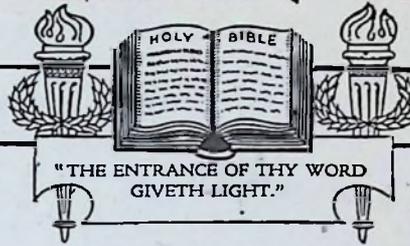


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How God Made a Preacher.

James A. Wilkie.

WHEN I visited Kirriemuir in September, 1936, my primary purpose was to feel the local atmosphere manifest in so much of the life and writings of James Matthew Barrie. At the same time I recalled that, from some aspects, this little Scottish town had an even greater son in Alexander Whyte, the famous Edinburgh preacher. Walks around the Burgh and glimpses of Glen Prosen and Glen Clova as well as "The Den" brought back to us many of the exploits and expeditions of their youthful days.

A Principal's Hindsight.

When, as principal of the new college, Alexander Whyte delivered his inaugural address, he told of his early life in these words: "Your present principal, gentlemen, has often looked for a good opportunity of speaking a word of hope and encouragement to the poorer students among you, a word of hope and encouragement such as no other man in Scotland can possibly speak. And now that such an opportunity has come, let all those students whose fathers came over with the Conqueror put their fingers in their ears. For what I have now to say is not suitable for them, and it will not interest them.

"Well, gentlemen, your present principal has been told that there was a full and a kind-hearted house on that assembly night when he was led in to receive his orders from the moderator. It may have been so, only he did not see the assembly all that night. All that night his eyes were away back sixty years before that assembly night, sixty years exactly to this anniversary day, the thirteenth day at about this very hour; and what he then saw, and this moment sees and hears, was a poor little fellow of twelve years old who was saying to his mother, 'Don't cry, mother, don't be afraid, for I will go and serve out my time, but, mind you, I am going to be a minister.' At that a great smile of love and pity broke over her strong sorrow-seamed face, when she turned away home wiping her tears with her apron."

A Wise Investment.

The boy worked in the fields, he learned the cobbler trade, he fought for learning, he became a student-teacher, he opened his heart to the servants of the Word of God, and at long last, at the age of 22, he had saved enough for a first session at Aberdeen University (it being customary that the Arts course should be taken before beginning his theological training). His meagre savings were augmented by £12 from well-wishers in Kirriemuir. Such investments are still available in Australia. Whyte roomed with Alec. Barrie (J. M. Barrie's elder brother), and their room and board cost them 3/6 a week each, their

plain food being augmented with parcels from home each fortnight. Whyte paid his way for the four years at university by private tutoring during the sessions and country teaching in the long vacation. He early showed ability in the debating society, his wide reading and clear thinking aiding him much. At this time he writes: "I still feel the want of a sympathetic companion. I know diligent and far on students, but they are nothing else. I know good young men, but their heads are light. A few of us have originated a prayer meeting in the Greek classroom on Friday and Tuesday evenings. We, I at least, have much need of such mutual devotions. Oh, that I could meet someone of deep spiritual life and broad intellectual culture."

Exam. Nightmare.

His limited early education was a great handicap, seeing he began work when he was twelve; chemistry, mathematics, Greek and Latin had to be tackled for his entrance exams., and the first two were always unfriendly subjects. He writes to his mother, "I am sick, sick tired of the work here, spending night and day and the spring of manhood in grinding trigonometry and other trash, which if it was to be learned, ought in my case to have been over at fifteen instead of twenty-five." This mental strain had the curious effect of the recurrence throughout most of his life of an examination nightmare in which he found himself appealing to, or arguing with, the

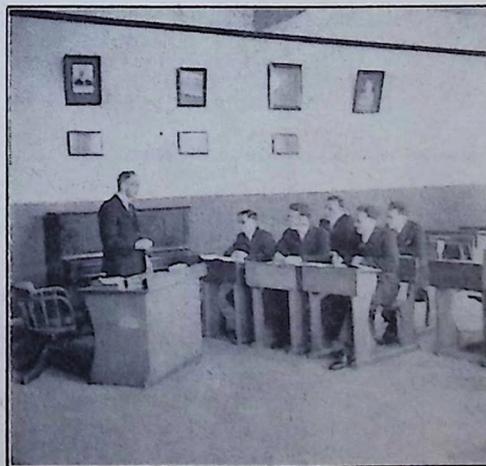
examiners. After Whyte was securely in possession of the degree of Doctor of Divinity, he used in the course of this evil dream solemnly to urge upon his tormentors that it would be proposterous to "plough" one who was authorised to append the letters "D.D." to his name.

Personal Touch.

A great formative influence was his experience of the widespread revival of 1859. It began in Ulster, and then spread widely in Scotland. Whyte was attempting "home mission" work in a country district near the Moray Firth when this wave of red-hot evangelism (largely led by laymen) moved multitudes to decision and assurance. He realised the manifestations of the power of God, and in humility of spirit gladly co-operated in the activities of the revival, though some of the leaders were uncouth in speech and methods; their burning love for the lost sinner warmed Whyte's heart, and his own life and outlook were permanently affected by this vital experience. At this time he wrote to a friend in Kirriemuir: "I hope I do not need to urge you to go and hear them, and hear them prayerfully, not, I beg of you, critically or captiously, as you value gracious means. Oh, there has been far too much of this with us both. God grant it may now cease." The last summer vacation at Aberdeen he ministered to a suburban Congregational church at a salary of 15/- per week (equal in purchasing power to at least 30/- now). About this time he heard of a bursary for students taking the divinity course at New College, Edinburgh, which was reserved for students named Whyte. We do not know if he was the only candidate, but its bestowal helped him when he went south, and when he became a part-time assistant in an Edinburgh church, his financial problems came to an end. During Whyte's four years' study, he revelled in his contacts with his new teachers, Rainy Davidson, "Rabbi" Duncan and Candlish, men who were making the New College famous in the world of theological thought. He made his mark from the first; his long habit of disciplined hours and wholehearted application brought an increasing harvest in his capability for service in the ministry of the Word of God.

Great Masters.

From his student days and all through his long life, Alexander Whyte engaged in a post graduate course under the masters of Puritan thought. The writings of Thomas Goodwin, William Law, Richard Baxter, John Bunyan became his meat and drink, and his deep insight into the intricacies of the heart, the fact of sin and the necessity of repentance became notable features in the preaching of this great servant of the gospel of Christ. We can thus trace how one man was led step by step to a great ministry. God is still shaping surrendered lives. He uses many instruments. We believe a worthy instrument (proved by its fruitage) is the College of the Bible. Shall we answer him now?



A Class in Logic. Exit Students, 1941.
Lecturer.—E. L. Williams, M.A.
Front Row.—D. H. Pike, C. H. J. Wright, E. W. Rolley.
Back Row.—B. V. Coventry, H. E. R. Steele.

Fighting Forces.

Principal T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.

OUR soldiers fight in the Middle East. As I write, they are hurrying to places in the Far East, because of the threat of danger there. They were trained in Woodside, Puckapunyal and Ingleburn and various other training centres at home. But for those months of hard training at home they would be a helpless mob before the enemies overseas. As trained and disciplined men the Australian soldiers are equal to the world's best fighting men. It is a costly business, this training, equipping, transporting and



Students' Committee.

From left.—E. T. Hart, F. B. Burti, H. J. Finger, A. R. Pigdon (secretary), B. V. Coventry (chairman), D. H. Pike, P. R. Thickins, R. C. Goldsworthy.

maintaining armies. But it is essential work, and we have cheerfully submitted to the doubling of our taxes and the incidence of higher costs of living to make it possible.

Which is the more important aspect of this great enterprise? We cannot make distinctions that way. It is all-important that soldiers be prepared by months of severe discipline and work. It is all-important that they be adequately equipped—how bitterly we learned that lesson! It is all-important that they be transported to the places where armies are needed. It is all-important that they be maintained in health and general fitness over there.

The New Testament draws some valuable lessons from soldiering to illustrate the Christian life. There is scripture precedent for what we are doing. Turn aside from what the New Testament calls the carnal warfare, to think of the soldiers of the cross on the spiritual battle lines of the world. We have sent men, and women too, to engage in this conflict. Their struggle with the powers of darkness is a noble one. It thrills us, and inspires us. It stimulates our imagination and stimulates our giving. This work is all-important.

There are others of these spiritual warriors nearer home. They have been sent to strategic points in our homeland. They are enlisted for home defence. Their work may be as important and valuable as that of those in the spiritual battle zones beyond the seas. Unless the home bases—the sources of supplies—are kept intact, the security and success of the overseas forces will be imperilled. Our imagination is not always quickened in the same way by the thought of these soldiers who guard the possessions of our own land. But we dare not minimise their value. Their work is all-important.

There are still others—soldiers of the cross in training at the College of the Bible. They are not ready for the front lines yet. They are not prepared for the arduous and trying tasks of home defence yet. They are undergoing the processes of discipline and preparation. It would never do to send them out as raw recruits. It is a great work to which God is calling them. Young men and women enlist with a high enthusiasm and pure purpose. But they are not ready to go then. They are not equipped for the conflict before them.

They must be trained. What a difference that training makes!

For some reason the work of the trainees at the college does not stir our imagination as does the work of the trained men out on the battle lines. This, then, happens: a man gives £2 for the overseas work in the July offering. He gives £1 to the home mission offering in December. He is satisfied to give 2/6 to the work of the college in the October offering. It is right that he should give more to overseas work than to the work of the college. That is the larger enterprise. That is the fighting front. That is the place of final achievement. But it is not right that he should fail to give adequate support to the work in the training camp—the College of the Bible. New soldiers must always be in train-

ing, for reinforcements and for other fronts. In its way this work, too, is all-important.

