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Tabloid Religion.

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Thas been the natural tendency of men everywhere at all times to condense their faith into a concise and yet comprehensive statement. Such an expression is intended to involve all, this creed being the irreducible minimum of their religious beliefs. In the Old Testament we find numerous attempts. Thus Micah (6: 6-8) sums up the all-embracing essential duties, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Justice, mercy, humility—a typical trio of prophetic demands and virtues. But this reminds one of a much earlier prophet who gave similar instructions, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?" (Deut. 10: 12, 13). In between these two prophetic voices, another had summed up the moral necessities and religious obligations in a nutshell, "This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccles. 12: 13).

Israel's Ten Words.

The decalogue was the very kernel of the faith of God's chosen people. So important a part of the Mosaic legislation and Jewish economy was it that by a figure of speech (synecdoche, the part standing for the whole), that it is identified with the covenant, Ex. 34: 27, 28; Deut. 4: 12, 13; 9: 9; 1 Kings 8: 9, 21. Here we have a moral compendium of duty in this preparatory and imperfect dispensation of shadows and types. The Lord Jesus, having been born under the law, kept that law in every detail. On being asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" (Matt. 22: 34-40; Mark 12: 28-33), he reduced Israel's laws to two. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hangeth the whole law, and the prophets." Here was a boiling down! The Lord had quoted from Deut 6: 4, 5 and Levit. 19: 18. Mark's account informs us that the first commandment was prefaced by the Shema or Jewish confession of fatth, "Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one." The Master added, "There is none other commandment greater than these." The scribe endorsed the sentiments and put ceremony as secondary. What is the golden rule but a general principle of conduct? "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also

unto them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7: 12).

Love-the One Thing Needful.

Like his Master, Paul at a glance saw the primary and relevant. All Christian laws are reducible to one, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: love therefore is the fulfilment of the law" (Rom. 13: 8-10; John 13: 34, 35; Gal. 5: 14; Col. 3: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8). Here is the new commandment, the bond of perfection. Love solves all. John 3: 16 is universally regarded as the gospel in a nutshell. Paul, impatient with those having confidence in the flesh, concisely stated the thing that matters, "A new creation" (Gal. 6: 15). John Wesley, tired of opinions and second-rate matters, said, "I will not quarrel with you about opinions, only see that your heart is right with God and that you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, and love your neighbor and walk as your Master walked, and I ask no more. I am sick of opinions; give me good and substantial religion, a humble, gentle, love of God and man." "Would God that all party names and unscriptural phrases and forms which have divided the Christian world were forgotten, and that we, as humble, loving disciples, might sit down at the Master's feet, read his holy Word, imbibe his spirit, and transcribe his life into our own." So, too, did his co-laborer, George Whitefield, express himself, "I wish all names among the saints of God were swallowed up in that one of Christian."

Eternal truth, satisfying reality, practical religion—that is our deep need. We must find bed-rock for our faith. James, the practical apostle, said, "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows, in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (1: 27). Alexander Campbell wrote, "Once for all, let it be distinctly noted, that we appreciate nothing in religion which tends not directly and immediately, proximately and remotely, to the purification and perfection of the heart. Paul acts the philosopher fully once, and, if we recollect right, but once, in all his writings upon this subject. It has been for many years a favorite topic with me. It is in his first epistle to Timothy: 'Now the end of the commandment [or gospel] is love out of a pure heart—out of a good conscience—out of faith unfelgned' (1: 5). Faith unfelgned brings a person to remission, or to a good conscience; a good conscience precedes, in the order of nature, a pure heart; and that is the only soil in which love, that plant of celestial origin, can grow. This is our philosophy of Christianity—of the gospel. And thus it is the wisdom and power of God unto salvation." We close with Paul's climax to his hymn of love, "But now abldeth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13).

"Selah."

CIEVENTY-FOUR times in the Old Testament the word "selah" appears—71 times in the Psalms and thrice in the book of Habakkuk. Its occurrence in the text of our English versions leads at times to awkward occurrences, as when a reader in church insists on making it a part of the lesson. It may not help much in the way of interpretation to say that the word is a "Hebrew liturgical-musical term of uncertain meaning"; but yet that expression of truth should be sufficient warning against the marring of a church lesson by the introduction of the word. The most likely alternative meanings seem to be these: (1) a direction to singers to lift up their volces in a doxology at the close of a section; (2) a direction to the orchestra to strike in with loud music. Probably the reader does not wish that either of these things happen! A brother who regrets the occasional awkwardness caused by the public reading of the word suggests that we call attention to the fact that it should be omitted. Incidentally, we may say that a very desirable thing would be the instruction of new and inexperienced readers in their work. Training classes could be of much assistance in improving the quality of our readings and so add to the profit of the services. Too much care and preparation cannot be given.

Two Great Jewish Converts.

A PARAGRAPH in a recent "Christian World"

A published on the fiftleth anniversary of the death of Dr. Adolph Saphir—a name well known to older students—is of unusual interest. A remarkable tribute to the value of missions, and, in particular, to the personality and work of "Rabbi" Duncan, is made or implied in the following statement.

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"Adolph Saphir was a Hungarian Jew, and his conversion to Christianity was one of the first-fruits of the Church of Scotland Mission to the Jews, the centenary of which falls next month [June]. Dr. Duncan, later famous as 'Rabbi' Duncan, was the first missionary, and he established the work of the mission at Pesth. Within two years its converts included two young men who were destined to have remarkable careers in the English ministry—Alfred Edersheim and Adolph Saphir. Saphir came to this country in 1843 to continue his education, and was eventually ordained as a missionary to his own people. After a short period of service at Hamburg he returned to England and spent the remainder of his life in Presbyterian pastorates, chiefly in London. In 1878 he received the D.D. of Edinburgh University. Like his friend Dr. Edersheim, his intimate knowledge of Hebrew life and literature enabled him to excel as an expositor of scripture, and through his preaching and numerous writings he exercised a wide influence, which was enhanced by the graciousness of his spirit. If missions to the Jews need justification the records of men like Edersheim and Saphir go far to provide it."

Wartime Morals.

OUR readers will agree with the remarks recently made in the Victorian Legislative Assembly by Mrs. Weber, member for Nunawading. She deplored the regarding of war as an excuse—for immorality and excessive drinking.

"I hear of the effects all round me, and women and children are the chief sufferers," she declared. "I hear of homes being broken up as the result of military camp influences. One young couple I know separated after only 18 months of married life. Men should have a higher moral standard. Why should it be taken for granted that because there is a war on men should take drink to excess and indulge in immorality? Despite introduction of wet canteens, we see the same number of drunken men around the city." Mrs. Weber, who said her son was an R.A.A.F. officer, criticised "glamor" propaganda to attract men into the Army. "Do you think a woman likes to hear over the air that her boy should join up because he would look better in uniform or that he ought to 'come and see the world'?" she asked. "What we want men to realise is that we are fighting for our lives,"

Council of Churches Attitude.

AT its meeting last week the Victorian Council of Churches carried a resolution congratulating Mrs. Weber, M.L.A., on her indictment of the administration relating to service of liquor to men in military camps.

The council protested against the action of the Federal Government in promoting "home desecrating propaganda, through press and radio, designed to persuade mothers of the Commonwealth to serve wine in their households." It declared that this action was taken in the interests of the wine industry and in the face of overwhelming evidence that wine

was a potent destroyer of home and character.
Commendation was expressed of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's decision to restrict racing broadcasts, and its intention to increase Sunday religious broadcasts.

The Protestant Tradition.

WE note that in many churches August 3 is to be observed as Protestant Sunday. It is well to recall the things for which Protestants stand—the authority of the Scriptures, justification by faith and not by works, the sole mediatorship of Christ, the common priest-hood of believers, and such like. In an article which appeared in "The Expository Times" some months ago, Dr. G. F. Barbour gave "A Forty Years' Retrospect." He dealt with the religious changes which have taken place in Scotland since the United Free Church of Scotland was formed in 1900 by the union of Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church, and his interesting survey closed with the following words: "Sometimes in recent years, as I have been confronted by standards of Protestant orthodoxy which were quite unfamiliar in my student days, I have asked myself, 'Am I still a Protestant?" The answer is not perhaps of the first importance; but there are four characteristics then greatly emphasised which seem to me to lie close to the heart of the Protestant tradition—simplicity of worship, stress on personal responsibility in religion, the constant reference to scripture as the norm of belief and conduct, and trust in the Spirit as guiding both churches and individual believers into all truth."

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This statement is worthy of note. We may remark that it is biblical truth and not merely Protestant tradition which we seek and for which we stand.

Deem not that Satan grinds his men to-day: Fold but thine hands and thou shalt draw his pay.

-Frederick Langbridge.

At the Table of the Lord.

"TILL HE COME."

"Ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come."
—1 Corinthians 11: 26.

THE literal and personal coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ is so constantly indicated in the New Testament teaching that it is difficult to understand how any believer in Christ can cast doubt upon his coming in glory any more than upon his coming nineteen centuries ago to seek and to save the lost.

"I come again," said the Saviour to his sor-

"I come again," said the Saviour to his sorrowing disciples on the night of his betrayal. In the second last verse in the New Testament he re-echoes the word: "Yea, I come quickly."

All through the centuries between the night in which Christ instituted the Supper and that great day of his glorious re-appearing, the hope of his coming has been proclaimed by the feast. "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." We look back to his first advent, but we also look forward to his coming in power and glory:

"And thus that dark betrayal night With the last advent we unite By one blest chain of loving rite, Until he come."

No one on earth knows when that great day—day of bliss to those who love him, day of doom to those who have rejected him—will come. We would be among those who "serve the living and true God, and wait for his Son from heaven"—watching, for they know not the day, and also ready, for the Son of man has said he will come in an hour that we think not. We would be wise and faithful servants—always expectant and ever serving, wisely prepared even for delay, faithfully at work and

ready to welcome his appearing.

