a greater need for the unity of Christians than there is to-day. There has never been a greater yearning among the people of God of all religious bodies for the union of Christendom. Many hearts in all communions echo the prayer of our Lord—"that they all may be one."

A sub-committee appointed by the Regional Committee of Faith and Order in Victoria met a few months ago at Bishopscourt, Sale, at the invitation of Bishop Cranswick. After hours of earnest prayer and study—the writer was one of the number, and knows whereof he affirms—the sub-committee prepared a report which began with the words: "We, the members of this sub-committee, confessing Christ as our common Lord and Saviour, declare that we are prepared to take any next step to which God the Holy Spirit may lead us in unity with each other and with others." It was no hollow profession. Each man who kneeled there that day is prepared to sacrifice much in order that his Master's prayer may be answered and his will accomplished. There are many obstacles to be overcome; progress will be slow. The first united expression, resulting from this movement, is to be a preaching mission, held under the direction of the Regional Committee, in the Moonee Ponds and Essendon districts. That may not seem to be very much of a contribution to a united church. It is probably in the right direction, for unity is much more likely to be achieved by Christians working together in the spirit of unity than by one and another laying down platforms for others to accept. It is expected the preaching mission will be held in September—it will provide us with an opportunity of showing our loyalty to the Master and to our

Developments in New Zealand towards a union of Baptist churches and Churches of Christ seem to provide a special reason for thanksgiving. An amazing letter received by us last week said: "The reported unity movement in N.Z. reveals the presence of traitors." But surely a unity movement in itself is an expression, not of treachery, but of utmost loyalty to our Lord and the New Testament. It is, of course, possible that some will fear that the desire for unity may mean the surrender of convictions which could not possibly be given up. But the desire for unity possibly be given up. But the desire for unity itself is an occasion for thanksgiving, and when we read the statement upon which the two committees agreed, and which our own conference unanimously accepted, we shall feel like breaking out in a song of praise. Here is the doctrinal statement that was thus accepted:

"We believe that man's salvation is based upon the atoning act of our Lord, perfected on the cross. We believe that salvation so on the cross. We believe that salvation so secured is God's free gift to all that believe. In the words of scripture, 'those that believe are justified from all things.' Where there is faith there is salvation. Where there is no faith there is no salvation. By faith is to be understood no mere verbal acceptance of dogmas, however true in themselves, but the entire response of the whole man, mental, emotional and volitional to Christ himself. Christ saves men when such faith is exercised in him. Neither church desires to make an addition to this simple

"We believe that faith in our Lord Jesus should be followed by the immersion of penitents in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. For Christian baptism in the New Testament certainly means four great things, in the sense that these are its normal accompaniments. It implies a cleansing from sin: 'Arise and be baptised and wash away thy sins calling on his name.' and wash away thy sins, calling on his name.'

It is linked to the gift of the Holy Spirit, the experience of those new powers which distinguish it from the baptism of John: 'Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptised, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?' It is ad-ministered to believers, and there is no evi-dence in the New Testament that it was ever administered to any but believers: 'Repent ye and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' For Paul, at any rate, it meant an experiential union with Christ in his redeeming acts, deeper in meaning than words can express: We were buried with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we might also walk in newness of life.' If it is asked just what the outer act of baptism contributed to these inner experiences of forgiveness, re-generation, faith and fellowship with Christ, we must reply that the New Testament never considers them apart in this detached

The Conference adopted the report unanimously; the churches are to be asked to ratify "The two committees can see ahead, if our churches ratify this report, and a vital union ultimately consummated," writes E. P. Aderman, who presented the report to conference. God grant it!

The Baptist Union of Victoria recently passed a resolution to promote discussions looking towards the union of Baptists with Churches of Christ and other religious bodies. A committee was appointed to this end. In response, our Victorian Executive has appointed a committee of our own brethren to confer with the Baptist committee. May the Spirit of God brood over their conferences!

TRUST.

- I cannot see, with my small human sight, Why God should lead this way or that for me:
- only know he saith, "Child, follow me"; But I can trust.
- know not why my path should be at times So straitly edged, so strangely barred before; only know God could keep wide the door;
- But I can trust.
- I often wonder, as with trembling hand
 I cast the seed along the furrowed ground,
 If ripened fruit for God will there be found; But I can trust.

Comprehensive Christianity.

^e Rom. 12: 1, 2.

F. Cornelius.

CHRISTIANITY invites one to live life at its U fullest; to be the best, do the best and receive the best. To accomplish such, however, our best, yea, our all, must be given to Christ. In the Christian life there is ever a pressing on to something which is bigger, brighter and more ennobling. There is ever a deeper experience to be enjoyed, a wider vision to be obtained, a richer inheritance to be possessed. When viewed from various angles, it will be seen just how comprehensive Christianity really is.

The Claims of Christianity are All-inclusive.

The Lord's followers are to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is their reasonable service. Christ is to be crowned Lord of the life. This will mean the surrender of all that we are to him. When this has been done, and only then, our lives will be richly blessed and greatly used for his-glory. Seeing that we have been bought with a price, and are not our own, it is to be with a price, and are not our own, it is a expected of us that we should glorify God in the condensate which are his. Having our body and spirit which are his. Having first given ourselves unto the Lord, all that we have is to be devoted to his service. Nobody is devoid of gifts. When these are unreservedly and gladly laid at his feet, he will use them for the honoring of his name. Full surrender also signifies that we are willing to allow God to plan our lives for us, ever being ready to follow his leading.

The Motive for Whole-hearted Surrender to Christ is All-sufficient.

Love is the inspiring power. After the attack had been made on President Garfield, the doctors ordered a cool, quiet place for his doctors ordered a cool, quiet place for his convalescence. Consequently a specially constructed railway was planned that the president might be conveyed to the spot with as little strain as possible. A certain farmer, not knowing for whom the work was being done, objected when it was proposed to take the line near his house. On learning, however, that it was being done for the president, he exclaimed, "If it is for our President Garfield you can run it right through my house if you

like." Love for the person concerned made all like." Love for the person concerned made au the difference. What love and gratitude should fill our hearts when realising what Christ has done for us! The more we consider the wonders of redemption, and the more fully we understand the price that was paid on Calvary to accomplish it, the more will our hearts be filled with that answering love to him which will express itself in uttermost consecrawhich will express itself in uttermost consecration. Paul in the first eleven chapters of Romans has been revealing the amazing wonder of God's grace. In the light of such wondrous love he says, I beseech you that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice.

The Blessings Experienced by a Life Wholly Consecrated to God are All-important.

Paul mentions three of these. Christians are called upon to live a life that is isolated -a life separated, not from the world's needs, but from its sins and seductions. God's chil-dren must never be moulded by the world. Christ's call is ever an upward one, but world-Christ's call is ever an upward one, but world-liness is downward in its tendency. "The only men who can impress the world for God are those who are not impressed by it." Hence Paul says, "Be not conformed to this world." Transformation is also a glorious result of the highest life. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." We are saved, not only from that which is evil, but to that which is good. Of the Thessalonians, it is said that they "turned from idols to serve the living and true God." Having put off "the old man with his deeds," we "put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." Those who give themselves completely over to the will of God enjoy a beautiful realisation. They experience in their hearts the truth that the will of God is good, and acceptable, and perwill of God is good, and acceptable, and perfect. Also they are thereby enabled to demonstrate to those around them how really worth while is the life that is lived wholly within the circle of God's will.

May we gratefully and gladly lay our all upon the altar to be wholly his. Abundant life will then be ours, and by God's grace we will be enabled to bring forth to Christ's glory "fruit," "much fruit," and even "more fruit."

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

"SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY."

"You know the fear of evil, The dread of coming ill, Can paralyze the bravest And break the strongest will. The fear and not the evil, Since that may never be; The wrongs which mortals look for, Are more than all they see."

NOT GOLDEN, BUT CLEAN.

THE Christian method is not absolute perfection nor repression, but consecration. God can use men who are not perfect; nor does he require golden vessels, neither does he seek for silver ones, but he must have clean ones. If we keep ourselves unspotted from the world, we can be wonderfully used by him. "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

HIS NAME IS AN ELECTRIC WORD.

THE old Greek orators, when they saw their audience inattentive and slumbering, had one word with which they would rouse them up to enthusiasm. In the midst of their orations they would cry out, "Marathon!" and the enthusiasm would be unbounded. So though you may have been borne down with sin, and though trouble and trials and temptation may nave come upon you like avalanches, and you feel hardly like looking up, there is one grand, royal, imperial word that ought to rouse your soul to infinite rejoicing, and that word is "Jesus!"

