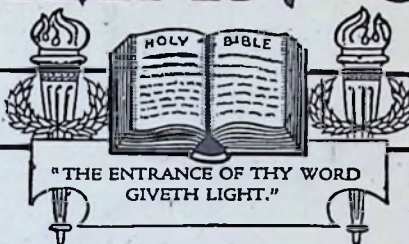


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Giant Strength for Giant Tasks

A WARTIME MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

W. R. Hibburt.

WINSTON CHURCHILL, in his book, "My Early Life," challenges young men, saying, "Come on now, all you young men, all over the world; you must take your places in life's fighting line. Twenty to twenty-five! These are the years." To-day it is more than a challenge, governments are demanding it. We write to you young men of the churches, in personal terms, believing that you are taking the heavy strain that evil in our day and generation is putting upon our homes, churches, institutions, ideals, faith in God and belief in the ultimate decency of things. You have been called upon to take the strain before many of you have had sufficient time to make the mental, moral fibre and spiritual sinews the task requires. Whatever the convictions that determine your attitude (and be certain they are convictions, for nothing else will stand the test), we write to assure you that a host of Christian friends pray for you in terms of giant strength for your giant tasks.

History's pages indicate that God delights in using young men. Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Gideon and David were all doing exploits in the days of their youth that required spiritual as well as physical strength. Jesus deliberately chose young men to assist him in his world programme. He, too, took the strain of evil forces while a young man. God nerved Joshua, saying, "These are my orders: be firm and brave; never be daunted or dismayed, for the Eternal your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1: 9, Moffatt).

Beautiful Ideals Confront Brutal Facts.

We are sensitive to the confusion of thought that is in your mind, as beautiful ideals fashioned in home, Sunday school, Bible class and church have been confronted with brutal facts. The first casualty in war is the destruction of God-given ideals which mankind is striving to translate into everyday life. War discloses the naked reality that two forces are ever at work in the world—good and evil, God and Satan. The power of evil alarms us as we sense that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The cross of Christ reveals that, while evil was doing its worst, "standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own." Your beautiful ideals remain after evil has spent itself. After the brutal fact of the crucifixion follows the beautiful fact of the resurrection. The central victory of the ages was achieved by Jesus Christ in the world's zero hour. Jesus faced evil at its worst, with the cry of victory on his lips. "Courage," he cried, "I have overcome the world." Let this fact grip you and offset the

crash of your beautiful ideals and haunting fears. The implications of it empower you with this amazing personal spiritual fact. "He who is within you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4: 4). It is this fact that warrants the Apostle Paul making such statements as, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might," and "Never be scared for a second by your opponents; your fearlessness is a clear omen of ruin for them and of your own salvation—at the hands of God" (Eph. 6: 10; Phil. 1: 28; Moffatt).

Allow the Worst to Bring Out the Best.

The ugly world situation is apt to cause us to think and say unlovely things. It is liable to twist our thoughts and scar our souls as well as our bodies. The war machine necessitates the congregating of men in military camps. Men never reach their best when denied the sanctifying influences of women. A camp official interested in the social and spiritual life of the men expressed amazement at the excess of swearing by the younger men. A test revealed that many were using six uncouth words in every ten to express their feelings. We merely record this fact to encourage Christian young men to act as censor of their own words and thoughts. Young men who boast that a dictator will never "goose-step" their feet or minds, often meekly and weakly submit to the dictatorship of public opinion and social custom. Swearing, smoking and drinking are outward evidences that the mind is conforming to conventions at the expense of convictions. Paul indicates the strategy for this kind of warfare, when he reasons with young men, saying, "Never let evil get the better of you; get the better of evil by doing good" (Rom. 12: 21, Moffatt). Allow the worst to bring out the best! Ever remember that "though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong."

The Hero in the Soul.

New Zealand's first Victoria Cross man in the present war is from the ranks of the Bible class movement. Sergeant J. A. Ward, V.C., who is only 22 years of age, gained his reward for his daring exploit in climbing on the wing of his aircraft to save it from destruction by fire while returning from a bombing expedition. Though such distinction may not come your way, the hero in your soul will be challenging you to daring exploits on the spur of the moment within the moral and spiritual realms. If you respond, God will see that you do not go unrewarded. Again we assure you of a wide circle of Christian friends in many congregations praying for you giant strength for your giant tasks.

World-Wide Communion Service.

THE committee of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches in America is urging non-Roman churches throughout the world to observe next Lord's day, October 5, as a world-wide communion Sunday. Dr. Jesse M. Bader, who is secretary of this department as well as general secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, asks the co-operation of all members in Australia.

The highest reason for our coming together around the Lord's table on next Lord's day, as on any other, is that the Saviour himself has asked us to remember him, and we follow the example of the apostolic church in meeting to break bread on the first day of the week. While this is our constantly declared practice, however, it is sadly true that a great many church members do not regularly attend the worship service. These may well be urged to a new sense of privilege and to make a beginning of a habitual witness to the world, seeing that as often as we eat the bread and drink the cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he come.

No Need to Wait.

A BRIEF newspaper report of a sermon by Mr. A. Penry Evans seems to us to contain some excellent advice. The preacher urged that the churches should be zealous in their work now, not holding up their efforts either until the subject of Christian union is settled as we hope it will, or until this dreadful world war ceases. We quote a few sentences:—

"The churches should not wait for the war to end, but should set about their own work to Christianise the nation. Others were tempted to wait for a revival of religion. But the duty of the church was not only to supply religion for the religiously minded, but to create a spiritual desire in those in whom it was wanting."

Christian unity and world peace are, of course, matters of tremendous importance. But even if the coming of both be long delayed, it is our duty to carry on in our Christian work.

The New World Order.

IT is well that people are thinking of the future and seeking for plans to make a better world. Christian leaders, preachers and others, are sharing in the planning. It should not be forgotten that the New Testament opens with a call to a change of life in view of a new order which was about to be established. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," was the call of John the Baptist and also of our Lord. In his Sermon on the Mount Christ set forth the principles of that kingdom. We must remember, too, that he has himself promised to set up a new order in the future: "Behold, I make all things

new." The record of divine revelation almost closes with the vision of "a new heaven and a new earth." A new order not of our Lord's establishing will not stand. But we may console ourselves with the thought that his promise will certainly be fulfilled.

One of our esteemed preachers in Australia, referring to the new social order of which so much is being spoken, writes: "I hope this thinking and planning for the future will get us somewhere. Some of the most ardent of the social reformers seem to me to be putting the cart before the horse. A new order depends on new men and plenty of them, and I know of one power only that can re-create men."

United Christian Witness.

THE United Christian Witness campaign held in Essendon Town Hall, Vic., from Sept. 7 to 14 did much good and attracted great attention. A striking tribute to its value was given by the "Essendon Gazette," which after good reports of the opening meetings in an earlier issue, devoted a great proportion of its issue for Sept. 18 to the campaign. Across the full width of its front page was the head-

ing "Most Memorable Christian Witness Concludes," with the further line, "An End Which Must Also be a Beginning." In an issue of ten pages, well over four pages were devoted to detailed, almost verbatim, reports of the addresses given in the latter part of the week of meetings. The introductory note contained the words: "Under the spell of forceful and eloquent speeches, old memories of faith and worship were revived, pledges of new consecration were made, and in many minds a wistful yearning deepened into strong conviction that in a return to God and religion, and in a new application of the Christian gospel to the common life of men, communities and nations lies the real hope for a new and better order. So impressive was this conviction that on all sides the opinion has been enthusiastically expressed, 'This movement has given the lead which the community needs. It has set the people thinking. It has begun well, and must go on.'" The address of Bro. A. L. Gibson, one of the two Thursday evening speakers on "Christ in Commerce and Industry," was given a full half-page. It is a pleasure to note this appreciation and recognition of the value of Christianity given by a secular paper.

Safer Than a Known Way.

Stanton H. Wilson.

ONE clear summer night, on the Bethlehem hills, sat a shepherd watching the still coming of the stars, as one by one they broke through from that other world where it is always light. He watched, and as he watched he counted, and when they were too numerous to number, he sat beneath the diamond dome of the night, "lost in wonder, love and praise." And this is what he said, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."