In the New Testament, not only is the Supper represented as pointing forward to the Lord's return, but the approach of the day of the Lord is presented as a reason for our giving special heed to our assembling together. The writer to the Hebrews wrote: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh." It is no wonder that many Christians think the day is now very near. All of us should live as if it were imminent. There may be few more opportunities for our remembering the Lord at his table: let us not lightly neglect any of them. Some have imagined our Lord's coming on what is called the Lord's day. There is no special reason for this view. If he comes on a work day, the faithful Christian at his bench or desk will be ready and approved by him. Should he come—as he may—when the church is remembering him around the table, may we be in our place. What loss and regret if we were absent through wilful neglect! Until his coming, or until he call us from earth, may we be found faithful.

"For the words that tell of home, Pointing us beyond the tomb, 'Do ye this until I come,'
We give thee thanks, O Lord."

CHRIST'S DESIRE FOR FELLOWSHIP.

"With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer."—Luke 22: 15.

Lunusual points. It alone contains the Saviour's expression of his great desire "to eat this passover" with his disciples, and includes a reference to one of the cups the drinking of which was a regular part of the passover service. Some readers have been puzzled by Luke's story with its two cups—one distributed before the breaking of the bread and one after. The simplest and best explanation is that the former one belonged to the passover feast. Our Lord and his disciples sat down at the last passover feast under the old covenant. Immediately after partaking of it, a new memorial feast was instituted, in commemoration of a nobler and more effective sacrifice than any offered in the old dispensation. The "blood of the new covenant" was about to be shed.

Luke's statement of the intensity of Christ's desire is arresting. "With desire I have desired," he said. A repetition of such a kind, giving emphasis, was a common Hebrew manner of speech. Weymouth translates: "Earnestly have I longed to eat the Passover with with you before I suffer." We seem to have revealed to us the warm heart of the Lord Jesus and his craving for human fellowship at the time of his severest trial, when the ordeals of Gethsemane and Calvary were almost upon him. He knew beforehand every one of the bitter experiences which awaited him, and found strength and comfort in communion with his Father. Would it not be right also to say he found comfort in the fellowship of his loving disciples? The Saviour loved fellowship. No one can doubt that who reads of his association with the inmates of the Bethany home whom he is specifically stated to have loved. So with the apostles who were his chosen ones and his faithful companions of the years. Can we not also rejoice in this, that his disciples of to-day who sit at his table still have communion with him, and that he is glad to have it so?

Nothing in the foregoing is out of harmony with the truth that our Saviour had in mind the benefit he could give to his disciples. His earnest desire was to help them and prepare them for living in the days of darkness and severe trial. So with our communion at the Lord's Supper. Here we receive-strength and cheer, renewed faith and resolution to enable us more stedfastly and loyally to live the Christian life and do the will of our Lord.

Never more than when we sit at the table as our Master's guests, should we be conscious of the great truth expressed by the apostle: "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ." We often say to cur Lord in a communion hymn:

"With thee we would into the holiest rise, Communing with thee in the bread and

NOT EASY.

THERE is nothing easier than to start, to foster, and to perpetuate schism. Anybody can originate a row in almost any group. Once started, a dissension easily grows and is very hard to heal. The New Testament clearly indicates that this was the one sin which the church would have to fear the most. The history of Christianity during the past 19 centuries has abundantly justified this foreboding. It is very easy for all of us to foster division. It is very hard to keep the irenic attitude in the face of many rebuffs and discouragements. Nevertheless, our duty in the matter is per-

fectly clear. Regardless of criticism or attacks, we must do our best to pull together. If enough of us are willing to do this, to forget slights and misunderstandings and to overlook the smaller objectives in the light of the one great goal which we cannot obtain without union, we can hold our people together. This is not easy, as we have remarked, but it is imperative. We trust that all who read these words will resolve to contribute what they can to the destruction of schism, and to the achievement of unity within our own movement and within the divided church at large. —F. D. Kershner.

The Church Relevant.

FOR many the church represents an exploded traditionalism, no longer to be treated seriously by thinking men and women; or it is a threadbare conventionalism which has ceased to possess any significance beyond that of a purely sentimental kind. They regard the church as completely irrelevant to the needs of the modern world. Others regard it as "the home of lost causes and impossible loyalties," and turn regretfully away to devote them-selves to the more practical tasks of social reform.

We would remind both the critics and ourselves, however, that the church possesses a survival value, and can present claims that defy all attempts to relegate it to the scrap heap of irrelevancies.

Kings of the earth have set themselves against it, and rulers have taken counsel to destroy the church, but it has survived persecution, barbarian invasions, superstition, division, rationalism and humanism. It continues in spite of empires, for Christianity neither depends upon nor can be destroyed by human empires. Gamaliel's criterion finds its fulfilment in the church: "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it."

The world stands in dire need of regeneration and reform, and the church has ever been the source of regeneration and the agent of re-form. Throughout the ages it alone has been the custodian of the one message that can redeem man, that can meet the fundamental need of man—the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation.

Among the great creative personalities of history, not least have been the sons and daughters of the church. In the attack upon unregenerate heathendom the church alone has entered the field, and can boast such names as Carey, Morrison, Taylor, Moffat, Livingstone, Slessor, Schweitzer and Grenfell. Among the pioneers of reform, triumphant figures are Wilberforce, Shaftesbury, Fry and Howard—all produced and inspired by the church. The names of its great ones are legion besides the millions of humbler cells who serve as a transforming leaven in all the corners of the earth.

Such an institution has a need and a right to exist. If we scrap it, what shall we put in its place? Sweep it away and the next generation will demand it. The gates of hades have not and will not prevail against it.

But we are stabbed broad awake by Barry's But we are stanged broad awake by Barry's admission and assertion: "The one really formidable argument against the truth of the Christian religion is the record of the Christian church. Again and again it has denied its Lord, distorted his teaching and betrayed his Snirit. Again and again it has taken the his Spirit. Again and again it has taken the wrong side. The church as an organised institution has too often appeared not merely ir-relevant, but positively injurious and obstruc-tive to the cause of Christ in the world."

The Church that is the Church.

The church can silence this criticism and be the church relevant only by truly being the church. It must be indeed the body of Christ, an extension of the incarnation in which truth, righteousness and love are so enshrined and so much at home that men make no distinction between Christianity and the church.

In peace and war the church must be the church. It can never be merely a piece of the world shut off. Its light and life are from above, and its voice must be from above. It can never be a department of state, the mere custodian of the official religion of the state, an instrument to be used for state purposes. It is ever a community within the community,

the purpose of which is to bring God to men and men to God, plainly telling them in the words of its Master, "Except ye repent ye shall all in like manner perish." It can never be merely a human society or fellowship, but as a divine institution, it must call men to the worship of God and to submission to his sovereign will. It is not a mere community of men bringing their opinions to the world as a word of man to man. Neither is it a community of philosophers speculating about truth, but a community of heralds proclaiming the great truths of the incarnation, the crucifixion and the resurrection. It presents a gospel which is rooted in facts of history and experience. It is a community the foundation of which is Christ; and the vital thing about Christ is that he was not a gifted man guessing about God, but he was the Son of God who brought to man the absolute word of God.

The church relevant is the church that is the church.

The Church with the Programme of Christ.

The church with the full-orbed programme of Christ is relevant. Its purpose is to carry on the programme of him who said that he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. In the synagogue at Nazareth he confirmed the prophetic picture of his programme which was a programme of service (cf. Luke 4: 16-19). We see this programme of service in action through his answer to John the Baptist's messengers (cf. Matt. 11: 4, 5). He came to save, to serve and give abundant life.

Central to this programme is the task of winning men to make Christ the centre of their The church has not fulfilled its fellowships. mission in the world when it has persuaded a number of people to make a public confession and be baptised, and add the habit of going to church to their other habits, but without changing them. As Barry says: "It is here in order to train men and women to experience life from a new centre, and because it does so, to transform the world."

In redeeming the life of the world, it must change individuals and send them out cour-ageously to apply Christian principles to social, industrial and international life. It must set itself to change life within and without, individual and social life, to establish the kingdom of God that men may enjoy abundant

We accept the conclusion of Dr. Stanley Jones when he says: "It is not enough to tell me that Christianity can and does change the lives of individual men. I know it, and am grateful beyond words for that fact. But it is not enough. Shall we rescue individual slaves and leave intact the slave system? Shall we reclaim individual drunkards and not touch the liquor traffic? Shall we pick up the wounded in war and leave intact the war system? Shall we pick up the derelicts of a competitive system and give them doles and leave the system to go on producing its poverty, its hates, and its exploiting imperialisms?'

Following the example of him who broke through customs and traditions to heal, help and save men, the task of the church is to meet human need, to provide the standard, the principles, the conscience and the dynamic of a world after the intention of God. Carrying out the programme of Christ, it must bring to the world Christ's regenerating power and reforming principles. Pursuing its purpose, the church must be the salt of the earth and the light of the world—the salt that preserves and the light that leads. Its great privilege and responsibility is to preserve the moral gains of the past and lead the moral ascent of the future.

(To be continued.)

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.

Life's a road we all must travel. Young or old our way we wend, Pilgrims to a far-off country— Pressing forward to the end.

Rough or smooth may be the journey, Near or far the goal may be, All before us lies in darkness, Just a step is all we see.

Some are bearing heavy crosses, Some are wearing wreaths of flow'rs; Some with whom the years pass quickly, Some who count the weary hours.

Some have hearts all gay and gladsome; Some have hearts o'er-run with care; Some are singing songs of gladness, Some are seeking help in prayer.

Thus we travel on life's journey, Till we reach our home above; There for ever past all shadow
We shall dwell in light and love.

-Selected.

Spies of the Good.

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear: Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

-Gray's "Elegy."

MOST of us can see the good points of the III recognised hero. It is easy to appreciate the virtues of prominent people.

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We forget that prominence is often due to chance, as well as to superior worth or ability.

One graduate accepts a "small" field. In such fields he is likely to spend his life. Another, starts in an ampler place, and he is "made." Such circumstances, or the backing of an influential friend, determine a man's prominence or otherwise. There may be brethen who even choose to tread firmly in lowly paths rather than slip and slide amid lofty

paths rather than slip and slide amid lofty

perils.

This is not airing a "grouch," but stating a

The fact needs to be recognised. Otherwise we may form unjust estimates of men in a

way that may be even cruel.

Many a lowly placed brother is a very prince in spirit. In quiet parsonages off the beaten track to glory, not to mention other homes non-parsonic, may be found men and women of gentlest mien, noblest mind and most graci-

ous character.