It has often happened that educational institutions have received large gifts of endowment from people who were able to make them. The College of the Bible, Glen Iris, would be greatly helped by such gifts. Every once in a while some bequest comes to the college. Those who in making their wills remember the college surely make a permanent and valuable contribution to the forces engaged in the warfare of faith. A great host, it is hoped, will make a generous contribution on Oct. 5 to the offering for the College of the Bible.

By the compulsion of law we increase our taxes to support the Empire. For the most part it is freely and gladly done. Many of us have given our boys, too, and the boys make the greatest gift of all. They give themselves, and offer their lives. By the compulsion of love let us increase our offering to the College of the Bible, to help in the training of our boys and girls who offer their lives in the service of our Lord Jesus.

God's Continuing Creation.

Dr. E. R. Killmier, President Old Boys' Club.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Every evening and morning has witnessed a changed heaven and earth. Additions and subtractions, transformations and modifications have been the order of every day. He is still making the heaven and the earth.

When he had made a good habitation for them he made man and woman. Then he made more men and women. They were different one from another from birth. They changed in form and ability and power year by year as they lived. Evening and morning saw new persons formed; and evening and morning new works of creation in every one of them. In one way every one every day is a new creation. The process of metabolism is one aspect of his continuing creation. The old is broken down and changed, and part of it is used with fresh material to build up the new. A concurrent and similar change occurs in character and ability. The materials and agencies he uses may vary, but he it is who performs the miracle.

In the creation of the beginning man's will was not regarded. In the changes, transformations and developments sequent to that man chooses materials. He may assist his own proper metabolism by taking in good food and oxygen. His will may also have a part in the daily change in character and ability by choosing between agencies and influences. But actually it is the great Creator who develops and expands the life he has given.

Preachers are both born and made. God

creates the men he wants. If they will to place themselves where he can do it, he will fashion and amplify their lives, performing daily miracles of growth.

For the purpose of controlling the environment, an institution is desirable. Here under God's guidance the good influences may be focussed and poorer ones excluded. Here a man may bring his natural ability, and God will make of him the man he requires. Here, in the close association of others with similar high aspirations, a certain degree of interaction occurs with benefit to all. Here the contagion of enthusiasm becomes effective. Such an institution is our College of the Bible. Here evening and morning God's work of creating his men continues.



Foreign Missionary Volunteers.

Back Row.—G. A. Whiting, Miss E. L. Craig, Miss B. J. Saunders, Miss L. J. McDiarmid, K. N. Roberts.

Front.—J. K. Bond, H. J. Finger, B. V. Coventry, S. G. Prentice, L. E. Jones, P. R. Thickins.

College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

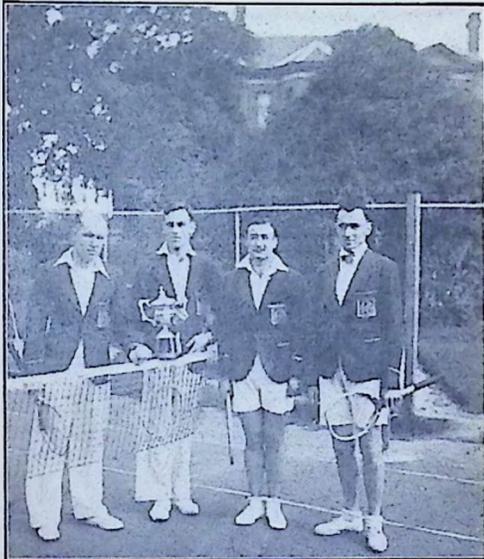
ON behalf of the members of the Board of Management of the college, I have pleasure in conveying to the members of our churches throughout the Commonwealth sincere thanks for the financial support which has been so generous throughout the past thirty-three years, and which has enabled the work of the college to be successfully carried on. Members of the Board commend the present appeal for continued support of the brotherhood so that the college might continue its work of preparation of our preachers for the service of the churches. Past students now largely figure as leaders in our church and missionary work in the homelands as well as in overseas places. Their service and devotion convey to all the best evidence of the place the college at Glen Iris has made towards the advancement of our church work throughout the years.

—Robert Lyall, Chairman Board of Management.

What a Non-Preaching Brother Sees.

A. L. Read, M.V.O., I.S.O., President of Federal Conference.

THE writer has recently re-read the leading article in the "Australian Christian" of May 30, 1907, relating to the first quarter's work of the College of the Bible. Also the following words from an appreciation by the late Bro. T. Bagley, viz.: "Personally, I consider a glorious victory has been gained for the cause of the blessed Master." The passing years have proved the victory. During the



Tennis Team with Principals' Cup.

A. E. Cremin, B. V. Coventry, P. R. Thickins, R. C. Goldsworthy.

last few weeks, the opportunity was taken of revisiting the spacious grounds, the noble buildings and the lovely new chapel of the Glen Iris college. What a joy it was to see some of the outward signs of progress, and this in spite of heavy financial difficulties. Greater still is the knowledge that men and

women have been set apart and prepared for the work of preaching the gospel at home and abroad. The Board has rendered a fine work, and faithfully has assisted all the States to progress.

One's mind reaches out over this great continent and remembers honored preachers working in many towns and villages, and also in missions overseas. One remembers consecrated evangelistic missions which are reaching humble people, heart-hungry for spiritual regeneration—for not many mighty are called. The principal of the college and teams of young men are also visiting States as opportunity is offered, during vacation periods. These young men are making valuable contacts, are gaining practical experience in more aggressive evangelism, and are winning souls for Christ.

Consecrated men and women have been willing to leave all earthly honors and advantages, that they may be bearers of the "good news," and in self-sacrifice have given themselves to this service. Thanks be unto God that their faith has not been "bombed." It is a living faith for a great enterprise.

In the midst of world war and unrest, living faith in Christ can build a new world, and send out the evangel needed in this day. Christ is our New Order—yesterday, to-day and for ever—and any reconstruction must be first and always in him.

In the passing years the college has gained in experience and usefulness, and with the full co-operation of our churches, can provide the workers to carry the message to lead the people to our Lord. Shall we not in this time of stress stand together in support of this splendid educational institution? If a strong consecrated effort is made both in suitable students and financial backing, the work will continue and abound to the glory of God. Difficulties can be removed, and the truth of God be brought to the people, or to use Lowell's beautiful metaphor,

"Get but the truth once uttered, and 'tis like
A star, newborn, that drops into its place,
And which, once circling in its placid round,
Not all the tumult of the earth can shake."

The Old School Desk.

J. Ernest Allan, President Victorian Conference.

WE hear of the old school tie. I write about the old school desk. It seems but yesterday that 15 young men (the writer among them) enrolled as charter students of the Federal College of the Bible, and became the first occupants of the college desks. Today some of those early students are preaching Christ in Australia, New Zealand and America. Last month many students re-assembled at school and sat once more at the old school desks and studied anew old truths in the light of present-day needs. The recent refresher course of studies on modern evangelism was a delightful back-to-the-old-school-and-desk experience, reliving past years of spiritual and mental enrichment.

I. Gratitude to the Australian Brotherhood.

Sitting at the old desk awakened the spirit of gratitude to the Australian brotherhood for its venture of faith and sacrifice in the interests of a trained ministry. The resolution of Federal Conference, 1906, to inaugurate a Federal college, became effective in February, 1907, and for 34 years the college has fulfilled faithfully its function of equipping young men and women for service at home and abroad. God has blessed wonderfully the

faith, courage and enterprise of the brethren who pioneered the college, and results have justified fully their work.

II. Has the College Been Worth-while?

If the old school desk could speak its reply would be, "Yes! Think of the scores of young men and women who have left these class rooms to serve Christ in a needy world." As one sat at the old desk, there seemed to rise from other desks and file out into the world a long line of adventurers for our Lord who had heard the challenge, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." On the class room wall hang maps of Bible lands; in imagination another map unrolled, a map of many places, viz., England, Scotland, North and South America, India, China, New Hebrides, South and Central Africa, New Zealand and Australia, and as it unrolled one

called to mind the great number of ambassadors of Christ in those lands who were trained at the College of the Bible. "Yes!" the old school desk would say, "Behold a cloud of witnesses who adequately answer the question, 'Has the college been worth-while?'"

III. What of the Future?

A refresher course was not the occasion for dreaming, but a challenge to look and think ahead, to try and visualise the future, and the urgent needs of the world; also to understand the application of the gospel and its implications to those needs. Yet one indulged in dreams of the future, and the college students of coming days. The old desks filled with splendid young men and women of vision and vigor, assembled to be equipped spiritually and mentally for the great task of evangelism. The world demands the best in every sphere of life, and God demands the best for his work of winning souls. The College of the Bible exists to help students study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The brotherhood is urged to fill the desks with students, and on October 5 to fill the treasury with necessary funds for the maintenance and development of our College of the Bible.

Second Terminal Examinations

AUGUST, 1941.

THE following students, having received a 1 term grade of at least 80 per cent., have passed with honor. For a pass a grade of at least 60 per cent. is necessary.

Apologetics.—D. H. Pike, 85; E. W. Roffey, 80. Three others passed.

Logic.—H. E. R. Steele, 94; C. H. J. Wright, 90; D. H. Pike, 80. Two others passed.

Church History II.—D. H. Pike, 86; C. H. J. Wright, 80. Three others passed.

Homiletics III.—D. H. Pike, 93; H. E. R. Steele, 86; C. H. J. Wright, 85; E. W. Roffey, 84; B. V. Coventry, 83.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—D. H. Pike, 90; H. E. R. Steele, 83; C. H. J. Wright, 80. Two others passed.