That is the only astrology the Bible approves—that study of the stars which fills the mind with thoughts of God. To-day with a different motive men measure

The Stars.

Perhaps it is dawning on this war-torn world that it is lost. "Like children crying in the night, with no language but a cry," men have seen "some consequence yet hanging in the stars." It is all so much like the fancies of childhood that we become strangely reflective.

We remember how sure we were that the window blind tapping the pane was a burglar! Then, as we emerged from the blankets a second time, found it was only the blind. We were lying on the borders of waking and sleeping and were sure a fairy danced on the sill! We looked again and found it was the tassel of the blind-cord swaying in the breeze. The foundations of such figments were in the fact that we were in the dark. Now what we did with the blind and the tassel, men are doing with the stars.

The world, trying to interpret things in the half-light, with alternating fear and fancy, sees burglars and fairies in the stars. That is the psychology of astrology.

It is a theory that has always flourished in the spiritual half-lights of history. Our statesmen are not the first to be alarmed by its ephemeral growth. Nearly three thousand years ago Isaiah said, "Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators stand up, and save thee from these

things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them."

True, there are astrologers in the New Testament, but remember that they fade from the story once the star which they followed had brought them to the cradle of the Christ.

Astrology is doomed; it leaves no place for conversion. There is no place in the horoscope for Jacob to be changed from a supplanter to a prevailer; Thomas to doubt and then confess; Paul to persecute and later to preach. Horoscopes of such men would need to swing 180 degrees, while the corresponding astronomical change would involve us in a universal eclipse. Astrology can never be our guide; it leaves no room for redemption. Shall we then take Jimminy Cricket's advice and always let our

Conscience

be our guide? Disney says it works well on the screen. But the screen is flat, and life there is presented by the skill of the artist's brush. Our life is vastly different—the artist's brush has little place in these drab days—the crises of life come to us in bold reality. For these, conscience is not enough. We've all obeyed our conscience—and failed!

It was "in all good conscience" that Paul made havoc of the church of God. It was doubtless in all good conscience that Arundel called Wycliffe "that pestilent wretch, the son of the old Serpent, the forerunner of Antichrist," yet each subsequent century has exposed the prenotation of this conscientious archbishop. The Inquisition was the weapon of the Christian (?) conscience of the Middle Ages. It is not enough to say, "I'll live according to the light I have," unless the great white light of God shines on your path. His is enlightening light, even as David said, "In thy light we see light." Unless this light illumines our way, we walk in darkness and do not the truth.

Not the chart and compass of life are not in the splendor of the stars nor in the seclusion of one's own self, but in

God.

For God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. In him all lesser lights pale into insignificance. "Give me," cries the human heart, "give me some real person in whom I can fix my faith and know I can never be disappointed;

some great purpose that will change my life from a pantomime to a pilgrimage." To this eternal cry comes the eternal answer, "This is my beloved Son, hear him."

It is no use building a booth for astrology, one for conscience and one for Christ. "Hear him"—we are summoned to supreme allegiance to the Christ who teaches us that God is personal, powerful and possessive! I am his, and he is mine. "This God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." Therefore, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

At the Table of the Lord

ONCE AND FOR ALL.

"He, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."—Hebrews 10: 12.

THERE is declared in Scripture a glorious finality about the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, our great High Priest, "through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place [into heaven itself] having obtained eternal redemption." So completely efficacious is the sacrifice that "by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." In the Epistle to the Hebrews the glory of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, is contrasted with the lower status and work of the high priests of the old covenant. The nature and values of the sacrifices offered under the old and new covenants are also contrasted. It was impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin. There were offered "the same sacrifices year by year" which could never make perfect them that drew nigh. The familiar verses of Isaac Watts well express the truth which lies as the foundation of our hopes:

"Not all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

"But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our guilt away,
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they."

In addition to numerous inferences, it is five times explicitly stated within a few verses in the ninth and tenth chapters of Hebrews that there was but one sacrifice made "once for all." That one offering for sin, the inspired writers loved to think, constitutes the ground of our forgiveness and acceptance with God.

Inevitably we are led to contrast the view of the Scriptures with the teaching regarding the Lord's Supper advanced by Roman Catholic priests and some others that there is a "sacrifice of the mass," that the word "do" in Christ's request, "Do this in remembrance of me," means "offer sacrifice," and that Christ is over and over again offered up as an oblation to God on behalf of communicants. It would probably be impossible to find a more dreadful or direct denial than this of the revelation of God, and particularly of the repeated statement regarding the "one sacrifice of sins for ever." There is in the church of God no priest save in the sense that all Christians are priests. The Christian priesthood offers up spiritual sacrifices. The word for sacrificing priest is never employed in Gospels or epistles of any Christian. Christ Jesus fulfilled all the priestly types of the Old Testament; he, our sole High Priest, "gathered in himself all these priestly functions, and offered himself unto God 'once for all' as the final sacrifice."

"With joy we meditate the grace
Of our High Priest above;
His heart is made of tenderness
And ever yearns with love."

South Australian Conference.

Theo. Edwards.

CONFERENCE sessions opened on Thursday night, Sept. 18, with a social service demonstration. Hon. F. Halliday presided. Mr. Watts-Grimmett spoke on "The Church in the New World Order." Glenelg choir assisted; Mr. N. Haddrick conductor, Sister Mrs. Allan Garland organist.

Business sessions this year commenced on Saturday morning instead of Monday, the object being to give brethren in business the opportunity of attending. The president, Bro. J. E. Shipway, occupied the chair. A resolution of loyalty to the Throne was moved by the president, and the National Anthem sung. Greetings were received from conference executives in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Launceston, and the Sisters' Auxiliary Conference.

The president extended a welcome to preachers who had recently arrived in the State—Bren. Keith Jones, S. L. Patching, J. E. Brooke and G. T. Fitzgerald, and to interstate visitors. Bren. S. Riches and F. Saunders responded.

The newly-formed church at Whyalla applied for admission to the union and was accepted.

Notices of motion involving amendments to the constitution, conscientious objectors and affiliation fees were presented by the churches at Dulwich, Grote-st., Ungarra and Stirling East.

The Executive Committee's report was presented by Bro. H. R. Taylor. Sympathy was expressed with those whose loved ones during the year had entered into rest. A successful spiritual convention had been held during March this year.

Statistics.

190 members added by faith and baptism, 12 baptised believers, and 15 by restoration. Losses, 52 by death, 454 by revision of roll. The present membership is 6752. Bible school scholars number 5018, teachers 859, showing a nett loss of 233 scholars and 17 teachers; 110 scholars were added to the church. Christian Endeavorers number 1782, a loss of 197 for the year.

After 31 years of faithful service, Bro. H. J. Horsell retired from the office of union secretary to the less arduous task of the central office and book room. His faithful service has been recognised by an allowance from executive funds.

Income derived from conference fees, levies from departments, and a contribution of £60 from the surplus income of the Union Trust Fund amounted to £442/7/11; payments, £426/14/6; balance in bank, £15/13/5. To perpetuate the memory of donors of bequests and endowments, their names, amount, and objects of their gifts are to be published annually.

Bro. A. H. Wilson delivered a devotional message.

Business sessions were resumed on Monday morning.

Social Service Department.

Co-operating with similar organisations, particularly the United Service Reform Board, efforts have been made to reduce betting facilities. Attempts to legalise lotteries have been resolutely resisted. An attempt to frustrate the introduction of wet canteens into military camps failed. Of £25/14/3 contributed to the Morialta Homes, £7/12/- went through this committee. Two issues of the department's paper, "Social Voice," have this year been distributed. It is hoped to take up an offering for the work early in November.

The report of the work of United Churches' Social Reform Board was presented by Mr. H. G. Hackworthy, president, following which resolutions were passed expressing appreciation of the Federal Government's attitude towards conscientious objectors in accepting British law governing such, but requesting that a trial in

civil courts be given in preference to military courts. An emphatic protest was made against increasing facilities for the consumption of wine, urging the use of the wine supply for the manufacture of power alcohol. Concern at the demoralising influence of licenced betting shops was expressed. Government was urged as a moral and economic necessity to eliminate them and to take steps to close betting shops at 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bible School Department.