They are choice spirits. Our Lord called them "the salt of the earth."

What a fine thing it would be for us all to

become spies of goodness, ever seeking out that which is choice and noble in our fellows, wherever their place may be!

Nature plants her rarest gems deep in common earth. In unexpected places may at times be found the choicest human spirits, yea, even the beauty of holiness.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

MAN'S WAY.

WHEN I am dead, and over me they write, Bestirred to by death's grim advertisement,

They'll say, 'He was a pleasing singer quite,' And other terms of praise they will invent. That is their way. They crown the marbled

With laurel leaves, and Fame's own crown of gold,

And freely grant reward when man is dead, That, whilst he's living, they from him withhold. And when you hear my loudly-shouted name, And see my works reborn in richest cover, Will you recall this new-found child of Fame Was once your poor, despised, rejected lover? Ah, though you say, 'He loved me once,' I fear Within your heart will be no single tear."

—From "Appartement in Brussel" in "The Poor Poet and the Beautiful Lady," by Alan Nickle.

DIFFERENT BUT NOT INCONSISTENT.

IT is curious and interesting to notice how, to minds differently constituted, the same object will suggest quite different thoughts. Isaac Watts and Augustus Toplady were both clergymen in London and were both poets. Isaac Watts looked at the rocks at Tunbridge Wells and then went back to his metropolitan pulpit and preached a sermon entitled, "The Vain Refuge of Sinners; a Meditation on the High Rocks at Tunbridge Wells." In vain, he said, will men who have spurned the Saviour call upon the rocks to hide them from the wrath of the Lamb! Augustus Toplady looked at the rocks at Burrington Combe; they suggested to his mind an opposite, but by no means conflicting, thought; and he wrote,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!

To the one, the rocks spoke of justice; to the other of mercy. And both ideas are there. Both are in the inscription on the rock that terrified my infancy.

Behold this Rock! then tremble and rejoice, Tremble! for he who formed this mighty mass, Could, in his justice, crush thee where thou art !

Rejoice! that still his mercy spares thee!

Watts strikes the warning and Toplady the wooing note; but there is no discord. They are at one in their conviction that, if we listen attentively to the voices of the rocks, those stony preachers will direct us to a hill called Calvary and will lead us to the Saviour's feet. —Selected.

THE FAITH THAT CONQUERS FEAR.

"MAN," said one Christian Scotsman to and other, "I got a grand text in my reading lesson the other day." "Oh," said his friend, "let me hear it." "Well," responded the other enthusiastically, "the text is Psalm 56: 3, and it says, "What time I am afraid I will trust in thee.'" "Very guid," said his friend, smiling, "but I got a better text in my reading lesson, for in Isaiah 12: 2 I read, 'I will trust and not be afraid." Where there is perfect trust there be afraid." Where there is perfect trust there is no room for fear.-Selected.

Preacher.—"That was an uncommon good chicken, Rastus, you have for dinner to-night.

Whar did you get it?"
Rastus.—"That ain't a fair question, preacher. When you preaches an uncommon good sermon I don't ask whar you got it."

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—NO LONGER **BOND-SERVANTS.**

Monday, July 28.

OUR old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away.—Rom. 6: 6.

Dying with Christ, we live, never to die again. The body of sin disappears; no longer are we bond-servants, but free men; dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Jesus Christ.

Reading-Romans 6: 1-11.

· Tuesday, July 29.

Ye are not under law, but under grace.-Rom. 6: 14.

What confusion of thought and false teaching would be prevented if Christians always remembered this! In God's revelation to man there is a gradual unfolding of truth. The patriarchal dispensation had its day and ceased to be, and was superseded by the Mosaic enonomy, which also did its work, and gave way to the Christian dispensation. Now we are no longer under the law, but grace.

Reading-Romans 6: 12-23.

Wednesday, July 30.

Where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly.—Rom. 5: 20.

When law ceased, grace came, which shows that when God takes away anything he gives something better. Whilst under law sin abounded, under the Christian economy grace abounds more exceedingly.

Reading-Romans 5: 12-21.

Thursday, July 31.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the

The word "redeemed" signified, to the Jews, the buying back of that which had been forfeited. So Christ purchased us with a price. He bore the curse for us that we might have been been also that the transfer he died that we might live for not be died that we mi suffer; he died that we might live for ever; Reading-Galatians 3: 1-14,

Friday, August 1.

The law is become our tutor to bring us to Christ.—Gal. 3: 24.

The word "tutor" means "pedagogue," whose

duty was to prepare students for the higher instruction of the master. So law is as the kindergarten in our schools. It brings us to Christ, our only Master in religion.

Reading—Galatians 3: 23-29.

Saturday, August 2.

So that thou art no longer a bond-servant, but a son.-Gal, 4: 7.

Under law men never attained their majority. Being yet children, they were as bond-servants; under guardians until they attained manhood.

Reading-Galatians 4: 1-11.

Sunday, August 3.

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.—Gal. 4: 28.

Under law, men were children of the flesh; under grace they are children of the spirit; no longer bound, as was the son of the handmaid, but free, as was Isaac the son of

Readings-Genesis 21: 9-21; Galatians 4.

Capital and Interest.

Luke 19: 12-27.

Prayer Meeting Topic for July 30. H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THE parable of the pounds is very well known, but the truth of it is not always laid to heart. We are quite keen about investments of the surplus cash we may have, but fail to recognise that there is an investment of an-other kind. "In all realms interest received will be in proportion to the amount of the capital we invest. Small investment will yield small returns; if the investment be increased the interest will be correspondingly enlarged. Carelessness in the employment of life's capital results in dwindling and exhausted returns. This teaching applies to all kinds of interest, even that interest which we call our interest in things, our interest in persons, in causes, in common affairs" (Jowett).

Every Man a Capitalist.

However much we may deny it, the truth remains that we have capital to invest. I may not have cash but I have that which is better -health. God has endowed me with a capacity to think and plan and execute. He has given me voice and knowledge and a capacity for friendship. When God made a man he made a capitalist because he has something to invest.

No Investment, No Interest.

Occasionally we hear a man say about the church, "I began to lose interest in it, and so I gave it up." Or it might have been about some other cause or a society he said it. The fact remains that he ceased investments, and that is why he lost interest. That holds good in all spheres. If there is no investment in music or art there will be no interest—no appreciation. The more a man puts into these things the more will he get out. His interest will grow. "The love of courtship is often larger and fuller than the love of married life, and it is simply these with a courtship the courtship the courtship the courtship the same in the same thin the same and it is simply because in the courtship there were more kindly courtesies and more reverent and constant devotion." He would be but a half-wit who expected returns from a business into which he had put nothing. Yet I have heard it said, "If I got more out of the church I would give more." Of course the whole idea back of that is wrong, for with the kingdom of God while we do receive back we ought to consider not what we will get but we ought to consider not what we will get but rather how much more can I put in? Life in the light of the kingdom is a thorough-going investment, but not primarily with the expectation of selfish return.

The Best Investment.

Jesus would have us believe that the best investment is in the salvaging and remaking of souls. Because he believed that, he gave all, including life, and was crucified. The world to-day is going bankrupt. It is bankworld to-day is going bankrupt. It is bankrupt in ideas and means of settlement of disputes, in morals and in religion with a solid basis for brotherhood and peace. Like a ship it has gone on the rocks, and there seems none to deliver. Now is the great day of opportunity for the Christian church, and if we who make up the Christian church do not lay our own hearts and lives open to the lay our own hearts and lives open to the Spirit of God and put our very best, even our own souls into the work of the kingdom of God, we shall see no new order, but an old one of force and slavery and dismemberment of the human race. Are we willing to pay the price-to make the necessary investment? primary concern must be with capital, and God will attend to the interest. Let us invest in all high and holy things, all our mind and soul and heart and strength."

TOPIC FOR AUGUST 6.-GOD IN THE STORM.—Psalm 29.

Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

A CRUCIAL STAGE—THE INTERMEDIATE.

THIS stage (early teens) has not been studied as kinder, junior or Bible class. Result: (1) Leakage. (2) Loss of strategic opportunity on the part of the church. Every stage is important, but this is a transition stage, presenting special problems. This is the stage between childhood and youth.

Characteristics.

1. Remarkable physical growth, often uneven growth, awkwardness, boisterousness.

2. Abounding energy, desire to do rather than

3. Growing spirit of independence and criticism.
4. Stronger social feeling, greater responsive-

1. Stronger social reeling, greater responsiveness to friendship, hero-worship.

5. Longing for achievement, love of books.

6. Deeply religious, in spite of boisterous, impulsive, impatient and unresponsive attitude.

More concerned with Christian action.

Aims of Leader.

General.—To bring to them the living Christ and his message in the kind of worship study and service which will meet their growing interest, capacity and needs, and develop their Christian character.

Specific.—To present Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; to teach the Christian way of liv-ing; to encourage the formation of Christian habits necessary for full-orbed Christian living, worship, prayer, Bible reading and service; to help them with difficult life situations and problems. The leader needs to be "one who walks with God and walks with boys and girls."

Lesson Material

must abound in life, color, movement, energy and heroic achievement. So arranged as to—
(a) Increase understanding of the Bible, progressive appreciation of the revelation of God;
(b) Present Christ's appeal for allegiance; (c) Form Christian conviction and build Christian character; (d) Present ideals of heroic service through lives of great Christians of all ages. Methods.

Use lecture method sparingly. The leader, a fellow explorer, helping the scholar to discover God's truth. The leader's essential task will be to suggest, stimulate, supervise and supplement.

The co-operative method, with home research and assignments, is advocated, but still use pictures, posters, illustrations and vivid story-telling. Express lesson in activity and attitude.

Worship and Service.

Where possible, the intermediate should worship with older, rather than younger scholars. Careful planning, with scholars' assistance, worship service is effective if built round a theme, faith, hope, love, loyalty, gratitude, reverence, service, brotherhood, etc. Build order of worship so that hymns, readings, prayers and talkette link up with the central theme.

Through-the-week Activity.

At this stage there is an urgent need for club, society or fellowship activities. The Sunday leader has a great opportunity here of sharing in a four-square programme and thus developing a sympathetic understanding of his or her scholars. Intense planning, strict supervision and early closing are essential.

