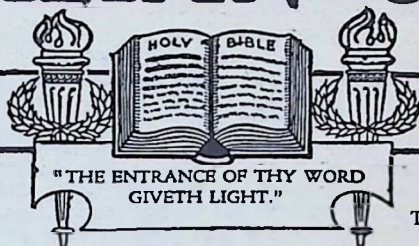


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The Universal Father.

A. W. Garland.

WE are living in a tumultuous age, when man is at enmity with his fellow man. This is not only exemplified in the international strifes in which men of similar cultures are locked in conflict; but also in the racial barriers which we erect, in the clash of religions, and in the individual hatreds that keep our civil and criminal courts busy and make life so difficult. There is the same treacherous dealing to-day as called forth the cry of Malachi, "Have we not all one Father, hath not one God created us?" These things ought not to be because God is

Father of All by Creation.

The universality of religion is the attempt of man to find God, who is recognised as the Author and Sustainer of life. It is the seeking of lost children for their parent.

Malachi's use of the word Father expresses the great truth that God did not just create and then neglect the universe. Each gaily colored hibiscus, the common lantana, the beautiful birds are clothed and cared for by him. The refreshing rain is his gift to good and bad alike. He makes each day's sun to shine. It is impossible for us to relegate the Father's activity to one, long past, divine act of creation.

This conception of all as children of God made in his own image finds no room for the racial prejudice which could think of the colored people of the world as being without a soul. Mahatma Gandhi's interest in Christianity was crushed by the refusal with which he was met when he desired to enter a Christian church. Over the door of some South African churches used to appear the sign, "Dogs and Hottentots not admitted." Such a view is not consistent with the idea that God is a Father of all. Neither can there be room for those class distinctions which see slum-dwellers in large western cities only as "hands," the necessary parts, of a great industrial machine, and not to be regarded otherwise. He who saw the fall of the sparrow and counts the very hairs of our heads is not unmindful of the lowliest member of his higher creation—man.

Jesus amplified this idea and taught us to pray, "Our Father." He laid down a principle of relations of man to man which has been revolutionary, sweeping aside all barriers between individuals, classes and races, and implying a new unity because we belong to one great human family.

But there is a special sense in which God is the

Father of Jesus by Generation.

Because men had failed in their search for God, he sent his Son to act as a guide to men. John states, "The only begotten Son, he hath

declared him." Men were as people wandering in the trackless jungle, straying in circles, unable to get to God, their goal, and to them Christ came as the guide, one sure of the path, and he could say: "I am the Way; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Jesus was the demonstration of the Father's love. Men did not know exactly what they sought. They thought of God as one to be feared, afar off, and arbitrary, acting often without thought of fairness or justice. But Jesus, after he had lived among men a life of love—as Peter said, "going about doing good"—answered a request to "shew us the Father" by saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." And again he declared, "I and the Father are one."

God acknowledged this close relationship as existing in a public manner; for at the baptism of Jesus, when he gave proof of his obedience to the Father's will, the voice from heaven declared, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"; and again at the transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him." In the volume of his word was set forth the statement, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." Paul, seeing this relationship, wrote, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."

In his most intimate approaches to God, Jesus used this title of Father. In the garden of Gethsemane, when human comfort and friends failed, and he faced the dangers of the future, his cry was, "Abba, Father . . . remove this cup from me." And from the cross we hear his voice, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," and again, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit." Not even here, in the midst of the sufferings of the cross, did his faith in the relationship waver. In a special sense he is the Son of God.

There is also the sense in which God is

The Father of Believers by Adoption.

That paternal affection which elicited from David the lamentation over his erring son, "My son, Absalom, my son, my son, would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son," wrung also the heart of our Father. God, as he viewed the sin and waywardness of humanity, gave himself in the person of Christ, that his sacrifice might lead us back to himself. Despite our sin and rebellion he did not give us up. Although we may have disowned his fatherhood, God still does not let us go, but seeks to win us back to a close relationship with him.

The conditions of our adoption into this special state are not difficult. We are not called upon to do some heroic act in order to prove our worthiness. "As many as re-

ceived him, to them gave he power to become sons of God, even as many as believed on his name." We are welcomed as we come seeking that relationship. The father who loves his wayward son will not close his door when the prodigal appears repentant upon the doorstep.

Jesus describes God as a Father; moderns wish to make him an indulgent grandfather; but responsible fatherhood is never merely indulgent. This Father is ready to forgive all who come in repentance to him, without respect of race, or social position, or any outward distinction, and recognition of him leads us all into a great and glorious brotherhood in which we can truly pray, "Our Father."

"New Beauty Out of Ruin."

WE reprint in this issue from "World Call" the address given by Mrs. Hilda M. Green, of Manchester, England, at the International Convention of Disciples of Christ held in St. Louis, U.S.A. With her two children Mrs. Green is in America for the duration of the war. Her address made a great impression at St. Louis. As previously announced, our American churches have sent help to our British brethren. We hope all will read Mrs. Green's words, which will, we think, reinforce the appeal made in last week's issue by our Federal Conference Executive that Australian churches of Christ make an early offering to assist the churches and members in Great Britain suffering from bombing outrages.

The Need of Evangelism.

IN the course of an address on Protestant Sunday, Dr. C. I. Benson, of Wesley Church, Melbourne, is reported to have said that Protestantism placed the responsibility on the individual of propagating his faith. A Protestant must be a priest in the sense that he brought other men to Christianity—he must be an evangelist and a worker. Protestantism would only get out of the ditch when laymen realised they were the successors of the apostles. We do not like the unscriptural distinction which the word "layman" implies. All Christians are God's laity, and all are God's clergy; the Greek words from which these terms are derived are used of all God's people in 1 Peter 5: 3 and 2: 9, 10. Dr. Benson's insistence on the need of evangelism with his plea that the preaching of God's word be not confined to any priestly or clerical class is timely and helpful. "Evangelise—or Perish" remains the great alternative.

Preaching Without "Bite."

SOME of Mr. R. Wilson Black's words in his presidential address to the recent Baptist Union Assembly in London have attracted much attention. He urged that we must realise that the only hope for the world is the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. We quote a few of his earnest words:

"I miss the passionate treatment of the old themes, the redeeming grace of God and Christ's offer of salvation. The direct personal issue between the soul and God is seldom raised. The preaching fails to stress the great topics of the evangelical message. Temptation, sin, forgiveness, the atonement, and the power of the Holy Spirit—how seldom are these mentioned! We hear instead of 'the subconscious mind' or 'the inferiority complex.' . . . Modern preaching is probably as gifted, cultured and sincere as that of an earlier age, but far too often it lacks one great essential, a direct appeal for a definite verdict. *It doesn't bite.*"

"A preacher is not an historian, or a lecturer, or an essayist. He may be gifted in all these directions, but his calling is that of an evangelist seeking personal and immediate decisions. . . . Every church must be a centre of evangelisation. From each must issue continuous efforts to extend the kingdom of God. It must be recognised that the churches have as their supreme task that which the apostles set forth: 'We beseech you, on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God.'"

Mr. Black clearly and definitely dealt also with the implications of the Gospel in the modern world. In closing he strongly urged that "we must never forget that in all things we depend on the presence and energy of the Spirit of God. Schemes and organisations, resolves and efforts, however admirable in themselves, if they are simply human, are utterly vain. Without Christ we can do nothing. But he is present with us by his living Spirit."

Mr. Black delivered a great address, one true to the scriptures, and expressed just such truths as he was wont to utter before he joined the Baptist Union.

America and the War.

AS the weeks go by, American sympathy is more and more clearly expressed with Britain and her allies in their struggle for freedom. Increasingly there is a recognition of the world's danger if Hitlerism is allowed to assail and dominate other nations. For the sake of their own freedom, as well as for a desire to help weaker nations which have been violated and oppressed, the great majority of the American people are standing behind President Roosevelt in his determination to resist the aggressors. There are, of course, still numerous people in the United States whose sympathies are pro-German, and there are others who, though they do not sympathise with Nazi ideals or actions, are isolationists and are doing their utmost to prevent further American assistance and participation. Amongst the latter are found Dr. C. C. Morrison and the "Christian Century" group. Some of our readers will be surprised to read the following editorial note from the London "Christian World" for June 5:—

"I am sorry to see that Dr. E. Stanley Jones, author of 'The Christ of the Indian Road,' still cherishes the illusion of the Isolationists. Writing in the Chicago 'Christian Century' Dr. Jones supports the all-too-comfortable thesis that 'the world needs nothing so desperately as one detached, disinterested friend of all. We could be that friend of all.' Mr. Roosevelt has sufficiently demolished that argument. I must add, though, that I am surprised to find Dr. Jones declaring that 'our attempts to smash him [Hitler] only verify his central thesis—that the Allies are out to crush Germany and have been from the beginning.' Does Dr. Jones believe that? If not, why does he make himself the mouthpiece of the German propagandists?"

We regret that one so often quoted in Australian pulpits should have written as stated. Great Britain proved her desire for peace both by efforts at appeasement and by disarmament to such a degree that her present enemies felt she was so weak that her plea for peace and

protests against aggression could safely be ignored. Not for the crushing of any people, but for a peace and order which will be for the good of all, do we pray.

The Present Need.

THE following paragraphs on the old order and the present need appeared in an article entitled "The Church and the New Order" written by C. K. Green for "The Christian Advocate":—

"The story of the last five hundred years is the story of man's usurpation for himself of the supreme place in the scheme of things and of the gradual, but no less complete, pushing of God into the background. This process reached its zenith in the early years of the present century when humanism became his accepted creed. Hitler is no more the product of Versailles than you or I; he is the logical outcome of the course of man's thought during these last centuries.