A STIMULATING STORY.

"A PUBLIC dinner was given to General Har-rison. At the close of the dinner one of the gentlemen drank his health. The General pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast, and said, Another gentleman offered a toast, and said, 'General, will you not favor me by drinking a glass of wine?' The General, in a very gentlemanly way, begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from his seat and said in a most dignified manner, 'Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of the wine-cup. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press me ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated at a college together. The other sixteen members college together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkards' graves, and all from the pernicious habit of wine-drinking."

Magistrate.—"How much do you earn each week?

Cornet player .- "Five pounds, your honor." Magistrate.—"Five pounds a week for playing a cornet in the street!"

Cornet player.—"No, your honor. Five pounds a week for not playing and moving on.

In proposing toast of ladies at a public dinner, a chivalrous lawyer thus expressed himself:-

"The fee simple, and the simple fee, And all the fees in tail, Are nothing when compared with thee, The best of fees-female.'

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—THE UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT.

Monday, July 14.

So let your light shine before men, that they may glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 5: 16.

To let our light shine is the best evidence we can present to the world. It is the unanswerable argument, which not only convinces, but leads many to glorify him who lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Reading—Matthew 5: 1-15.

Tuesday, July 15.

Ye are our epistle.—2 Cor. 3: 2.

The Corinthian converts were Paul's besttestimonial. Their abandonment of dissolute
habits and translation into the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ were widely known, and furnished a sufficient evidence that God had chosen him to be an apostle.

Reading—2 Corinthians 3: 1-11.

Wednesday, July 16.

Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise.—Eph. 5: 15.

The warning is against over-confidence. Christians should be on constant guard against falling, always conducting themselves, not foolishly, but as those endued with heavenly wisdom.

Reading—Ephesians 5: 15-21.

Thursday, July 17. Walk in wisdom toward them that are with-

out.—Col. 4: 5.
Towards those who make no profession Christians should conduct themselves accord-

ing "to the strictest principles of integrity, that they may not have occasion to reproach the religion which they profess." The practice of Christianity is its best evidence.

Reading—Colossians 4: 1-6.

Friday, July 18.

Be thou an ensample to them that believe. -1 Tim. 4: 12.

That no man should despise Timothy on account of his youth, but on the contrary, that he be respected by his brethren. Paul exhorts him to be an example "in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity."

Reading—1 Timothy 4.

Saturday, July 19.

That ye may show forth the excellences of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.—1 Pet. 2: 9. Having named the titles with which Chris-

tians are honored, the apostle shows the purpose in view. All heaven-given endowments are for daily use, whilst honors are bestowed upon Christians in order that they may show forth the excellences of their Lord and Re-

Reading-1 Peter 2: 1-10.

Sunday, July 20.

It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me.-Gal. 2: 20.

The Christian life is the unanswerable argument. With many, to see it is to believe it. In Paul's disposition and conduct men had a glimpse of the Saviour, and many were led, perhaps through what he was rather than what he said, to surrender themselves to Christ. Readings—Psalm 143; Galatians 2.

Man by the Wayside.

Luke 18: 35-43.

Prayer Meeting Topic for July 16.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

UKE tells us of one man by the wayside, but LUKE tells us of one man by the wayside, but Matthew tells of two, and that as they went out of the city. It may have been that one cried out to him as he came in "whom he cured not then, but on the morrow and the city cured him toat his going out of the city cured him together with the other, to whom in the mean-while he had joined himself" (Trench). For us the main consideration is that of men by the wayside who are in great need. There day, but the most of those to-day do not know they are blind, and lame, and deaf. These are in worse case, for they do not recognise a need. Perhaps such a recognition may come through the present world's tragedy.

Difficulties Overcome.

No one can tell when the awakening will come, but when it does there will be many difficulties in the way. These men of Jericho found a way to Christ. The biggest hindrance was the crowd made up for the most part of the friends and sympathisers of Jesus. These unfortunate men were told in no uncertain manner to be quiet—to "hold their peace." Isn't it true that the friends of Jesus have often kept folk from Christ? These men, too, were using titles which some in the crowd did wish to hear ascribed to Jesus. So men within the church and men without have combined to keep people from Christ. The church, with its divisions, and statements of belief, and the materialists who deny to Jesus his eternal Sonship, are sometimes to blame for keeping people away. Some "good Christians" do not like the manner of approach— new methods are "taboo." And this was true in the revival of Moody and Sankey and of Wesley. But God's work will be done, and difficulties within and without will be overcome.

Saved by Faith.

If men by the wayside are to be saved, it will not be by uttering "shibboleths" and sub-scribing to certain forms of church governscribing to certain forms of church governments and modes of worship, but by a thoroughgoing and absolute faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." It was an overcoming faith, a faith that surmounted obstacles. Too many, even Christians, say they have faith, but are really a hindrance to the work of God because there is no action—no overcoming. We settle down into a fatalistic philosophy of life and say conditions are against us, and "What's the use?" We are like the people of Israel who "having eyes see not, and ears have they but they hear not." We need more than ever to-day to be boldly active for Jesus Christ, not only that 'ourselves may come to Christ, but only that 'ourselves may come to Christ, but that we may bring others. The faith of the men by the wayside and the reception of them by Jesus turned the opposition of the multitude into helpfulness (cf. Mark 10: 49). And may it not be that the faith of those at present outside the lukewere church may stir present outside the lukewarm church may stir us again to a very necessary helpfulness?

The blind men, now healed, "glorified God"; the multitude "gave praise unto God." What a change! First a hindrance then a real worshipper. How much is our worship worth in the eyes of God? Perhaps not much, but it lacks reality. Our own individual salvation and membership in the church has been more or less selfish. But to help a soul to Christ will change the whole relationship between you and God. Praise to our God, unending praise for a soul saved.

TOPIC FOR JULY 23.—WHERE THERE'S A WILL.-Luke 19: 1-10.

Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

APPEALING TO THE ADOLESCENT.

Human life is never lacking in interest at any of its stages, but when a girl or boy is rounding the wide bend between the ages of twelve and seventeen she or he offers new occasion of anxiety to parents and a fresh source of interest to the youth leader. At no other period are the spiritual factors so immensely important and yet so difficult to handle

The adolescent epoch marks a notable change. It might almost be described as the birth of the self, especially if this be taken to mean the process by which a conscious individual becomes aware of itself as self-determining. In growing measure the adolescent assumes conscious control not only of his behaviour, but also of his inner life, with its feelings, motives and judgments.

He now begins to "try out" his powers, and the first thing he discovers is that his new freedom has ushered him into a terribly big world. The old ideas and feelings give place to something more adequate. The boy wants to count for something in his day. The girl desires to be fit for what life may bring to her. He desires prowess; she charm. There is many an inward upheaval and battle.

In this unrest the adolescent not unnaturally seeks some further security, and he finds it in the social group. His earlier contacts have prepared him now to form certain definite group loyalties. He lives a community life and he shapes his course according to the leading of the group. But not any group will do. Strangely enough it usually functions badly in the family group. The adolescent is not always at ease in respect of family attachments. Almost any other group will do. If this is true, there can be little doubt as to what kind of religious appeal is likely to be successful. We need to reach their inner life through the group consciousness. If you isolate a boy or girl from the group and start talking about intimate things such as prayer, love of Christ and so forth, the youngster will probably listen with respect and be duly impressed, but he will probably take away a suspicion that an unfair advantage has been taken of him. But gather a group together at the end of a good day, and you may talk with impunity about the most sacred things of the spirit. And the more organised form of doing this—the group discussion method—is particularly successful because the group is the atmosphere in which the inner life is quite at home, and the conditions are therefore favorable to a deep and lasting influence.

Yet we cannot be satisfied with group-religion. He has a soul to save—a delicate, inner life. The approach to this something is through the group. Get the confidence of boys and girls of this age and one often finds a beautiful sensitiveness to spiritual things which is more intelligent than that of a child and less sophisticated than that of an adult. He will be influenced by suggestional influence which is sometimes called hero-worship.

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Hence at this stage the figure of Christ should be presented, not as at the junior stage, as a hero to be admired, but as one who handled life's situations successfully, passing from stage to stage of his tragic experience with steady confidence. The adolescent boy or girl will almost invariably "warm up" to anyone who, without appearing to teach religion, can lay open clearly and convincingly the way to achievement.