Finally, Brethren.

"The very greatest service that you and I can render to these early 'teens is to awake in them a real reverence for Christ and a real experience of God. Let us so exalt Jesus in our lives that through that most powerful form of suggestion, the power of a good life, they will come, through us, to recognise in him the One who can lead them to life more abundant." —S. R. Knapp, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Chairman N.Z. Bible School Committee).

New Zealand News-letter.

W. R. Hibburt.

Wartime Notes.

OVER 50,000 of our young men are overseas or preparing to go overseas. The young men are being thinned out of our congregations. The position will be acute when the ballots for married men commence later in the year. May and June brought distressing news to a number of our church homes. Several of our lads have been killed in action, and quite a number posted as missing. Many of our women's church auxiliaries are engaged in practical war work. The practice is growing of W. Robinson. Youth groups are assisting in the social side of military camps. Vivian-st. girls' club recently entertained 200 soldiers at tea in the Wellington Y.M.C.A. Special courts have been busy hearing the appeals of conscientious objectors to military service. Lengthy discussions have been appearing in the press on the action that should be taken in regard to conscientious objectors. Certain Returned Soldiers' Associations are urging the government to implement regulations on alternative service, asking for an immediate definition of the conditions of service, and urging that the alternative service be at soldiers' rate of pay.

Dominion Activities.

June 29 was featured throughout our Dominion churches as Home Mission Day and an Every-member-present Sunday. The H.M. Com-During the last three months the H.M. organiser, L. R. Usmar, has travelled 3000 miles visiting the churches in the South Island, and is now touring the churches in the North Island. District conferences have been active. Godfrey Fretwell, who ministers at Wanganui in the North Island, was the guest speaker at Nelson in the South Island. A. B. McDiarmid, M.A., likewise served the Canterbury district conference in Christchurch. The Wellington district conference recently devoted a Saturday afternoon to a free parliament on local church problems. At the evening session Mr. L. North was requested to inform the conference on the work of the Baptist Union. W. S. Lowe, B.Com., has settled into his new field at Ponsonby-rd., Auckland. During a recent visit to his parents, the Wellington brethren used the opportunity to extend a further welcome at a luncheon. He is grateful for his Australian experience.

The Social Conscience.

There is cause to wonder at times if the leadership for the world's readjustments is coming from without the church rather than from within. Our newspapers frequently indicate an awakening to the deficiencies in our social and national life. The following is given as an example. Mr. James Wylie, advisory officer to the Justice Department, was recently quoted as saying, "It is a great pity that we could not cut out some of the congratulatory nonsense when people get married and replace it with some sound advice. Many young men and women do not realise the problems that they have to face after, marriage, and such things as lack of money, living with relatives and time payment often lead to trouble. The difficulty with so many young people to-day is that they have an immature outlook on life. The Domestic Proceedings Act is a preventive measure to make the world better for the children that are growing up to-day. We talk about making the world safe for democracy; it would be better to make it safe for children. If the home is right, the members of that home will eventually go out into the world and do good, and the Justice Department is aware of the importance of keeping the home right for the children to save them from Borstal institutions.

Brevities.

Since the exchange of views by the com-mittees of the Churches of Christ and the Baptist Union promoting union, there has been

a quickening of fraternal gestures between local and district groups. At the moment the fraternal spirit is outstripping the doctrinal progress. This may prove the success of any agreed action. At the moment an attempt is being made to find a working basis for co-operation of small causes in rural areas.

Bro. and Sister Garfield Todd, who are in charge of our mission station in Southern Rhodesia, are leaving shortly for their first furlough.

Dr. J. F. G. Richards, 1941 conference president, is one of Auckland's busy professional men. He has an extensive practice and enjoys a wide confidence. His wife, who is also a qualified doctor, is his co-partner in his spirit-ual ideals and activities. The doctor from the days of his youth has been identified with the Churches of Christ. He is an officer of the Dominion-rd. church, Auckland.

A record for the number of births in any one year in New Zealand was reached last year, when the registered total was 32,788, being-4000 more than in 1939.

351,365 gallons of milk were distributed to schools in Auckland city last year. This practice rules throughout the Dominion. Readers will be able therefore to anticipate the dimensions of this work and health benefit to the children.

Obituary.

Miss L. Hill.

ON Wednesday, July 2, Miss Louie Hill, a very faithful member of the church at North Williamstown, Vic., passed to her reward at the age of 69. She had been for many years the helper of her sister who needed her care, but has survived her. She had suffered patiently for a long time, and the call came as a happy release to her. Her simple faith and humble service were a great witness for Christ to all who knew her, and she will be lovingly remembered by the church. She was for some time with the church at Ascot Vale. The funeral at Williamstown Cemetery on July 3 was conducted by Jas. E. Thomas.—J.E.T.

John T. Mahony.

THE Victorian brotherhood has sustained considerable loss in the passing of Bro. John T. Mahony who, for some years past, has been a tower of strength to the church at Mont Albert. Bro. Mahony united with the church at Emerald over 40 years ago, and through all the years has maintained a very keen interest and active service. He has been an officer of the church during practically the whole of his married life (just over 40 years), and has served with zeal and energy at Surrey Hills, Balwyn and Mont Albert. Bro. Mahony was a strong man, strong in faith, in convictions, and in purpose. He was a man of tremendous energy, and crowded into his 61 years more than most men are able to crowd into their lives. His sudden home-call came as a big shock to his family, relatives and friends, for after a very short illness he passed to rest on July 7. Bro. Mahony's civic work was of an outstanding kind, and he will be very greatly missed both in the Shire of Ferntree Gully, where he had many active interests, and in the City of Box Hill, of which, at the time of his death, he was a councillor. He had the honor to serve the city of Box Hill on two occasions as mayor. Many fine tributes and expressions of esteem have brought comfort in sorrow to Mrs. Mahony and the family. The mayor of Box Hill and the president of the Victorian Conference both assisted the writer in the services, and spoke in glowing terms of his life and work. We commend his loved ones to God and the comfort of the living Christ, "till the day dawns and the shadows flee away."-A.A.H.

Here and There.

Our readers will rejoice with us to read Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen's statement regarding the Hurstville mission which appears in this issue, and also his words regarding the tent and future missions.

Bro. Jas. E. Thomas states that the chaplaincy committee of Victoria received among other donations 12/6 from the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh. This gracious act of our guests in the home is greatly appreciated.

In this issue we print the first part of the Victorian Conference sermon delivered by Bro. E. L. Williams, M.A. We regret the delay, and also that we have been compelled, for considerations of space, to divide the article.

Mrs. A. G. Power, secretary of isolated members at Sale, Vic., reports that meetings are still being held regularly at 72 York-st. each Sunday morning. Members in the town attend very regularly. Offering for foreign missions was £2/2/-.

Our Chatswood (N.S.W.) reporter writes to say that relatives or friends of airmen in training at Bradfield would be doing these men and the Chatswood church a service if they passed on the information that Chatswood is comparatively close to the camp, and the church is anxious to welcome any who may be able to attend.

Bro. John Barnacle, an old and most faithful member of the church, passed away at his home in Camberwell, Vic., on Wednesday, July 16. At different places in Victoria in earlier days he did much speaking in the churches. All through his long Christian life he was highly esteemed for his works' sake. As an officer he rendered valuable service. For many years he acted as conference auditor, and also as auditor of the Austral Publishing Co. A good man, and one full of faith, has gone to his rest. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Barnacle and family.

At the assembly of the British Baptist Union, Mr. R. Wilson Black, J.P., who is the new president of the Union, announced the completion of the Million Fund. The aim of £1,000,000 had been more than realised, there being £10,000 over. The announcement of this wonderful achievement, which was largely due to Mr. Black's own indefatigable efforts, was received with gratitude and thanksgiving. Mr. Wilson Black's presidential address was very striking, and in many points was such as he was used to giving before he began his association with the Baptist Union.

An interesting letter recently appeared in the Melbourne "Argus" classifying the Bible texts which had appeared daily in the paper for the past three years. The writer said: "During this time 1062 texts have been published, 555 have been taken from all the 39 hooks of the Old Testament, save 4, and 507 texts have been taken from all the 27 books of the New Testament save 1. 215 texts have appeared from the Psalms and 90 from Isaiah, 85 from John, and 73 from Matthew. 421 texts have been repeated more than once, while Phil. 4: 8 has been published 7 times, and I thank God for that."

Attendances at Wollongong, N.S.W., are still good, in spite of considerable sickness. F.M. offering—including duplex envelopes—has totalled £10. Saturday working bees are being held to finish off the building and surroundings. Meetings on July 20 were some of the happiest and best attended since the mission. Bro. Stirling preached with power at both services. A daughter of one of the deacons was received into fellowship, her sister also signifying her intention of taking fellowship after baptism. Two ladies were baptised, one immediately following her confession of faith, and another baptised believer came forward also. Collection for the tent fund is £9 to date.

The attention of all our Victorian sisters is called to the Federal Florin Fund. Now that the date of Federal Conference is definitely fixed, the fund has been again opened. The money subscribed is to be used for an "all Australian" women's work to be decided at the conference. Donations should be sent and made payable to G. A. Lee, 108 Greville-st., Prahran. S.1.

A Remarkable Egg and Chicken.—We do not know whether the professor really said or wrote it, but the "A.C. World" printed the following extraordinary sentence and attributed it to an esteemed professor of Melbourne University who is honored for his Christian faith and work: "The war . . is not just something which has happened to us: it is an obscene, gigantic roe's egg as a chicken come home to roost." It is possible that strong feeling interfered with expression. The meaning was doubtless better conveyed in the sentence which followed, declaring that the war "is the inevitable result of building a civilisation on a secular basis."

Since printing in last issue a notice of the honors won by Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen at Butler University, U.S.A., we have learnt with pleasure that both he and Bro. O. S. Brown, formerly of Victoria and also a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, have received the degree of Master of Arts in Butler University. We are also informed that Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen received the third prize for the annual Caleb Davies Sermon Composition Contest (1941). The sermon was on the scriptural teaching of the atonement. In the list of Butler graduates appear also the names of J. Tyrell Baxter, B.A. (formerly of New Zealand), and Herbert Wilson, M.A., a son of A. P. Wilson, who is well remembered as one of our former Australian preachers.