"This, I do not doubt, is what is really wrong with the old order; man's original sin, his self-centredness. The whole of our way of life has been built on the rotten foundation of thinking that by leaving each to look after himself the greatest good for the greatest number will be achieved. The great need of the present is simply, therefore, a recall to religion. The universe was fashioned by God, and it must therefore be managed according to his laws if it is to function aright. There is an increasing tendency to realise this important truth: we are realising that the more feasible a plan, the more it reflects Christian principles. This, then, is the point at which we must begin to build the new order: more zealous living, more uncompromising application of Christian principles, and more of the light of the Gospel in our eyes."

Regarding Thomas Campbell.

THE following sentences taken from the "Memoirs of Elder Thomas Campbell," published by his son Alexander Campbell, are culled from a letter written in 1860 by John R. Frame:

At the Table of the Lord.

THE SATISFYING CHRIST.

"No one who believes in him, the scripture says, will ever be disappointed. No one . . ."
—Romans 10: 11 (Moffatt's translation).

NEVER disappointed! Every Christian is disappointed with himself, his progress in grace and knowledge, his shortcomings and comparative lack of accomplishment. There is a healthy discontent. Each one is also disappointed, at times, with others. They fail to respond or help. They prove broken reeds. Many go back and walk no more with the Master. The Apostle Paul well knew the disappointments of life. Yet he penned the passage which Moffatt translates as above. The same word is used in Rom. 5: 5 and 9: 33. "Hope putteth not to shame"; "He that believeth on him shall not be put to shame"—the meaning being that the hope we have in Christ will not cause us shame by disappointing us. No one in all the world has ever been disappointed by Christ's failure to do anything that he has promised.

We often sing that "none but Christ can satisfy." That is true, for no other name is given wherein we can be saved, and none but he can satisfy the longings of the soul. But that comes far short of the apostle's statement that *Christ does satisfy*, and that no one who trusts him will ever be disappointed. This declaration is in harmony with our Lord's own promises. To all who labor and are heavy laden he offers rest, if they will but come unto

"Father Campbell used to say that 'a prayerless Christian is a contradiction.'"

"Father Campbell also deprecated the vain and often foolish conversation we hear among the professors of religion. He used to say, 'We hear much talk about religion, but very little really religious conversation.'"

"The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle to all men," was his motto to every evangelist."

"I remember some one said to him, 'Father Campbell, you have been a diligent student of the scriptures for more than fifty years. Do they become old and insipid to you?' 'No,' said he, 'I never read the scriptures, which I have read hundreds of times, but I perceive new beauties in them.'"

"Father Campbell's great theme was 'Christian union on Christian principles.' This he pleaded with great earnestness and success."

"The good teaching and pious example of Father Campbell did much to promote the cause of reformation. . . . Much prejudice was removed from the minds of many who had misunderstood and misrepresented the reformation. They discovered that it was not merely a theoretical notion we were contending for, but a practical reformation in the lives of disciples of Christ; and that we were laboring not to build up a party, but to unite all the friends of Jesus in one body, that we might co-operate for the spread of primitive Christianity, and have done with disunity."

THIS IS THE HOUR.

THIS is the hour when courage knows her own,
When hearts grow stern that else were warm and gay,
When men and women are themselves the stone
That holds this island scathless in the storm.
This is the hour when pleasure is no more,
Ease and the lovely fields, the tree, the flower;
Only the rocks, the long and valorous shore,
The one unshaken heart. This is the hour.

—Selected.

him. To the thirsty, he gives the water of life so that they never will thirst again. The hungry may eat the bread of life, be satisfied and live for ever.

No one who has trusted in Christ has found that one word of his promises has failed. "It is nearly seventy years since I gave my heart to Christ," wrote the saintly F. B. Meyer. "Never once has he failed me. Never has there been a shadow between us."

A recent writer has said that what impressed the early Christians was the abundance of their resources in Christ. Consider these words: "He is able." "He is able to make all grace to abound." "He is able to save to the uttermost." "He is able to keep you from falling." "In Jesus Christ I have all things and abound." "In him who strengtheneth me I am equal to anything." We should realise and avail ourselves of all the comfort, promises and power that can be ours through Christ.

"Jesus, my all in all thou art;

My rest in toil, my ease in pain,
The medicine of my broken heart,
In war my peace, in loss my gain,
My smile beneath the tyrant's frown,
In shame my glory and my crown;

"In want my plentiful supply,

In weakness my almighty power,
In bonds my perfect liberty,
My light in Satan's darkest hour,
In grief my joy unspeakable,
My life in death, my heaven in hell."

"New Beauty Out of Ruin." Do We Want Peace?

Luke 19: 41-44.

Prayer Meeting Topic for Aug. 20.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Mrs. Hilda M. Green.

NO nation, however rich and great, can wage modern warfare without suffering. You know that, but do not, perhaps, realise fully what it means. It means that ever since France fell last May, we people of Britain have been living under the constant threat of invasion, of starvation through the Battle of the Atlantic, of asphyxiation by gas attack, of bombings by day and by night. It means that family life is broken up, children taken from their parents to be evacuated into the country, homes blighted or destroyed. You mothers will realise the problems we have had to face in deciding whether or not to let our older boys and girls in their most impressionable years come overseas to the homes of strangers. There will be rapid growth in them and the parents will have no share in it, and may lose forever the intimate knowledge of their hearts and minds.

There are those of us who have had to decide whether it be our duty to leave our husbands in this their hour of danger, even though it be for the sake of our babies. For myself I feel I am making a contribution to my country by thus relieving her of some of her liability at this time, and by insuring for her future rebuilding that our sons will be better fitted in body, mind and character. Yes, the choice is hard; but to so many of us, the horror of having our children brought up in the unchristian attitude of the Nazi belief and way of life, is greater even than separations, greater than physical hardship, greater—I will dare to say—than death.

It seems to be the general opinion of non-British observers that the English people possess a sense of proportion which enables them to see the immediate struggle in its historical perspective, which is truly remarkable under the circumstances. They may be told to expect "blood, sweat and tears," but it will not prevent them from entering into the joy of warm spring sunshine, a clear blue sky, or a garden full of the first yellow crocuses. They can still laugh aloud at a really funny film, or enjoy a good book. Scientific, intellectual and spiritual values are not only being maintained, but are making good progress in spite of tremendous war-time difficulties.

The "blitzkrieg of the body" has failed because the "blitzkrieg of the mind" has failed. We can learn from them that to keep nerves steady in any crisis we must discipline ourselves to expect even worse calamities before better conditions can be realised. We must hold on to our faith in the ultimate triumph of right. Having realised that there is a psychological "blitzkrieg," we will overcome it by knowing that it fails completely when we resist it with a clear discerning mind. And so, as we turn our thoughts to building "new beauty out of ruin," let us remind ourselves that the joy of resurrection did not come three days after the transfiguration, but three days after the crucifixion. Cannot we also make the tragedy of to-day the opportunity for to-morrow? This will call for careful planning and a more determined and unselfish service.

It is the adoption of this forward look which is making it possible for Britain even now to be planning her future London, Birmingham and Manchester. Social evils of which certain strata of British society were unaware are even now receiving their death sentence. In the building of this "brave new world" the church finds her opportunity. Her members, as citizens, must take the responsibility for creating public opinion favorable to the building of a world peace which will be more equitable and just than the Armistice of 1918. We

must realise that Hitler is a mere manifestation of a social malady which we must find some way to cure lest other and worse Hitlers arise as an expression of that same malady. The world, wonderfully proficient in making and waging scientific warfare, must see the necessity of applying equal intelligence to the eradication of the causes of war. The church of Christ, united, alone can point the way to this better solution. Of all its membership, women have by far the greatest opportunity for moulding the faith of the generation by whom this better way must be pioneered.

But the war issue is not the only one at stake in human thinking. New ideas are being born in the minds of all sorts of people all over the world. A new revolution is under way. Standards are changing. People are questioning all our traditional attitudes. In fact, the world is becoming more spiritually minded. People are thinking and talking about God and his relationship to these events. The power of prayer is being proved beyond all doubt every day in the lives of individuals in distress and in the corporate life of the nation.

The British Churches of Christ are meeting this challenge by adapting their pre-war programme to answer the needs caused by war conditions. Every week we read of more ministers organising worship in the air raid shelters, and of cottage prayer services in place of the regular Sunday evening worship at the church buildings. Increasing emphasis is being laid upon preaching through loving, brotherly service as well as by the spoken word.

Your British sisters are playing their part in this demonstration of true Christian living—often magnificently. Air raid sirens and interrupted transportation do not keep the faithful from their local and district missionary meetings, although it may take them hours instead of minutes to come and go. The fact that four-fifths of the 1941 missionary budget is planned for is nothing short of marvellous considering the demands made upon church people for social relief in Britain. We can say of them as Paul said of the Christians in the Macedonia of his day—"Amid a severe ordeal of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty together have poured out a flood of generosity." They are not dispirited and pessimistic, for they see that this is the time to prove their faith by action, and in this opportunity they are finding hidden talents and capabilities of which they little dreamed. They are proving that "new beauty can be created out of ruin."

Beautiful Feet.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10: 15).

BEAUTIFUL feet! Beautiful feet!

That swiftly fly with the message grand,
That weary not as from land to land
They bring the tidings of hope and joy,
Of love that nothing can destroy.
Of life, in Christ alone complete.