"Lord Jesus, be our holy guest, Our morning joy, our evening rest, And with our daily food impart Thy love and peace to every heart."

Our Book Table.

MANY people to-day are giving attention to Scripture prophecy. The 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel have many expositors. Mr. Lionel A. Johnston has published an interesting pamphlet of 40 pages (price 1/-; posted 1/1) entitled "God and Magog, not Armageddon and not Pre-Millennial," which is announced as "presenting a plea for sound methods in the interpretation of the prophetic Scriptures; also containing new light from ancient sources on details of the prophecy of Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39." The writer stands for a literal fulfill ment of the prophecy of the invasion of Palestine by Gog and Magog (Gog the name of person, Magog of a country or its people). He writes specially to refute the contention of some who "identify this invasion with the battle of Armageddon and consequently place it before the millennium." Chapters deal with the allies and opponents of Israel, and with life on earth during the millennium. The treatment of the ships of Tarshish may be specially commended to the consideration of readers. Those who know the author will not need to be informed that he has given much thought to his subject, and that he always writes in an admirably Christian spirit.

From Mr. S. John Bacon, Southern Cross Chambers, Collins-st., Melbourne, we have received the following three booklets:—A very attractive book of verse, entitled "Aboriginal Legends and Poems for To-day," by Mr. P. Lloyd-Smith, formerly headmaster of Bairnsdale Technical School. The opening poem contains a plea for our aborigines who possess "traditions worthy of an honored page in history's story of the march of man." The author's royalties on the sales of the book, which will make an excellent gift, are being donated to the Aborigines Uplift Society. The price is 2/6. "Israel in the Purpose of God," by Mr. H. K. Mack, B.A., is cordially commended in an appreciative foreword by Professor J. Gillies, who says: "The key to this booklet is in the sentence, 'A due appreciation of the fact of Christ's present Kingship would, we believe, mean a great access of spiritual power to the church.' . . . The church is the Israel of God. . . . Only a spiritual mind could have done this piece of work." The price of the booklet is 6d. "Are the Anglo-Saxons Israel?" by Edward R. Weston, has as its purpose the placing before the reader the main points of the Anglo-Israel theory and to show its incompatibility with Scripture. The author presents his case clearly, simply and cogently. The published price of the booklet is 6d.

The thirteenth impression (completing fifty-one thousand) of Mrs. James Stafford's book, "The Path of Life," has been issued by the Evangelical Publishing Co., 317 Collins-st., Melbourne. It contains 21 chapters on important Scripture themes, and its purpose is to point readers to the Saviour and to help them to realise the blessedness of the Christian life. This purpose is well achieved. The author has a firm faith in Christ and the Scriptures, and writes simply, clearly and directly. As no profits from the sale of the hook go to either publisher or author, it is published at the low price of 6d.

The Evangelical Publishing Co. has also issued a number of penny pamphlets by Mr. John C. Ridley, M.C., the well-known Baptist preacher, which have been greatly used for the helping of men. They are admirably suited for use amongst men of the forces. We have received the following: "Holding the Fort," "The Nelson Touch," "Aid from the Air," "The Bravest of the Brave," "For Valour." "A Soldier's Testimony," by the same writer, in its fourth edition, completing 20,000 copies, is issued at 2d. It tells of the author's conversion and experiences.

From the Alliance of Honour, Melbourne, we have received copies of the first Australian editions of three little books dealing with sex—

"God's Plan in Sex" by Dr. A. Herbert Gray (4d.), "Personal to Boys" by Dr. T. Miller Neatby (6d.), and "Telling Your Children," by Dr. Enid M. Smith (3d.). These booklets have been approved and highly commended.

Biblical Prophecy and Racecourse Prophecy.

"THE Malvern Spectator," Victoria, a secular weekly, in its July 1 issue, had the following very pertinent leading article:—

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"An Australian publication is busying itself by attacking those religious sects which deal in Bible prophecies about the end of the world. We have nothing to say about these interpretations except to leave them to orthodox theologians, who are well able to deal with them, but we have some things to say about a paper which devotes its front page to attacking prophecy of one kind while an inside page is given over to another and more devastating type of prophecy, to wit, the divination of the winner of the next race.

"After admitting that the overwhelming majority of the people take little notice of Jehovah's Witnesses, British-Israel, etc., and therefore can do little harm, this paper proceeds to shed a few tears about soldiers' relatives. 'Is it not sheer cruelty to add to the anxiety of these (relatives) with what purport to be Biblical prophecies of impending events—mysterious and terrifying?' it asks.

"Probably, yes, but what of the sheer cruelty of encouraging people to think that it is possible to pick winners? We could, without using any sob-stuff, tell of misery and disgrace caused by over indulgence in gambling, which lands more people in our gaols than Biblical prophecy lands in our asylums. For every weak-minded person upset by Bible prophecy, hundreds are ruined by racecourse prophecy, and yet this journal has the hide to attack the one and encourage the other and claim it is doing a public service.

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"Last year we very effectively de-bunked the race prophets of the Melbourne dailies, and we have the same sad story about the paper referred to. While it was dealing with British-Israel on the front page, its race prophet was busy selecting winners for Saturday. He did not get one winner, and while picking them, one, two, three, only managed to mention five minor placings with eighteen horses named. Apparently the journal knows as much about the end of a race as British-Israel knows about the end of the world!"

WHEN SHADOWS ROLL.

We ask not, Lord, when shadows roll, That thou wilt bid our woes depart, But steadfast, 'neath thy blest control, Strong let us move with valiant heart. Lord, show us where our pathway lies,

Lord, show us where our pathway hes, Though clouds and darkness round we see, And make us circumspectly wise To know the place our feet should be,

We ask not ease nor comfort sweet, More joy in life to know or find, But help us by thy grace to meet Each varied task to us assigned.

The service thou wouldst have us do, Seeking thy fellowship to share, More faithfully let us pursue, And all thy woudrous love declare.

Fulfil in us thy pure desire, Exalt us by thy Spirit's power, And let thy truth our souls inspire, In every dark and dubious hour.

Sustain and bless whate'er betide; Take from our lives all faithless fear; All must be right with thee to guide, All must be well if thou art near.

> John I, Wright, in "The Christian Advocate."

Here and There.

The Victorian General Dorcas sisters will hold their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday next, July 16, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m., in Swanston-st. lecture hall. All sisters are invited to attend.

In this issue we print the address entitled "Comprehensive Christianity" delivered by Bro. F. Cornelius at the consecration meeting of the recent C.E. Convention in South Australia. Bro. Cornelius is the new State C.E. President.

After almost seven years of faithful and successful service as organiser of our youth work in Victoria, Bro. Keith A. Jones has resigned in order to accept a call to preach at Maylands, S.A. He expects to begin his ministry with the church there about the middle of September.

Rocklea Sunday school, Qld., has purchased ground for cash, and is putting in the build-ing stumps by a working bee. Interest is keen in the district and among members of the church nearby. Brethren are asked to con-tinue to pray that it will be possible to establish a church.

Bro. F. T. Morgan, preacher of Invermay church, Tasmania, will succeed Bro. W. S. Lowe as writer of our Tasmanian News-Letter. His first letter appears in this issue. We thank Bro. Lowe for his valuable services. Our readers have greatly enjoyed the letters from the different States.

Bro. D. K. Beiler, secretary and treasurer of the Preacher Placement and Advisory Board of South Australia, has been granted indefinite leave of absence from the Board owing to his enlistment in the Air Force. Bro. F. Collins, of 29 Gurney-rd., Dulwich, becomes acting secretary while Bro. Beiler is on active service.

Many Victorian institutions for the helping of men and women will be the poorer because of the death of Sir Charles Connibere, one of Melbourne's leading philanthropists. He was greatly interested in temperance work and in the work of the Melbourne City Mission, the Y.M.C.A. and other Christian organisations, of which he was a very liberal supporter.

We are grateful to the kind contributors of helpful articles. May we again state that with paper rationing it is essential that articles be brief? We can use many short ones—say from 500 to 1000 words, or a little more; but it is very difficult to find space for long articles. We get many notes accompanying "a brief We get many notes accompanying "a brief article" which is really not brief. Compres-sion helps and does not spoil an article. Readers like brevity.