At Marrickville, N.S.W., a new system of Bible school teaching was inaugurated on July 20. Part of the lesson period is now to be devoted to "visual education" by the use of a projector and glass slides of beautiful colored pictures depicting scriptural scenes and illustrating the lessons taught on the previous Sunday. Brief descriptive lectures will accompany the showing of the pictures. The words of hymns and choruses will also be shown on the screen. The school staff and scholars are enthusiastically in favor of this innovation, which coincides with a drive for new scholars. 63 scholars sat for annual examination. Mr. Hunting, director of youth work, addressed morning meeting and helped launch the "visual education" system in the afternoon.

In the Christian Club (on the eighth floor, Albany Court, 230 Collins-st.) Melbourne has an institution which its founder believes to be unique. The club was founded by Mr. N. L. Nankervis, to provide Christian people, irrespective of denomination, with a central meeting-place. The premises consist of a comfortable lounge seating forty, and a dining room for one hundred and twelve, where the usual club facilities are provided. Luncheon, dinner and light refreshments are served daily at moderate charges, and the lounge remains open until 8 p.m. The membership form reads: "Believing Jesus Christ to be the Son of God and my Saviour . . I hereby apply for enrolment as a member of the Christian Club." Current membership numbers over 3000, and the amount of subscription, which varies from 1/- to 10 guineas, is left to members' pockets and goodwill. The founder is concerned by the opinion abroad in some quarters that the club is a cafe open to the public, and appeals to all members to correct this impression. The chief function of the club is not to provide food, but Christian fellowship, its character being definitely that of a club, not a cafe, and its future depends, not only on its members' material support, but

their recognition and appreciation of its ideals. Past members are reminded that it is necessary to register each year, while Christian people not already members are invited to call at the club and receive full particulars.

Hurstville.

E. C. Hinrichsen

A WORD of explanation is necessary. Many kind friends have written expressing sympathy at the loss of the marquee. Most of these were led by the writer's article to believe that there was a division in the church at Hurstville. That is not correct. The trouble was in a church many miles away. It was on a Saturday night, when no mission service was conducted. The missioner and members of the H.M. Committee were elsewhere.

Fortunately that trouble seems to be almost at an end. Sydney has over twenty smaller churches not strong enough for a full-time preacher. They take in almost anyone who will speak for them. The result is that many of these churches do not know the Church of Christ position, and sometimes those who minister to them know it even less. That is why many in N.S. Wales feel that the only solution to the problem is a State college. Students who are taught our position can then help these weaker churches. Melbourne and Victoria have been much blessed through Glen Iris College.

Now, as regards Hurstville: The preacher, officers and members were united and working happily. The mission, though not easy, was no harder than Enmore, Rockdale or Mayfield. Prospects were as bright as in those places, only they had the privilege of two weeks in the marquee which Hurstville did not have.

However, there were some wonderful meetings in the church building. Amongst the 69 decisions there were some who were won entirely by Bro. Byrnes, of Penshurst, although they were immersed in the tent. Some were restorations.

The thankoffering was, all things considered, one of the very best in the missioner's experience. It was generally thought that £150 would be a splendid offering. There was very little outside help, and no wealthy members to assist. It was just that everybody, old and new, wanted to make a sacrifice, and the offering came to £335. Bro. Alcorn is planning to make the best of his follow up work.

The Marquee.

The sting of the loss of the tent has been greatly removed by the wonderful spirit of the N.S. Wales brethren. Individuals and churches immediately got on the telephone to indicate a willingness to help. On Monday night, July 28, a rally will be held in the City Temple. No appeal will be made, but those wishing to help will attend and make their offerings. The entire equipment will cost at least £300. Indications are that the brotherhood will more than raise that amount.

By much manipulating it seems that the work will not be very much affected. A new marquee is being made and will soon be ready. Prior to the fire, arrangements had been made for the missioners to give Beverly Hills, one of our small churches, ten days in their building. These meetings were started on Wednesday. Already there have been some decisions.

In a fortnight's time the missioners start at Mosman. There is a thought that the building might be better than the marquee—partly because of the cold weather, chiefly because Mosman is a centre in which the "aristocracy" lives, and a margue provided that the margue of the cold weather, chiefly because Mosman is a centre in which the "aristocracy" lives, and a margue provided that the missioners are the missioners at a three missioners and a margue of the missioners are the missioners at a three missioners are the missioners at a three missioners at a three missioners and a margue of the missioners at a three missioners at a three

man is a centre in which the "aristocracy" lives, and a marquee may not make an appeal.

To all who have been kindly interested we say, Thank you. To all we say, Think about us on Monday, July 28, in your prayers. There is a wonderful co-operative and progressive spirit in our N.S. Wales brethren at the moment. They are an inspiration and a delight.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—On July 1 the Girls' Club held a social, proceeds to go towards expense of proposed kitchen. On July 9 a public fare-well was given to Bro. and Sister Riches and Meetings on July 13 were well attended. Bro, Riches gave his farewell message

in the evening. Sister W. Hill and Bro. R. Beard sang a duet.

Perth.—F.M. offering has reached £57/5/-.

Morning service on July 13 was broadcast. The choir rendered an anthem, and an inspiring address was given by Bro. J. Wiltshire on "The Message of the Mountains." At night Bro. Wiltshire spoke on "No Wedding Garment," Bro. V. Conigrave rendered a solo. La Conigrave rendered a solo. Later a social fellowship meeting was held in the hall.

Subiaco.—The church regrets the calling home of Josiah Miller, aged 83 years. On evening of July 6 a memorial service was held. Major Saggers, Cpl. G. Taylor and Pte. R. Hutchinson were on embarkation leave, and the former conducted the choir. Afterwards the congrega-tion retired to the hall, where these three members were farewelled; light refreshments were served. The previous organist, Corporal Howard Manning, has been reported wounded.

TASMANIA.

West Hobart.—At a social held by Y.P.S.C.E. an offering was taken for launch "Endeavour III." Juniors also gave a donation nual Endeavor rally Mr. Roberts Thompson, of Hobart Baptist church, gave the address Representatives from societies of other churches were also present. On July 20, Bro. Tease's subjects were "Christ's Idea of Unity" and "Call in the Doctor." Both meetings were small owing to several brethren being away assisting country churches.

Launceston (Margaret-st.) .- Services are splendidly conducted by local brethren. Bro. F. T. Morgan addressed a good meeting on July 20 and Bro. G. J. Foot conducted gospel service; 120 broke bread during day. Sister J. Clayton, a faithful Bible school teacher in the past, was called home on July 13. Many members are laid aside, including Sisters Nelson and Pitt and Bren. Pritchard and Libby. Mrs. C. Nicholls, Mrs. W. Cumming and Bro. L. Martin have im-

proved in health.

Invermay .- On July 13 Bro. F. T. Morgan gave excellent addresses to good attendances. Three were welcomed in. Women's Auxiliary has been re-formed. On July 20 Bro. J. J. Hodgson spoke helpfully in the morning service, and Bro. Morgan preached at night on "Our Great Faith in the Word." At evening service farewell was said to Bro. Ern Stevens, who is leaving for Melbourne. Fellowship meeting continues helpful, and young people's club is doing good work.

Hobart (Collins-st.) .- A very faithful member, Miss L. Dahl, passed away after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Cole and Miss Bradley are making good progress. Attendances are improving as members are recovering from colds. On July 13 Mr. Tease exhorted, and Mr. Bowes spoke at night on "A Fireside Problem." A good number of scholars sat for scripture examination.
Boys' Club has been helped by added equipment. Good services were held on July 20. Mr.
Bowes' subjects were "A Book of Remembrance" and "The Unrecognised Christ." Practice has begun for Bible school anniversary.

QUEENSLAND.

Boonah.-On June 28 Bro. Rob. Christensen and Sister Elfreda Lobegeiger were married at Silverdale, Bro. G. van Eerde officiating. An anonymous donor gave £40 for church improve-ments. Bro. J. Warwick is in hospital. On July 2 a helpful prayer meeting was held at Bro. C. Muller's residence. Church work is in good heart. Annual F.M. offering amounted to

Monkland.—J.C.E. held a successful games night on July 15 in aid of prize fund. On July 13 two adults made the good confession with a view to restoration into church fellowship. Nine scholars sat for the Bible school examination.

West Moreton Circuit.-At Rosevale two were received into fellowship by faith and obedience, and one by transfer on July 13. Fernvale school held a successful picnic on A Y.W.L. is being formed at Rose-Sunday school July 12. A Y. wood. The choirs have begun practice for the half-yearly conference in September.

Gympie.—Ten scholars sat for examination

on July 13. Marjory Elfverson, who intended sitting, was seriously injured in a motor accident on July 12, together with her mother and sister-in-law. Annual business meeting of C.E. society received some excellent reports on July 11. Sister Mrs. M. Riley fell asleep in Jesus on July 16, having almost reached the age of 90 years.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—There were splendid meetings on July 13. Bro. R. L. Arnold's mes-sages were greatly appreciated. Five young people were baptised at evening service. July 20 Bro, R. L. Arnold spoke in the morning on "What the Church Needs To-day." Four were received into fellowship. Bro. Arnold's evening subject was "His Glorious Return.' A man and lady confessed Christ. Bro. Arnold's

East Ipswich.-Since last report the church has been without a preacher, and efforts are being made to fill the vacancy. Bro. Westwood has enlisted in the home defence service, after being here for nine months, but continues to give layman service on week-ends, when not on duty, which is appreciated. Cold weather prevails and attendances are smaller at gospel services. Sunday school is beginning practice for anniversary.

Roma.-On July 6 Bro. Boettcher commenced his third year of ministry, all services being well attended. On June 29 he visited Chinchilla and conducted services at Wombo Creek and Sixteen Mile. F.M. collection, including duplex envelopes, amounted to £9/12/9. Bible school has commenced a three months' rally. society has contributed £4 toward New Hebrides launch. We regret to report the death on July 2 of Sister Dulcie Swayn.