Croydon school held the efficiency shield this year; Strathalbyn the efficiency star. A teachers' library had been in circulation among the schools. Youth Week and Bible School Day



Mr. E. Ross Manning,
Newly-elected President of the South
Australian Conference.

had proved successful. The kindergarten class, under Miss F. Bond, had continued with success throughout the year. Training camps had been held at Gawler and Tumby Bay. Candidates who sat for the scripture examinations numbered 389. A quarterly bulletin had been issued. A week of teacher training had been held in four centres; average attendance of teachers, 85. Bro. W. F. Nankivell spoke on "The School the Times Demand." The demonstration was held in Adelaide Town Hall at night. A good attendance showed keen interest. Music was provided by Maylands Bible school, while combined kindergartens gave the item, "God's Care for Baby Moses," and young men from Unley presented a dramatisation of "Paul Before Agrippa." Bro. H. J. Murray was choir conductor. Prizes won at the recent examinations were presented.

Home Mission Department.

Close contact with the fields had been kept by the organiser. City and suburban brethren had been called upon and willingly responded to supply in various centres. Financial report.—Commenced year with a debit balance of £72. Sisters' Auxiliary Conference presented a cheque of £108/7/-. The March offering reached £920/2/-, an increase of £100 over last year. Duplex envelopes, £91/7/10 (compared with £87/7/2 last year). The total offering amounted to £1014/5/7. Credit balance, June 30, £307/15/7.

Reports of work in the field were presented by Bren. N. G. Noble, Murray Bridge; H. R.

Fitch, Gawler-Williamstown, read in his absence; B. W. Manning, Goolwa and Victor Harbour; B. H. Rough, secretary Broken Hill; H. G. Norris, Central Eyre's Peninsula; M. F. Lawrie, Kadina and Wallaroo; F. G. Banks, Moonta; A. C. Killmier, B.A., Naracoorte; A. C. Rankine, Fullarton. A recommendation to the incoming committee was made that an effort be made to establish a Local Preachers' Association.

Foreign Missions Committee.

Staff in India was strengthened by the return of Bro. and Sister Roy Coventry. Dr. Michael has been released for military service. Nurse Mary Clipstone had arrived safely and taken up work at Aoba, New Hebrides. The earlier closing of the conference year made finances impossible of comparison with last year. The Sisters' Auxiliary contributed £120; Bible schools £106/18/9, C.E. societies £110/2/-, Y.P. clubs £19/10/6. Three of the States supported living links. Shipping difficulties prevented forwarding parcels for Christmas cheer. Receipts indicated a growing interest in the publication "Goodly Pearls." Bro. Colin Thomas addressed the conference.

The report of the Building Extension Committee indicated an increase this year in the annual offering of £27/17/10; total, £110/10/10. In addition the Union Trust contributed the usual £50. Instalments paid off church loans amounted to £306/0/6. £50 loan was received from the Bible School Department to assist the work at Edwardstown West. An amount of £225/2/3 borrowed some years ago from the Adelaide College had been repaid.

A well-attended tea and fellowship meeting was arranged by the C.E. Department. This was followed by a great rally in the evening at Grote-st. chapel. A very fine programme was presented to an appreciative audience.

On Sunday afternoon the town hall was full to capacity to hear Bro. Roy Raymond, of West Australia, speak on "The Church for Today," a message greatly appreciated. Grote-st. choir and Sister McPhee assisted, with Bro. W. W. Watson conducting.

C.E. Departments.

A delegates' meeting was held, country societies being represented by proxy delegates. The hospitals at Northfield and the Children's Hospital were visited periodically. The department united with the Bible School Department in the camp at Gawler. Societies have suffered as a result of enlistments. £60/19/5 was raised for foreign missions, £22/12/6 for home missions, and 11/- for philanthropic purposes, a total of £112/16/4.

Preacher Placement and Advisory Board.

The Board, appointed by conference last year, held ten meetings during the year. Agreements with churches were made and signed by 34 congregations, deferred by 5, no reply from 18, 3 refused; 37 preachers out of a total of 41 preachers signed the prepared agreement. Conference had been held with churches, and preachers advised. Finance was supplied by a brother who wished to remain anonymous.

Training Committee.

The central training class did not function this year. The class at Queenstown with Bro. Brooker continues. Other classes were organised at Hindmarsh with Bro. Ewers and at Cowandilla with Bro. Hollams.

Officers Elected.

Past president, J. E. Shipway; president, E. R. Manning; president-elect, A. Anderson; secretary, H. R. Taylor; assistant secretary, C. L. Johnston; treasurer, F. P. Langlois; W. C. Brooker, E. C. Mauger, F. K. Glover, A. G. Hinde.

Home Missions Committee.—A. H. Lovell, A. McGlasson, W. J. Marshman, E. A. Riches, C. Schwab, J. T. Train, C. H. Vereco, M. Jacobs, T. E. Yelland, W. L. Ewers, J. E. Shipway, W. L. Harris, W. Thomson, A. L. Read.

Foreign Missions Committee.—W. L. Ewers,

A. J. Ingham, H. P. Manning, A. C. Rankine, E. A. Riches, Dr. Turner, A. Anderson, F. A. Halleday, A. J. Brooker, T. P. Richardson, W. Green, W. Rudd.

Bible Schools Department.—W. Beiler, H. A. Dumberton, J. H. I. Durdin, A. Mauger, W. F. Nankivell, F. Collins, A. H. Lovell, H. W. Hannam, Mrs. D. Wood, C. L. Johnston.

C.E. Committee.—Lyall Aird, F. Fisher, J. Hollams, A. E. Hurren, A. R. Jones, W. Beiler, H. E. Paddick, Mrs. H. Burchell, Miss Thora Smith, A. Glastonbury.

Social Service Committee.—F. A. Halleday, H. A. Jones, A. E. Mauger, H. E. Paddick, G. F. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Nankivell, L. Riches, A. R. Jones.

Building Extension Committee.—F. P. Langlois, O. V. Mann, C. H. Verco.

Training Committee.—W. C. Brooker, C. Schwab, A. C. Rankine, W. L. Ewers, A. P. Manning, H. R. Taylor.

Auditors.—A. V. Hollands, T. P. Richardson. S.A. Alliance.—A. E. Hurren, J. T. Train.

Morialta Protestant Children's Homes.—Mrs. H. Bartlett, T. H. Glover, F. A. Halleday.

Aborigines' Friends' Council.—H. J. Ansell, Mrs. R. Stacey, Mrs. Nankivell, T. E. Yelland.

Council of Churches.—Theo. Edwards, T. E. Yelland, C. Schwab, F. A. Halleday.

On Tuesday morning reports were received from the Book Room sub-committee and the Morialta Children's Homes. The incoming president, Bro. E. Ross Manning, addressed conference on the topic, "Christ and His Relationship to a New Order." Deputations were received from Council of Churches, Sir Edward Lucas, King's College, Mr. Grimwade.

During conference an appeal was made on behalf of a new cause to be opened at Albert Park under the oversight of Queenstown church. Results of the appeal are not yet known, but it is hoped that the building will be opened free of debt.

Resolutions.

Greetings to brethren and sisters with the fighting forces. Appreciation of conference sermon by Bro. R. Raymond; a digest be forwarded the "Australian Christian." Appreciation recorded of assistance given by the Austral Publishing Co. to churches of New Testament faith. Christian greetings sent to the Baptist Union, with the suggestion that six representative members be appointed to meet with six of ours to consider approaches to a closer unity. That the union executive be requested to consider the fitting celebration of the centenary of the Restoration Movement in this State in 1946 and report at next conference. Appreciation was expressed of the work of the Federal College at Glen Iris.