Our Victorian Women's Conference Temperance Committee have issued the following statement and request:- "As women, we feel very distressed at the flagrant attempt by our Department of Commerce to induce the women of Australia to use wine as a beverage in the home, by advertisement in daily and women's papers. We feel it is a challenge to the women of Australia, but we look to the men to stand by and help us protect the home from the invasion of this enemy, more dangerous in many ways than foreign foes. We therefore earnestly ask that each preacher will request his congregation to carry a resolution of protest against this insidious aim, and forward it direct to the Prime Minister, and/or to Sir Earle Page, the Minister of Commerce."

The secretary of the newly-formed Inter-church Women's Council writes as follows:— "Christian women, realising the privileges and need for united action, have banded together and formed a Women's Inter-church Council of Victoria, its aims being: (a) To promote friendship and co-operation between women of all branches of the Christian church; (b) provide an avenue whereby they may unitedly strive to establish the kingdom of God on earth, particularly with regard to social reform and right international relationships. The fol-lowing churches are affiliated—Baptist, Congregational, Church of England, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian. The following were elected as the first office-bearers: President, Mrs. H. D. Downing (Baptist); vice-Mrs. E. Holmes (Presbyterian) and Mrs. Howden (Congregational); treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Bischoff (Church of Christ); secretary, Mrs. G. E. Peart (Methodist). The next meeting of the council will be held in the drawingroom of the Independent Hall on Friday, July 25, at-2.30 p.m."

Many friends will regret to learn of the death of Bro. John T. Mahony, who passed away at his home at Mont Albert, Vic., on Monday morning, at the age of 61 years. Our brother was an esteemed member of Mont Albert church, Our brother in the foundation and carrying on of which he played a leading part. For 13 years he was a member of Box Hill Council, and had been twice mayor of the city. Bro. Mahony was always willing to let his Christian faith and convictions be known, and in church and civic life alike sought ever to be true to them. Deep sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Mahony, her daughter and four sons.

There were good meetings at Glenelg, S.A., on June 22 and 29. Bro. Ewers, of Hind-marsh, exhorted in interests of foreign missions on 22nd. A number have been laid aside in sickness. Y.P. club makes up parcels for members serving in oversea forces, also writes letters regularly sent by air mail and air mail stamp enclosed for reply. The church regrets temporarily losing the services of Bro. D. K. Beiler, the secretary, who has enlisted in Air Force. Bro. V. James will act in his place. Fifteen church members are now in oversea Training class commenced on June 17. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. James in the loss of her sister.

The churches in our eastern suburbs (Vic.) are uniting in a big "Victory in Christ" crusade, to be held the first week in September in the Conference Hall, Camberwell. The effort will have four values—evangelism, teaching, witness and fellowship. All auxiliaries of the churches are working towards this effort, and it is hoped that much blessing will result. A choir of 100 voices is being formed to assist in the singing, and other preparations are in hand. The meetings are not only for the eastern suburban group, but the brotherhood is invited to co-operate too. The Conference Hall is very accessible, being right opposite Camberwell rail-way station. The prayers of the Brotherhood are invited for the success of the effort.

A Missioner's Worries.

E. C. Hinrichsen.

IF a marquee is not used usually the church building is too small or out of the way for a big mission. If it is used, there are continual worries. If it rains, the whole tent shrinks, and if not loosened will collapse. If a storm is raging and the wind is boisterous, ropes and poles are likely to snap. If the sun is shin-ing and the material is dry, there is constant danger of fire. Last night was Saturday. There was no meeting in the tent. But a number of us had a meeting elsewhere. It was a meeting fraught with anxiety, as it concerned a split in the church. It lasted from 7 p.m. till just on 11 p.m. It was nearly 12 o'clock when I got home. The telephone rang when I was not in the frame of mind for such news, I was told that the tent and equipment were burnt. How the fire started we will never We are right against the railway line know. and many steam trains pass. A spark could have lodged in the shavings. Years ago at

Richmond there was a fire. On that occasion a boy of seven started it. In front of one of the missioners he threw a match on the tent. The breeze did the rest. It is very likely that that is what happened here. On two occasions drunken men have sought refuge in the tent. They went to sleep, and a lighted cigar-ette set a cushion on fire in one case, and the grass on fire in the other. Both fires caused the tent to start to burn, but on each instance there were people close enough to extinguish the flames. Again at Enmore some boys were lighting fireworks; a spark set the tent on However, we were there, as it was at fire. the close of a meeting, and again the tent was saved.

This time, however, everything is gone, including seats and piano as well as the tent. It is a loss of about £250 in money.

It is most regrettable for Hurstville's sake. We were just reaching the stage in the mission when converts were likely in larger numbers. Last Sunday night there would be between four and five hundred non-members present. There was general interest. Forty had made the confession. However it will be many months before a tent can be made owing to war orders. The Hurstville building does not lend itself to a successful mission, but we hope We shall close to continue for this week in it. on Monday week, July 14. After that our plans are not yet certain. Somehow, some good will come out of the unfortunate experience.

ADDRESSES.

C. Fletcher (secretary Brunswick church, Vic.).

Tower-st., Doncaster.
V. James (secretary Glenelg church, S.A.).— Marion-rd., Plympton.

J. E. Thomas (preacher North Williamstown church, Vic.).-51 John-st., Williamstown, W.16. 'Phone, FY6-677.

IN MEMORIAM.

BAGLEY .- To the revered memory of my beloved husband Edward, called "home" July 9,

"Beyond the mist the dawn will come again." ←C. Bagley.

DAVIES.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Evan John William, and father of Dorothy and Gladys, called home July 13, 1938.

"Until the day dawn and the shadows flee away."

-Inserted by his loving wife and family.

GARTH (on active service).—In loving memory of Ralph S., accidentally killed July 12, 1940; third son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garth, "Glen Masson," Upper Plenty, Vic. Brother of Linda (Mrs. F. T. Morgan), Tas., Elva (Mrs. F. J. Dowling), Thelma (Mrs. A. Arnold), Geoff. and Ray, Preston, and Stan., A.I.F. abroad.

Not till the loom is silent, and the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unfold the canvas and explain the

reason why;

For the dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skilful hand,

As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern he has planned.

GUYATT .-- In loving memory of Sophy Guyatt, our beloved mother, who entered into rest on July 10, 1940.

Some day, some time, our eyes shall see That dear face kept in memory; Some day our hands shall clasp her hand

Just over in the morning land.

-Inserted by Ruby and Frank Cronk and family.

RUST.-Homeward bound in the aeroplane "Lovebird," our dearly loved son, Thornton Walbancke, was accidentally killed at Temora, N.S.W., on July 14, 1931.

We cannot say-we will not say That he is dead—he is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of his hand, He has wandered with God to his unknown

Just a brief adieu.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth .- On morning of June 29, Bro. J. Wiltshire gave an inspiring address on "The More Excellent Way." At night his subject was "Is God's Arm Shortened?" Visitors included Miss Cox, an overseas missioner, who shortly leaves for Tibet.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).-In absence of a preacher, attendances are splendidly maintained. Bren. H. Nicholls and H. Stevens conducted services on June 29. On July 6, in the morning, Bro. Ken Barton gave a splendid address on "Prayer." Bro. G. J. Foot gave the gospel message. Communicants during day numbered

Hobart (Collins-st.).—On June 30 a successful social was held by the Young People's Fellowship to provide more radiators for the church. At a well-attended half-yearly business meeting on July 2, plans were discussed for future work. On July 6 Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, of Hampton, Vic., was a visitor. Y.P.F. held its third monthly tea, and at evening service, at which Mr. L. A. Bowes spoke on "The Fireside of Christ," several young ladies took part creditably.

Invermay .- On June 25 the annual children's tea was conducted by the Bible school. enjoyable concert, given by the scholars, followed, a feature of which were items by the Boys' Explorer Club. On June 29 Bro. F. T. Morgan preached impressively on "The Evan-gelistic Church." There were two decisions gelistic Church." There were two decisions at night, when the subject was "Regeneration." There were splendid attendances at all meetings on July 6, Bro. Morgan speaking. A young woman and a young man were haptised. Bro. Ern. Stevens rendered a solo.

QUEENSLAND.

Gympie,-On June 27 the C.E. society held a most successful social. Presentations were made to Miss A. and Mr. N. Kingston for winning an efficiency contest spread over three months. On July 1 the society conducted the

months. On July 1 the society conducted the consecration service at Baptist church.