Bundaberg.—Services on July 13 were well attended. Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Andersen, recently baptised, were received into fellowship. Members of Orange Lodge attended gospel service, when Bro. Larsen spoke on "Contending for the Faith." Sister Joan Deoberitz delighted with a solo. An offering was taken up for benevolent work. A man made the good conbenevolent work. A man made the good confession. Sister Doris Voss was farewelled by Ladies' Guild on July 16 on her departure for Brisbane.

VICTORIA.

Oakleigh.-Services on July 13 and 20 were conducted by Bren. Hindman and Sandells. Bro. Hugh Ball is leading midweek prayer meetings at Christian Guest Home.

Hartwell.—Although much sickness is preva-lent, services continue to be well attended. At close of Bro. Webb's address on July 20, a Bible school scholar made the good confession.

Newmarket .- On July 13 Bro. Robb addressed the church. Mr. Johnstone, of Clemes College, Hobart, gave an interesting address at night. Bro. Robb addressed both meetings on July 20.

Warragul.-On July 20, both services were well attended. Sunday school was altered to afternoon, new competitions were arranged, and some parents attended. Bro. Byard, secretary

of church, has enlisted.

Camberwell .- On July 20 Mr. White and Mr. Roberts started special meetings for the children. At the evening service a boy confessed Christ. Over 100 members are registered in connection with the combined eastern suburbs "Victory in Christ" crusade.

Portland .- On July 20 Bro. Robb preached a splendid sermon entitled "The Inevitable." number of visitors was present. Several members have been away with illness. Foreign mission offering was £2/0/6.

Hampton.—On July 20 Bro. Stephenson gave very helpful addresses. Bro. Burdeu's lantern lecture on the aborigines was arranged for 22nd. Sister Miss Frey passed away on Sunday night, July 20, and was buried on Tuesday.

Bet Bet.—Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors, including several former members, during past few weeks. Bro. Ellis commenced a series of addresses at morning meeting on July 20. Foreign mission offering is over £12.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—On July 20 Sister Mrs. Bateman was present after illness. Bro. Whiting, of the college, has commenced a period of ministry, as Bro. Robinson is unable to carry on because of throat trouble. On July 16 Bro.

Mildern, jun., spoke at S.C.E.

Boort.—On July 20 Bro. L. Jones gave helpful addresses. Bible school welcomed Bro.
Jones and Sister Mrs. Hazlett, sen.; the latter has been absent through illness. Sister Shiela Stocks and Mr. Claude Skinner were married by Bro. Coventry on July 19 in Boort chapel.

North Williamstown.—Sister Condon, of Ararat, has been welcomed into fellowship. At gospel service on July 20 a young lady was baptised. Bro. W. Harris rendered a delightful solo. Sympathy is extended to relatives of Sister L. Hill, who, after a lengthy illness, has passed to her reward.

Sunshine.-Bro. Nixon was speaker on July 13, He addressed the church on July 20, and at night spoke on "Authority in Religion." A solo by Bro. J. Stevens was enjoyed. Attendance at J.C.E. is encouraging. Sunday school scholars are practising for anniversary under baton of Bro. Cousins.

Preston.—A choral service was conducted on evening of July 20. The choir rendered three anthems in addition to special hymns, items being interspersed with description by Bro. Robinson. Bren. T. Cuddy (Parkdale) and F. Lang, jun. (Preston) rendered solos. Overseas mission offering closed at £15/6/9.

North Fitzroy.-Bro. E. Smedley addressed the church at morning service on July 20 on "The Temptations of Jesus," and at night Bro. H. Swain preached to a good congregation on John 1: 1. Bro. Baker is still dangerously ill. and prayers are offered that he may be spared

for yet further service for the Master.

Castlemaine.—Women's Mission Band celebrated anniversary on July 13. Members rendered a choral item, and appropriate messages were given by Bro. Curtis. "Hymns and Their were given by Bro. Curtis. "Hymns and Their Authors" was subject of last Sunday night's address, when an appeal was made from the hymn "Rock of Ages, cleft for me."

Footscray.—At close of Bro. Ritchie's sermon

on evening of July 20, three young ladies made the good confession. On July 16 the Y.P.S.C.E. visited Coburg society. Ladies' Aid held a social afternoon recently in interests of B. and F. Bible Society. Sunday school is preparing Sickness is prevalent among for anniversary.

Echuca.—There were good attendances on July 13, when Bro. A. C. Thurrowgood gave in-troductory addresses to the church. A welcome social was held on July 14 to Bro, and Sister Thurrowgood by the members and the ministers' fraternal. Good meetings were held on July 20. Bro. Thurrowgood gave impressive addresses.

Reservoir.-Special services marked seventh anniversary on July 20. Morning speaker was Bro. Wigney, from West Preston. A large congregation, including many strangers, was present gospel service, when Bro. Scambler gave an excellent address. The newly-formed choir, under direction of Bro. H. Plummer, greatly helped. Interest is maintained in Young Wor-shippers' League at gospel meetings. Good at-Interest is maintained in Young Wortendances are reported at Good Companions' Club and Intermediate C.E. The Ladies' Guild held monthly meeting on July 10. Sympathy is extended to Sisters Hes and Woodward in their bereavements.

Garden Vale .- Stimulating messages have been given by Bren. G. L. Murray, P. R. Morris, H. H. McKean, C. Young, F. Hartvigsen and C. B. Nance-Kivell. Mrs. Tippett and Mrs. Nance-Kivell entertained church members at an enjoyable social evening, at the home of Mrs. Tippett. On July 20 Bro. A. Withers addressed church. Services of auxiliaries are very helpful.

Bayswater.-On morning of July 6 Bro. Burns spoke on "Urgent Business." F.M. offering amounted to nearly £3. In the evening Bro. and Sister Stidwell helped in song. Bro and Sister Stidwell helped in song. Bro. Clements has been ill for a few weeks. On July 20 Bro. Stidwell exhorted church, and Bro. Burns preached on "The Magic of Heaven." J.C.E. is having splendid meetings.

Brunswick .- Meetings are fairly well attended. Junior League of Crusaders, attending evening services, is growing. At conclusion of evening service on July 13, two young ladies were immersed. A lantern lecture by Mr. Crawshaw on the work of the Leper Mission took the place of gospel service on 20th. Fellowship with Bro. E. Collings was enjoyed. Many are sick.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On July 20, services were well attended. Miss Ruth Edgell, from Kalgoorlie, W.A., was received into membership by transfer. Bro. D. R. Hall, of City Temple, Sydney, was amongst visitors in morning. One young man of R.A.A.F. made the good confession at close of Bro. Baker's address at even-ing service on "Our Lord's Fulfilment of ing service on Baptism."

Ormond .- At C.E. the life of Dr. Grenfell was the theme. At prayer meeting Bro. C. L. Lang gave a good address on "Control Your Tongue." On July 13 he gave good addresses. Mr. Dunn conducted scholars in anniversary practice. On July 20 Bro. C. L. Lang gave the church a fine address, and at night spoke on "No Neutrality." Some members are away

through sickness.

Northcote.—On July 3 Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas spoke at C.E. meeting. Mr. Atkin spoke at both services on July 6. A young lad from Sunday school was received into fellow-ship. On July 13 Mr. Atkin spoke at both meetings. A young man was seccived into fellowship. On July 20 Mr. Atkin was speaker lowship. On for the day. F.M. offering is an advance on that of last year.

Stawell.-On July 13 .Bro. Burtt's addresses were helpful. Members regret the departure to Murtoa of Bro. and Sister Collett and family. As an officer our brother will be greatly missed. He was also teacher and secretary of Sunday school, and president of C.E. society for 3½ Presentations were made to Bro. and Sister Collett on July 20. Mrs. Wilson and other members have been ill, but are recovering.

North Carlton (Rathdown-st.) .- On evening of July 20 Bro. Johnston conducted a lantern service, subject being "The Hem of His Garment." The district was circularised, and there was improved attendance. Recently a social gathering was held to farewell- Bro. Dan. Buckley, who has enlisted in the Australian Navy. He was presented with a writing case from memand friends.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.) .- Good meetings were held on July 20. Bro. Hughes in making reference to the passing away of two members, Mrs. Winsor and Mrs. Upstill, bore testimony to their faithful Christian lives, and expressed sympathy to the families concerned. He also referred to the home-call of Bro. J. T. Mahony and Bro. John Barnacle, and mentioned their devoted service to church and brother-

hood interests.

Red Cliffs .- At annual business meeting on Red Cliffs.—At annual business meeting on July 14 the following were elected: Secretary, A. L. Martin; treasurer, H. J. Cook; elders, W. J. Torney, H. J. Cook; officers, A. E. Cameron, J. Mayall, A. B. West, R. J. Heazlewood, P. G. Hurren, Lloyd, Brown; joint organists, Mrs. H. J. Cook, A. L. Martin. Bro. W. J. Torney was re-elected superintendent of Sunday school. Three new teachers joined staff during year. Bro. A. Mansell, of Mildura, gave an appreciated address on July 20. After morning service two wedding presentations were made by ladies of mission band.

Yarrawonga .- F.M. offering to date is £17. A valued worker, Miss F. Cowper, S.S. teacher and organist and secretary of Y.P.S.C.E., is leaving for Melbourne. A social evening and presentation were given to Sister Miss Betty Dean prior to her marriage. Bro. Stan. Chappell, the esteemed secretary, has been accepted on reserve list of R.A.A.F. Our aged Bro. Phil. Smith is laid aside. Bro. Pittman continues to give inspiring addresses.

Ascot Vale:-On July 20 Youth Day services were held. At a nice meeting in the morning a youth offering was taken. At a youth tea about 60 were present, and Bro. A. A. Hughes gave a fine talk. At gospel meeting two young club members read the scripture, the choir sang splendid pieces, Bren. Burns and Thorpe ren-dered solos. A number of R.A.A.F. men from the showgrounds attended. Bro. B. Coventry spoke at both meetings. On July 5 J.C.E. visited Royal Park Welfare Home and supplied

tea, sweets, and papers to 120 girls.