Homiletics II. and Practical Church Work.—A. R. Pigdon, 90; R. C. Goldsworthy, 88; H. J. Finger, 86; L. G. Johnson, 83. Two others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—Eight passed.

Church History I.—A. R. Pigdon, 87; H. J. Finger and R. C. Goldsworthy, equal, 80. Five others passed.

Missions and Comparative Religion.—P. R. Thickins, 92; A. R. Pigdon, 89; R. C. Goldsworthy, 85; E. T. Hart, 81. Eight others passed.

New Testament Greek II.—A. R. Pigdon, 91;

(Continued on page 437.)



New Students, 1941.

Back.—F. Langford, C. N. Burn, S. G. Prentice, R. H. Hindman, C. B. Cartmel.
Second.—L. E. Jones, F. Prentice, Miss E. L. Craig, Miss L. J. McDiarmid, R. E. Hillbrick, G. A. Whiting.
Front.—J. K. Bond, V. Quayle, A. E. Cremin, P. Retchford, W. J. Evans, F. B. Burt.

Standing By.

J. E. Shipway,
President, Evangelistic Union, S.A.

IN the 27th chapter of Acts we have Luke's account of Paul's memorable voyage to Rome. Quite a number of difficulties were faced on that voyage, not the least of them being the great storm which lasted at least a fortnight. When all was given up for lost, Paul exhorted them to be of good cheer, for there would be no loss of life. He reassured them with the words, "There stood by me this night the angel of God whose I am and whom I serve, saying, Fear not." This was not by any means the only time Paul found God standing by in the hour of human extremity.

More than 35 years ago large-hearted, long-sighted brethren began the movement for an Australian College of the Bible. Soon the headquarters of this college became the ideal spot at Glen Iris. During the years certain difficulties were encountered, but God was always found "standing by." The college soon became a settled institution so far as our Australian work was concerned—in home service, overseas service, and among our young people as leaders. Churches in other lands, and in all the States of our homeland, have drawn many of their preachers and leaders from this institution. Had it not been for the longsightedness of brethren of the past, for the splendid staff of teachers, for the high curriculum evolved, for the money wisely given and expended, for the deep consecration of the students, our work both at home and abroad would have been the poorer.

Preachers from Glen Iris, let us not forsake our Alma Mater! Brethren of the churches in all the States of this fair Commonwealth, support well your Australian College of the Bible. This institution has done much to lift the academic status of our preachers as well as fit them with a deep purpose, and holy consecration, in the evangelisation of the Word. Let us never lose our first love for the Australian College of the Bible at Glen Iris. May the support given on Lord's day, Oct. 5, be the best yet.

More Precious than Money or Food.

W. A. C. Wendorf, President Conference, Qld.

IN the midst of so much confusion and uncertainty about temporal things in the world, what a relief to know that the Bible is still unchanged and unchangeable! May we not during these dark days discover afresh the promises of God? Surely never before has a greater need existed to train men and women to teach that a man's religion must be a live one, and that there are things more precious than money or food, viz., our faith in Christ and a realisation that at the heart of them lies Jesus of Nazareth. Let us have faith in our College of the Bible to teach men



N.S.W. Students.

Back Row.—G. H. Eager, R. H. Hindman, L. E. Jones, E. T. Hart, V. Quayle.
Front Row.—A. E. Cremin, C. H. J. Wright, E. W. Roffey, P. Retchford.

to propagate the message that the supreme thing that matters is faith in Christ, and that in the Bible there is revealed the faith, the mind, the purpose, and the patience of God—the God whom Peter saw in Jesus that night when Jesus had left the guest room in Capernaum where he had been staying with Peter. We believe that our college trains men, too, that there is no greater argument for prayer than the thought of Jesus on his knees for men. And so although we are passing through these dark days of war, in our contemplation as to what our offering should be for the College of the Bible, I appeal to the brotherhood of Queensland to realise that this is our opportunity to prove by our offering our faith in our own college and in times of discouragement to be comforted by the words, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee."

This is College Month.

Attention Please!

L. J. Stimson, President Conference, N.S.W.

I APPRECIATE the opportunity given to contribute this article in support of the offering to be taken on October 5. One could not fail to commend the offering for the continuance of the Glen Iris work as it has been a wonderful instrument under the blessing of God for the propagation of the gospel in the



Queensland Students.

Back.—K. N. Roberts, W. J. Evans.
Front.—L. G. Johnson, H. J. Finger.

whole of Australia generally and even beyond our shores.

In New South Wales the city of Sydney and environs provide the greatest concentration of population in the Commonwealth. Of recent years evangelisation of this area has moved on apace, and the only anxiety is the lack of young men with the necessary training to provide the preaching forces so essential to the building of young causes which have been and will be planted around this huge metropolitan area; to a lesser degree only this lack also has been detrimental to efforts in country centres. The realisation of this great and now urgent need led the last N.S.W. Conference to decide to establish a College of the Bible in Sydney. The committee appointed to give effect to this decision is authorised to receive and disburse moneys for the purpose; it is actively carrying out its mandate. The ultimate object is to repeat, under the blessing of God in and around Sydney, what has been accomplished by the college at Glen Iris. I am sure the whole Australian brotherhood will say Amen to that.

This can be done, in the considered opinion of the N.S.W. Conference, only by the establishment of a college here, where our consecrated young men will be suitably trained and equipped and their services availed of at the earliest possible moment for the building up and extension of the church.

We have been assured of the sympathy of the Glen Iris College Board; we are duly grateful for this. In N.S.W. we will continue to pray for the work at Glen Iris as we also pray for our own college shortly to be brought into existence.

Let the whole Australian brotherhood re-



Western Australian Students.

Misses E. L. Craig, B. J. Saunders,
L. J. McDiarmid.

joice in this fresh evidence of progress in the mother State of our Commonwealth. The churches in N.S.W. covet the prayers of the other Australian churches in this movement.

Our College:

A Brotherhood Witness.

James Gordon, President Conference, W.A.

WITH gratitude to God for its existence, and conviction as to its necessity, no apology need be offered for commending once again the annual appeal for the College of the Bible. Its past history fully justifies the present approach.

Our college is a brotherhood institution. Brethren of vision planned it. The brotherhood as a whole has maintained it. As a living serving institution it makes recurring demands upon our ability to assist. A dead thing makes no appeal. Continuity of support for our college is essential to the well-being of our movement.

While predominantly Australian with regard to the personnel of its teaching faculty and student body, it has a world outlook. Already its influence is firmly established in far distant fields of service at home and abroad. The spirit of the college is as a man standing at its entrance, with one hand beckoning inward to the halls of learning and spiritual culture, and with the other pointing outward to the fields white already unto harvest.

Our college is a brotherhood witness. Its very buildings are a monument to a people's faith in their message and mission to the world. It witnesses to the Word of God as supreme and alone authoritative in faith and practice.

It is a witness to the fact that the restoration of the New Testament church, in its pristine character, is the only adequate answer to our Lord's prayer for the unity of his people.

It witnesses to the gospel of Christ as the divinely revealed, completely authenticated message of salvation, and to a fervent evangelism as the only fitting channel for its presentation.

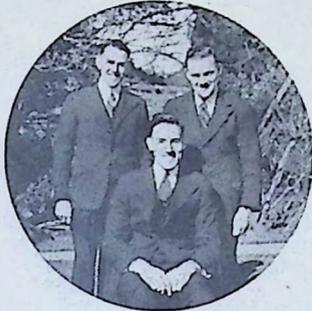
We live in a plastic age. An hour of extreme urgency is upon us. The higher sanctities of life, and the divine verities, must be proclaimed. A constructive message of spirit and power is demanded. To that end the best training, for the best men, for the best purpose in life, must continue.

On October 5 may the aim be "All possible aid now for Glen Iris."

Educated Enthusiasm.

Jas. P. Foot, President Conference, Tas.

DURING the first century of the Christian era after the setting up of the church of God, from a humble village to the whole



South Australian Students.

Standing.—G. A. Whiting, G. T. Ellis.
Sitting.—B. V. Coventry.

known world Christianity spread like a prairie fire. Many of the converts in their new-born enthusiasm sold all they possessed and became almost paupers in order to carry out the great commission, "Go ye and preach." They taught, gave, lived, sacrificed, and many of them died for their faith. Personal evangelism was the watchword. Men knew what they believed, and taught it to those around them. Many men were specially called out to "preach the Word," and we know how they went everywhere preaching the "good news."

Right down through the years unto our present day, God has chosen men, endowing them with gifts of speech and clear thinking, and through the portals of our college have passed young men and women in great numbers who have been wonderfully equipped by consecrated teachers with those essential things needful to carry on the vital work of preaching the gospel at home or abroad.

Nothing can be of more importance than the preaching of the gospel message, which is the only hope for the "new order" which is being so freely forecasted to be ushered in when the present world conflict ceases. Christians, however, fully realise that a "new world" or a "new order" can never be unless the hearts of men are changed through the message of Calvary. How shall the world hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach unless they be sent?

Tasmanians are happy in that we have this year direct representation amongst the students. Our prayer is that more of our youth in this island State may heed the call of Christ to "enlist for a life" wholly devoted to the preaching of "the message of life."

On October 5 the College of the Bible makes its annual appeal. Shall we all do our part and make the 1941 offering a record one from our Tasmanian churches? Our worthy college which has been so blessed of God in moulding the lives of many for active Christian service throughout the world calls for a sacrificial offering from one and all. Let us heed the appeal and readily respond.

Satisfaction in Service.