Beautiful feet! Beautiful feet!

Beautiful feet! Beautiful feet!
In busy mart, or open street,
With eager tread pursue their way,
From early morn till close of day,
That know no dread, fear no defeat.

Beautiful feet! Beautiful feet!

—G. Burns.

WHAT could be more pathetic than the sight of Jesus, Son of God, weeping for a people who were not willing to pay the price of peace? In the knowledge which he had of a devastated and suffering city, it would cause anyone to weep. Of course they wanted peace, but they also wanted many other things, and it was because of the madness of their enthusiasm for other things that there could be no peace. The human race since before Christ has been against war. Dr. Fosdick said, "The Trojan Women," first performed in Athens in the year 415 B.C., was one of the first great pieces of literature in history launched against war." "Practically everybody, one way or another, deplores war, regrets its bloody shambles, its mass murders, its devastating consequences." And we will have war just so long as we are unwilling to pay the price of peace. What is the price?

Some of Our National Sovereignty.

The strength of nationalism to-day has resulted in world tragedy. The charge may be laid at the door of more than one nation. And there can be no partnership unless partners are willing to give up some of their independence. To work together there must be a limiting of individual rights or of what are considered so. The Jews of Christ's day were nationalistic, and certain sections would have done anything to make sure of their rights. If they had been content to live righteously and to follow the Messiah in his campaign for new born or twice born people, and the building of the kingdom of God on earth, the sack of Jerusalem and the awful suffering entailed in A.D. 70 would not have been possible. They were not ready to give up their nationalism and be subject to another power. National hatreds will have to go before peace comes.

Our Vested Interests.

It was vested interests that led to trouble at Philippi and at Ephesus and in a host of other places. We would not suggest that such is all the reason for the present war, but we cannot deny that it has played a large part in other wars. The profits of those interested must not be interfered with. Great armament firms have made millions in war time. Do we want peace so much that we will be ready to sacrifice big profits and markets for it? Would owners of capital be willing to consider the sacrifice of huge industry in Eastern countries where it is shown there is terrible exploitation of the native population, and so much so that as Dr. John R. Mott has shown in Bombay, India, that one-half of all babies born die before reaching the age of one year. And in China a somewhat similar exploitation has not been unknown. That thing breeds war. Are we willing to pay the price of world peace?

To be Christian.

This may sum up the price to be paid. To be realistically not theoretically Christian. "We belong to a Christian nation." Do we? Not while nine-tenths and more of our people remain outside of the Christian church. They may be Christian in name as against Mohammedan, but Christian indeed they are not. Do we want world peace so much that we can be real Christians living not for self but for God and others? If we are prepared to pay the price then we shall have peace. Therefore let every Christian be an evangelist in word and deed. Let the church at least be prepared to pay the price even if it means a cross.

TOPIC FOR AUGUST 27.—"MY HOUSE."
—Luke 19: 45-48.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

GOD IN COMMON THINGS.

GOD speaketh to the heart in common things.
And often in the things we love the best.
His word may find thee while a woman sings
A song of youth and green rememberings,
Or while a baby-cheek to thine is prest;
His light may reach thee from a linnet's wings,
Or the frilled sweetness of a daisy's breast.
—F. Langbridge.

SYMPATHY.

SYMPATHY is the staff on which trouble leans.

Sympathy is food to a starving heart.
Sympathy is two hearts pulling at one load.
Sympathy is the least the rich may give, the most the poor can offer.

Sympathy is the cream that rises on the milk of human kindness.

Sympathy in sorrow's hour is like the gentle rain to drooping flowers.

ONLY A SHADOW.

A SCOTTISH clergyman was summoned to the death-bed of an old shepherd. This shepherd was a godly man, but a great fear had overwhelmed him in his weakness and loneliness. "I ken a', but I canna find comfort," was his answer to the clergyman's assurances. Then the clergyman, taking up the well-worn Bible, read the 23rd Psalm, repeating very slowly, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." "The Psalmist calls it a shadow that will pass; when it has passed you will see the everlasting hills in the unclouded glory." In a few minutes the old shepherd lifted his face, which his emaciated hands had been covering. A wonderful light was upon it. "Ay, ay; I see it a'

now. Death is only a shadow, with Christ behind it—a shadow that will pass."

STRENGTH FOR TO-DAY.

GOD give me strength to live my life and do my humble work aright to-day. God give me grace to live, and help me bless someone to-day. God stamp upon my heart the conviction that all I speak to-day I will speak again and yet again so long as time shall last, when I am dead. God help me to realise that by my words I shall be condemned. God help me to decide upon my knees how I will speak when I am dead.—A. D. Bradley.

NOTHING DOING!

The hospital nurse smoothed the sufferer's pillow. He had only been admitted that morning, and now he looked up at her pleadingly. "An' phwat did ye say the docthor's name was, nurse?" he said. "Dr. Kilpatrick," was the reply. The sufferer winced and pulled a wry face. "That settles it," he said. "That docthor won't get no chance to operate on me." "Why not?" asked the nurse in surprise. "He's a very clever man." "That's as may be," replied the patient. "But my name happens to be Patrick."

Magistrate.—"This lady had been very kind to you. She had given you a meal and several articles of clothing. Then you repay her kindness by stealing her rug. Why did you do it?"

Prisoner.—"Well, you see, your honor; she gave me the rug and told me to beat it. And I did."

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—PAST BLESSINGS RECALLED.

Monday, August 18.

WE were bought with a price.—1 Cor. 6: 20.
Redemption is the greatest blessing ever experienced by mortal man. These Corinthian disciples, though once lost by sin, were found by grace. They had sold themselves to Satan, but were redeemed by Christ. Being thus bought with a price, they belonged wholly to their Redeemer.

Reading—1 Corinthians 6: 12-20.

Tuesday, August 19.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law.—Gal. 3: 13.

From the curse threatened by law, they were delivered. From the punishment deserved they were delivered. The particular reference is evidently to the law of Moses, by the works of which no man is justified.

Reading—Galatians 3: 1-14.

Wednesday, August 20.

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity.—Titus 2: 14.

So that Christ has not only bought us, but cleansed us from all sin. Whatever our past has been, we made a new start, and though we wage constant warfare against our evil propensities, if we remain true to God sin shall not be allowed to have dominion over us.

Reading—Titus 2: 11-15.

Thursday, August 21.

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world.—Eph. 1: 4.

Redemption was not a sudden thought, but

according to God's eternal plan. Before the world was created the divine choice was made; yet it must always be remembered that God chooses those who accept the Saviour. Those who would do so were known to God from all eternity, and sealed by him as his own.

Reading—Ephesians 1: 1-5.

Friday, August 22.

We were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.—Eph. 1: 13.

The word "sealed" means the closing up and making secure. It is also used to denote the genuineness of anything. Even so we have been made secure, and sealed with the Holy Spirit which was promised.

Reading—Ephesians 1: 6-14.

Saturday, August 23.

That ye may know . . . the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.—Eph. 1: 18.

Paul often refers to the riches of God's grace. Here the phrase "the riches of his glory" signifies "glorious wealth; it is not such a possession as man may be heir to in this world, which is always limited from the necessity of the case, and which cannot be enjoyed long; it is infinite and inexhaustible."

Reading—Ephesians 1: 15-18.

Sunday, August 24.

In whom we have our redemption.—Eph. 1: 7.
The word "redemption" signifies liberation from captivity, or any kind of evil. In early days, after the purchase-money had been paid, the captive was set free. In like manner Christians are delivered from sin and its consequences.

Readings—Psalm 21; Ephesians 1.

Our Young People

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

"PLEASURE CRUISE TO DHOND."

ON Saturday evening, Aug. 2, a novel programme was arranged to stimulate interest in and support for Dhond Hospital, India. The programme was arranged by the C.E. Committee, for all the young people of our churches, and was held at Copplin-st., North Richmond. Novel invitation cards had been issued, and the response was overwhelming, for about 300 young people, representing almost all the suburban churches, were in attendance. It was fine to see such a happy gathering of our youth. Unfortunately the large hall proved inadequate to hold comfortably the large assemblage.

The organisation of the evening's novel programme was in the very capable hands of Bro. Norman Jame (captain), and his excellent band of officers from Lygon-st. church. Bro. Jame had not spared himself in painstaking preparation for the programme. The hall was elaborately decorated in order to give a shipboard atmosphere. The large platform resembled a ship with bridge, masts, funnel, ventilators, deck rails, lights, flags, bell, etc. From the "bridge" Bro. Jame directed the programme of the evening. The largeness of the crowd made "deck" games difficult, but everyone entered heartily into the various items and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Some young people from Bamba-rd. presented two short scenes of the work at Dhond Hospital, and Bro. Colin Thomas gave a brief lantern lecture outlining the progress of the mission hospital at Dhond. "Navy rations" were served for supper, with North Richmond Endeavorers caring for the needs of the company. Apart from the fact of fine fellowship and fun, there was good propaganda for Dhond Hospital, and the company subscribed almost £15 for the work of Dr. Oldfield and his helpers.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

ONE of the first essentials for any leader of young people is to *plan your work*. Good leadership depends on this. You must plan ahead. To live from week to week in your work among young people will prove fatal. Programmes and details of meetings should always be worked out well ahead. Even when the leader co-operates with the young people in finally drafting the programme, he will be the one who will supply the suggestions and ideas to be embodied in the programme.