Annerley.—Encouraging meetings were held during past month.' Visiting brethren have given splendid messages. Sunshine Club under leadership of Sister R. More is proving helpful to young women. On evenings of June 22 and July 6, Bro. H. E. Greenwood gave uplifting addresses. The church mourns the death of Sister Creek ing addresses. of Sister Crook.

Bundaberg.—Morning service on June 29 was broadcast. Bro. Larsen spoke on "What is Wrong with the World?" There was a large congregation. Bro. and Sister Jones and family were welcomed back after a long absence. A woman made the good confession at close of Bro. Larsen's address; topic for gospel service was "Who is the Rock—Christ or Peter?" Bro. was "Who is the Rock—Christ or Peter" Bro.
Larsen's series of "Mysteries of the Scriptures"
continues to be of interest at the mid-week
meetings. Women's Guild, held a successful
social afternoon on July 2.

Roma.—On June 15 to 17 the C.E. society anniversary was celebrated. A fellowship tea

held on Saturday afternoon and a public meeting followed, when all officers were inducted. Special meetings were held on Sunday. Morning service was broadcast, and the greatest number for a considerable time assembled. On Monday an enjoyable picnic was held. Visitors were present from Chinchilla. All meetings are well attended and much interest is manifested. It has been decided to commence a school three-months' rally on July 6. Average attendance at school is 70, and the aim is to increase attendance to 100. We regret to report the passing of Bro. McKellar after a lengthy illness. Our aged sister Mrs. Rowe has been laid aside for some weeks.

Monkland.—This church is now enrolled among those subscribing to the "A.C." The kindergarten has secured a set of little chairs made for the school by Bro. A. Joyce: On June 28 Bro. A. Culbert was married at Crescent-rd. to Miss A. Hillcont.

Brisbane (Ann-st.) .- June 29 was a record in attendances for some time. Bro. Arnold spoke in the morning, when Bro. and Sister Walker were received by transfer from Victoria, and Bro. Clive Ballinger, after confession and baptism. C.E. society held a tea, when Bro. C. E. Trudgian, of City Mission, showed a film of the mission's work; 65 present. At night Bro. Arneld gave an excellent address. John Market. Arnold gave an excellent address. Jean Marler and Joan Howard, S.S. scholars, confessed Christ, making six decisions for June. On July 6 Bro. Arnold spoke in morning on "Faith is the Victory." Sister Mrs. Latcham, sen., Bro. and Victory." Sister Mrs. Latcham, sen., Bro. and Sister Latcham and Joan were welcomed into fellowship by transfer from Kingaroy. Bro. Arnold's subject at night was "Help that Never Fails." There were three decisions for Christ.

VICTORIA.

Boronia.-Bro. P. R. Thickins is presenting a scries of morning messages on the Holy Spirit. F.M. offering reached £10/13/9. Owing to illness Bro. J. Maguire is still unable to attend

-The marriage of Arthur Stanley Ashley and Mildred Mary Legg took place in the chapel on June 28, Will. H. Clay officiating. Bro. Roberts has created a very fine impression, and his work is much appreciated.

Portland.—On July 6 Bro. Stevenson gave a

helpful message to the church on "The Pre-eminence of Christ." The first wedding in Sister Tonkin and Bro. Kloester were married.
Newmarket.—On June 22 Bro. Roffey, of Nth.

Essendon, spoke in morning and Bro. Robb at gospel service. On June 29 a service was held in memory of two of the oldest members— Sister Mrs. McBean and Bro. Bain. On July 6 Bro. Robb spoke at both services.

Stawell.—On July 6 Bro. Thurrowgood gave farewell addresses. He and Sister Thurrowgood are leaving to take up work with Echuca Members were to give them a farewell social on July 8. On July 2 Bro. L.

Dudley gave a lantern lecture on mission work.

Boort.—Bro. Wright gives very fine addresses.

A farewell social was tendered to Will Hanlon
by table tennis club before his departure to He was presented with a New Testament and a wallet. Several visitors have been welcomed on recent Sundays.

Sunshine.—Bro. Nixon was speaker at both services on July 6. A social was held on

July 5 to express appreciation of Bro. A. A. Moroney's assistance and service to the church and especially to the young people. He was presented with a copy of Mossatt's New Tes-

Hampton.-F.M. offering on July £15/8/5. Bro. Stephenson spoke at both services. Miss Lang sang a solo at night. Bro. Colin Thomas, from India, gave an interesting talk to the Bible school. A coming of age party was tendered to Miss B. Marris on even-

Footscray.-The church regrets the death of Mrs. A. F. Jennings, one of the oldest members. Sister Mrs. A. J. Wilson is in hospital. Y.W.L. held a successful evening on July 1. On June 29 the intermediate C.E. re-commenced. P.B.P. club spent an enjoyable time at 3 AR studios on evening of June 30.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On July 6 Bro. Baker spoke at all services. Many men in uniform spoke at all services. Many men in uniform attend all meetings, and the church has made a rest-room available to men in the fighting forces. Offering for overseas mission amounted Sympathy is extended to Mrs. W. R. Crichton, in the loss of her father.

St. Kilda .- Bro. W. H. McCallum continues to give inspiring messages. Improvements to church grounds are being made. Recently vandals broke into the chapel and did some

Moreland .- Both services on July 6 were impressive. Mr. Graham's sermons were of a high standard. At night a young lad made the The choir assisted with an good confession.

Oakleigh .- During recent weeks the church has received helpful addresses from visiting speakers. On July 6 Bro. W. H. Clay spoke at morning service. Bro. H. Swain conducted gospel service. F.M. offering amounted to 26. Enlarged kindergarten hall is proving an acquisition, especially in young people's work.

Camberwell.—At an every-member-present service on July 6, 130 broke bread. Overseas mission offering was £36. Total, including duplex envelope contributions, is £50. Joy Society in Sunday school held a grocery day for social service on July 6. Bro. Peters is leading choir for "Victory in Christ" crusade.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.) .- On July 6 morning service was broadcast, and satisfactory reports are coming in from some who listenedin. Bro. Hughes preached at Doin Services.
After the evening meeting Bro. Hughes showed very interesting pictures of work in New Hebrides. F.M. offering so far amounts to £67.

Fairfield Park.—On June 29, at conclusion of Bro. Goldsworthy's address, a young lady from the Bible class, who confessed Christ the previous week, was baptised. On July 6 Bro. Goldsworthy spoke at both meetings, subject at night being "Babeld the Meetings, Scatter Parkers". might being "Behold the Man." Cottage prayer meetings, held weekly, are well attended. Bible

school is practising for anniversary.

Hartwell.—At conclusion of Bro. Webb's address on June 29, a senior Bible school scholar confessed Christ. F.M. offering, £23 to date, confessed Christ. F.M. offering, £23 to date, is 100 per cent. increase. Eleven new members were received into fellowship on July 6. A thankoffering to the children's missioners, Bren, White and Roberts, realised £17/2/-. All departments of the church are in splendid heart.
South Richmond.—There was improved at-

tendance at all meetings on July 6. Sunday school is encouraging. The church has been strengthened by additions by transfer. Women's Sunshine Circle celebrated first anniversary, when visitors were present. On June 26 Mr. Lang gave a splendid illustrated lantern lecture on "Bird Life" to the Young People's Club and

North Williamstown.—At gospel service on June 29, a young lady made the good confession. Bro. J. E. Thomas continues to give stirring messages. F.M. offering to date is stirring messages. £27/10/-. Bro, Ma Bro. MacDonald has built a new house adjacent to the chapel and Bro. and Sister Thomas have been invited to live in this, which will make the pastoral work easier. Sister Thomas is about again after illness,

Ballarat (York-st.).—Attendances over past two Lord's days were good. Bro. L. Dudley helped to further interest in foreign missions. Sister Pauline Quayle has been baptised and welcomed by Bro. Feary, sen. Speakers have been Bren. Bert and W. Feary and Arnold Sheppard. Teachers' training class is being

Feary. F.M. offering to date, £6/10/-.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Bro. J. A. Wilkie addressed morning meeting on June 29, and Bro. L. Dudley, of Drumcondra, conducted evening service, gave lantern lecture on June 30, and addressed Mission Band on July 1 in interests of foreign missions. Bren. L. Dudley and A. Graham were speakers at Doveton-st, North on June 29. Y.P. fellowship continues with enthusiastic meetings. Church fellowship social was held at Dawson-st. on July 2. Bro. E. H. Randall addressed P.B.P. devotional meeting on July 3. Both services on July 6 were addressed by Bro. W. W. Saunders, speakers at Doveton-st, being Bren. E. Steele and J. A. Wilkie. Ballarat churches hope to raise £130 for support of F.M. living link, Sister Helen Wiltshire. Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Bro. Robinson's addresses are helpful. On July 1, the ladies conducted a successful American tea. Two members (Pte. Sands and Pte. Brotchie), previously reported missing, have been reported prisoners of war. Officers of church have decided to "adopt" these, and have headed a subscription list to which members and friends are readily subscribing.