B. V. Coventry,
Chairman, Students' Committee.

ABOVE the demands of business, pleasure and home is heard the call of the Christ to active service. It is no ordinary call, this one from the Lord and Master of all, for when he calls he demands nothing short of the very best. But the call to follow is not a selfish demand; rather it is one which brings with it a maximum of satisfaction in service. Could any call be more enchanting than that of the Christ when he challenges, "Come, follow me"? To those men beside the

lake, it must have contained the supreme challenge in life, for they left all, even their means of livelihood, to follow in the service of Jesus of Nazareth. He was the very embodiment of life to them, and in him centered their whole trust and hope. Nothing was so sacred or binding to them as to withhold them from absolute resignation of their will to his.

To-day that call goes forth to men of every walk of life just as in the days when he called those men beside the sea. His demand on them is no less to-day; it is still for absolute resignation of self to him. The world is in need of this vital evangelistic message to-day. In the homeland, and across the seas, men and women are sick at heart, yearning for the message that "turned the world upside down." To this great task the students of Glen Iris have given themselves with zeal. Those of us who form the exit class feel keenly the weight of this responsibility. It was with deep enthusiasm that we entered upon our Bible course three years ago, which enthusiasm has not dwindled, but rather has been increased by the desperate needs of men. With one passion filling our whole being, namely, to bring hope, light and life to those in need, we go forward in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, confident that he will use the knowledge and preparation we have gained here to the extension of his kingdom.

College Notes.

THE third term is now well under way, with all the members in good health.

The spring vacation was marked by a new and important event, in the presentation of a



Tasmanian Students.

H. E. R. Steele, C. N. Burn.

refresher course for preachers. Forty-six preachers, from near and far, enrolled and listened to lectures and shared in discussions on the history, message, psychology and methods of evangelism. It was an enriching experience.

A college mission team conducted a mission at Northcote during vacation. The team consisted of Messrs. Pike, Roffey, Steele and Thickins, under the leadership of the Principal. The young men, with Bro. W. T. Atkin, visited extensively during the campaign, splendid meetings gathered night by night, and ten people responded to the invitation.

Several students took the opportunity of vacation to give special attention to their church work. Bro. P. Retchford, student preacher at Wedderburn, assisted Bro. E. P. C. Holland in a mission in that town.

The annual retreat day was held towards the end of last term. The students and faculty visited Castlemaine and enjoyed the hospitality of the church there. Mr. J. T. Lawton, minister of the Presbyterian church at Hartwell, was the speaker for the day.

An evening of delightful fellowship occurred at the college on Sept. 9. The Baptist College, students and faculty, was entertained at Glen Iris at tea. After tea, four students, two from each college, gave addresses on the Church and the Sacraments. A discussion, keen and brotherly, followed. The evening closed with a devotional service in the new chapel, at which Principal Scambler presided

and Principal Grigg gave the address. The evening was arranged as a result of a suggestion made at the combined committee meeting to consider the question of the union of the two bodies. The speakers were Messrs. Williams and Potter, of the Baptist College, and Messrs. Roffey and Pike, of the College of the Bible. The purpose was to discuss the subjects from the point of view commonly held in the two churches, and after the addresses and ensuing discussion, surprise was freely expressed because so much was held in common. The first speaker, a Baptist, claimed emphatically that his brethren repudiated all human creeds, and acknowledged only the authority of the New Testament teaching—which sounded very familiar to our ears. It was felt that such seasons of fellowship would do much to promote the spirit of unity between the members of these churches.

SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATIONS.

(Continued from page 435.)

H. J. Finger, 88; R. C. Goldsworthy, 85; L. G. Johnson, 83; G. T. Ellis, 82. One other passed.

Elocution II.—R. C. Goldsworthy and A. A. McRoberts, equal, 90; H. J. Finger and A. R. Pigdon, equal, 85; G. T. Ellis, 83; L. G. Johnson, 80.

New Testament History.—P. R. Thickins, 91; A. R. Pigdon, 89; E. T. Hart, 85; H. J. Finger and R. C. Goldsworthy, equal, 84; G. T. Ellis, 83; A. A. McRoberts, 80. Seven others passed.

Old Testament History.—P. R. Thickins, 91; H. J. Finger and A. R. Pigdon, equal, 83; Miss B. J. Saunders, 82; E. T. Hart, K. N. Roberts, Miss E. L. Craig, equal, 80. Seven others passed.

Elocution I.—P. R. Thickins, 90; E. T. Hart, 88; Miss B. J. Saunders, 82. Three others passed.

Homiletics I.—P. R. Thickins, 90; Miss B. J. Saunders, 87; E. T. Hart, 85. Three others passed.

New Testament Greek I.—P. R. Thickins, 96; Miss B. J. Saunders, 94. Three others passed.

Ancient Civil History.—C. N. Burn, 85; J. K. Bond and C. B. Cartmel, equal, 83; Miss B. J. Saunders, 80. Six others passed.

Economics.—C. B. Cartmel, 82; C. N. Burn, 81; G. A. Whiting, 80. Four others passed.

Leaving English.—C. N. Burn, 93; V. Quayle, 81; F. B. Burt, 80. Eight others passed.

Leaving French.—C. B. Cartmel, 82. Four others passed.

Intermediate French.—V. Quayle, 90. One other passed.

Leaving Geography.—C. N. Burn, 94; V. Quayle, 88; C. B. Cartmel, 84; J. K. Bond, 82. Three others passed.

—T. H. Scambler, Principal.

A world at war affords unusual opportunities for evangelism to the church of Christ. With the foundations of life shaking, the eternal and unchangeable God appeals to and gives confidence. The College of the Bible is training workers to preach that sure Foundation for life—Jesus, the Christ.



Victorian Students.

Back Row.—F. Thornton, A. R. Pigdon, S. G. Prentice, C. B. Cartmel, F. Langford, J. K. Bond.

Front Row.—R. C. Goldsworthy, D. H. Pike, F. B. Burt, A. A. McRoberts, P. R. Thickins, R. E. Hillbrick.

Editorials.

The College Offering.

ALL the available space in this issue is taken up by articles relating to the college, so that the editorial notes do not appear in their usual place. We wish, however, to urge the churches throughout Australia to make a liberal response to the appeal for a worthy offering for our educational work. In all the States except New South Wales the offering on October 5 will be taken for the College of the Bible, Glen Iris; in New South Wales an appeal is being made by conference committees chiefly for the college to be opened in that State. As editor I warmly commend to the respective States and churches the appeals of these institutions. For over thirty years I gave the best of my life to our federal College of the Bible, and my love and desire for its welfare are naturally still very great. I hope and pray that its faculty will have continued joy, blessing and success as they train men and women for service and instruct them in the faith of the Word of God. The happy fellowship I have had with them, and with the Board of Management, for many years past, constrains me to write on behalf of the college with which I have had so much to do. I wish again to state that the New South Wales college, of which I hope soon to have the honor of being principal, is not (any more than the W.A. Bible College which was established a few years ago) being started in opposition to Glen Iris. It is intended to help the churches in that State in a time of need, to instruct young men in the teaching of the Scriptures and equip them for service. I hope to teach in a helpful way in the new institution just such things as my brethren know I have taught in the years gone by.—A. R. Main.

Our Preachers.

TO prevent possible misunderstanding, we wish to express not only our confidence in but love and admiration for the vast majority of preachers of churches of Christ because of their faithfulness to Christ and the Scriptures, and also their loyalty to what we have been accustomed to call "our plea." By their devotion and continued sacrifice for the cause of the Master, they have earned the love and esteem of their brethren. There is among them also a deepening spirit of evangelism, as was illustrated by the great interest manifested in the refresher course recently given at the College of the Bible. We write the foregoing words gladly and spontaneously, even while we confess to sharing the great and growing concern of many and an increasing number of our people that there is truth in the statement of the writer of an article in "The Australian Christian" of last week that what is called "modernism," and that in a very bad form, has made its appearance within the brotherhood in different countries, as must be known to all readers of our overseas papers. We urge all our people, preachers and others, to resist its further encroachment and to stand for the faith of the New Testament in all its purity and truth.

The Editor-Elect.

THE announcement in this issue by the Chairman of Directors of the Austral Co. (Bro. R. Lyall) that Bro. A. W. Stephenson, M.A., has been selected as the new editor of "The Australian Christian" will, we believe, be pleasing to our readers, as it undoubtedly is to us. Our brother is well qualified for his new work, and he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his brethren. His Christian faith and character, his love for and knowledge of the Scriptures and the things most surely believed among us are known to many, who will wish him and the paper well. We hope to say more when the time of changing over draws near.

Here and There.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Sydney:—"Hinrichsen-Morris had wonderful meeting Mosman last night; seven adults decided, 35 to date.—Burns."

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones left Melbourne on Monday for Maylands, S.A. Good wishes and appreciation of past services were expressed at a great brotherhood farewell gathering in Lygon-st. chapel on Sept. 11.

We are glad to note that Councillor R. Sparks, a deacon of the Church of Christ at Court-st., Box Hill, Vic., and highly esteemed throughout the district, has been elected Mayor of the city of Box Hill.

From Bro. B. G. Corlett, secretary of the N.S.W. College of the Bible Committee, we received the following telegram on Monday:—"New South Wales college launched Saturday night; amazing response; E. C. Hinrichsen gave address; thirteen young men volunteered; offering £4500."

On Sept. 11, about 80 Endeavorers gathered at City Temple, Sydney, in an inspirational rally, to close the special appeal for "Endeavour III." Bro. Youens inspired with an address, "That They May Know," and Bankstown Endeavorers presented a special missionary play concerning work in the New Hebrides. The effort has realised an amount of £89.

We note with interest an announcement in our news columns that preparations are in hand for special meetings in November as a continuation of the Victory-in-Christ Crusade recently held at Camberwell, Vic. This combining of church groups for a mission is a most excellent thing. The example set by churches of Christ in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne may well encourage others to unite in an evangelistic campaign.