State and Federal conferences combined in the closing service on Tuesday night, held in Adelaide Town Hall. It followed the great home mission tea. Bro. A. Read, president of the Federal Conference, presided. Maylands choir, conducted by Bro. A. V. Anderson, with Sister F. K. Glover at the piano, provided music. The incoming president, Bro. E. Ross Manning, was introduced by Bro. J. E. Shipway. Inspirational addresses were delivered by Bren. B. W. Manning and Roy Raymond.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

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

"THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISM."

IN his recent article (Sept. 10) headed "The Doctrine of Baptism" Bro. Scambler says that, as we do not require of candidates for

baptism any creedal belief as to its design, "there is no reason on the grounds of any difference about baptism why the whole Baptist brotherhood should not be welcomed to complete fellowship and unity." I think the problem is not so simple as that. There are serious practical difficulties. For instance, there are Baptist churches in some Australian States as well as in Britain (not in U.S.A.) who receive non-baptised believers into membership as well as fellowship at the Lord's table—logical perhaps though unscriptural. So there would gradually be a merging of baptised and non-baptised members in the united body, spreading into the hitherto baptised memberships. Then, too, there would be Baptist Church of Christ preachers who would emphasise in the pulpit that baptism was not in order to salvation but because believers were already saved. So far as I can see, union must be more along the lines of unity—individual churches and individuals being brought to acceptance of the plain New Testament teaching on the subject.—A. M. Ludbrook.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

I WAS amazed to see in your issue of Sept. 24 an announcement of a United Communion Service of Baptists and Churches of Christ to be held on Tuesday night, Oct. 28. My amazement was not diminished when I saw that the notice was above the signature of a brother who has a reputation among us of contending for the "Old Paths." I submit that a communion service on a Tuesday night can only weaken our witness for the apostolic practice of meeting on the first day of each week for the breaking of bread. By observing the Lord's Supper any odd time, every argument for weekly communion and every objection against monthly, quarterly and half-yearly communion are swept away. As one who was brought up as a Baptist, I am quite familiar with the Baptist standpoint. Most Baptist churches practise monthly communion; but it is not because of any principle on the matter, but an indifference to apostolic precedent. Our Union Committee is not therefore showing any deference to Baptist principles in arranging this mid-week communion; but, as I understand it, making a sacrifice of Churches of Christ principles. It is no argument that when Jesus instituted the supper, it was on a week night. For, besides there being a restriction in time by circumstances during passion week, the first day of the week could not acquire its New Testament significance till after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Other elements must also be lacking in a pre-passion observance of the supper. But the fact remains that when the supper was incorporated later into the worship of the church, it was observed on the first day of the week. The breaking of the bread was not speeded up for the convenience of Paul and his travelling companions at Troas, but they waited seven days for the first day of the week to come for its observance. The united testimony of writers of the sub-apostolic age confirms us in adhering to the observance of the Lord's Supper only on the Lord's day as an Apostolic rule. If it is thought fitting to express fellowship with Christians known as Baptists by means of a communion service, let it be at a time for which we have approved precedent.—Lionel A. Johnston.

THE CHURCH "ON THE AIR."

THE church should have a session "on the air" whereby through a wireless transmitter we might present our message to a divided church and to a Christless world. This has been my conviction for many years; and by what I have heard from others, I am not alone in this. Yet we seem to be beating the air, oftentimes like "wishful thinkers." I believe the move must eventually come to the executive committees of the various States for a searching investigation, whether the prime mover be a member of the executive or the conference to which the executive belongs. The session

would be planned to the best advantage so as to instruct and interest listeners in the plea of the Restoration Movement of the Churches of Christ. The nature of the session would determine the results. What would you do if you knew that, at a certain hour, from a particular "station" one of our brethren would be speaking, and perhaps questions answered with other items being equal. Our own session on the air? What would you do? So would the question be not whether but how. I feel that this matter is worthy of prayerful consideration.—Denzil C. Ritchie.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—THE GREATEST BATTLE.

Monday, October 6.

I BEHELD Satan fallen as lightning from heaven.—Luke 10: 18.

When the seventy returned with the good news that devils had been cast out, "Jesus saw," in their victories, "Satan falling from lofty heights with the swiftness of lightning. The overthrow of Satan was then in progress," to be completed in due time.

Reading—Luke 10: 17-20.

Tuesday, October 7.

Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light.—2 Cor. 11: 14.

Satan never shows himself in his right colors. Indeed, when he, the lowest and the vilest, comes to tempt us, he appears as an angel of light, the very essence of piety, whilst in reality he is the essence of deceit and wickedness.

Reading—2 Cor. 11: 12-15.

Wednesday, October 8.

Fight the good fight of faith.—1 Tim. 6: 12.

The present world-struggle is the greatest physical strife to date, yet an even greater struggle has been waged ever since the creation of man. It is the fight against our own evil propensities; against Satan and his emissaries; against sin and falsehood.

Reading—1 Timothy 6: 11-16.

Thursday, October 9.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from thee.—James 4: 7.

Satan is more powerful than any of this world's generals or armies, yet impotent when confronted by the weakest and frailest Christian, for God, who is infinitely stronger than the devil, draws nigh to help his child in the hour of trouble.

Reading—James 4: 7-17.

Friday, October 10.

Put on the whole armour of God.—Eph. 6: 11.

In worldly war, adequate equipment is imperative. So in the battle of the Lord. There is, however, this difference. Whilst old-time armour and methods are obsolete, the armour prescribed for the Christian will never be out of date, and the divine method of waging war will never be out-grown.

Reading—Ephesians 6: 10-20.

Saturday, October 11.

I have fought the good fight.—2 Tim. 4: 7.

As life drew to its close, the apostle looked back with satisfaction upon the battles in which he had been engaged, and the victories he had won. He also looked forward to complete triumph over every foe, and the obtaining of "the crown of righteousness" at the appearing of his Lord.

Reading—2 Timothy 4: 1-8.

Sunday, October 12.

Finally, be strong in the Lord.—Eph. 6: 10. It sounds paradoxical, yet it is nevertheless true, that when we are weak then are we strong. It is the mystery of partnership with Christ. The frailest become the strongest when linked with omnipotence.

Readings—Deuteronomy 4: 1-14; Ephesians 6.

Our Young People Praying for Guidance.

C.E. Interests and Activities.

Conducted by W. W. Saunders.

DARWIN C.E. ANNIVERSARY.

WE have reported in these columns the commencement and growth of the Darwin C.E. Society. Readers will be interested to know that the first anniversary celebrations of the society were held on August 3 and 12. The secretary writes: "Our anniversary passed off in excellent style, even beyond my wildest thought. On Sunday the Endeavorers took the evening service. . . . The choir of 40 Endeavorers sang 'Lead me to Calvary,' 'I Need Jesus,' 'He Lives' and 'He Ransomed Me.' There was a congregation of nearly 300, and all seemed to enjoy it." At the public meeting on Tuesday, the report and balance sheet were read, officers for the ensuing year were installed and Padre Harris, of the Air Force, gave the message. A birthday supper followed, 80 young people participating. Greetings from all States, the national president and many societies were read at this function. The secretary concludes: "So ended a year of service well worth while, and we are looking forward to a new year even better and richer with blessing. We pray that our society will grow, and above all, be a real glowing witness in a place where the power of God is so needed."

QUEENSLAND CONVENTION.

THE 50th annual convention of the Queensland C.E. Union was held in Brisbane from Friday, Aug. 1, to Thursday, Aug. 7. The opening rally on the Friday was preceded by a welcome tea presided over by the State president, Mr. J. S. Reed. Mr. W. L. Slater, speaker at the rally, introduced the convention theme, "Warfaring with Christ." Saturday afternoon's junior rally was followed by open-air meetings and an evening rally, "With C.E. in Pictures." Morning watches, broadcast and local church services occupied Sunday. An intermediate rally followed on Monday evening, and in response to the appeal of the speaker, Mr. J. Sweet, many decided for Christ. A youth to youth rally on Wednesday proved popular and profitable, three messages being given on "Despatches from the Field." The convention was brought to a fitting close by the intercessory and consecration service on Thursday. Mr. G. H. Nelson, world vice-president, installed new officers, and Mr. E. F. Heather, ex-president of N.S.W. Union, challenged all with his call to enlist in Christ's army and go out actively campaigning for him. Lunch-hour sessions were held on Monday and Thursday, and afternoon Bible study sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A PIECE OF NATIONAL SERVICE.