Surrey Hills.—Interest is maintained in the work. During past month Bro. Andrews has visited Albury and exchanged with Coburg. Young people's clubs are active, and pleasant and successful functions have been held. Bible school rally is touching the century mark. Boys' club, under leadership of Bro. W. Newham, has won both senior and junior athletic competitions of Y.M.C.A.

Ormond.—At prayer meeting on July 2 Bro. C. L. Lang gave a good message on "Safeguarding the Home." On July 6 his morning address was very helpful. Bible school has started practice for anniversary. At night Bro. Lang's subject was "The Christ of History." Overseas offering for the day was \$28/10/-. Sister Mrs. Ring is very sick. On June 30 the C.E. society had a missionary night.

Echuca.—On June 29 Bro. A. Smith spoke in morning and Mr. Southwick at night. Bro. A. Mudford gave an inspiring address on July 6 on "The Church with a Vision." At night Mr. P. Tilson (Methodist) spoke on "To whom shall we liken God?" Bro. A. G. Thurrowgood, of Stawell, having accepted a call to labor again with the church at Echuca in association with home missions, will commence his ministry on July 13

Castlemaine.—C.E. anniversary services were held on July 5 and 6. Mr. Brice, of Baptist church, gave an address at Saturday evening gathering, visitors being present from other societies. Sunday evening service was conducted by young people. Bro. Bart Burtt, of the college, spoke at both services, bringing a special message to youth. Bendigo C.E. was represented. Our aged Bro. Irvine passed away during the week.

Coburg.—On June 15 Bro. G. Andrews, of Surrey Hills, gave a helpful message in interests of overseas offering. An interesting Bible cricket match was enjoyed by Y.P.S.C.E. and that of West Moreland Baptist society on July 2. Bible school attendances continue on a high mark. Two young people were received by faith and haptism into membership, and Bro. Stewart Wilson by transfer from Brighton on June 29. Overseas offering to date is £15.

Brim.—Bro. H. Edwards addresses afternoon and evening services. Afternoon meetings especially are well attended. A new member has helped at the organ since the former organist moved to the city. On July 3 a young lady made the good confession and was baptised the same hour. Three members have been lost by transfer. Sister Stronach, sen., has been in hospital for past two weeks. Three new active members have been welcomed to C.E. society.

Newport.—Bro. W. Clay spoke on morning of June 22. Bro. Quirk met with an accident on June 28 and was unable to take services on June 29, when Bro. Lemke was speaker. On July 6 Bro. Sandells gave morning address. In afternoon Sister Sandells gave an interesting talk to children and parents on the New Hebrides. At night Bro. Sandells told the story of his work in the islands, illustrated by lantern slides. Foreign mission offering was £6. Bro. Quirk is much improved.

Berwick.—Ladies' auxiliaries are working harmoniously, and have been responsible for interior improvements such as painting of vestry, new linoleum in porch, and new cushion for reading deek. On morning of June 29 Bro. W. Marshall, of Dandenong, spoke here, Bro. Pike taking his place at Dandenong. After evening service on July 6, the church attended a lantern lecture in Presbyterian school hall by a representative of B. and F. Bible Society. A collection was taken for the society's work.

Kaniva.—The chapel was filled on July 4, when Bro. and Sister Earle were welcomed at a social gathering. Representatives from all parts of the circuit, and other communions, were spontaneous in expressing a welcome. A presentation was made to Sister A. Williams before her marriage to Bro. J. C. Cunningham. Congregations combined on July 6 at Kaniva, and Bro. Earle gave well-chosen thooughts on Acts 10: 29. His address to evening service was entitled "My Gospel." Overseas mission offering is £111 for first day.

Brunswick.—On morning of July 6, Bro. D. Gibbs gave the address, and Bro. Anderson, of Boort, was welcomed into fellowship. Sunday scholars and teachers were responsible for 3 DB Sunday School of the Air, Bro. A. E. White giving the story. After evening service, which was well attended, about half hour's session of recorded sacred music was appreciated. Recently the church had fellowship with Bro. C. Mocbus, on final leave. The son of Bro. A. Mann has been wounded in battle. Several members are sick.

Box Hill.—Two young ladies of Bible school, who confessed Christ on morning of June 29, have been received into membership. Bro. Salisbury, sen., is laid aside, and has had to relinquish, temporarily, superintendency of Sunday school and leading of school anniversary singing. Bren. Earl and Hammond have stepped into the respective positions. Bro. Ron. Earl has enlisted with the Navy. Bro. H. A. G. Clark, M.A., at gospel service on July 6, gave an illustrated address on missionary effort in India. Much interest is being taken in the "Victory in Christ" crusade to be held in September.

Hamilton.—On June 24 the C.E. meeting was conducted by the Baptist society and was followed by a social and supper. On June 26 the Women's Mission Band had a special effort, resulting in £4/12/- for building fund. Bro. Hargreaves' gospel message on June 29 was third of series on "Christ's Second Coming." After-church fellowship gave opportunity to bid farewell to Bro. and Sister Comer and Sister Miss Pidgeon, who have gone to Ballarat. On July 6 the foreign mission offering was taken. At gospel service Bro. Hargreaves completed his series on the second coming. Many have been helped, and good attendances have resulted.

Essendon.—On July 6 two girls from Sunday school were received into fellowship. Bro. Illingworth gave an earnest address on "The Place of the Second Born." After Bro. Illingworth's gospel address on "The Road-mender," a boy from the Bible school confessed Christ. Sisters Gwen Kemp and Alma Perkins rendered a duet, and Sister Dorothy Ploog a solo. A combined meeting of ladies' guilds from Ascot Vale, Essendon and North Essendon, held on July 3, was addressed by Bro. and Sister C. Thomas, missioners from India. Bro. Neil Hutton, from Victoria Park, W.A., was a visitor. Bro. A. G. E. Smith is to conduct a class of instruction for young men.

West Preston.—On June 18 Bro. A. A. Hughes gave a moving picture lecture on "Our India." £2/18/- was raised towards islands launch fund. On June 29 Bro. and Sister C. Thomas were welcomed. All enjoyed the fellowship and message of Bro. Connor at worship service. In afternoon Mrs. Thomas addressed Bible class and afterwards the junior and intermediate departments. Bro. Thomas was preacher here before his departure for India, and friendships were renewed and many new ones made at a basket tea arranged by the deaconesses in kinder hall. Bro. and Sister J. D. Lang were present, and Bro. Lang expressed a welcome, on behalf of the church, to which Bro. Thomas responded. A solo by Sister D. Beech was delightfully rendered. Gospel service was led by Bro. Wigney, and Bro. Thomas brought a splendid message. The chapel was filled to capacity, and the singing led by Bro. Lang was a feature. Sisters J. and T. Green rendered a duet. Foreign mission offering, £12/8/-, surpasses all previous efforts.

Red Hill.—On June 14 Bro. H. A. G. Clark gave a lantern travel talk in aid of piano fund. On June 15 he exhorted the church, and in the evening gave a lantern missionary message. Three men in the army were given suitable articles at a farewell church social on June 23. We regret to report that Bro. and Sister Salmon's son Eric is listed as a prisoner of war. At annual church business meeting three retiring deacons were re-elected, as also were the secretary and treasurer. All auxiliaries are functioning well, and Bro. Steele's preaching is good.

South Yarra.—On June 11 the Senior Endeavor welcomed Bro. and Sister Connor. The young people held their monthly tea on June 22, when Bro. and Sister Connor were present. On June 24 the Ladies' Guild in conjunction with Prahran visited the Christian Guest Home. Gifts to the guests were appreciated. A foreign mission address was given on June 29 by Bro. Wigney, of West Preston. There has been marked improvement in attendance at midweck meetings since Bro. Connor commenced his ministry.