Fifty members of the C.E. Fellowship of the western suburban district, Melbourne, met at Footscray chapel on Sept. 13 for tea, followed by chorus singing, a session of prayer, and an address by Bro. I. Nixon, of Sunshine, on "What God Is." A song service preceded the Endeavor rally at night, at which Bro. Candy gave a helpful address on "Victory for Christ." Out of the Fellowship a new Endeavor society is being commenced at Newport.

One of the outstanding world events of last week was the speech of President Roosevelt. Following the sinking of U.S.A. ships by the Nazis, it is announced that orders have been given to the U.S. Navy to capture or destroy by every means at its disposal Axis submarines or surface raiders encountered between the American continent and waters adjacent to Iceland. Col. Knox, Secretary to the U.S. Navy, who made the announcement, is reported to have added: "That is our answer to Hitler's declaration that he will try to sink every ship his vessels encounter on the routes leading from U.S.A. to British ports."

The success of the united Christian witness meetings is very gratifying. Much good has been accomplished by the great gathering held last week in the Melbourne Town Hall and by the week of meetings at Essendon, Vic. Dr. Granswick, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, who was leader of the Essendon campaign, is reported as saying many people had felt that a campaign of this kind was of great value in the cause of world peace and in solving the problem of satisfactory human relationships. The first approach had been made in Essendon, where for seven successive nights 1000 people had filled the town hall. On the two Sunday nights overflow meetings had been held. The platform of Christian teachers was probably the most representative that had assembled in Victoria. All had spoken to the one general subject—"Christ and Our Common Life." Night after night it had been demonstrated that Christ and his principles had vital application to our domestic, social, economic, political and national, as well as to our personal problems. Steps were being taken to continue the movement in the Essendon district and elsewhere.

ADDRESS.

S. E. Riches (preacher Strathalbyn-Milang-Point Sturt Circuit, S.A.)—Sandergrrove-rd., Strathalbyn.

The Australian Christian

FOLLOWING the intimation published in last week's "Australian Christian" from Mr. A. R. Main that he had submitted his resignation as editor of the paper to the Directors of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., it is now my duty to state that the resignation was accepted by the Directors with very much regret, and appreciation has been recorded of the able services of Mr. Main during his twenty-seven years as editor of the "Australian Christian," and before that as a valued contributor since the time of the establishment of the paper. It has been a source of great satisfaction to the Directors that Mr. Main has enjoyed the confidence of the readers of the "Australian Christian" and of the members of our churches throughout the Commonwealth to an unusual extent. It is hoped that Mr. Main will still contribute to the columns of the paper in the years to come, and he carries with him the best wishes of his friends in Victoria. It has been left to Mr. Main to indicate the date he desires to retire from the position.

In the meantime I wish to mention that the Directors have chosen as successor to the editorship of the paper Mr. A. W. Stephenson, M.A., at present the preacher for the Church of Christ, Hampton, Melbourne, who is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and a Master of Arts of Melbourne University. Mr. Stephenson has had some experience in journalism, and is a co-editor of the Sunday school literature at present published by the Austral Company and the Young People's Department of the Victorian Conference. The Directors believe that the new editor will establish himself in the confidence of the readers of the paper, and also of the members of our churches throughout the brotherhood. A further announcement will be made later.

ROBERT LYALL,

Chairman of Directors,
The Austral Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd.

Bro. A. Anderson, Federal Conference secretary, telegraphs the following invitation:—"All interstate visitors Federal Conference are invited president's reception. On arrival Adelaide, if invitation not delivered, ring F 5340."

The articles and pictures in this issue relating to the College of the Bible have been collected and supplied by Bro. F. T. Saunders, college secretary and organiser. Mr. C. L. Lang took the photographs from which the blocks were made.

For the next few weeks, owing to the use of our pages for special articles and conference reports, there will be very considerable pressure on our space, involving the holding over of a great deal of matter, much of which we should otherwise have been glad to insert.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—On national day of prayer Bro. Fitch gave suitable addresses. The gospel subject was "The Folly of Unbelief." Mrs. F. Stephenson and Mrs. Moore sang a duet.

Perth.—On Sept. 2 Mr. A. C. Karmouche, missionary to the Jews of Australia, gave an interesting lantern talk on "A Ramble Through Palestine." Upon special request the missionary told how he was led to accept Christ as his Saviour. On morning of Sept. 7 Bro. A. G. Elliott delivered an inspiring address on "The Victory of Faith." At night Bro. J. Wiltshire's powerful address was entitled "The Path to Victory." Sister E. Griffiths rendered a solo.

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—In response to the King's call for prayer, there were splendid attendances on Sept. 7. Bro. R. L. Arnold spoke in morning on "Humility and Prayer." Miss Dulcie Stokes was received upon her faith and baptism. Many visitors were present. At gospel meeting Bro. Arnold's subject was "If Thou Knewest." A young woman confessed Christ." 211 broke bread for the day. On Sept. 14 Bro. Arnold spoke in morning on "The Price of Sleep." Several interstate visitors were present. At gospel meeting Bro. Arnold's subject was "Earth's Greatest Black-out."

Bundaberg.—An interesting address was given by Bro. R. L. Williams on morning of Aug. 24. Bro. Larsen at gospel service preached on "Was the Mission of Christ a Failure?" An offering for aborigines was taken. Morning service was broadcast on Aug. 31, Bro. Larsen's subject being "The Reconstructing Christ." At night he spoke on "Victory." On Sept. 7 the chapel was filled; 124 broke bread. Mr. Alex. Brown gave an address. At gospel service Bro. Larsen's theme was "Fear God, Honor the King." Several Bible school scholars were successful in recent examination. Bro. Reg. Hamann, of Home Defence Forces, is in military hospital in Brisbane.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Whyalla.—On Sept. 7 Bro. W. L. Ewers was morning speaker. He also preached at gospel meeting in the home of Bro. and Sister Berry at Prospect. There were record attendances. Another branch of the Sunday school, which commenced in June, has now opened in the home of Sister James after a canvass of district surrounding her home.

Mile End.—On Sept. 14 the Bible school held anniversary with splendid attendances. Scholars rendered pieces in excellent manner. An orchestra assisted, Mr. Reg. Lampshire conducting. Morning message by Bro. Fitzgerald was helpful, and evening address entitled "Otherwise Engaged" was also much appreciated. Sept. 17 was prize-giving night for scholars.

Tumby Bay.—On Sept. 7 Bro. Norris spoke at well attended meetings, the messages being appropriate for national day of prayer. One young lady confessed Christ. An offering at evening meeting for Y.M.C.A. amounted to £3/1/9. Sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. and Sister W. Treasure and family in the loss of the aged mother of Bro. Treasure on Sept. 7.

Cottonville.—Preparations are in hand for an evangelistic effort from Oct. 12 to 28, under leadership of Bro. B. W. Manning. Miss Claire Coventry, a valued worker in kindergarten and C.E., was married to Bro. Murray Drayton on Sept. 6, and will be moving to Owen. Bro. Rob Manning, youngest son of the preacher, has enlisted for service abroad, and has been drafted into reinforcements for A.M.C., in which unit his brother Cliff is serving in Tobruk. Bro. A. Brown spoke at morning meeting on Sept. 14, Bro. Manning being at Henley Beach.

Fullarton.—Meetings are well maintained. Mr. Gilding, of Rosefield Methodist church, addressed gospel meeting on Aug. 17. On Sept. 7 a lad from the Bible school confessed Christ, and on 14th his sister also confessed her Lord. Bro. Rankine's addresses on Ephesians have been particularly helpful. Bro. Cliff T. Hope has had to resign as superintendent of Bible school owing to having enlisted in R.A.A.F.

Brooklyn Park.—The attendances and general tone are pleasing. Three young people recently made confession of faith. F.M. offering amounted to £42. The splendid propaganda work of our aged Bro. Matthews greatly helped in this. Occasional chart sermons have assisted in creating a spirit of enquiry. A feature of evening meetings is the number of young people attending.

Hindmarsh.—Bro. Ewers' message from Eph. 4 on morning of Sept. 14 was very helpful. At night he preached on "The Living Stone." Bro. J. Holden helped with a solo. Bro. John Brooker, sen., was present in morning after absence of two weeks through indisposition. He attained the age of 80 years last Wednesday, and has rarely been absent from the Lord's table. Congratulations were extended from the church. On Sept. 10 a social evening arranged by officers of church and the choir was given in honor of Bro. C. W. Wood, who has had to resign as choir-leader and organist for health reasons. A presentation was made on behalf of choir.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Sunday, Sept. 7, concluded a successful Youth Week. The programme included a "competitive evening" on Sept. 2, when Sandhill won both Wylrose and Walcomb cups. Thursday was games evening at Invermay, and on 6th a mystery hike was arranged. Morning service on Sept. 7 was conducted by a team of Invermay young men. A combined youth tea, addressed by Mr. Burton, of 50 young people was held in school hall. At evening service a Bible school choir led the singing and gave items; Bren. G. J. Foot and M. Kane gave brief addresses; attendance was 160. Bro. Duff addressed morning meeting on Sept. 14, and Mr. Tomlinson (city missionary) conducted evening service.

Devonport.—On Aug. 24 Bro. Street started a morning series of addresses on "Ephesians." Youth Week was observed from Aug. 30 to Sept. 9. On Aug. 31 a combined meeting of church and Bible school was held. Bro. Street gave an interesting address on "Slaying Giants." At night his message on "The Vital V" was very good. C.E. members helped in the meeting. On Sept. 1 the Bible school was given a party by teachers and parents. On Sept. 7 Bro. F. T. Burt gave a helpful morning address on "The Healing Touch of Jesus," and at night Bro. N. Cheil's address, "Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians," was also good. On Sept. 9 Youth Week concluded with an enjoyable social for Y.P.C.E. members at the home of Bro. and Sister Street. On Sept. 14 Bro. Street spoke on "The Church." Bro. J. Webb was received by letter from Boort, Vic. At night Bro. Street's address was very good.