It goes without saying that the other side of planning is *work your plan*. An efficient leader, working his plan, will build up towards himself an attitude of trust and reliability. He will be generally recognised as being trustworthy. This is a most valuable asset to any leader. But it will only be won at the cost of close attention to detail and a well-worked plan. It will mean much in all your youth work if you give careful attention to the various parts to be taken by various ones in each meeting. It will cost a little in trouble to see that each one is fully aware of what is required of him, but this is the way to results.

Now, no one can think of planning without giving careful attention to *variety*. Do the same thing in the same old way and you will soon lose the interest of your young people. A good programme for any night's meeting will have variety in it. Variety lends freshness and interest. It creates a sense of expectancy. Young people are kept looking forward to what is coming. Boredom is cut out. There is nothing more stimulating to a youth leader than to be conscious that they are eagerly looking forward to each week's programme, and are entering wholeheartedly into all the youth work of the church.—Frank Hunting in "The Christian Messenger."

Obituary.

Miss B. Adcock.

IN the early hours of May 17 Sister Miss Bessie Adcock peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, after a short illness, during which she went for treatment to Braeside Hospital at Gympie, Qld. Born at Eel Creek on Sept. 24, 1894, Sister Adcock lived for most of her life at Eel Creek, where a church was established as a branch of Gympie. About 35 years ago she was baptised, continuing faithfully all through the years. When Eel Creek church ceased, she became an isolated member of Gympie, attending whenever possible. Her faith in the Lord was very real. Her gracious disposition endeared her to many, and a large gathering bore silent testimony to her worth as she was laid to rest in the Gympie cemetery on Sunday, May 18.—A.J.F.

John Barnacle.

ON Wednesday, July 16, the home-call came to Bro. John Barnacle at the age of 83. Had he lived until Aug. 7 he would have been



John Barnacle.

a member of the Churches of Christ for 60 years. At the age of 23 he was baptised, but prior to that time he had served his Lord and had anticipated entering the Methodist ministry. On the fly-leaf of his Bible the following is written: "Aug. 7, 1881. Lord's day. To-day I was baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit by Bro. Rogers at Warrnambool at 7.30 a.m.—John Barnacle." He immediately set himself out to 'proclaim his newly-found truth, and was instrumental in founding the church at Port Fairy, becoming a leader of the work there. It is recorded that "as the church set themselves to make known the plea for the authority of the New Testament, they were led and encouraged by Bro. Barnacle." After leaving Port Fairy, Bro. and Sister Barnacle served in several of our Melbourne churches and came to Camberwell nearly 18 years ago. Bro. Barnacle has served well the brotherhood interests, and has been a valued member and elder of the church at Camberwell. He also most regularly attended the meetings and loyally and energetically served his brethren. Over a period of 40 years our brother was auditor for the Home Missionary Committee and the Austral Publishing Co. He is survived by Sister Mrs. Barnacle, two daughters and one son. To his loved ones we offer our love and sympathy.—J.T.

Mrs. A. E. Messent.

IN the home-going of Mrs. A. Elizabeth Messent the church at Unley, S.A.—indeed the whole brotherhood—has experienced a grievous loss. Mrs. Messent, who was a grand-daughter of the late Bro. and Sister Philip Santo, pioneers of our movement in South Australia, joined Grote-st. church at the age of ten years more than 60 years ago, and remained a devoted disciple

to the end. During her more than 40 years' association with Unley church, Mrs. Messent was for 30 years a Sunday school teacher, leading the young women's Bible class inspiringly. For six years she was president of the local Red Cross Auxiliary. Her interest in foreign missions was evidenced by her leadership as F.M. convener of our S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary. Her artistic skill was dedicated to this cause also, and through exhibitions of her paintings a sum exceeding £200 was made available. Since 1926 our sister had been an executive member of the Y.W.C.A., filling the various offices with accomplishment and grace. From 1931-5 she was honored with the presidency, receiving during her last term, from His Late Majesty King George V., the Silver Jubilee Medal as a recognition of her services. Mrs. Messent was always an inspiration to the preacher. She was a good woman, "full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." Our sense of loss is softened by the continuance of her leadership and devotion in the persons of her esteemed family, to whom the sympathy of the church is extended.—W.F.N.

Mrs. M. Riley.

WITHIN three weeks of her 90th birthday Sister Mrs. M. Riley fell asleep in Jesus after a few weeks' sickness, when she gradually weakened in the body, though her faith in the Lord never became dim. Born in Lancashire, England, she reached Queensland by the s.s. "Quetta" in 1885, and lived in Gympie ever since. Of her 15 children, only three daughters and one son survive her, while Bro. Riley passed home nine years ago. Both Bro. and Sister Riley united with the church at Gympie during the ministry of the late Bro. C. H. Pratt, and their faithfulness to Christ was a beautiful witness right to the end of their earthly careers. While her strength remained, Sister Riley never missed the Lord's table, and in her mind were stored many passages of scripture which comforted her in her deafness and weakness. A large gathering around the grave in Gympie cemetery tendered a tribute of loving esteem.—A.J.F.

Mrs. Upstill.

ANOTHER link with early days has been broken in the passing to rest of Mrs. Upstill, formerly of Bendigo, but for many years until her death a member of Swanston-st. church. Our sister reached the great age of 81 years, and right to the end retained her keen faculties, her delightful humor, and her warm interest in the things of God. Life would be much poorer but for the ministry of devoted families. The family of this mother, widow of the late Bro. Robert Upstill, "rise up and call her blessed," and during her declining years she was cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Harding, with the same devotion which she had given. We commend to God; as we remember her life with gratitude, all those who sorrow in her passing. And we pray the comfort of understanding hearts and the abiding presence of the Christ through whom death has become the gateway to life.—A.A.H.

Mrs. C. Winsor.

THE church has been saddened recently by the passing to rest of Mrs. Clara Winsor, sister of the late Bren. Alf and Edwin Morris, well known and honored through the churches in N.S.W., and relict of the late Bro. William Andrew Winsor. For many years Mrs. Winsor was a member of Swanston-st. church, and endeared herself to all by her sweetness and profound faith. Her life has known much of sorrow, but as with all who seek the strength and comfort of the Christ, she was "made perfect through suffering." It was obvious to all that her life has been a ministry of service, a service that was rendered to her in turn by her devoted daughter, Mrs. Coe. We thank God for her 78 years of fine Christian living. We rejoice that she lived her life in fellowship with God, and having completed more than the normal span, passed on from suffering to fuller

life in unbroken fellowship. The sympathy and love of the Christian family surround those who miss her now, and we commend them to the comfort of the living Christ.—A.A.H.

Tasmanian News-letter.

Folliott T. Morgan.

Broadcasting Enquiry.

THE Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting has been sitting in Tasmania at Hobart and Launceston. The church has had its chance to say something on the matter and has taken it. Mr. H. J. Ralph, president of the State Council of Churches, in Hobart, and Mr. K. W. Burton, president of the Launceston Council of Churches, in Launceston, both were very outspoken about several things that call for remedial measures. Some of the points are worthy of repetition. The allocation of service broadcasts on a census basis has been a bone of contention for some time, and the opportunity of emphasising the matter again was not lost. The "numbers of communicant members as reported in the statistical returns of the various denominations" was suggested as a truer basis. It was considered advisable that religious broadcasting be controlled by a special church board nominated by the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches and the Council of Churches. Strong exception was taken to "broadcasts detrimental to the spiritual well-being of the people," such as broadcasts of racing results and betting transactions, liquor trade propaganda, "horror tales" and other unsuitable children's broadcasts. Direct advertising on Sundays should be eliminated, and all programmes throughout the Lord's day should be in keeping with the highest ideals of the day. Dean Green, of St. Mary's, Hobart, is reported to have told the committee that the A.B.C.'s Sydney feature, "Out of the Bag," would be better described as "Out of the Rubbish-tip." After all this, it is possible that State-controlled broadcasting will become the cultural influence that it ought to be, and will show less tendency to pander to the lower tastes of the public.

'Satan Finds Some Mischief Still.'

Launceston police report a marked diminution of crime and drunkenness over the last twelve months. A detective office spokesman attributed the change to the big drop in unemployment.

Conference with Baptists.

The committees appointed by the Baptist Union and our own conference for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of closer association of the two bodies planned to meet on Aug. 7. Some concrete move towards unity would be welcome in a time when united strength is so much needed by the church of Jesus Christ.

Various Items.

Margaret-st. church, Launceston, is still without a preacher. The men of the church and some brethren from Invermay have been carrying on the Sunday services. The Baptist church in Launceston has also suffered a reduction of its ministerial strength since Mr. A. C. Prior left Memorial Church.



Chaplain E. J. Miles.

Who is now serving on a hospital ship, abroad.

Here and There.

On Monday afternoon we were pleased to receive the following telegram from Sydney:—"Hinrichsen-Morris had good opening Sunday Mosman in new tent.—Burns."

Members of the Victorian General Dorcas will hold their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday next, Aug. 20, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. in Swanston-st. lecture hall. All sisters are invited to attend.

Churches of Christ in New South Wales are requested to make a liberal offering on Sept. 7, so that funds will be provided for the carrying on of the work entrusted to the Conference Executive by the Brotherhood.

A curious and interesting paragraph in the London "Christian World" reads as follows: "The only public bar in Vatican City, which has been doing business for seven years, has been closed. Although no reason has been given for this action, it is understood that the Papal Secretary of State (Cardinal Maglione) was anxious to prevent the bar from becoming a debating place on international politics."

After months in Palestine Bro. T. H. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crawford, of Leongatha, Vic., was sent to Egypt and was in the capture of Bardia. Thence he went on to Tobruk and Benghazi. After over three months in the desert, he was sent to Greece, where he was injured and in hospital in Athens. He was fortunate to get through the evacuation, and went back to Egypt. Now he is in Palestine again.