WE can keep our hearts from the cankerous growth of hatred; we can arrest the spread of evil lies and whispering rumour; we can shed goodwill and cheer among our fellows, even among those we are being taught to call our enemies, for they, too, have fear and anxiety in their hearts; we can, through service, overcome the grief we may be called to bear; we can reduce great thoughts to practice by deeds of charity; we can guard against intolerance, and as we are inflicting suffering we can be brave enough to bear it for ourselves; we can feel ashamed that our work for peace has failed and from that shame serve peace yet more devoutly; we can give thanks for life, for the indwelling Spirit can overcome even a world at war; we can serve our nation and our race in this; that by sowing the seed of universal love and justice, mankind will reap the harvest of a warless world. —Published by the Society of Friends.

Psalms 31.

Prayer Meeting Topic for October 8.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THE circumstances in which this psalm was written are not clear to us. Some think it belongs to the days when Saul was seeking David's life; others believe it is associated with the trouble at the time of Absalom's rebellion. Whatever the actual situation, it was a day of trouble, and when David was in need. He never neglected the source of all his strength and help—God. "For thy name's sake, lead me and guide me" (ver. 3).

It would probably be good for us all to-day to remember that God guides men, and often without their knowledge. We who know him should definitely ask for and seek guidance. How will it be given?

1. The Leading of Providence.

It may be hard to explain, and especially to those who live for the moment and see not the ways of God with men throughout the ages. We all tend to judge the whole in the light of our own experience within a generation. We argue from particulars to universals and seldom become aware of the fallacy. But surely there are few people who can survey the history of the world of men and not know that there is some "far-off" divine event to which the whole creation moves. There is something purposive in the whole. Back of all the wayward and sinful desires of men is a God who while pitying and hating the sin and consequent destruction, yet somehow or other, and despite us and with us, is overruling all. Sometimes he may directly intervene in the raising up of a special man of God or as in the sending of Christ to our world. It is his world, and God will not be frustrated in his purposes in and for it. Trust God and depend upon his providential care.

2. His Word.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." These texts are from great David and his greater Son Jesus. There is no better guidance than in his word. But the pity is that it is so largely neglected. We believe that the world to-day is suffering so dreadfully because it seeks not the guidance of God's word. Middleton Murry in his book "The Price of Leadership" declares that the failure of democracy is the failure to link religion with itself, and he therefore urges strongly the need for Christian education. In his word there is light, and without it we shall lose our way, and democracy as a political way of life cease to be. We are in danger of losing our soul, if we have not already lost it, because we have not the guidance of God through the word of truth. We must not only pray for guidance, but be prepared to follow the direction of his word.

3. His Spirit.

"The Bible itself affords no countenance to the idea that life can be rightly guided by the written Word alone, severed from the living presence and teaching of the Holy Spirit." Words and sentences can be read as such, and it requires the Spirit himself to give us understanding. The true meaning of scripture is hidden from the unspiritual mind. The Spirit will lead you into all truth. "A rightly guided life means: (1) A life of faith in Christ, and this is the Holy Spirit's gift and work (Matt. 16: 17). (2) A life of prayer, and the Holy Spirit is at once the answer to prayer and the inspirer of prayer (Luke 11: 13, Jude 20).

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 15.—"WHEN SHALL THESE THINGS BE?"—Luke 21: 1-33.

Social Service

Notes and Comments.

Will. H. Clay.

Social Services.

THE increasing attention being given to the improvement of social conditions all over the world, but particularly in countries which, so far, have not been directly involved in the present war, offers encouragement to all those who are deeply concerned about post-war conditions. Were it not for the general tendency to improve the lot of the less fortunate, the prospect would be indescribable. All agree that governments have been altogether parsimonious in their treatment of the poor aged and invalid. Conditions governing assistance have been hard and often cruel. Assistance to the unemployed and the needy has been too niggardly. No longer can it be claimed that the government cannot afford to increase the measure of assistance. Whatever our views of the money question, the events of recent years, which have called for millions and more millions of pounds to destroy and lay waste, have proved that money can be, and is, the servant of the people. The first progress report of the Parliamentary joint committee on social security has been tabled in Canberra, and it is being given immediate attention. Post-war unemployment, generous provision for invalids, the blind, the deaf and dumb, widows, orphans and deserted wives, vocational training for invalids, and the urgency of the housing and slum problem are covered in the report.

Unemployment.

Let it not be said that all those who are at present unemployed are unemployable. To say so is a cruel libel. Some good men are still unemployed who are willing to do anything. Some are over 60 years of age, and this in itself is sufficient. Even the munitions factories do not want them. Some have a physical defect, and some have followed professions which at present are not busy. If you know of a job let us know.

Statutory Declarations.

Previously only justices of the peace and commissioners for taking affidavits could take declarations under the Evidence Act in Victoria. The Act now in operation permits ministers of religion to take declarations on matters related to public departments. This will be a great convenience to many. Other States may already have moved in this direction.

Christian Guest Home.

Members of the church are asked to visit the home at Oakleigh at will. If desiring to inspect the home, please advise the matron. It is desired that all shall take a personal interest in the home and in its guests. These are often lonely souls who look for the friendly visitor with intense longing. Some are deaf, some are no longer able to read. To these the days are long and the monotony of life is palling. It is good to give some time occasionally to cheer some cheerless soul. Try a visit to the home. The women of the churches are making an effort to raise £200 by the end of the year. Each church is selecting means best suited to its own circumstances. The Women's Auxiliary is visiting group centres during the fortnight commencing Oct. 6 with a view to assisting the women of the churches by way of suggestions and encouragement. This effort is in lieu of the annual fete.

League of Friendship.

The co-operation of all members is sought to make this branch of our work a success. Vans will call on request to any address within reasonable distance of the city to pick up waste papers, newsprint, rags, metals, etc. Every little will be appreciated.

Here and There.

Bro. A. E. Illingworth on Sunday last completed his fifth year of ministry with the church at Essendon, Vic.

By telegraph from Bro. F. B. Stow we learn that Bren. Hinrichsen and Morris commenced a mission at Wagga, N.S.W., last Sunday.

Members of Frankston church, Vic., rejoice in the progress being made with the chapel building, and hope soon to announce the date of opening. Members are loyally supporting the work, and have made many good gifts, and also are appreciative of gifts being made by others.

We are requested to announce that a women's inter-church service, under the auspices of the Women's Inter-church Council of Victoria, will be held in Scots Church, Collins-st., Melbourne, on Friday, Oct. 17, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. F. W. Head will deliver an address on "The Aims of the Inter-church Council."

At Wollongong, N.S.W., four were received into fellowship on Sept. 28, two by letter and two who had recently been baptised. A sister made the good confession. At prayer meeting a sister was baptised, and two lads and a girl confessed Christ. The church regrets the loss of Bro. and Sister Ahearn, who have removed to Sydney.

At the quarterly rally of the Victorian Churches of Christ Girls' Fellowship, held in Central House, Collins-st., Melbourne, on Sept. 18, a good representative gathering of girls was present. For the past three months the members have been working for social service, and at this meeting 117 garments and £3/15/6 in cash donations were handed in. These were divided between our own Social Service Department and the Port Melbourne branch of the Melbourne City Mission.

On Sept. 21 Bro. Dudley spoke to the church at Drumcondra, Vic., on "Good, Better, Best," and at night on "Almost Persuaded," when one made the good confession. On Sept. 28 Bro. Dudley spoke at 11 a.m. on "Imitators of God," and at 7 p.m. on "The Good Confession." Canvass of the district by teachers and friends has resulted in increased numbers in Bible school, 51 attending on Sept. 28. Mrs. Meyers, who has been ill, is now meeting with the church again. Band of Hope and Phi Beta Pi clubs meet regularly.