Parkdale.-Bren. R. Geyer, A. B. Withers and C. G. Taylor gave messages at church anniversary on June 8. Attendances were good, and singing of Sunday school scholars and choir was enjoyable. Miss Norma Hollingworth was baptised on June 19 and received into fellowship on June 29. Bren. H. A. Hunt (Chelsea) on June 22 and K. A. Jones (Y.P. Dept.), on July 6, brought helpful messages at worship Over 40 attended a kitchen Miss Bessie Gullock under auspices P.B.P. club on July 1. Her wedding to Mr. N. Lacy, of Cambrian Hill, was celebrated on July 5. number of members are not in good health. Church and Y.W.L. gave £4/14/- to overseas missions on July 6.

Maryborough.-On June 29 Bro. and Sister Hollard commenced their second year with the day. Bro. Hollard spoke in morning on "Consecration," and at night on "Boldness in the Day of Judgment." Subjects on July 6 were Day of Judgment." Subjects on July 6 were "The Supreme Victory" and "Three Inseparable The officers have agreed to release Three's." Bro. Hollard for mission at Wedderburn about end of August. Sister Mrs. Kofoed is making satisfactory progress after operation. Renton, also in hospital, is progressing favorably. F.M. offering was approximately £5. tendances at all meetings are encouraging. Miss Cawood has joined Bible school staff. Prayer meeting attendances are splendid; the book of Daniel is being studied. Miss Sewell is serving as agent for the "Christian."

Gardiner.—At 11th annual men's

Gardiner.—At 11th annual men's banquet of K.S.P. club on June 26, 75 men were present, and Bro. J. Turner, from Camberwell, was speaker. Bro. Hagger spoke at each service on June 29. Miss Winnie Lee was soloist at night. Two young women from Bible school made the good confession. Mrs. Colin Thomas, from India, was speaker at Women's Mission Band meeting on July 2. On July 6, 203 members broke bread. Bro. Hagger spoke at both services, and at night had assistance of members of church football team. The reorganised choir, with Bro. Lloyd Piper conductor, made its first appearance, and assisted greatly with the singing. Members of P.B.P. club entertained their fathers at a successful "fathers' night" on July 7. The husband of Sister Mrs. Basil Pugh has been wounded in action overseas.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Winkie.—Bro. Patching on morning of June 29 spoke on "The Greatness and Condescension of God." In the evening members attended a K.S.P. anniversary service at Berri. On June 30 a "kitchen evening" was tendered to Sister Miss Lorna Clarke who was married to Mr. Roy De Boo on July 5. Opportunity was also taken to present Bro. and Sister Roy Morrell (formerly Miss Blanche Paddick) with a token of esteem. Bren. C. Williams and Patching were the speakers on July 6.

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Adelaide (Grote-st.) .- Bro. Hurren spoke at both services on July 6. In morning he gave a searching address on "The Christian's Attitude to the World," and at night a stirring address on "The Three Crosses." Foreign mission offering to date is £56. Two were received to fellowship by letter.

Cottonville.—F.M. offering exceeds previous best. On June 22 Bro. A. G. Brown was speaker. Ladies are raising money to renew all carpets in chapel. Our aged Sister Mrs. Mitchell, a foundation member, is critically ill.
A great deal of sickness prevails. Sunday school continues upward trend, and Endeavor active. A successful social was recently held by Endeavorers. Arrangements for a mission

in October are being made.

Hindmarsh.—On morning of July 6 Bro. Wm. L. Ewers addressed the church. F.M. offering was £28. At gospel service Bro, Ewers preached on "Accepting the Supernatural." Choir renon "Accepting the Supernatural." Choir rendered an anthem, and Misses Betty Pickering and Nance Richardson a duet. For past year Y.P.S.C.E. gave £19/14/- for missionary purposes and Protestant Children's Homes; and J.C.E. gave £2/10/-. Sisters' mite boxes realised £10 for missions. In addition, through duplex envelopes, the church raised £35/15/- for H.M. and £36 for F.M. purposes, with a further £12 brought in by F.M. auxiliary.

Nailsworth.-Annual meeting of guild was held on June 24. Captain Scott, of Salvation Army, was speaker. A number attended from sister churches, and churches of the district were represented. The choir under Bro. were represented. The choir under Bro. Mathews is doing fine work. At morning service on July 6 farewell was said to Bro, Bruce Bristow, to report for overseas service. Bro. Shipway presented him with a New Testament. Bro. Russell Bristow has also left for military duty in Sydney, making 17 of the young men to leave for the various military services. At close of service on July 6, young people of the church met Bro. Shipway, and in appreciation of his work with them for past six years pre-sented him with books. Foreign mission ofsented him with books. fering has reached £20.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Lidcombe.-Bro. A. Stevenson conducted gospel services five Lord's days in June. There were two decisions for Christ. Bro. G. Gray will preach throughout July. After his address on July 6 there was one confession.

North Sydney .- Since last report attendances have been much reduced through sickness. At gospel service on July 6 there was one decision. Offering for overseas missions reached over £30, including £1 from Doreas sisters and £5 from Junior Endeavorers, who also still have over £5 for the launch fund.

Chatswood.—The work is being well maintained. Morning Sunday school has passed the experimental stage, and is proving a help

the experimental stage, and is proving a help to the morning service. A recent Sunday morning speaker was Mr. A. Surtees. There was one confession on July 6. Mr. Youens preached on "The Reality of Religion."

Georgetown.—F.M. offering of £9/12/- will be increased when old gold, which was also received, has been sold. Bro. D. Meyers, from Tarce, was morning speaker on July 6. Bro. Marjoribanks preached in the evening. Bro. Amos is recovering from a week's illness. Mem-Amos is recovering from a week's illness. Members of kindergarten staff spent Friday morning studying teaching methods at the local public kindergarten school.

Marrickville.—On July 6 Mrs. Bassett was re-

celved into membership by transfer from Brisbane, and Mr. Perry, from Enmore. Mr. D. Scambler, of Melbourne, also had fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, who were recently married in Brisbane, were given a welcome social and small presentation by Bible class and friends on their return. Sunday school funds will benefit to the extent of £7 as the result of an enjoyable concert arranged by the choir. On July 6 the Bible class held its monthly fellowship tea with an attendance of 45. Mr. R. Greenhalgh, guest speaker, spoke on "Victorious Living."

Inverell.—After nearly two months' service as chaplain at East Greta military camp, Bro. Jenner has resumed his ministry. During his absence local brethren maintained the services at Inverell, Delungra, Beaulieu and Rob Roy. The church regrets the departure for Uralla of Sister Una Morris, who for seven years has given loyal service as treasurer. Bro. Alfred Winter succeeds her as treasurer. Severe petrol rationing is affecting attendances at services. A service was held at Goonoowiggal for the first time on June 29. Bro. Newman is able to attend services after a severe illness.

Gilgandra.-To demonstrate work of the B. and F. Bible Society, young people of church participated with others in a pageant on May 6. On May 11 J.E.S. took part in evening service for Mother's Day. Sister Mavis Button, of Hurstville, sang a solo during evening service on May 18. At close of evening service of May 25 good-bye was said to Bro. F. Morris, of R.A.A.F., on final leave. A cup social was held by S.E.S. on May 31 to augment church crockery. Rains during June prevented usual good attendances. Mr. Grout (Methodist) addressed S.E.S. on June 14. On June 22 Bro. crockery. Chivell delivered an inspiring address on "God Gave Them Up."

Burwood.-Splendid meetings marked commencement of Bro. D. Wakeley's ministry on June 29. Attendances were: morning, 150; evening, 140. At public welcome on July 2 evening, 140. At public welcome on July 2 the building was crowded. Bro. Stimson (conference president) represented the conference committees. Six other welcomes were extended by the various auxiliaries during the week. We regret to report that Captain John Houston, son of Sister Mrs. Houston, has been killed in action. Bro. and Sister Millar and Lily have returned from Western Australia, and Sister Miss Friethy from South Australia. Sister Delma Booth was recently married to Mr. H. Tuttlebee, of Goulburn. During June Burwood supplied speakers for the Chinese church. Mayfield.—On June 15 Bro. G. D. Verco, of

Hamilton, spoke in the morning. After Bro. R. Hamilton, spoke in the morning. After Bro. R. M. Wilson's evening address there was one decision, and Mrs. McShane and daughters were haptised. Bro. Wilson spoke at both services on June 22 and 29. Five were received into fellowship, one by transfer from Kurri. At a social arranged by Intermediate and Y.P.C.E. departments, held on June 19, presentations were made to Bro. and Sister Johnson who were recently married, and to Bro. W. Jones and Sister Miss Betty Bosworth whose wedding took place on the following Saturday. On June 25 an interesting lantern lecture on Palestine was given by Mr. Reedman. An offering was taken for C.E. funds. Women's Guild is supporting Y.W.C.A. services appeal.