At Mosman, N.S.W., G. E. Burns exhorted on July 27; at night he preached on "The True Destiny of the British Empire" and contributed a solo. On Aug. 3 T. A. Button edified the church, and Bro. Burns preached at night. A long-looked-for event was realised on Aug. 10 with the coming of E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris; Bro. Hinrichsen addressed the church on "A Wise Man." At night the mission commenced in the new marquee in Military Road; a fair sized audience including many strangers heard Bro. Hinrichsen's opening sermon on "Is the Bible the Word of God?"

At annual business meeting at Dulwich, S.A., Bro. Rudd was re-elected elder, and Bren. Madern, Kentish, Drew, Allison, Storer, West and deHoghton were appointed deacons. Average attendances for year had been 64 at Lord's table and 54 at night. Tribute was paid to steadfast service of Bro. and Sister Collins despite anxiety over their missing soldier son, Syd. A happy time was spent at social following. The church was grieved by the sudden death of Bro. Vic. Peglar, who came from Ballarat 12 months ago to work locally, and who on arrival of his wife to set up house with him had been received into fellowship recently. Bro. Peglar collapsed and died in experimental car workshop.

On Wednesday, September 10, a meeting will be held in the Melbourne Town Hall under the auspices of the Joint Committee of the Council of Churches and Campaigners for Christ. Referring to the meeting, Mr. F. W. Geo. Hall, of the Campaigners for Christ, states: "There is a growing feeling that the Church of Christ should give a spiritual lead in this great hour of national emergency. This is a day of perplexity, and the public are asking questions that are both the right and duty of the church to answer. That this is the psychological moment for such a gathering was the unanimous opinion of a joint committee of the Council of Churches and the Campaigners for Christ. Quite unknown to each other, both bodies had planned a meeting of almost identical character, on an identical date, and in an identical place. When this was known, we united in this common endeavor. Another confirmation was a similar meeting held in the Sydney Town Hall, attended by over 4400."

In this issue we print the substance of a sermon by Corporal A. W. Garland of the 29th Field Ambulance, A.I.F. Bro. Garland before enlisting was one of our Australian preachers. He still serves the Master by word and life. His sermon on "The Universal Father," he writes, "was delivered in a Methodist Episcopal Church in a city of 20,000 population. The congregation consisted of Chinese and Indians in the majority, a few English and Americans, and about fifty members of

FEDERAL CONFERENCE, ADELAIDE.



Mr. A. L. Read, M.V.O., L.S.O.
President of Federal Conference of Churches of Christ to be held in Adelaide from Sept. 23 to 27.

AN URGENT NOTICE.

Federal Conference registrations close on August 17. All intending visitors should forward registration forms immediately to State Executive offices, as the committee in Adelaide cannot make hospitality arrangements until forms are received. Whether requiring hospitality or not, all visitors are requested to send in forms. Date of arrival in Adelaide should also be recorded on registration form.

the A.I.F., mainly from his own unit. The ambulance supplied the choir and soloist, organist, leader and reader, besides the preacher. The young men's club at the church where we took the service wants me to give them an evening, although it will entail 100 miles of travel for them to fetch me and return me to camp afterwards. So, with our Bible study group and church parades here and occasional addresses elsewhere, I am kept from rusting. The fact that the New Testament is my only library and I share a 'room' with 39 others does not aid my preparation. But we do what we can and keep a regular communion service going—unless hindered by duties."

A skipper who was driving his ship through the Downs was attacked by a bomber. "I put up a quick prayer to God," he told the padre afterwards, "Help me to steer my ship safely to port for the sake of the men's families." Is it any wonder that when this particular crew

had been landed and given hot meals and warm beds and had recovered from the shock of their terrible experience, they should crowd round the padre asking him for a Sailor's New Testament? It is a small blue book with the flag of the Sailors' Society in gold in the centre, and already 150,000 have been given away. A shipwrecked sailor showed a little wet, sodden Testament to the padre. "I was able to rescue this, too!" he said.

Fifty thousand copies of the Norwegian bishops' pastoral letter which protested against the interference of Quislings with church affairs were printed at Oslo, and 47,000 were distributed before the Nazi authorities could suppress the issue (says the Department of Information). From the printed pamphlets nearly half a million copies were stencilled. This pastoral letter is reported as one of the strongest factors in welding Norwegians together. The laity is rallying around the church as never before. Differences between the liberals and conservatives in the State Church have disappeared, and the Free Church is supporting the State Church in its stand.

The editor of "The Christian World," London (a Congregationalist paper) in the issue for May 22 paid a tribute to a famous Baptist leader, who will be remembered by many in Australia. "Dr. W. T. Whitley, the eminent Baptist historian," he says, "was 80 years old on Friday. At one period of his career he spent eleven years in Australia, where he was principal of the Baptist College at Melbourne. His unrivalled knowledge of the highways and byways of denominational history, and his extensive labors on obscure fields of research, have made him the outstanding authority on this subject. His 'History of British Baptists' is a standard work, and it is but one of many volumes that he has written or edited."

APPRECIATION.

"HULLO, padre."

I was peeling apples by the door of the sergeants' mess, but rose to meet this genial man of God. We had met before. His kindly word of encouragement had meant much. It was refreshing to talk to someone who loved God and could use his name without blasphemy. We talked about things in general.

"Well, I'll be getting along," he said after a while, "I just dropped over with this little parcel. Just a few things the ladies have sent up in the Chaplains' Fund." And he strode off towards the camp hospital. The patients would welcome his bright approach.

Later in the day the dixies were full of apples sufficient to warm the cook's heart, and I made back to my hut.

"Well! look at this," I said on opening the parcel; "it's from the Chaplains' Comforts Fund." Envious diggers looked on. It was a good sight. The sisters would be glad to know how welcome were their gifts. They were just what were needed.

God bless the ladies! They are doing a good work. They deserve the utmost praise. And thank God for the padre! His influence in camp cannot be told in words. We agree with the sergeant with whom we were talking the other day on the question of saluting. "If there is one man in camp who deserves a salute, he is the padre." To which we said, "Amen."—W. W. McDowell.

ADDRESSES.

R. J. Jackson (secretary Stawell church, Vic.).—22 Sloan-st., Stawell.

R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed. (College of the Bible).—36 Willis-st., Hampton, S.7, Vic.

D. C. Ritchie (preacher Footscray church, Vic.).—56 Raleigh-st., Footscray, W.11. Phone, MW 3269.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.—On morning of Aug. 3 Bro. J. Wiltshire drew valuable lessons from 4th chapter of Galatians. Visitors included Mrs. Allen (Johannesburg, South Africa). At night Bro. Wiltshire's address on "We would see Jesus" was interspersed with appropriate singing by choir and congregation.

Kalgoorlie.—Y.P. Endeavorers took the prayer meeting on July 30. Bro. Allan Hunt brought morning message on Aug. 3 and Bro. E. C. Smith gave the gospel message on "Victory in Life." Sister K. Stephenson rendered a solo. While waiting for Bro. Fitch, brethren of the church are faithfully carrying out the various duties.

Maylands.—On July 6 Bro. A. Ware exhorted the church, and Bro. Bamford spoke at gospel service. There were good meetings. At 11 a.m. on July 20 Bro. Oswald Banks gave an earnest address. On July 27 the church held 37th anniversary. The day commenced with prayer meeting at 7.30 a.m. At worship service Bro. J. Wiltshire, of Lake-st., gave a powerful address. 95 broke bread at this service, 110 for day. 20 past members from sister churches were present. At gospel service Bro. Bamford spoke on "The One True God." Sister Thornhill sang a solo. Anniversary services continued on July 30 with song service at 7.45, led by Bro. Berry, and meeting at 8 p.m., Bro. J. Rhodes presiding. Bro. Jas. Gordon, conference president, gave an address on "Launch out into the Deep." Mrs. Bamford is recovering from an operation on the throat.

QUEENSLAND.

Monkland.—At monthly Sunday night service on Aug. 3, Bro. Fisher used a large picture of Holman Hunt's "Light of the World" to illustrate the gospel appeal. A New Testament was presented to Bro. E. W. Culbert, on final leave from A.I.F. On Aug. 5 Bro. R. K. Griffith addressed the J.C.E.

Gympie.—Bro. E. Trudgian preached at gospel service on Aug. 3. A baptistery has been installed in the vestry with large doors opening on to platform. In the chapel a new platform railing has been completed. Many other improvements and renovations are being attended to, chiefly by means of voluntary labor.

VICTORIA.

Portland.—On Aug. 10 Bro. Stevenson addressed the church on "The Bible." Christian Endeavor society has now 15 names on roll.

East Kew.—Attendances at all meetings during the winter have been encouraging. Bro. Candy's addresses have been most helpful.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Wintry conditions affected attendances on Aug. 10. Bro. Hughes preached at both services. The young people are enjoying the junior church services.

Doncaster.—On evening of Aug. 6 there was a good attendance at C.E. devotional service. There are good attendances at Sunday morning meetings. Bro. Banks is giving helpful messages. A number of the young men are away in camp.

Kaniva.—Attendances have been good in spite of bad weather and petrol shortages. Bro. Champness addressed church on "The Sanctity of Life" on Aug. 3. After Bro. Earle's evening address on "Called Up," a young lady confessed Christ.