Visiting speakers have occupied Cottonville, S.A., pulpit during past fortnight. On Sept. 21 Bren. Hutson, of Port Pirie, and S. Stevens, of N.S.W., spoke morning and evening respectively. On 28th Bren. H. G. Norris, of Tumby Bay, and P. Alcorn, of Queensland, were speakers. Many other visitors have been welcomed. Bro. and Sister Don. Manning, of W.A., are visiting their parents. Owing to conference, most auxiliaries went into recess, but preparations for the mission to commence on Oct. 12 are going on. Prayers of the brotherhood are solicited for success of this effort.

We have frequently commended little books of verse by Fairelie Thornton. The latest addition to her series, "Daily Life, or My Task To-day," contains poems contributed to periodicals, here and abroad, during the years. 31 poems, one for each day of the month, are included. The author has for many years exercised a gracious ministry. Her verses are always spiritual and helpful, expressing the thoughts of a heart full of faith and love. The booklet, which may be had for 1/3, would make an appropriate gift to a fellow Christian or one in need of encouragement.

The secretary of Ann-st. church, Brisbane, Qld., reports that Bro. Allen Brooke, who has recently been invalided home, is at present convalescing. We are pleased to be able to report that medical advice would indicate that at the end of the year his medical advisors expect him to be fit to resume duties as preacher. It is proposed, therefore, that he

resume his engagement with Ann-st. church commencing the first Sunday in January next. The church is very grateful for the wonderful assistance and work carried out by Bro. R. L. Arnold, in the interim ministry for which he was engaged, and which he will continue until resumption is possible by Bro. Brooke.

It is announced that an Australian Council of Churches has been formed in Sydney, with Bernard Cockett, minister of Pitt-st. Congregational Church, Sydney, as its first president. The new council, it is said, has been formed to integrate the work of the councils in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania. Research bureaux will be set up to investigate social, religious and moral problems, and information on these subjects will be available to those interested. Specific problems to be dealt with include gambling, drink, poverty, evangelism, labor problems and social welfare.

At the annual meeting of the New South Wales Women's Inter-church Council, Mrs. P. D. McCallum was elected president for the ensuing year and Miss Rebecca Swann secretary. The report showed that during the past year the council had distributed some two thousand circular letters drawing attention to the dangers to children of indiscriminate attendance at cinema entertainments, and had also organised a big effort aimed at retaining 6 p.m. as the latest closing hour for hotel bars and preventing further facilities being granted for the sale of wines and other intoxicating beverages at restaurants.

Fifty-first anniversary celebrations at Perth, W.A., were continued on Sept. 21. Bro. Wilfred Paget gave a helpful exhortation on the need of more effective witness for Christ. At night a ladies' choir sang several anthems, and Mrs. Watson rendered a solo. Bro. J. Wiltshire delivered a stirring address on "A Business Woman Finds Her Saviour." A social service demonstration under auspices of the Social Service Committee of Conference was held on Sept. 23. Addresses on "My Brother's Keeper" and "Public Questions in Wartime" were given by Messrs. Wiltshire and George Tullock (Presbyterian). An offering was taken in aid of the Home for the Aged.

There were splendid meetings at Unley, S.A., on Sept. 28. Bro. A. A. Hughes (Swanston-st., Melbourne) spoke in morning and Bro. Stuart Stevens (Enmore, N.S.W.) at night, when two young men were baptised. Fellowship with many conference visitors at both morning and evening services was enjoyed. Mr. Nankivell, the preacher, has been elected chairman of Bible Schools Department, and Mrs. Nankivell is president-elect of Sisters' Conference. Y.P.C.E. society regained shield for a further twelve months. Intermediates have secured the banner in competition against metropolitan and country societies. Elder Robert Burns recently had to undergo an operation. As he has passed the four-score mark, some anxiety was felt, but he has made an excellent recovery.

"On Sunday, Sept. 28, we held our third Gippsland isolated members' day," writes Bro. W. Gale, our Victorian conference secretary. "The first was held at Warragul, the second at Moe, and this latest visit was to Sale. The brethren at Morwell gave up their services, and a car-load went to Sale. Our party picked up a delegation from Warragul. It is just twelve months since our brethren set up the Lord's table at Sale, and their way of celebration was to hold a rally of isolated members—a splendid idea. Fifty-three were present at morning service, when Mr. Abercrombie, of the Home Missionary Committee, gave an appropriate, historical and inspirational address, urging all to maintain their witness for the Restoration Movement. He revealed that many years ago we had a chapel in Sale. Unfortunately

the brethren did not receive sufficient financial help from Melbourne, and their building was lost to them. How different may have been the history of our Gippsland work if this loss had not been sustained! (History threatens to repeat itself to-day in our country centres.) There was delightful fellowship at the dinner table, when we learned from whence these brethren had gathered—up to 40 miles distant. One family used up a two months' ration of petrol to be present. The writer conducted a preaching service at 2.30, when sixty attended. It was a great day, and we were proud of those who had maintained a weekly gathering over the twelve months. We think it a very happy plan, as practised by these Gippsland brethren, to retain their church membership with the nearest of our churches, at the same time being active in every good word and work wherever possible—teaching in the Bible school, assisting in temperance and youth work wherever they can find opportunity, as did Roy Kemp and family at Orbost, Trafalgar and Portland. We urge all our isolated members to retain their membership with the old home church, or the nearest place of meeting, and so retain their fellowship with the Restoration Movement."

FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

IN next issue we hope to give a detailed report of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ held last week in Adelaide. We hear of good meetings. The following particulars which have come to hand will be of special interest.

The next conference is to be held in Queensland. The following officers and committee were appointed: President, C. R. Burdeu; vice-president, L. A. Trezise; secretary, H. E. Greenwood; assistant secretary, W. Rothery; treasurer, H. J. Payne; committee: R. L. Arnold, F. Enchelmaier, G. McKelvie, G. Taudevin, W. A. C. Wendorf, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.

Foreign Mission Board.—A. Anderson (secretary), J. W. Cosh, R. J. Finlayson, Keith A. Jones, O. V. Mann, Dr. P. S. Messent, A. L. Read, M.V.O., I.S.O.

An Australian Aborigines' Mission Board was appointed, its location to be Perth.

NEW SCHOOL HALL.

THE official opening of the newly completed school hall at Rocklea, Qld., took place on Sept. 20. The building has been erected as a chapel, although there is no church there yet. There is a Bible school of 70 scholars, the only Sunday school in the district. The conference president, Bro. W. A. C. Wendorf, welcomed the audience of approximately 200, congratulated the voluntary workers, and declared the building opened.

Bro. H. J. Payne, chairman, introduced Bro. Bell, the founder of the school which commenced with three children seven years ago. Bren. Bell and H. Greenwood (conference secretary) gave brief greetings. Bro. W. Finger, the present superintendent, spoke of wonderful answers to prayer. £100 in cash and goods had been given before the opening day. Bro. Finger has given himself unstintingly to the work. Mrs. Wendorf, president of Women's Conference, presented a reading desk, cushion and pulpit Bible on behalf of the sisters. Bro. Arnold gave a stirring address on "He that Wineth Souls is Wise." News is to hand of the first gospel service held in the new building, and it is great news; 68 present, including 40 adults, and 20 of these non-members. The whole brotherhood is asked to pray that God will continue to guide and bless this great adventure of faith.—H. E. Greenwood.

ADDRESS.

H. E. Paddick (preacher Semaphore church, S.A.)—244 Military-rd., Semaphore.

News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Invermay.—On Sept. 11 Young People's Club held its anniversary tea and social, about 30 attending. Bro. F. T. Morgan spoke at all services on Sept. 14, Bro. A. Arnot being soloist at night. Bro. Morgan also addressed both meetings on Sept. 21, when his night subject was "God Begins with Chaos." On Sept. 28 Bro. J. J. Hodgson conducted gospel service. Sisters' Auxiliary have re-organised their activities, and the first monthly meeting on Sept. 25 was well attended.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—On Sept. 14 the Bible school held children's overseas mission day demonstration. Offering through mission boxes was almost £8. Bro. Fitch's gospel address on that day was on "The Man who got the Huff." Bro. Allan Hunt rendered a solo. Bible school held annual picnic at Coolgardie on Sept. 17. Services on 21st were well attended, Bro. Fitch giving both addresses. Evening subject was "The Man with the Crushed Foot." Sisters Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Maloney sang a duet.