Belmore.—On June 1 Bro, and Sister Corlett were back at services after having spent ten weeks at the mission at Wollongong. In morning the building was crowded, and Bro. Corlett gave an excellent message concerning the mission. At gospel service there was a large attendance. Bro. Corlett preached, and a girl from the Bible school made the good confession. The 35th anniversary of the church was celebrated on June 8. The message was given by Bro. Stuart Stevens, when 152 broke bread. At annual business meeting, treasurer's report showed credit balance of £87. Reports from all departments showed good progress. Bro. C A. Everett, church secretary for 18 years, has resigned. Members regret that he has relinresigned. Members regret that he has relin-quished the position he so capably filled. Bro. Gordon Bothwell has been elected to the Gordon Bothwell has been elected to the vacancy. Bro. Reg. Dean, who enlisted with the first contingent A.I.F., has been reported prisoner of war. At gospel service on June 15, Bro. Lowe; from Launceston, Tas., en route to New Zealand, preached the gospel. The building was crowded, and our brother gave an excellent message on "The Unchanging Christ."

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JONES.—On July 2, at Epworth Hospital, Melbourne, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones, of 43 Howard-st., Glen Iris—a daughter. Both well.

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Agents meet at 6.15 p.m. Report and Financial Statement will be presented. -Will, H. Clay, Secretary.

MALVERN-CAULFIELD.

OPENING OF ADDITION TO CHAPEL AND BACK-TO-MALVERN SUNDAY, AUGUST 3.

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New Launch.

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New House.

The timber brought over from the Pentecost house, with other available timber, is being used to build a small substantial house on Aoba. We are assured that there will be reasonable accommodation for Miss Clipstone and her companion during the furlough of Bro. and Sister Hammer. The new house will be built on cement blocks which should prove a check on the white ants.

New Nurse.

The arrival of Miss Mary Clipstone in the islands has not only encouraged our missionaries, but has brought hope and inspiration to our island people. Old Tarlie, the faithful teacher on Maewo, came back with Bro. Hammer on his last trip. He has been very sick, and it is apparent that he will not do too much service in the future. For nearly 20 years Tarlie has given a faithful witness, and now he is over-joyed to see better things happening. Writing of Tarlie, Bro. Hammer says, "He has been living on Maewo since before Christmas, and has had quite a bit of sickness. (The said Tarlie became quite enthusiastic about Clipstone the couple of days he was with us at Nduindui, and last week he came back from Walariki especially to 'look long nurse, and take some medicine.'" In her first letter to the Board Miss Clipstone in part says: "Already I love the folk here very much. There ready I love the folk here very much. There certainly is plenty of work to do here, and there is a great need for a hospital. Already I've attended several people who really were hospital patients. The hest we can do at present is to visit them in their homes in the various villages as often as we can. The dispensary work has been fairly constant. Medicines and drawings have been sent out to various will dressings have been sent out to various vil-

lages, and 115 dressings were done here at Nduindui. The work is interesting, and al-ready I feel that I've made some friends here. Some folk from the independent villages have been up for treatment several times, and one heathen woman has been coming for dressings I hope this argues well for the progress of the work in the future."

It is planned, as far as anything can be planned in advance these days, that Bro. and Sister Hammer will come back to Australia on furlough about October. They have worked hard, perhaps too hard for a first term, but this will in part be compensated by allowing them to return for an early furlough. During this furlough Miss Clipstone will have a companion nurse. Plans are already advanced for this proposal, and within a few weeks we hope to make a definite announcement.

NEWS AND NOTES.

DR. LINDSAY MICHAEL, after spending a few weeks in Poona, has now been stationed at Secunderabad. This town is in Hyderabad Province, about 300 miles away from our mission. We anticipate that Mrs. Michael and Robert will also locate there if suitable accommodation can be found.

Most of our Indian workers managed to get away from the summer heat—reported to be the hottest for some years. Work calls, and the majority will now be back at work, and will still have to face heat till the monsoonal

In the latest "Who's Who" of China, one out of every six names recorded is that of a Christian.

Thanking the Board for the donation of £50 for "orphaned missions," Mr. Dovey, the secretary of the National Missionary Council, said, "We are concentrating on the maintenance of missions in the Dutch East Indies, which are cut off from their homelands." To date more than £1000 has been sent by the National Missionary Council to Batavia through the Consul General for the Netherlands in Sydney, and it was hoped that a £100 per month could be forwarded.

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CHANGE is not always progress. The task of writing the monthly writing the monthly news-letter is taken up with a feeling of regret at the occasion of the necessity for a change in its authorship.
The leaving of Bro. W. S. Lowe has been a loss
for Tasmania. His very excellent leadership
of the State work as president of conference, which in Tasmania includes the presidency of the Home Mission Committee, his untiring efforts in youth work and his marked success in the work of the church at Margaret-st., Launceston, all bear witness to his worth. He will be missed in all spheres of the work.

Dr. T. Z. Koo.

The secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, Dr. T. Z. Koo, was in Tasmania from June 23-29. His message to public meetings, student groups, ministers' fraternals and various other organisations brought an interesting insight into affairs in the Far East and a welcome emphasis on the dependence of man upon God that was a stimulus to all who heard him. The response of the general public to his meetings was good.

Southern District Conference.

The King's Birthday holiday on June 16 was the occasion of several interesting events. Amongst them was a conference of our southern churches at West Hobart. Subjects which came under discussion were "The Responsibility of Men to Church Work" and "Evangelism." The meetings were well attended.

Presbyterian Youth Conference.

The holiday week-end was used by the Pres-byterian churches of Launceston for the holding of a youth conference which was planned to inspire young people to undertake tasks usually performed by others who have been lost to the active work of the church through the demands of military service. Parties of young people from the conference took charge of services in the suburban and West Tamar churches on the Sunday. This practical effort to anticipate and meet an inevitable need deserves our commendation and imitation.

Towards Unity.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Baptist Union of Tasmania, held in Sheffield, the possibility of closer co-operation with Churches of Christ was considered. A committee of three was appointed to confer with a similar committee of members of Churches of Christ in mittee of members of Churches of Christ in order to explore the means of corporate union. We look forward hopefully to reporting some valuable results of the work of these committees.

Obituary.

Mrs. Andrews.

ON June 25 Mrs. Andrews, a member of U Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, died in Geelong Hospital. Our sister was baptised by Bro. Ludbrook more than forty years ago, and always maintained a keen interest in the things of God. For a number of years physical dis-ability prevented her from frequent attendance at church meetings, and for some time she has not been able to be present at all. Her body was laid to rest in Geelong cemetery, Bro. K. A. Macnaughtan conducting the service.—T.H.S.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fawcett.

ON May 23 Mrs. Elizabeth Fawcett passed to her rest in her 89th year. Our sister was baptised at an advanced age, and was received into fellowship in Mayfield church, N.S.W., on May 12, 1940, during the Hinrichsen-Morris mission, Georgetown. Grandma Fawcett, as she was known to so many, was always possessed of a simple faith in her Lord, and her life was characterised by kindness and acts of

Christian charity. We commend her many loved ones to the comfort of the Lord whom she served so well.—R.M.W.

Mrs. Fox.

DURING the month of June our sister Mrs. Fox, who for many years has been in membership with the church meeting at City Temple, Sydney, was called to her eternal rest. Our sister was president of City Temple Ladies' Mission from its inception over twentyone years ago. Her passing has brought sor-row to many hearts, for she was loved by all who knew her. Her zeal for the work, bright disposition and sure faith were a source of inspiration to all. Our sister will always be remembered as one who truly loved her Lord, and as being ever ready to bear witness to his sav-ing and keeping power. As in the local work, so in the Sisters' Conference she was a promin-ent worker, and there was no aspect of church life that did not benefit by her wise counsel and gentle influence. To the sorrowing family and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy. -A.C.M.

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