Mildura.—Morning service on Aug. 10 was broadcast, Bro. Lewis speaking on "Accomplishment." Sister Crozier sang a solo. Bro. Lewis's subject at night was "The Conquests of the Cross." On Aug. 6 the half-yearly business meeting was followed by an enjoyable social. A fellowship tea was enjoyed on Aug. 10. Sunday school has had a record attendance of 126—61 in kindergarten and 65 in senior classes.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—In absence of Bro. Clipstone owing to a slight accident, Bro. R. Storey exhorted the church on Aug. 3. Bro. Clipstone spoke at night, continuing a series of addresses on "The Church." Overseas missions offering totals £38, including £16 from duplex envelopes. There is much sickness among members.

Coburg.—Bro. and Sister Wakefield are now quite at home in their sphere of work. An appeal for lemons for troops at Darwin, made on Aug. 10 by Endeavorers, realised 300 lemons. In the evening Bro. Halstead, from Footscray, rendered a solo. Visual education as an aid to teaching has been introduced into intermediate C.E. society and Bible school.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—On July 27 the S.C.E. held anniversary; Mr. Burns, sen., was speaker. On July 30 the anniversary was continued with an interesting illustrated talk by Mr. Grewer. Items were given in aboriginal by Fitzroy Mission. Bro. Whiting continues to please with his messages. The ladies had a social evening at home of Mrs. Shephard on Aug. 5.

Warracknabeal.—On Aug. 3 farewell was said to Bro. and Sister Weeding, who have been transferred to Ararat, and on Aug. 10 Bro. Ken. Moneriff made it known that it was his last Sunday with the church as he was being transferred to Melbourne. On Aug. 7 a social, in which Minyip brethren joined, was tendered Bro. Black on commencement of his sixth year of service in Warracknabeal-Minyip circuit.

Wangaratta.—A number of members have been sick. A successful talent afternoon was held recently at home of Mrs. Matherson. The church is enjoying the fellowship of Bro. and Sister Colin Thomas, from India. Bro. Thomas gave a splendid address at gospel service on Aug. 10, and in afternoon spoke to the Bible school. Mrs. Thomas spoke at South Wangaratta Bible school. C.E. has held annual meeting and election of officers.

South Melbourne.—Attendances and interest are well sustained. Bro. J. C. Cunningham is faithfully preaching. On Aug. 3 a young lady and a young man made the good confession. On Aug. 10 Bro. Cunningham spoke at 11 and 7. Two young ladies and two young men were baptised at night. Mrs. Cunningham rendered a solo acceptably. A senior scholar from the school made the good confession. Church and auxiliaries are making good progress.

Ormond.—At prayer meeting last week Bro. C. L. Lang gave a good message from the book of Hosea. On Aug. 10 he spoke helpfully at worship service, and at night preached on "God's Unspeakable Gift." A number of members are away through sickness. On Aug. 9 much serviceable work was done in the chapel. A boys' club was started on Aug. 7 under leadership of Bro. J. Ritchie. Bible school had an average of 113 scholars last month.

Footscray.—On Aug. 5 young people from churches of western suburbs met at the home of the preacher and decided to form a C.E. Fellowship. An impressive installation-of-officers service was conducted by P.B.P. club, with Mrs. D. C. Ritchie as chaplain and Miss Hilda Easton Alpha. The Y.P.S.C.E. plans to erect a "Way-side Pulpit" in front of the chapel. With regret the church reports the death of Bro. Welsford, after a long and serviceable life with the church.

Frankston.—Bro. Finger at all services since last report has given helpful addresses. At Endeavor social and church service words of appreciation and farewell were said to Bro. Noel Jackson, who has entered camp at Tra-wool. On Aug. 3, Women's Mission Band had record attendance. The women are contributing for a special gift for the new chapel. A start has been made with the building, and members joyfully anticipate having a suitable place of worship. Mid-week prayer meetings in homes of members are a source of help.

Middle Park.—Attendances continue to improve. Bro. Stewart has commenced a series of addresses on Christ's mountain-top experiences. He is becoming well acquainted with the members by earnest visitation. On Aug. 10 Mrs. Jeffs was received into membership from Maryborough.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Miss Jessie Burt, of North Perth, W.A., and Mr. Harold Davis, of N.S.W., were received into the church on Aug. 10. Chaplain C. Young gave a very helpful message at morning service. Mr. Neill McKenzie addressed the N.C.B. class. Bro. Baker preached at night on "Ripened Harvest."

Black Rock.—Recently a brother was baptised and two ladies confessed Christ at evening meeting. Bro. Mathieson is doing a grand work. Three meetings have been held to discuss improvements in services and general efficiency. F.M. offering closed at £33. Ladies' Guild held their annual meeting on July 31. Appreciation was expressed of the retiring president, Mrs. Lawrence, who had filled the position for the past six years. Mrs. Mathieson was elected in her place.

Bayswater.—Morning meetings have kept up to fair average, but evening attendances have fallen off. Bro. H. Hansen has been absent owing to illness. On Aug. 3 Bro. Burns spoke at both services. Sympathy is extended to Sister Burns in the sudden loss of her father owing to accident. Bro. Burns on Aug. 10 spoke in morning on "Getting Back to God" and in the evening on "Almost Persuaded." Encouraging features are the help rendered by young men at morning services, and a number of non-members attending gospel services.

Box Hill.—Sister Wiese, sen., passed away after short illness; she was a foundation member, and as a mark of respect the church on Aug. 10 stood for a minute in silent prayer. Sympathy was expressed to the family and relatives. Sunday school has commenced practice for anniversary, under leadership of Bro. E. Hammond. Bro. Foreman is making progress after serious illness. The sisters are preparing for "Victory-in-Christ" crusade. Bro. H. C. Bischoff, of Blackburn, addressed the church on Aug. 10.

Essendon.—On morning of Aug. 10 Bro. A. E. Illingworth spoke on "Modes of Living." In the evening he conducted a memorial service to Bro. A. P. A. Burdeu and afterwards gave an interesting discourse on "The Home of God's Elect." P.B.P. club won the inter-club dramatic competition held at North Essendon church. On Aug. 6 a combined prayer meeting was held at South Essendon Methodist church in connection with forthcoming united mission. Bro. Illingworth gave the special talk. Mrs. J. Semmens is chaplain of P.B.P. club in succession to Mrs. T. W. Cheal.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Church dinner on July 30 was followed by half-yearly business meeting of church. Mission Band arranged a function on Aug. 2 to celebrate 80th birthday of Miss Mary Morris, president of M.B. for 13 years. Bro. W. W. Saunders spoke morning and evening on Aug. 3. Bro. W. Benson and T. Comer spoke at Doveton-st. and Bro. M. Bailey at Mt. Clear. Promotion day was observed in Bible school, Bro. J. A. Wilkie giving the address. P.B.P. conducted devotional meeting on Aug. 7, Bro. Saunders speaking. Endeavorers assisted at gael service on Aug. 10, Bro. T. Maxwell speaking. Bro. W. Reid and W. W. Saunders were speakers morning and evening respectively at Dawson-st. and Bro. Saunders and Benson at Doveton-st. Bro. Reid preached at Mt. Clear. Bro. Richards, from Burwood, N.S.W., addressed Bible class on "Archaeology." Sympathy of church is extended to Sister Mrs. Peglar and family in the sudden death of husband and father.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Georgetown.—At gospel service on Aug. 10 Bro. Amos spoke on "A Divine Christ or No Saviour." A married couple made their decision for Christ. There was a record attendance in kindergarten of 51 pupils.

Wollongong.—Services on Aug. 10 were again well attended, 105 breaking bread for the day. Three were received into fellowship and two baptised during morning service, and in the evening five who had recently been baptised were also received into church membership.

Lidcombe.—Bro. Geo. Gray, of Auburn, conducted gospel services during July. There was one confession on July 27. Bro. E. Davis, of Auburn, conducted a baptismal service on Aug. 3. The one baptised was received into fellowship on 10th. Bro. R. H. Wakeley exhorted church on Aug. 10. Bro. G. Gray preached in the evening.

Marrickville.—Attendances and work of church and auxiliaries are well maintained. Three were recently added to membership, two by letter of transfer and one by faith and baptism. Mr. Thomas preached to a large audience on Aug. 10 on "Man Shall not Live by Bread Alone." The "Visual Education" session in Bible school is proving interesting and of real teaching value.

Mayfield.—Meetings continue well attended. On July 20 and 27 appreciated addresses were given by Bro. Amos, of Georgetown, and Bren. Robson, Bosworth and Myers of this church. Bro. Wilson preached on July 27, when three people confessed Christ. Cottage prayer meetings commence this week in preparation for mission in September. On July 15 a drawing room afternoon was arranged by the Women's Guild to assist Y.W.C.A. Services Appeal.

Hornsby.—Bro. and Sister Little have returned from holidays. Bren. T. M. Kirkwood and A. Surtees took services on July 27 and Aug. 3. On Aug. 10 Bro. Little extended the hand of fellowship to Bro. J. Hanna, previously baptised. After many years of active membership at Hornsby, Bro. and Sister Neary have gone to live at South Strathfield. Mrs. Rofe's painful foot affliction has necessitated her going into hospital.

Paddington.—On morning of Aug. 10 there was a good attendance, and Bro. Stuart Stevens, of Enmore, addressed church from Deut. 30: 9. At gospel service Bro. Greenhalgh spoke on John 9. On the 2nd the officers entertained members 21 years and under at a banquet. A happy time was spent by 50 young members. Bro. D. Wakeley was visiting speaker. A prayer circle has been formed on behalf of members and friends serving with the forces.