VICTORIA.

Sale.—Isolated members meet each Sunday for breaking of bread. There were 13 present on Sept. 14. Sister Mrs. Burns was back after illness.

Portland.—On Sept. 14 Bro. A. Rivett gave an excellent address on "With God Out of Doors." Offering to assist religious instruction amounted to £1/19/6.

Croydon.—All meetings continue splendidly. Bro. Bell gave excellent addresses on last two Sundays whilst Bro. Evans was sick. The church was pleased to hear of his good recovery.

Red Cliffs.—Bro. J. W. Lewis exhorted on Aug. 31. On Sept. 7 Bro. Lloyd Brown spoke on "Temple Keepers and Temple Robbers." Ladies of Mission Band have given the church a very nice organ.

Boronia.—Bren. Funston (North Essendon) and W. J. A. Smith (Mont Albert) have been recent speakers. Much improved attendances on last two Sundays have enjoyed splendid messages from Bro. P. R. Thickins.

Footscray.—At evening service on Sept. 14, a young man made the good confession. Western suburban C.E. Fellowship tea and rally were a great success on Sept. 13. Special thankoffering for church funds amounted to £16.

Northcote.—Sunday school anniversary commenced on Sept. 14, under leadership of Bro. G. Hing. The chapel was crowded at both meetings. Mr. W. Pike was speaker at afternoon meeting and Mr. W. T. Atkin at night.

Oakleigh.—There were large congregations at each service on national day of prayer. At worship service on Sept. 14, Bro. R. Hindman gave an address appropriate to Bible Sunday. At evening service, an offering was received for work of B. and F. Bible Society.

Red Hill.—While Bro. Steele was at Northcote mission, Bro. Frank Langford addressed meetings on three Sundays. On Sept. 14 an offering for chaplains' fund was received. Bro. A. Salmon had severe injuries to his hand at a saw mill. Good messages are being given by Bro. Steele.

Preston.—Bro. McCullough spoke at both services on Sept. 14 to good congregations. At night he was assisted by Bro. Robinson, returned from military duties. At the close a social gathering was held at which words of appreciation of Bro. McCullough's service were spoken and refreshments were enjoyed.

Moreland.—The King's call to prayer was responded to by good attendances on Sept. 7. The choir rendered two appropriate anthems. On Sept. 11 the K.S.P. entertained a large number of fathers, and a fathers' service was held on 14th. Bro. Graham has commenced his holiday and will attend Federal Conference.

East Kew.—Last Lord's day Bro. H. J. Paterson addressed the church on the qualifications and duties of elders and deacons. Bro. Candy preached "Jesus" in his gospel address. Preparations are in hand for special meetings in November as a continuation of the Victory-in-Christ crusade.

Hampton.—Bro. Stephenson on morning of Sept. 14 spoke on the College of the Bible. The church congratulates him on his appointment as editor of the "Christian." At night Bro. K. A. Jones preached, and was extended the good wishes of the church as he goes to his new work in S.A.

St. Kilda.—At Y.P.S.C.E. anniversary in August Bro. J. Turner, of Camberwell, was speaker. On morning of Sept. 7, Bro. Annetts, from Middle Park, presided. At night St. Kilda branch of W.C.T.U. held a church parade and formed the choir. Bro. McCallum's mother, of Epping, N.S.W., was a visitor.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Bible Sunday was observed on Sept. 7. Bro. Baker spoke in the morning on "The Book for War-time," and in the evening on "The Hidden Word." At Bible class Bro. Enniss spoke on "Perils of Religious Life." Mrs. Percy Kerrigan is seriously ill. Miss E. Fitzgerald was welcomed back after illness.

Camberwell.—Services have been well attended, with one decision in September. In preparation for annual business meeting, Bro. Turner spoke on "The Elder and the Deacon" at morning service on Sept. 14. Bible school scripture examination results showed marked improvement. Sister Mrs. Cocks passed away on Sept. 6.

Coburg.—On Sept. 9 Moreland K.S.P. club visited local K.S.P. club, and on 10th Coburg ladies attended Moreland Ladies' Guild anniversary. On morning of Sept. 14 Bro. F. T. Saunders addressed the church in the interests of the College of the Bible. With regret we report the passing of Mrs. M. E. Russell. The church extends its sympathy to those bereaved.

Dandenong.—On Sept. 6 the Bible class held a social in aid of building fund. On Sept. 7 Bro. Marshall addressed both meetings. On Sept. 14 he spoke in morning on "The Promise of Peace." In the afternoon he gave an interesting lantern lecture on "The Life of Christ" to the combined school. At gospel service his theme was "The City of Refuge."

South Richmond.—Good meetings were held on Sept. 14. Bro. C. Coles' addresses were in keeping with Bible Sunday. Sunday school has further increased in numbers, breaking new records recently made. The church is saddened by the passing away of Sister Mrs. McKenzie, a foundation member, who had completed 40 years of very faithful service with the church.

Hawthorn.—Splendid interest is maintained in Good Companions and Explorer clubs. Bro. E. Peters is training Sunday school for anniversary. All children who sat for Bible school examinations passed. Bro. S. Neighbour addressed both meetings on Sept. 14; "The Stature of the Fulness of Christ" was morning subject. After the evening sermon on "The Bible—the Word of God," a young girl confessed Christ.

Ormond.—At morning service on Sept. 14 Bro. C. L. Lang, back from Tasmania, gave a helpful address. Bible school anniversary commenced in afternoon with good singing by scholars, an item by kindergarten, presentation of prizes to kinders, and an illustrated address by Bro. H. A. G. Clark. At gospel service the scholars again sang under baton of Mrs. Dunn, and an illustrated address was given by Bro. R. P. Morris.

Swan Hill.—Bro. Hughes continues faithful work in town and district. To Methodist and Presbyterian missionary unions he spoke on the work of early missionaries in India. On Sept. 3 an enjoyable picnic was held in the park, Swan Hill Bible school combining with Woorinen. Social evenings in homes have been times of helpful fellowship, making possible the purchase of shades for church lighting and improved church partition.

Drumcondra.—Sept. 14 was anniversary day. Bro. R. Banks, a former preacher here, spoke at morning service on "The Price of Victory" and at gospel service on "Our Debt to God." Attendance was 85, 75 breaking bread. Special offering for building fund realised £27. On Sept. 15, at a fellowship evening, several artists entertained a good gathering. A special gift from auxiliaries totalled £27, thus bringing the building fund anniversary gift to £54.

Kyneton.—Attendances have been much affected during last twelve months by change of residence of many members. Mrs. W. Blackwell was recently presented with a gift on her removal to Daylesford. Fellowship and help of Bro. Reg. Grafham, of Box Hill, were enjoyed on Aug. 31. On Sept. 4 Bro. G. Goudie spoke on "Watch Therefore." Bro. E. Hart gave an excellent message at night on the need for national and individual righteousness.

Stawell.—On Aug. 31 Bro. Randall addressed good meetings. Bro. and Sister Trompf, from Gardiner, were received into fellowship. Bro. Randall's gospel address was on "Enrolled in Heaven." Bro. Trompf rendered a solo. A baptismal service was conducted at the close. On Sept. 7 excellent addresses were given by Bro. Burt, whose gospel message was on "The Way to Victory." C.E. members held orange and violet Sunday on Aug. 31 at local hospital.

North Essendon.—In Bro. Roffey's absence services were conducted on Aug. 24 and 31 by Bren. R. Thompson, W. H. Berthelsen, R. Goldsworthy and J. McDiarmid. On Sept. 14 Bro. A. E. Illingworth (Essendon) presided at communion service and school attendance, with 122, was an all-time record. Bro. Roffey's addresses bore particularly on Bible Sunday, and many members attended closing meeting of United Christian Witness at Essendon Town Hall. Phi Beta Pi girls have celebrated winning of basketball competition by a "victory social."

Carlton (Queensberry-st.).—The Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 9, when Bro. N. Jame presided, the children sang choruses, led by Mr. A. Chan, an address was given by Mr. G. R. Giles, and supper was served. On the 14th the scholars again sang. The address in the afternoon was given by Mr. R. Fisher, and at night Mr. E. F. Halkyard was the special speaker.

Box Hill.—The C.E. societies closed a very fruitful year of service with an anniversary tea on Sept. 13, when more than 40 of the members and some visitors had a happy time of fellowship. The anniversary was continued on Sunday evening, when several Endeavorers took part. Special messages were given by Mr. H. Bischoff, Mr. C. Fletcher and Mr. H. A. G. Clark. Three young people were welcomed into fellowship at morning service, and two confessed Christ at night.

Blackburn.—On Sept. 2 the ladies of Mission Band celebrated 16th anniversary with 97 present including visitors. Mrs. Vic. McDowell (president) occupied the chair, and Principal T. H. Scambler gave the address. Others taking part were Mrs. C. Gill, Mrs. McDowell, sen., and Mrs. W. H. Bluhm (foundation members). Items were contributed and supper was served. Messrs. J. B. White and L. Roberts have concluded a successful five days' children's mission under direction of combined Blackburn churches. Bro. H. C. Bischoff spoke at both services on Sept. 14. At night a girl from the Bible school, and a young married couple, confessed Christ. A fountain-pen was presented to Bro. F. Langford, who has taken up the work at Sylvan.