Swan Hill.—Bro. C. P. Hughes has accepted the invitation of circuit churches for a further term of service. There are good attendances. Recent visiting speakers have been Mr. R. J. Anderson and Mr. Hollins, M.L.A. By removal the church has lost Bro. and Sister L. Warden as school superintendent and church secretary and kinder superintendent and treasurer of mission band respectively. In other Christian work in the town also they gave faithful service and witness. The church welcomes and enjoys fellowship with Bro. L. Smith, from

Maryborough.—On July 13 Bro. Hollard's subjects were "What is the Gospel?" and "A Storm at Sea"; July 20, "Christ in Us" and "Problems in Living." On evening of 20th the Phi Beta Pi conducted service. The fine congregation was delighted with the excellent work of the Explorer Club does good work among younger boys. Deaconesses organised by Bro. Hollard have undertaken extensive visitation among non-members. Sister Miss Jean Hawkes was married to Mr. Arthur Rowles, Bro. Hollard officiating. Endeavorers have conducted meetings in honor of Mrs. Tye's 79th birthday and Mrs. Kirk's 90th birthday.

Coburg.-Sister Mrs. Stenhouse, of Fremantle, had fellowship with the church on July 13. A party of young people from Footscray visited Y.P.S.C.E. on July 16 and conducted the meeting. The church sympathises with Sister R. Milligan in the death of her mother, Mrs. Inglis, who for a number of years held membership with churches at Dunmunkle and Stawell. Stiles Heath, ex-president of Methodist Conference, on behalf of the Local Option Alliance, gave a splendid temperance message at evening meeting on July 20. I.C.E. paid a visit, to Merlynston Methodist I.C.E. on July 20. P.B.P. held a successful re-union on July 21. Foreign

mission offering was a little over £20.

Ringwood-Mitcham.—On June 15 Bro. Banks delivered farewell addresses. After evening service a combined fellowship rally was held, when presentations were made to Bro. and Sister Banks. On June 22 Bro. and Sister A. H. Pratt were received into fellowship and welcomed by Bro. W. Gale and Bro. Beament into their ministry. On June 28 a combined and the fellowship and the service of Private Military and the service of the servi social of Ringwood-Mitcham churches was held. Three representatives of Home Mission Committee (Bren. J. E. Allan, conference president, W. Gale and Holloway) joined in the welcome and spoke words of appreciation of the past Bro. Beament spoke on behalf of local churches. Boys' club, under leadership of Bro. Russell, presented a model sand tray to Ringwood kindergarten. Supper was served by the ladies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA,

Dulwich.-On July 6 church officers conducted Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, Bro. Rudd speaking. Preachers on July 13 were Bren. Jessup, of Unley, and R. Graham, of Croydon. Names of young men of church and sons of other members on active service have been placed in framed list in chapel under the heading, "Pray for our brave boys."

Moonta.-Much sickness among members has greatly affected attendances. Bro. Banks' addresses on the Galatian letter are enlightening and appreciated. Young People's Club recently held a social and raised over £12.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On July 13 Bro. Hurren

spoke at both services. On 20th he gave two stirring addresses—in morning on "Crucified with Christ" and at night on "Escape for thy life." There is much siekness members.

Fullarton.—On July 7 splendid messages were given by Bro. Rankine. Foreign mission of-fering was £14. On July 13 Bro. Rankine gave a splendid message on "Paul's Defence of his Apostleship," July 20, good meetings; Bible school attendance up.

Bro. Rankine's evening address on "The World" was much appreciated. Sister Spry is still unable to attend the meetings.

Victor Harbour .- Bren. J. E. Shipway, W. L. Ewers and A. Anderson were speakers at anniversary social on July 15. About 100 were present, and a fine programme and good messages were enjoyed. On July 20, four girls were immersed at morning service. Three of these, with Bro. and Sister Vawser by letter, were received into fellowship. Bro. Ken Sinkinson, church secretary, has enlisted for active service.

Semaphore.--A faithful and consistent sister, Mrs. Rachel Merrifield, in her 81st year, was called home on July 17. She was the mother of the preacher's wife, Mrs. W. G. Oram, with whom she was living. The two elders, Bren. J. C. Stanley and Arthur Samuels, relieved Bro. Oram of all speaking on 20th. Bro. Peacock having resigned as treasurer, Bro. P. Rodda has been elected. Twelve Sunday school scholars sat for S.S. examination. School and C.E. societies are in good heart.

Murray Bridge.-On July 6, with good meetings, Bro. and Sister Noble commenced their second year of successful ministry. F.M. offering is £9/15/- to date. Major E. O'Neil, of Salvation Army, addressed a good meeting of guild on July 10. £1 was given to Egypt Mission by Endeavorers at close of a good address by Miss E. L. Perkins. Men's Fellowship appreciated a recent address by Mr. W. L. Rawlins on "Ambulance and the Good Samaritan." Good meetings continue. Chaplain N. G. Noble entered Warradale Camp on July 19.

Hindmarsh .- On morning of July 20 Bro. Wm. Ewers gave a splendid exposition of Gal. 2. Sisters Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Battersby were present after indisposition. At gospel meeting Bro. Ewers preached on "Cleansing a Leper." The choir helped with an anthem. After church the choir made a presentation to Sister Miss B. Bothwell and Bro. J. Holden, who are to be married. On July 9 friends arranged a kitchen evening in their honor at the home of Sister Mrs. S. J. Brooker. Their help as workers in Bible school was also recognised.

York.—Encouraging meetings have been held. On June 29, an evening exchange was arranged by local Preachers' Fraternal. Mr. Collins, of Salvation Army, gave an appreciated address. July 6, A. R. Chappell addressed the church. In the evening there were four confessions from Bible school, J. H. I. Durdin preaching. On July 13 good meetings were held. Another scholar from Bible school made the good confession at gospel meeting, when there were six baptisms. Half-yearly business meeting of the church was held on July 16, important busi-ness being transacted. It was resolved to bring the church under the act of incorporation. The 57th anniversary services of the church were held on July 20 with excellent meetings. J. E. Shipway, conference president, gave a helpful address in morning. Mr. Carr, Baptist minister of West Croydon, conducted at gospel service, and gave a good message. Foreign mission of-fering to date is nearly £12.

Strathalbyn.—The church has had Bro. Train preaching on alternate Sundays since March 1, and his addresses have been appreciated, especiand ms addresses have been appreciated, especially those on war and prophecy. Farewell addresses were given on July 6, and a "View of Strathalbyn" was presented to him from church members. Mr. Swan spoke on July 13 on beTHE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN.

half of B. and F. Bible Society. S. E. Riches and wife and family were welcomed at morning meeting on July 20, and commenced their ministry with the church. Y.P.S.C.E. is having good meetings, and a fine spirit-prevails. Recently

three new members were received. United prayer circle continues its work and interest.

Prospect.—The work is progressing well. Bro. C. Schwab's helpful addresses are greatly appreciated and have resulted in additions to the church. Attendances have been good, and finances are satisfactory. Auxiliaries are doing good work and progressing. Bible school has an enrolment of 171, and an average at-

tendance of 145.

Maylands.-Services have been very good. Bro. A. Anderson (who is conducting them until arrival of the new preacher) has given some very fine addresses. Foreign mission offering is £72 to date. On afternoon of July 13 the Minister of Education, Hon. S. W. Jeffries, came to Bible school and gave a very fine message on "Influence." On July 20 the combined State K.S.P. and Phi Beta Pi held a spiritual rally in the chapel. The Bible school co-operated. About 300 young people were present, and Bro. Brown, State chaplain, gave a fine address. 28 young people from Bible school sat for scripture examination. The church looks forward to the coming of the new preacher, Bro. Keith Jones.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Georgetown.—C.E. anniversary was celebrated on July 13 and 14, Bro. Amos conducting the Sunday service. On 14th Bro. MacLean, from City Teinple, gave an inspiring address. A mission play about "The New Hebrides" was a special feature. On July 20 both services were conducted by Bro. Amos.

Lidcombe.—A young sister was received into fellowship on July 20. Bro. A. Fraser's instructive exhortation on Psalm 23 was much enjoyed. In the evening Bro. A. Stevenson baptised a young lady. After Bro. G. Gray's gospel address on "The Promises in the Bible,"

a young woman confessed Christ.

Canley Vale.—Four girls from Bible school were recently received into fellowship after paptism. Bro. S. H. Wilson has been giving a helpful series of addresses on "Famous Failures." Ladies' Church Aid held a successful afternoon proceeds in sid of pions for the control of the railines." Ladies' Church Aid held a successful afternoon, proceeds in aid of piano fund. 21 scholars and two teachers sat for S.S. examination. Visitors during the month were Bro. MacLean, of City Temple (who addressed morning meeting), Mrs. Funston, of Berwick, Vic., and Miss Margaret Coventry and nicce, from Melbourne. from Melbourne.

Rockdale.—On July 13 Bro. O'Connor, of Beverley Hills, ably exhorted. Sympathy is extended to Sister Copley in the death of her mother, Sister Brodie, also to Sister Sainty on motner, Sister Brodie, also to Sister Sainty on the death of her father, Bro. Winks. At night Bro. Hinrichsen spoke on "The Devil's Bluff." Bro. Buckley was soloist. A lady made the good confession. On July 20 Bro. Hinrichsen spoke morning and night to good congregations. A duet was rendered by Miss A. Bevitt and D. Sainty. Y.P.S.C.E. is holding very helpful meetings.

ful meetings.

ADDRESSES.

A. C. Thurrowgood (preacher Echuca church, Vic.).—78a Sturt-st., Echuca.
H. C. Meadows (secretary Prospect church, S.A.).—8 Gloucester-st., Prospect.

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DEATHS.

UPSTILL.-A tribute to mother's love and faithfulness from her daughter and son-in-law. "We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best, Good night."

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-Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stewart.

UPSTILL.—On July 19, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. Harding, "Kendon," Plentyrd., Preston, Margaret, widow of the late Robert Upstill and loving mother of Clara (Mrs. Bowden), Walter, Jeannie (Mrs. Stewart), Howard, Ruby (Mrs. Harding), Garrett, and Laura (Mrs. Levy). Only sister of Jeannie (Mrs. Stappers). Loving grandmother of Don and Ken. Aged 81. Resting.

God's finger touched her and she slept.

WINSOR.—On July 16, at her residence, 68 Shields-st., Flemington, Clara, beloved wife of the late William Andrew, and dearly loved mother of Kitty (Mrs. P. C. Coe), Andrew, Myrtle (dec.), Clare (dec.). Rest after suffering.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROWNRIGG.-A loving tribute to memory of our dearly beloved only son, Arthur Jack, called to higher life July 30, 1937. Behind all shadows standeth God.