Wagga.—Attendances have been fair. Bro. Stow has delivered messages of help and encouragement. There have been a number of visitors in past few weeks. Bro. Morris is conducting a song service prior to gospel meeting. At a recent gospel meeting a young lady made the good confession. On Aug. 10 Bro. Stow spoke at both meetings. Morning subject, "Teach us to pray"; evening, "Christian Baptism," when there was a baptismal service. Auxiliaries are in full swing. Bible school is practising for anniversary.

Albury.—Meetings have been fairly well maintained. On July 27 one young lady made the good confession. The church was heartened by the visit of Bro. Stimson, conference president, on Aug. 3. Six new scholars have been added to school recently; 19 sat for annual examinations. Baptist Y.P. joined with our Y.P.S.C.E. on July 30 in a social evening. Meetings are very well maintained at the united church at Western Hill. Recently Bro. Walmsley spent a few days with Bro. and Sister Graham, and Bro. and Sister S. Gilmour, isolated members at Eskdale. On evening of Aug. 10, Sister Alma Chapman was baptised.

Bexley North.—During July messages were given by Bren. A. Hinrichsen (Rockdale), T. V. Weir and L. C. Yelds. Two lads confessed Christ, one of whom was baptised. At Y.P.S.C.E. social farewell gifts were made to Bro. Sid Creek (of A.I.F.). Bro. Weir expressed best wishes on behalf of members. A wallet of notes was presented from church and Bible school, and a suitable expression from Endeavorers. Much sickness prevails, Sister Mrs. Michau, Bro. W. C. Roffey and little Royce Weir and Ross Baker being hospital inmates. Kindergarten needs more room; over 45 meet in a small room each week. Visitors included Mrs. Hunting, Vic., and Bro. Smith, Qld.

Forestville.—Aug. 10 marked closing day of Bro. Theo. Edwards' ministry with the church. A lad from Bible school confessed Christ at gospel service. There were good attendances, and in evening visitors from Edwardstown West church. Bro. Edwards' final message to the church was based on Phil. 3: 10.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Hindmarsh.—At morning meeting on Aug. 10 there were a number of visitors. Bro. Ewers spoke on the N.T. lesson. In the afternoon a meeting was held, at which Miss Krishnabai Gadre, a missionary from India, was speaker. At Gospel service Bro. Ewers spoke on "Christ Our Sacrifice," illustrated with blackboard.

The Impossible Word - Can't.

E. P. C. Hollard.

THIS word is the child of indifference and laziness. How often it helps us to escape from the responsibilities of life! Success and perseverance are realities summed up in the word "can." These are man as he really is; "can't" is negative, unreal, useless and man was never intended to be that.

May we suggest three thoughts based on current speech. The word "can't" is impossible because:—

It is Bred by a Fear which is more often the Sheerist Kind of Funk.

"I can't do it."—The emphasis is on the personal pronoun. Let us remember that fear is an instinctive emotion, inherent in us. It is essential as well as good, for it has brought the feeling of defence and protection. Then it aids efficiency by making us careful. For fear he make a mistake in operating the doctor exercises care. Fear produces respect. Fear of punishment produces respect of the law. George Eliot quotes an old author who says, "It is well that fear should sit as the guardian of the soul, else how should man learn to revere the right?" It prepares us until we do good, not from fear of punishment, but because we have come to love the right. What a wise man was the psalmist who said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of understanding."

In one of his books Leslie Weatherhead contrasts fear with funk, and he shows that funk is simply a blackmail of the soul. "I can't" is often an easy way out of accepting a challenge. The religion of Jesus is a challenge, and every phase of it challenges various parts of our being. How many funk the challenge because they fear consequences! Some fear the criticisms of their friends. They may fear loneliness or contempt because Christ demands a certain course of action. Some fear inconvenience. Our selfishness often hinders us from doing our duty. Church meetings sometimes call for a little inconvenience, but selfishness intervenes. Methinks that it is not "I can't" born of fear, but "I won't" born of insubordination.

It Limits Man's God-given Powers.

"It can't be done."—Jules Verne was considered a crank for suggesting an underwater ship. It can't be done. To man's sorrow it has been done. Marconi was mad for suggesting that a message could be sent around the world other than with a stamp affixed. Peter came forth with a universal message on the day of Pentecost, and they considered him drunk. But it has become the universal message.

Cottonville.—A spirited Christian Endeavor rally was held on Aug. 9, with attendance of more than 100, neighboring and other suburban societies being well represented. Items were rendered by Y.P. and Intermediate branches, and speaker was Bro. Albert Jones, of Henley Beach. Bro. Manning visited Victor Harbour church on Aug. 3, and in his absence J. Buller and W. Beiler spoke morning and evening respectively. Scholars were successful in annual scripture examinations, securing first place in State in under 10 division. Miss Flossie Brand, assistant organist, was married by Bro. F. Hollams on Aug. 9 to Bro. R. Webber. Our aged Bro. Semmens passed away on Aug. 10. He was a foundation member, and did a great deal to establish the cause successfully. His passing, together with that of Sister Michell recently, severs many links with the days of 45 years ago.

Nature tells a marvellous story of the impossibility of "can't." The sea beating endlessly against the cliffs gradually wears them away. A rat gnawing at the foundations of a Dutch dyke will ultimately drown a nation. Lady Jeune once asked Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, why, in his opinion, so many men fall short of their ambition. He answered, "They come to the place where they turn back. They may have killed the dragon at the first bridge and at the second, and perhaps at the third; but the dragons are always more formidable the further we go. Many turn back disheartened, and very few will meet the monsters to the end, but those who do have won for ever."

"Somebody said it couldn't be done,
But he, with a chuckle, replied
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.
So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin
On his face; if he worried he hid it,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done—and he did it."

It Limits the Power of the Holy Spirit.

"I can't live up to it."—We make this a word to some Christians and to many who would like to be Christians. How many times has this preacher spoken to people about becoming Christians, and they have said they "can't live up to it"? Two things we would say to these people. The first is, study the Christians of the New Testament. In every case of conversion the Holy Spirit came upon the believer, and he directed and controlled the thought and action. So then, give Christ the heart, and let the Holy Spirit dwell within, and there is absolutely no fear of "can't live up to it." Leave it to him. What are our fears? They place a limitation on the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, Paul's word, "Nothing is beyond my power in the strength of him who makes me strong" (20th Century New Testament). Absorb that for a while. Just how far has Christ come into our lives? If he has come right in, then nothing is impossible to you. If he is only half in then the easy things of the Christian life are yours, but the big, noble, terrific things are to be sampled only when he is right in. What an aim is this—to know that nothing is beyond me through Christ.

"Can't" is impossible, for the very presence of the Eternal is open to me. So persevere and win through. When Jesus came upon the toiling fishermen, he told them to drop their nets in the same old place as before. They did, and were amazed at the haul. We must win success for Christ where we are, in the same old spot. Let there be no impossible "can't."

A UNITED PEOPLE.

A NEWSPAPER correspondent suggests that, in these days of national stress, it would not be amiss if we gave fresh heed to William Gay's fine poem on "Australian Federation":—

From all division let our land be free,
For God has made her one; complete she lies
Within the unbroken circle of the skies,
And round her indivisible the sea
Breaks on her single shore; while only we,
Her foster children, bound with sacred ties
Of one dear blood, one storied enterprise,
Are negligent of her integrity.
Her seamless garment, at great Mammon's nod,
With hands unfilial we have basely rent,
With petty variance our souls are spent,
And ancient kinship under foot is trod:
O let us rise, united, penitent,
And be one people, mighty, serving God!

IS GERMANY NOT BEING PUNISHED ALREADY?

Is not Germany being punished already? Is there one of her victims who would change places with her?

The spiritual home of philosophers, scholars and musicians is now a slave State, where no one dares to speak without looking round to see if a spy is listening; where the chairs at famous universities are occupied by trembling sycophants who expound Nazi history, Nazi scholarship, and Nazi mathematics; where the young are systematically corrupted by venomous lies; where scientists are compelled to support a theory of racialism which is ridiculed by all who know anything of the subject; where books are placed on the index and burnt; where all the precepts of religion and the principles of morality which have been part of tradition in civilised countries for two thousand years are rejected and derided.

"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" No such spiritual apostasy, no such intellectual degradation, has ever before befallen a great nation.

It is impossible to predict whether Hitler and his gang will destroy European civilisation and bring back the dark ages, or whether the pendulum will swing back violently. The signs are not all unfavorable. Mr. Chamberlain himself told me that he had never seen such enthusiasm as greeted him at Munich and Rome.

We hear that the latest exploits of the German arms have evoked a very tepid exultation in Germany. There has been nothing like the fierce eagerness with which that nation rushed into war in 1914. But we cannot be confident; all that propaganda can do to debauch the minds of the people is being done. In any case, nothing but the conversion of the totalitarian nations to sanity, justice and humanity can save Europe from ruin.

There is no prayer which Christians should offer more earnestly than that the evil spirit which has maddened Germany may be cast out.—Dr. W. R. Inge in "Church of England Newspaper."

N.S.W. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

THE monthly meeting was held at City Temple on Friday, Aug. 1. Burwood sisters took the devotional service, Mrs. D. Wakeley being the leader and speaking on "The Lily of the Valleys." The president (Mrs. McCallum) welcomed visitors, who included Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. G. Verco, Newcastle; and Mrs. Long, of the A.I.M. Mrs. Long later addressed the meeting on the "Promises of God." Sympathy was expressed with Miss Eliot at her accident and with Miss Eliot and Mrs. Rush in their bereavement. Mrs. McCallum thanked all who had made a special effort to bring in goods for the island box, so that it could be sent with Miss Wakely. The response was most gratifying in view of the short notice. Mrs. Lewis bade farewell to Miss Wakely on behalf of the

auxiliary, and presented her with a copy of Moffatt's translation of the New Testament. Miss Wakely expressed her appreciation and joy at having the opportunity to work for a time in the islands.