Collingwood.—Sept. 7 marked opening of Bible school anniversary. In morning Mr. T. Fitzgerald spoke on "The Church's Nursery." In afternoon Mr. M. Sandland delivered an address on "The Letter." At night Mr. T. Fitzgerald spoke on "Treasure Island." On Tuesday the tea meeting and presentation of prizes took place. Mr. Turner spoke to children and adults. The anniversary was continued on Sept. 14. Mr. K. Jones conducted a teachers' induction service and gave the address. After service Mr. R. Crisp presented Mr. Jones with a Testament on behalf of Bible school. In afternoon Mr. A. White spoke on "Traffic Lights." In evening Dr. Kemp spoke on Psalm 27. Mr. Ellis, who conducted the scholars in their singing, was thanked for his untiring efforts. All meetings were very well attended.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Civic Sunday was celebrated on Sept. 7. The Mayor of Caulfield (Cr. Prior) and Mrs. Prior, Mr. Briggs (Town Clerk) and Mrs. Briggs, with 12 councillors and their wives, attended morning service. Mr. L. H. Hollins, M.L.A., spoke on "Prayer and the British Empire." At night F. E. Buckingham's subject was "The Interwoven Christ," and there were two decisions. The special campaign was brought to a close with splendid meetings on Sept. 14. Mr. G. Mathieson gave an excellent address in morning. F. E. Buckingham spoke convincingly at gospel service on "The New Birth." Soloist was Angus McConchie. Average breaking of bread over ten Sundays was 184. Average weekly income for local work over same period was £13/10/-. £407 was paid in for improvements to building. An outstanding feature of the campaign was the singing of the choir under leadership of Mr. R. Besson.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Albury.—Morning meetings have been very well attended. All auxiliaries are working well. Bible school reports increases. Sister Alma Chapman was received into fellowship on Aug. 17. Bren. A. Combridge and H. Roach recently ably exhorted church. On Sept. 14 Mrs. Ashdown and Moina were welcomed by transfer from Yarrowonga. Bro. Parnell is making good progress towards recovery. The church has invited Bro. Walmsley to labor for a further period of two years. Auxiliaries are preparing for forthcoming "Victorious Life Campaign," with Bro. J. E. Webb as missionary.

Chatswood.—Recent Sunday morning speakers have included Mr. E. Parker and Mr. I. Paternoster. The elders have written a letter to each of the men from the church fighting overseas. It is proposed to make this a monthly "pastoral." Mr. Youens continues to give inspiring messages.

Paddington.—On morning of Sept. 14 there was a good attendance. Mr. Ogilvie, of City Mission, gave an interesting address from Mark 11: 22. The school was cheered with the good report of prizes gained in examination. At gospel service Bro. Dean gave an earnest address on "Does it Pay to be a Christian?"

Taree.—On Sept. 7 and 14 Bro. D. G. Meyers, from Newcastle, spoke at all services. On 14th his morning address on "God's Great Gift to Man" was edifying. His evening subject was "England's Greatest Need." At Wingham on Sept. 10, Bren. K. E. W. Cross, C. W. Redman and K. W. Germon were appointed trustees.

Burwood.—Bro. Bert Eager, of Glen Iris, addressed a recent morning meeting, and also the Bible class. Mrs. Williams is in western suburbs hospital suffering from a broken leg. Bro. Joe Hill, of Fremantle, W.A., was a recent visitor. The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Hoskisson in the death of her brother.

Bankstown.—Gospel services for September are being conducted by Bro. Thomson, from Lane Cove. On Sept. 6, Junior Endeavorers presented a splendid programme to assist in the appeal for the launch. This effort realised £3/16/-. Bro. Cowan spoke on morning of 14th, and Bro. Thomson addressed a good congregation at night.

Wollongong.—Services on Sept. 14 were well attended, 106 breaking bread for the day, during which five were received into fellowship. Father's Day services were held with special singing and an appropriate message from Bro. Stirling. The ladies' work progresses, and among their activities they have already provided crockery and an electric urn for the church.

Greystanes.—Practising for second anniversary is proceeding under leadership of Bro. and Sister Adams. Bren. Leask (4), pioneers of the work, are away on active service. Miss H. Cullis and Bro. K. Burkhead are assisting in Bible school. Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., visits every second Sunday, and one week night each month. Religious instruction is also given in the public school.

Gilgandra.—Services during July and August were well attended. Open-air meetings are held every Sunday evening. 23 scholars sat for the annual examination. Mr. Scott, B. and F.B.S. representative addressed S.E.S. on Aug. 9. On Aug. 23 Bro. Stimson, conference president, was entertained to tea by the S.E.S. and addressed meeting afterwards. He also spoke at all services on 24th.

Granville.—Miss Joan Hammond and Bro. Max Rochaix, who had been laid aside through sickness, have recovered. National day of prayer brought increased attendances. Bro. Kenyon spoke in the morning, and Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., preached at night on "Power of God v. New Order." More new scholars in the Bible school. Miss Joan Hibbard is superintendent of kindergarten department in absence of Mrs. Rillstone.

Auburn.—Auburn Ministers' Fraternal of which Bro. Ethelbert Davis is president have arranged a series of services throughout the local churches during September, under the title of "A Challenge to the Church." On Sunday mornings, each minister will preach on the same theme to his own congregation. On Sunday afternoons special men's fellowship rallies, youth rallies, etc., will be held. On Wednesday evenings the churches are combining in a united intercessory service to be held in different church buildings each week. Evening service at Auburn Tabernacle on Sept. 14 took the form of a lily service. Bro. Davis spoke on "Consider the Lilies." Our aged sister Mrs. Heasman is dangerously ill. On Sept. 13 Bro. A. Kalmier and Miss A. Holyoak were united in matrimony. Bro. Davis officiating.

Victorian Women's Executive.

127 attended meeting on Sept. 5. Mrs. H. C. Bischoff (president) was in the chair, and devotions were led by Miss Creig. An informative address by Miss P. Ludbrook on "Life at the Hostel" was much enjoyed.

Missionary Department.—Five meetings have been visited—Burnley, Preston, Box Hill, South Melbourne and Gardiner. Group meetings held at Preston, Balwyn, Malvern and Lygon-st. were happy and helpful. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas for their inspirational talks and Mrs. Nance-Kivell for arranging the dramatised message, "The Challenge of the Cross." Will all send in contributions as early as possible for Christmas cheer for "Our India"?

Prayer Meetings.—Committee visited Surrey Hills, South Richmond, Brighton and Balwyn.

Hospital Visitation.—63 visits were paid to various institutions. We gratefully acknowledge a gift of 10/-, a parcel for Children's Hospital, jam, 6 dressing jackets, books, clothing, etc.

General Doreas.—Parcels of clothing have been received from friends, two cash donations to Annie Moysey Memorial Fund, and one to general funds. 192 articles were despatched to Hospital Committee; Eye and Ear Hospital; Convalescent Home; City Mission (Port Melbourne); bombed victims, England; Aborigine Mission, Central Australia; Cheltenham Benevolent Home. Three homes were cheered by cash donations from Margaret Goudie Fund.

College of the Bible dormitories have received their periodical freshening. Donations of goods for chaplains have been received from Bambra-rd., Balwyn, St. Kilda, East Kew, Box Hill, Northcote, Blackburn, Castlemaine and Hampton.

Temperance.—Addresses were given at four meetings. Literature was sent to Kaniva and Hamilton. Promises for financial help have been received from nine meetings to raise money for study books, etc.

Isolated Sisters.—88 letters were written and 11 replies received. An isolated sister sent £1, which has been forwarded to H.M. Committee.

Social Service.—During the month 12 parcels were received and nine persons helped with groceries, clothing, footwear, etc. Visits were paid to Oakleigh Mission Band, Newport Guild and East Kew bands. We thank all who helped in preparation of curtains, bed spreads, etc., for new rooms at Guest Home.

Guest Home.—About 20 ladies from Gardiner took the meeting on Aug. 26, a nice programme being presented. Gifts of biscuits were much appreciated. Next meeting is in charge of St. Kilda and Middle Park.

At next meeting of Executive on Oct. 3 Mrs. Darnell will lead devotions. Committees taking part in the open session are: Hospital Visitation, Isolated Sisters, Social Service, Prayer Meeting, Temperance, Guest Home.—L.R.

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DEATH.

RUSSELL.—On Sept. 12, Mary Essie Russell, beloved wife of the late Robert Russell, loving mother of Violet (Mrs. Swift), Millie and May, late of 147 Gaffney-st., Coburg.

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IN MEMORIAM.

CLARK.—In loving memory of my dear husband Charles, who fell asleep in Jesus at Port Fairy on Sept. 19, 1940. Loved with everlasting love.

—Inserted by his loving wife.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of my dear daughter and our sister Florrie, who was called home on Sept. 21, 1922.

"O love, that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in life's ocean depths its glow
May richer, fuller be."

—Inserted by her loving mother, brother and sister.

LISLE.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Arthur Roger Lisle, who was called home to rest Sept. 19, 1940.

Though for a time is borne away,
The form we dearly love,
Yet through our grief,
There runs the thought,
We'll meet again above.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family, Hamilton, N.S.W.

MACDONALD.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our loved mother, Isabella Macdonald, who died at Horsham on Sept. 12, 1932; also our dear boys, Henry Butler, killed in France on Aug. 15, 1918, and William Morrison, died at Beaufort on Sept. 19, 1925. Mother and sons reunited.

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COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 21.—Church of Christ, Chelsea. Past members are invited to attend a day of special services on Sept. 21, to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the opening of the Chelsea chapel. Speakers: 11 a.m., A. W. Stephenson, M.A.; 7 p.m., H. A. Hunt.