Fremantle.—On Sept. 16 an encouraging C.E. meeting was addressed by Mr. Donnan (Baptist church, Claremont) on "The Second Advent of the Lord." On Sept. 23 the young people held a kitchen tea in honor of Miss Hazel Cole and Mr. Dave Cressie, who are to be married shortly. Bro. G. E. Hughes is still mainly responsible for conducting Sunday meetings, but recent visiting speakers have been Bren. G. Banks and O. Banks. £25, mainly raised by workers at N. Fremantle, is being paid this month towards cost of N. Fremantle building. Women's work continues busily, and parcels of clothing and knitted woollen quilts are being made up for air raid victims. Much assistance has also been rendered to Gnowangerup Native Mission, and recently Mrs. Wright gave an appreciated talk on the work at the mission.

QUEENSLAND.

Charters Towers.—Attendances at meetings show a big improvement. Bro. S. W. Wilson, New Guinea native evangelist, addressed the Women's Christian Fellowship. On Sept. 14 Bro. Wilson spoke at both services. Bro. C. Tucker, sen., is still in hospital and improving slowly.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Bro. Arnold continues to give splendid addresses. On Sept. 21 his morning subject was "A New Name." There was a splendid congregation. Gospel address was on "Fear Not." On Sept. 28 Bro. Arnold spoke in morning on "Children of Light," when several visitors were present. At gospel meeting his subject was "He will Save Us." On Sept. 27 Bro. Arnold officiated at the marriage of Bro. Roy Feeney and Sister Estelle Ratcliffe.

Bundaberg.—On morning of Sept. 14 Bro. Larsen spoke on "Unity" at morning worship. At night R. L. Williams preached to a large congregation; subject, "Search for Power," and also rendered a solo. At a united intercessory service on Sept. 18, Bro. Williams delivered an interesting address on "I Believe in God." The chapel was packed. A successful social was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Pohle on Sept. 20 for manse funds. Our aged Sister Dick and family have suffered the loss of a devoted husband and father, and sincere sympathy is extended to them.

VICTORIA.

Mildura.—Bro. Whit Neville was morning speaker on Sept. 28; subject, "Are You a Joyful Christian?" Bro. J. Lewis spoke at Red Cliffs. At 7.30 Bro. Lewis delivered an address entitled "The Exalted Christ." The church extends sympathy to relatives of Bro. A. B. West, called home on Sept. 27. Mrs. E. J. Pike, a faithful and conscientious member, passed away on Sept. 27 at the age of 83 years.

Portland.—On Sept. 28 Bro. A. Stevenson gave a helpful address on "Faith." Sister Haines has recovered from illness. Bible school is practising for a concert.

Sunshine.—On morning of Sept. 28 Bro. Nixon was speaker. In the afternoon and evening Sunday school anniversary services were held. Speaker in afternoon was Bro. Bennett, and at night Bro. W. Clay. There were good attendances.

Warragul.—On Sept. 28 the church was visited by Bro. Jones, who gave an interesting address at morning service. Bro. Hillbrick spoke at evening service. Afterwards a number of members visited Sister Mrs. Hinkley to wish her many happy returns on her 87th birthday.

Dandenong.—In absence of Bro. Marshall on Sept. 21 Bro. Clay spoke helpfully at both meetings. On Sept. 27 the church tendered a social to welcome Bro. and Sister Marshall after their marriage. Bro. Williams, on behalf of the church, made them a monetary gift.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—The men's half-yearly meeting was held on Sept. 25. Among those present were representatives of York-st., Dawson-st. and Doveton-st. churches. Mr. A. W. Stephenson, M.A., of Melbourne, gave a very interesting address. The chairman was Mr. T. Maxwell.

Oakleigh.—Bro. R. Hindman gave two challenging addresses on Sept. 28. At close of morning service Bro. S. McGregor, R.A.N., received a gift from the church prior to his departure for overseas service. Bro. Mudge is again confined to his room, but his health shows a slight improvement.

Hawthorn.—Bro. Neighbour has commenced a study of the Hebrew prophets at mid-week meetings, special attention being given to the moral and spiritual implications of these writings. "The Prophet of a New Era" was subject at gospel service on Sept. 28, when a young girl was baptised.

Hampton.—Bible school 30th anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 28. In the afternoon Mr. S. M. Potter (minister Hampton Baptist church) spoke to the school, and at night Mr. Stephenson gave the address. Choruses were rendered at both services under baton of Mr. J. Machin. There were good and appreciative audiences.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Many visitors were at morning service on Sept. 28. Bro. Baker spoke in interests of the College of the Bible. Bro. Eric McClean spoke at evening service, in absence of Bro. Baker, on "The Refuge of the Soul." Bro. Ennis at Bible class spoke on "The Insignia of the Religious Life." Sunday school is practising for anniversary.

Footscray.—Phi Beta Pi club assisted in evening service on Sept. 28. At close of Bro. Ritchie's address on "Life's Five Fundamentals," a father and son made the good confession. A successful community singing night was held by P.B.P. club on Sept. 25. At the fellowship tea last Sunday, an impressive address was delivered by Bro. T. Fitzgerald, of Collingwood.

Brim.—On Sept. 12 a nice number of members and friends were entertained by the S.S. scholars with items of song, and prizes were distributed. On Sept. 25 the Ladies' Guild met. Work of that branch is in good heart. Sister Mrs. S. R. Wardle is laid aside as result of a fall. On Sept. 28 the W.C.T.U. ladies met, and Bro. Edwards spoke encouragingly to the fine gathering.

North Williamstown.—During absence of Bro. J. E. Thomas at Federal Conference, the church has been helped by messages from Bren. Griffiths, of Balwyn, and Geyer, of Gardiner, also the Emmanuel Quartette Party. A back-to-church campaign is being held during the month of October, and Bro. Thomas has prepared a series of second-coming addresses for gospel services in that period. Boys' Club has been re-formed under leadership of Bren. R. Kemp and C. Milne, 21 boys being enrolled on opening night.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Sept. 28 Bro. A. L. Gibson conducted both services in absence of Bro. Hughes at Federal Conference in Adelaide. The addresses were much appreciated. Swanston-st. Dorcas Society has sent ten large parcels containing about 280 warm garments and quilts to the victims of bombing in Great Britain.

Bendigo.—Sickness has recently interfered with attendances, but last two weeks have shown improvement. The church has suffered loss by death of Bren. A. Trabinger and C. Clapton, to whose relatives sympathy is extended. Meetings were well attended on Sept. 21, and at close of evening service a young woman and an elderly lady confessed Christ. At annual business session all retiring officers were re-elected.

Stawell.—Good meetings were held on Sept. 14. Bro. Randall speaking. At close of the gospel service a baptismal service was conducted. Bro. Burtt spoke to good meetings on Sept. 21. Bro. R. Trompf sang a solo. Sister Marjorie Lea has recovered sufficiently to leave hospital. On Sept. 17 the Ladies' Aid held an afternoon in home of Mrs. A. R. Shuttleworth. A combined C.E. meeting was held on Sept. 16, Bro. Randall being speaker.

Camberwell.—On Sept. 21 and 28 the Bible school anniversary was celebrated, speakers being Mrs. C. Dabb and Bren. Forster, White and Turner. Scholars sang well under leadership of Mr. E. Peters and assistance of Box Hill orchestra. At annual business meeting of church on Sept. 17 the following were elected: Deaconesses, Sisters Barnacle, Brown, Clarke, Cook, Dickens, Peters; elders, Bren. Abercrombie, Hall, Fordham; deacons, Bren. Brown, Clarke, Cleland, Chipperfield, Holman, Huntsman, Mitchell, Muller (jun.), Peters, Ryall, Wilson; secretary, B. F. Huntsman; treasurer, B. Holman; S.S. superintendent, S. Chipperfield; organist, E. Peters. Reports showed progress in all departments. Mrs. J. Brown, a foundation member of the church, passed away on Sept. 27 after long illness.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Gawler.—On Sept. 28 Bro. Mervyn Smith, of St. Arnaud, Vic., and Bro. I. A. Paternoster, of North Sydney, N.S.W., were visitors. Bro. Paternoster visited his father (95 years old). Bro. Paternoster's message to the church was based on "The Epistle to the Ephesians," and evening message, "But ye did not so learn Christ."