COLLINS.—In loving memory of Benjamin William ("Will"), who passed away July 31, 1938. Always remembered. 1938.

HATTY.—In loving memory of James Hatty, who passed away on July 22, 1937.

The passing years can never change Our thoughts of one so dear; Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps you near.

-Inserted by his loving wife and family.

HOUSTON .- In loving memory of our dear mother Marion, Port Campbell, who was called to higher service on July 25, 1940. "Her chil-dren arise up and call her blessed."—Proverbs. -Inserted by her loving family.

LEWIS.—In loving memory of my dear husband, David Alfred, called home July 26, 1939.

Silent memories true and tender, Just to show I still remember.

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-Will, H. Clay, Secretary.

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NEW ISLAND NURSE.

MISS VIOLET WAKELY, member of City Temple, Sydney, has been accepted as a nurse to go down to the Islands during the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. David Hammer. So that there will be no difficulty regarding Bro. and Sister Hammer leaving Aoba about the end of October, Miss Wakely will leave Australia by the next boat. Miss Wakely is well known in Sydney and has bad missionary work in Sydney, and has had missionary work in mind for years. For several years she assisted as teacher among the Chinese brethren in Sydney. Graduating as a nurse in 1940, Nurse Wakely is now a sister in the large Masonic Hospital, Ashfield, and attending the tropical diseases school at the Sydney University. She is prepared to leave immediately for the field, and the New South Wales committee are making immediate plans for her departure.

UNITED EFFORTS IN INDIA.

ONE usually does a deal of comparing, when back in India after a furlough in Australia, being nearer an understanding of things on the home as well as on the Indian front. does not let any state become too easy if he is likely to lose any worthwhile territory. He makes things hard anywhere then. But one wonders if India really has not its particular difficulties. Someone dared to say that even Paul had not some of the disadvantages to contend with that are found where people are of an entirely different speech, but until we endure as Paul endured, and come from the battle the victor that he was, we cannot make a com-parison, for adversity beset him on every side, and weapons of warfare were forged for us in the furnace of his earthly sufferings and heav-enly experiences that sustain and guide us through his epistles in the written Word. But without making it an individual matter, and because we want you to realise something of what your efforts and prayers are accomplish-ing and what the churches' united effort means to India, it will not be out of place to consider some of the means that it would seem Satan has employed to make and keep India impervious to the teaching of Christ.

First and foremost comes caste. You will be told that it is less rigid than formerly; that is true in part. In the cities and as regards travel-ling, where it suits, and is almost necessary to the carrying on of profitable business, caste rules are less rigid at least for out-of-door life. There are always those who are indifferent to the claims of religion, but caste is bound up with everything between birth and death. We thank God for the Indian reformers who are trying to break through these barriers to all

progress. Only recently in the taluka next to Shrigonda sign was put up by the authorities, near the village well, stating that henceforth the well would be for the use of all castes, high and low. A low caste man used the well, and he was murdered by the high caste people. It was all too revolutionary, and the uneducated caste bound community had not been reckoned with. I have not heard yet the outcome of this crime, which goes to show the strength yet of caste prejudices. Besides caste, there is the mullifting influences to their particular language and prevents co-mingling of leadership except where the medium of thought can be the except where the medium of thought can be the English language. And there is the appalling illiteracy with its attendants, fear and superstition, outcome of ignorance which one has said is Satan's stronghold. Every mission is doing something to educate at least its own community and so strengthen and purify the Christian influence. Christian influence.

In the face of the difficulties of caste, lan-guage, customs, illiteracy, the church in India

has made remarkable headway, and not less remarkable is the force and influence she has comparing her numerical strength, or weakness, with the multitudes of India. She is a force to be reckoned with. Darkness flees before her. Christ is being seen through her, for he is her Light and Life.-F. Cameron.

KALAMB.

A FTER an absence of four years we visited Kalamb. What a wonderful transformation we saw! Formerly the factory office was a tin shed, and all the employees lived in tin sheds. To-day a beautiful two-storey stone building houses the office of the factory. A hospital and an up-to-date restaurant for various castes occupy other large buildings. The managing director has built himself a mansion. There are rows and rows of living quarters for the staff, all built of stone. Even the site where our little chapel used to stand is occupied with these rows of houses; chawls, they The size of the sugar factory has are called. been trebled, and it now has a capacity for crushing 1200 tons of cane per day. A private tramway has been built all the way across the hills to Diksal, 25 miles, in order to be able to load the sugar direct on the broad gauge rail-way waggon. Steam tramways run all over the estate. Over 5000 employees are kept busy in the factory and on the farm. The factory has recently started vegetable oil crushing in a modern factory, where cooking fats will be prepared and the waste made into soap.

We had gone there to hold a service, so within a short time we gathered in the tin house of Tukaram, one of our earliest settlement converts, and held a Christian service led by Ter-singrao Papane, the preacher from Wadgaon who was helping Bro. Thomas. A number of Christian men and women with their families were present. They have found work in the factory, also other Christians are drifting in from various places. We are responsible for their oversight. They usually meet every Sun-day evening for worship among themselves. Among those present were noted several families who are converts from the Baramati Bhampta settlement, also two lads from the Baramati orphanage. They have no capable leader, how-ever, and are as sheep without a shepherd. It was very encouraging to me to note that

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Chaplain E. J. Miles has been called up for overseas service. Our information is that he will be attached to a hospital ship. A representative gathering of brethren tendered our brother a luncheon at the Y.M.C.A. to express the good wishes of the brotherhood. Bro. Miles has done good work at Cottesloe, and the church there is sorry to lose his services.

Motor Transport.

Western Australia is a State of vast distances, and successful mission work has only been possible with the aid of motor transport. Bro. C. H. Hunt, home missioner in the Eastern Wheat-belt, covers hundreds of miles during the year. Petrol prices have always made that work costly, but petrol restrictions made it almost impossible. However this problem has now been overcome by the placing of a gas-producer on the home mission car.

The U.A.M. in its splendid work among the natives has been compelled to act similarly, and recently at the factory of Bro. Albany Bell, a tractor and trailer were dedicated to God hefore setting out upon the 1000 mile journey to the Warburton Ranges.

Good News.

Our "Western Christian" in its July number gives us the good news that "49 additions are reported this month." Twelve churches reported. It also records that at the last meet-ing of the Preachers' Fraternal 18 baptisms were reported by the preachers. This is better than for many months (missions excepted).

F.M. Offering.

It is too early to give particulars of the annual offering, but reports of the first day indicate that there will be a good response to the appeal.

Churches and Preachers.

With the going of Bro. Miles from Cottesloe, we shall have fewer preachers serving full-time with our churches than has been the case for many years. The following churches are with-out regular preachers:—Bassendean, Collie, Cot-tesloe, Palmyra, Shenton Park, Midland Junc-tion, Nedlands, Carlisle and Wembley, although the latter is admirably served in gospel preaching by Bro. A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., who is doing a good work with the evening services. Some of these churches have been struggling for years without regular evangelists. The fact of so few evangelists is the more to be deplored because we cannot find many to-day who are either able or willing to give the time necessary in study to equip themselves to serve the churches in the honorary or part-time preaching ministry. Never more so, perhaps, than to-day has this western State had greater need for more able ministers of the Word. And the great prayer that Jesus commanded his followers to pray is the prayer we rarely hear: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send footh labourers into his honest." he send forth laborers into his harvest."

RICHES AND RESERVES.

The problems of ancient Egypt are the problems of to-day—wars and depressions and tyranny. It doesn't do much good to have a silk shirt in 1929 and no shirt in 1932. A million dollars in the bank isn't worth a dime if the bank is closed or if the million is taken over by the Man on Horseback. In other words, it's a good thing to develop reserves other then it's a good thing to develop reserves other than bank reserves; to accumulate riches that can't be taken from you.—William Burnett Benton, vice-president, University of Chicago.

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

THE monthly meeting was held at Grote-st. on Thursday, July 3, at 2.30 p.m. Devotional half-hour was led by Mrs. House, whose topic was "Power of Faith." Miss Leedham's solo was beautifully rendered.

At business session, presided over by the president (Miss Grant), there were 79 sisters present, of whom 51 were delegates.

A number of sisters will visit the Gawler church on July 23 and conduct the meeting.

Miss Caldicott was warmly welcomed, and she ably responded.

Treasurer's report for June.—Home Missions, in hand, £110/4/-; Overseas Missions, in hand, £77/4/5; General Fund, in hand, £4/14/5; Catering Fund, in hand, £16/1/6.

Home Missions.-Superintendent reported Stirling East, Queenstown, Glenelg, Nailsworth, Mile End, York and Prospect churches had been visited during June, and up to closing of books £58/3/10 had been collected for the month; total, £110/4/-.

Overseas Missions.—Superintendent reported committee had visited Semaphore and Norwood churches and the welcome meeting to Miss Caldicott. £38/15/10 was collected during month. Total at close of books, £77/4/5.

Superintendent of Catering Committee reported re the catering for Sunday school workers' tea. Received from churches, £4/11/3; exers' tea. Received from churches, £4/11/3; expenses, £2/9/9; balance, £2/1/6. Resolved that balance in hand be given to Bible School Department.

Doreas Committee, May and June.-Visits paid to Dorcas societies at Grote-st., Maylands, Dul-wich, Hindmarsh, Croydon, Aldgate Valley and Brooklyn Park.

Hospital Committee, April and May .- 164 visits paid to the hospitals, etc.: Royal Adelaide, Children's, Keswick, Enfield, Home for Incurables, Sunset Lodge Cottage Home, Sick and Aged. Gifts were made, and 33 books, etc., given. Money on table for past three months, 10/2.

Temperance Committee.—It is gratifying to know that no wet canteens are allowed in R.A.A.F. camps.

Literature Committee.—Superintendent visited Northfield, Escourt House, Fullarton and Queen's Home, and distributed books. All who have kindly sent books are thanked.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—Miss Webb (Glenelg), Mrs. Harding (York), Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Wright (Henley Beach) were visited during month.—Mrs. H. R. Charlick, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

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