SEPTEMBER 21, 28 and 29.—Pahran Bible school anniversary. Special speakers will be present, and bright singing by the children at afternoon and evening meetings. Old members are requested to come and stay to tea. Annual concert and prize distribution, Monday, Sept. 29, in school hall.

SEPTEMBER 28.—The anniversary of the setting up of the Lord's table by members of the Restoration Movement in Sale district will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Services will be conducted by members of the Home Missionary Committee from Melbourne.—J. Murnane, 73 York-st., Sale.

SEPTEMBER 28 and OCTOBER 5.—Sunshine Bible school anniversary. Sept. 28, 3 p.m., Mr. A. G. Bennett; 7 p.m., Mr. W. H. Clay. Oct. 5, 3 p.m., Mr. Jas. Holloway; 7 p.m., Mr. I. W. Nixon. All old scholars and members welcomed.

OCTOBER 5.—Young Worshipers' League, Parkdale, 16th anniversary and reunion of past members. Speaker at 11 a.m., Mr. R. P. Morris; 7 p.m., Mr. C. G. Taylor. Welcome given to all.

BROADCAST SERVICES.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

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3 p.m., Mr. A. W. Candy.
7 p.m., Mr. S. R. Baker.

Sunday, Oct. 5—

11 a.m., special civic service in church. The Mayor and Councillors in attendance.

3 p.m., Mr. H. J. Patterson, M.A.
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What Happens After Death?

Luke 20: 20-26.

Prayer Meeting Topic for September 24.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

HOW can we know what happens after death? True, there are certain references in some texts, but they are of necessity not all we could wish to know.

A World Unlike Ours.

Some people are materialistic and have no belief in a life after death. These Sadducees mentioned in the text had no such faith, and the question was only to try and trip Jesus. That gives point to the reply of Jesus as in Matthew and Mark to the effect that they "knew not the scriptures." God was not a God of the dead but of the living. But since they live, in what kind of a world? We believe that many folk are failing to understand scripture and the state of the dead because of our materialistic conception. We live in a material world, and our concepts are of that order. When God speaks to us he does so in a way in which we are likely to understand. Any other way would be futile. All our knowledge of God and of that realm to which God belongs—the world of spirit—is through a world which is material. Hence in the Book of Revelation we have the city of God represented as one with streets of gold and gates of pearl. But surely no one believes that the city of God is just like that. It is a picture of the glory yet to be revealed to folk like ourselves who are not any longer bound to a material universe. While in the universe of the here and now, we could understand in no other way the worth and the glory of that celestial state, but then we shall be changed and different. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. Let us not make too much literally of the figures and metaphors used in reference to a future state except it be that they are indications of that which now we in the flesh cannot know fully.

Certain Values Have Gone.

Jesus, according to Matthew and Mark, again said, You know not the power of God. The new life will be different. However we may deny it, we all have very earthly attachments here. We marry and beget children. The sex instinct is strong. We have loves and hates, and sometimes in our thinking of things eschatological we tend to carry over too much. There, said Jesus, they "neither marry, nor are given in marriage." At first, it gives us a shock, but it's true. My relationships and associations, now largely determined by a fleshly body and a materialistic universe, will be different, and so different that the fact that one has here been married seven times won't enter into the reckoning. Like Nicodemus we might say, How can these things be? Well, we do not know the power of God, that's all. Perhaps we may tend to think that heaven won't be so much heaven as we thought. Can't we leave that to God, too? When Paul was caught up to the third heaven, whatever that may mean, he heard and saw things which in the flesh and with material concepts he could give no expression to.

No More Death.

Jesus said one other thing in this connection, "Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels and are children of God, being the children of the resurrection." Those dead shall live, and death shall claim them no more. Here is immortality and real life. The shadows and death itself have gone for ever. Time has merged into eternity, and we are among the immortals.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 1.—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.—Matthew 5: 1-12.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—"CHILDREN OF LIGHT."

Monday, September 22.

WE are the light of the world.—Matt. 5: 14. This is better understood when we remember that our Lord also said, "I am the light of the world," for ours is a reflected light; so that if we remain disassociated with Christ we have none to dispense, for we have received none even for our own use.

Reading—Matthew 5: 1-15.

Tuesday, September 23.

Even so let your light shine before men.—Matt. 5: 16.

Note the objective, viz., "that they may glorify your Father who is in heaven." "It must so shine that it shall not win praise for itself, but for him who kindled it. Men do not praise the street lamps which protect them from robbery and assault, but they praise the municipal administration which furnishes the lamps."

Reading—Matthew 5: 16-20.

Wednesday, September 24.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness.—John 12: 46.

Jesus having come to bring "life and immortality to light through the gospel," it follows that those who will not believe on him abide in darkness. Hence the imperativeness of the gospel message.

Reading—John 12: 44-50.

Thursday, September 25.

Put on the armour of light.—Rom. 13: 12.

The best way to admit light into a room is to pull down the shutters and draw up the blinds. So the best way to destroy works of darkness is to cultivate graces which radiate light. And the best means of casting off every dark and evil deed is to clothe ourselves with the armour of light.

Reading—Romans 13: 11-14.

Friday, September 26.

So then let us not sleep, as do the rest.—1 Thess. 5: 6.

It is not fitting that "sons of the day" should sleep as do children of the night. Instead, they should watch constantly, wait patiently, and work fervently, till he come.

Reading—1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11.

Saturday, September 27.

Out of darkness into his marvellous light.—1 Pet. 2: 9.

The wonderful titles named by the apostle are for the purpose here suggested. God's gifts are for daily use in an effort to "show forth the excellencies" of him who called them out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Reading—1 Peter 2: 10-12.

Sunday, September 28.

Walk as children of light.—Eph. 5: 8.

To follow this injunction means that Chris-

tians should so conduct themselves that it should become evident that they have been sufficiently "enlightened to see the evil of sin and the beauty of virtue and religion."

Readings—Isaiah 26: 1-13; Ephesians 5: 1-14.

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Chaplain Charles A. Young is in Caulfield camp for the duration of the war. Many of our young men pass through there, and he is constantly in touch with them. He also visits the Caulfield Military Hospital regularly and renders fine service there.

Chaplain J. K. Martin is in Darley camp for the duration of the war or until he is transferred overseas if needed. He is doing a very faithful work amongst the men there, and would be pleased to have names of any who come there from our churches.

Chaplain A. E. Forbes, D.C., M.E.D., has just been appointed to the camp at Wangaratta for the duration of the war. Previously he had given great service at Bonegilla camp. His work has been highly commended. He, too, would be glad of any names of men going to that camp.

Chaplain Cecil Robinson is just completing a term of useful service in Trawool camp. The unit in which he has served has been transferred to Bonegilla, where Chaplain H. A. G. Clark will spend six weeks from Sept. 16.

Chaplain Eric Hollard is to go into Mt. Martha camp from Sept. 16 to Oct. 30, and any names of any who go there will be appreciated.

Arrangements are also being made to visit the new military hospital at Heidelberg regularly, and any names of men from our churches who are patients there may be sent to our senior chaplain, Jas. E. Thomas, who will be glad to visit them. Several brethren are ready to co-operate in this growing work at this great hospital. Chaplain Thomas will also be glad to visit any men who are in camp at Williamstown.

Chaplain L. E. Snow has also rendered fine service, and is ready to do further work when called upon. Chaplain W. G. Graham has recently been appointed on the active list, and is ready for a call up.

Many churches have sent contributions toward the Chaplaincy Fund, and all this is being wisely used by our chaplains for men in the camp. Any contributions may be forwarded to C. J. Robinson, 535 Bell-st., Preston, N.18. Will brethren please remember the work of our chaplains, as they represent us among the men they seek in Christ's name to serve?—J.E.T.

South Australian News-letter.

H. R. Taylor, B.A.

New Enterprises.

AN appeal from Whyalla church to the brethren throughout the Commonwealth has been sent out by the trustees of the local body asking for gifts to enable them to erect a building on the block of land which they will have the opportunity of purchasing at the end of the month. Bro. W. L. Ewers has just returned from a week-end trip to this new field. Building is still going on apace, the membership of the church is increasing, and the brethren are full of enthusiasm. In the environs of the city the Port Line Group of churches have more than raised sufficient money to purchase a valuable block of land at Albert Park, where it is proposed through the generosity of the brotherhood to put up a place of worship in the near future. Eighty members of the Queenstown church live in the vicinity and a Bible school is badly needed. The Queenstown church is prepared to give oversight to the cause once it has been established.

A New Social and Economic Order.

Representatives of various churches have recently conferred on the subject of a new order, and their manifesto has been published in the press. They urge the following principles as representing the Christian ideal of a new social and economic order: (1) Economic activity should be a co-operative effort to meet the needs of all. The Christian aim is to substitute the motive of service for that of gain. (2) The first charge on industry should be remuneration sufficient to maintain the worker and his family in health and dignity. The State should guarantee work or economic security to its citizens. (3) Industry should be so organised that those engaged therein shall have an increasingly effective voice in determining the conditions under which they labor. (4) Monopolistic tendencies should be strictly controlled by public authority in the interests of the community. (5) The moral justification of property rights depends on the degree in which they contribute to the welfare of the community. No inherited wealth should exempt any member of society from the duty of establishing by service his claim to maintenance. Service should be the duty and privilege of all. The signatories, among whom are several of our own brethren, complete their statement by stating: "We are fully aware that no plans for reconstruction can secure the true ends of human life unless empowered by a revival of true religion and a sincere attempt to discover the will of God through private prayer and corporate worship. While stressing the international and social implications of Christianity and insisting that every sphere of life needs to be redeemed by the Spirit of God, we believe that all this must have its roots in personal conversion and consecration to God."

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