Rockdale sisters will take the next monthly devotional service, and the speaker will be Miss Staggart, of the Mission to the Jews. Overseas drawing-room meeting will take place on Friday, Sept. 19, at City Temple. Miss Kathleen Scott, of London Missionary Society, will give an address on India. At this meeting the annual offering for the support of our living link will be taken.—D. Verco.

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WIESE.—On Aug. 4, at her home, 2 Bruce-st., Box Hill, Elizabeth, loved wife of the late Charles Wiese, and beloved mother of Fred, Norman, Mary (Mrs. Ward) and Ken; aged 78 years. Loved sister of Mary (deceased), Violet (deceased), Andrew, Ebenezer (deceased), Creighton, Lily and William.

"Until the day dawns, and the shadows flee away."

IN MEMORIAM.

THOMPSON.—Fond memories of our dear father, George, and our beloved mother, Emma, who quietly entered into rest at Footscray on July 27, 1935, and August 9, 1939, respectively.

Fond are the ties that are broken,
Dear are the ones who have gone;
In memory we always keep them
As long as the years roll on.

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SEPTEMBER 7 and 10.—27th anniversary of Gardiner church (cr. Malvern-rd. and Scott-gve.). Special services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the Lord's day. Good programme and happy fellowship Wednesday, 8 p.m. Past members and other friends invited.

DONCASTER CHURCH

78th ANNIVERSARY.

Sunday, Aug. 17, Bro. R. A. Banks, speaker.

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DHOND CHAPEL.

THE foundations of Dhond chapel have been completed and many supplies purchased. Dr. Oldfield will be ready to commence building as soon as the finance arrives from Australia. Permission has been sought to send the necessary money out of Australia. Writing about the project, Dr. Oldfield says: "The Government of India is anxious to keep all mission work going as much as possible, and this building will be a great help to us. The land has been granted free of cost, as it is realised that the building is badly needed. It will be of great use, not only to native Indians, but also for meetings in connection with the Anglo-Indian population, of whom there are a large number at Dhond."



Miss Violet Wakely.

This worker will leave for Aoba by the first boat leaving Sydney.

ANNUAL MEETINGS, INDIA.

ADVANCE information by air-mail tells of a successful annual meetings being held, but reports will not reach us for some time. Dr. Don. McGavran, of the Disciples' Mission, India, was the guest speaker. Writing of the visitor Bro. R. Bolduan says: "We count ourselves very fortunate in having had Dr. McGavran with us. He is not entirely a stranger. We felt very much at home in having 'a brother' with us and not someone from 'another' mission. Consequently Alexander Campbell came in for more than one mention. Dr. McGavran spent some years at Harda with Miss Thompson, and a number of us have met him on different occasions. He is in evangelistic work, has made an extensive study of evangelism in India, has travelled widely over the well-known group movements in their respective area, and is now regarded as something of an authority on the subject. Moreover, he is a very delightful personality and 'a good man, full of the Spirit.' You can readily imagine that we had an enjoyable and a profitable time during the meetings."

CHOLERA IN INDIA.

THE main event of the past week (24/7/41) has been the growing prevalence of cholera in surrounding districts and villages. Several cases have been reported in Baramati village itself. With the news has come an urge among the people to get anti-choleric inoculations. The doctors in the village have had most of their time taken up in this way, and two days

ago Dr. Kolhatker came up to the dispensary and inoculated all the boarding boys. Other school children and many women and babies besides, until the number exceeded three hundred in the one afternoon, were inoculated. All told, Dr. Kolhatker has inoculated over one thousand people in the last three days."—Helen Wiltshire.

WHAT MISSIONS HAVE DONE.

(Continued.)

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All of this may sound over-laudatory. Crudities there have been, and acts and incidents which all true friends of the enterprise must deplore. . . . Blunders have been made and harm done. Missionaries and their supporters are, after all, human beings, with at times the unwisdom and the defects of character, the narrowness, the bigotry and the petty selfishness which are to be found in even some of the wisest and greatest of men. On the average, however, missionaries have been, in education and native ability, superior to the general run of their colleagues in similar professions at home—ministers, teachers, physicians, nurses—and in moral character and devotion have ranked as high and perhaps higher than any equally large group of men and women in the race's history.—Prof. K. S. Latourette.

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W.A. Women's Auxiliary.

ON July 1 the monthly meeting was held in Lake-st. hall. Inglewood church led devotional session, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Beames, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Pittman taking part. Special prayers were offered for the Empire, and for those with dear ones away from their homes. 70 members answered roll, and a number of visitors was present. Mrs. Peters (superintendent for temperance) has resigned owing to the illness of her husband. Mrs. Inverarity spoke on aspects of the work in India.

Mrs. Jefferies thanked sisters for 121 pairs of bedsocks for Wooroloo Sanatorium.

Foreign Mission Department conducted a produce stall, and took over £4. A drawing room meeting in aid of F.M. funds on July 29 was very successful. Although the weather was stormy, about 65 sisters and friends attended. Mr. Wiltshire brought a missionary party (Mr. Embery, Mr. and Mrs. Granville, and Mr. and Mrs. Powell). Mr. Embery spoke on the work of C.I.M. Mr. Granville told some touching stories of the effect of Japanese invasion on innocent Chinese families.

The president (Mrs. Digwood) presented bouquets to Mrs. Wiltshire, Mrs. Granville and Mrs. Powell, who each responded. A programme of music and elocutionary items, and afternoon tea, were enjoyed. "Living Link" cards have been distributed amongst members and are proving successful. These cards have twelve spaces for one penny-per-week for twelve weeks. Delegates appointed to Federal Women's Conference are Mesdames Inverarity and J. Gordon.—A. Pollard, secretary.

Victorian Women's Executive.

130 attended the meeting on Friday, Aug. 1. Mrs. H. C. Bischoff (president) was in the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. R. J. Sandells. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Clark (who conveyed greetings from Women's Executive, Hobart), and Mrs. Webb, of Boort, who also brought greetings. Mr. A. P. A. Burdeu gave a very interesting and informative address (illustrated) on "The Aborigine."

Missionary Department.—Four meetings have been visited, viz., Mont Albert, Essendon, Moreland, East Kew. Group meetings will be held during this month as follow:—Preston, Aug. 20; Balwyn, 21st; Malvern, 27th; Lygon-st., 28th.

Isolated Sisters.—165 letters were written and 12 replies received.

Social Service.—During the month 25 parcels were received, 5 parcels distributed to needy cases in suburbs, also a bag made ready for Cumeroogunga. Garments have been sent for the British bomb victims. We would be glad to receive goods to replace those taken from our shelves. 16 ladies visited the Guest Home from Carnegie. Next meeting will be taken by Gardiner.

Temperance.—A protest was sent to wine producers re advertisements, and circulars were sent to mission bands.

Hospital Visitation.—63 visits have been paid to various institutions, and many letters written for patients. We gratefully acknowledge gifts of jam, bed socks, papers, books, clothing, etc., and two rugs from General Dorcas, and 5 rugs from Mrs. Smedley.

General Dorcas.—Parcels of clothing and material were received from friends, also a cash donation to the A. Moysey Memorial Fund. 150 articles were forwarded to a private case, and to various institutions; also to bombed victims, England, and Christian Guest Home.

Donations of goods for chaplains have been received from Surrey Hills, Hampton, Ormond, Lygon-st., Doncaster, W.M.B., 7/6, Bambra-rd., Carnegie, Hawthorn, Women's Executive, per Mrs. Lee. Socks, scarves and gloves are needed. £5/13/- was received for Comforts Fund from Kraft Cheese demonstration organised by the Northcote church ladies' class.

At next meeting of executive on Sept. 5 Miss Craig is to lead devotions, and Miss P. Ludbrook will give an address.—L.R.

Tasmanian Sisters' Auxiliary.

IN addressing sisters at Collins-st. on Aug. 4, Mr. Tease outlined his duties as chaplain in military camp. When he goes back to camp in September, he desires to take with him the things required for setting up the Lord's table. The executive has contributed £1 toward purchase of glasses, etc., and will be pleased to receive further donations.

The rest of the meeting, after a short devotional session and items contributed by Mesdames Staples and Watkins, was spent in receiving reports and in business discussions, Mrs. Tease in the chair. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Dahl, whose daughter had been called to rest.

Reports were received from superintendents of Dorcas, Temperance, Hospital, Isolation, Mission Bands and Prayer Meeting departments. Fine detailed reports from northern vice-president (Mrs. Gibson) showed increased effort in auxiliary activities. Prayer meeting superintendent, Mrs. Heard, is planning to make September a month of prayer. During July, Collins-st. sisters accepted an invitation to visit Sandy Bay Baptist sisters for prayer and fellowship. Sister Mrs. Hannerberry was also visited by prayer meeting committee. Mrs. Knight has been appointed convener of prayer meetings at Dover. In other country districts, where homes are scattered, faithful endeavor is made to carry on these meetings.

Next executive meeting will be held at Collins-st., when the sisters hope to welcome Mrs. Madel-Cole, who is eager to take up her duties as president when strong enough.—Mrs. M. F. Taylor, secretary executive.

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