Hindmarsh.—On Sept. 28 there was a good morning attendance, when Bro. J. E. Allan, of Cheltenham, Vic., brought a stirring message in interests of College of the Bible. Other visitors were Bro. and Sister Smillie, Perth; Mrs. Smith, Kalgoorlie; Misses Triplett (3), and Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Anderson, Essendon, Vic. Bro. W. L. Ewers preached at night.

Murray Bridge.—On Sept. 14 Bro. H. V. Phillips, of Colonel Light Gardens, conducted services. Many members visited Adelaide for conference, at which Y.P.S.C.E. again won the banner. Bro. Noble conducted well attended Murray Bridge, Burdette and Pompoona circuit services on Sept. 21, assisted well by Bren. A. C. Page and D. C. Dix.

Dulwich.—Splendid morning meeting on Sept. 28 was enthralled by Bro. Colin Thomas's story of Indian work. At night Bro. F. T. Saunders gave an excellent address on "The Cross." Sister Mrs. W. Morrow has been congratulated on behalf of the church on her election as State president of the Y.W.C.A. Offering for Y.M.C.A. Fighting Forces Welfare Appeal amounted to £5/12/9.

Nailsworth.—Among visitors have been Bro. Raymond, of W.A., and Bro. Dale, of N.S.W. Visiting speakers over conference weeks were Bren. M. Lawrie, Allan, Alcorn and Patching. Sunday school is practising for anniversary under leadership of Bro. Mauger. Bro. Harris, of C.I.D., was speaker at young people's fellowship tea. These meetings are held at close of Bible class every quarter. Meetings are encouraging and attendances keep up.

Norwood.—On Sept. 21 Bro. Brooke, of Victoria, spoke at morning service. Bro. Bartlett, of Balaklava, was evening speaker. At morning service on Sept. 28, Bro. F. Buckingham, of Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., was speaker. Several new scholars have come to Bible school recently.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On Sept. 21 Bro. Stuart Stevens, of Enmore, N.S.W., spoke at morning meeting to a good congregation. Bro. J. E. Thomas, of Melbourne, preached at night. Bro. Hagger, of Gardiner, Vic., gave the address at morning meeting on Sept. 28. Bro. Hurren at night preached on "The Only Foundation" to a good gathering. Recently formed intermediate C.E. society is growing helpfully.

Prospect.—A splendid combined devotional night held by K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs proved very helpful. Led by Mr. Cousins, the choir, in co-operation with Nailsworth choir, was responsible for musical portion of Christian union meeting of Federal Conference. Helpful messages at morning services during conference were received from Principal T. H. Scambler and Mr. Brooke. Fellowship with interstate and country visitors was enjoyed.

Maylands.—Sept. 28 was Bible school anniversary, when the chapel was crowded at each service. Many interstate visitors were present. Bro. Keith Jones exhorted in the morning. In the afternoon Bro. A. Jones, from Henley Beach, was speaker. At night Bro. A. Hughes, of Victoria, gave a helpful message to the young folk, and a timely word to the older ones. One young lad from the Bible school decided for Christ. Singing of the scholars was of a high standard. The school was successful in winning the efficiency shield, competed for by all schools in metropolitan area. Bro. J. E. Allan, of Victoria, who formerly labored with the church, was a welcome visitor.

Balaklava.—On Aug. 31 Bren. W. Pearl and Lance Marshman addressed the meetings. After evening service a lantern lecture was given by Mr. E. H. Swan, representing B. and F. Bible Society. At Bible school anniversary services on Sept. 14, Bro. W. F. Nankivell, of Unley, was speaker. Special singing by scholars conducted by Bro. W. J. Marshman, of Owen, was a feature of afternoon and evening services. Solos were rendered by Sister Mrs. Wills, of Maylands, and Bro. Nankivell. Scholars' tea and public meeting on 17th concluded anniversary services. Bro. A. O. Baker, of Long Plains, addressed the meeting at which prizes were distributed. On Sept. 21 Bro. S. Webb spoke in the morning, and at night Bro. H. Laurie, of Owen, preached on "The Need of Vision." Evening attendances have been affected by petrol rationing.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Bankstown.—Meetings for September have been fairly well attended. Bro. Thomson has been invited to take over the work part-time. On Sept. 15 Endeavorers celebrated their sixth anniversary. The chapel was crowded. Bro. F. Hunting presided, and Bro. A. Hinrichsen gave a powerful message. Endeavorers presented a fine item, "The Pilgrim." A young lady was immersed on Sept. 28.

Canley Vale.—Attendances lately have been very good. On Sept. 28 Bro. C. Hinrichsen addressed morning meeting. Bro. Meyer, who has been ill for some time, had fellowship. Bro. S. H. Wilson conducted gospel service; there were two decisions. Sister Carre, sen., passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. The church's sympathy is extended to Bro. Carre and family. All who sat in the recent Sunday school examination were successful, two first prizes being gained.

Belmore.—On morning of Aug. 24 a presentation was made to Bro. C. A. Everett, who has resigned as church secretary after 18 years of service. Bro. A. R. Main was preacher at gospel service, the building being crowded. Bro. P. E. Thomas spoke on morning of Sept. 21, when 150 broke bread. On the day of national prayer 171 broke bread, and at gospel service a lad decided for Christ. Bro. Frank Hunting addressed church on Sept. 14, and also spoke to Bible school. At gospel service a young man

confessed Christ, and a baptised believer came for reconsecration and membership. Ladies' Aid and Mission Band are working hard to raise funds for new church building.

Rockdale.—On Sept. 21 three were received into fellowship. Bro. Hinrichsen exhorted church, and at night Bro. Crawshaw, of the Mission to Lepers, was preacher. On Sept. 28 Y.P.C.E. anniversary was held. A splendid message was given by Bro. Wakeley, of Burwood. A tableaux was admirably presented by the young people, and their singing was greatly appreciated. On Sept. 28 Bro. Cameron gave a fine exhortation. Bible school displayed 20 knitted rugs which had been made by scholars and teachers for bombing victims. Bro. Hinrichsen spoke at night on "The Distinctive Message of the Church of Christ."

S.A. Sisters' Conference.

THE thirty-sixth annual conference was held at Grote-st. on Sept. 19, commencing at 10 o'clock with devotions led by Mrs. S. E. Riches, whose message on "Nevertheless" was a great uplift. At business session Miss H. M. Grant (president) presided over a large audience.

Obituary report by Mrs. House (supt.) stated that 28 sisters had been called to higher service during the year. Letters of sympathy have been sent to relatives from the auxiliary. A solo was rendered by Miss Leedham entitled "Yonder Land."

Temperance report by Mrs. Tippet stated that during the year at the auxiliary meetings several resolutions were passed, which were sent to the press and to Parliament. The Churches of Christ cake stall takings were £20/2/-. The Alliance is in need of all support we can give. Milk bars in camps are proving their worth.

Morialta Report.—Mrs. Bartlett, as representative for Churches of Christ, has attended every board meeting, and has assisted in the various activities. The average family maintained at the home during the year was 100 children. £52/14/3 was contributed by the Churches of Christ. On button day £23/9/10 was taken at the stand allotted to the Churches of Christ. At annual fair the proceeds from our Churches of Christ stall was £32/16/4.

Prayer Meeting.—Mrs. F. Harding (supt.) reported 15 meetings had been held in the homes of sisters. Ten visits were made by individual members to sick and aged. Country reports were read by the assistant secretary, Mrs. H. Charlick.

Officers and Committees.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. G. Rootes; president-elect, Mrs. Nankivell; vice-president, Mrs. Bartlett; secretary, Mrs. Trowbridge; treasurer, Mrs. Graham; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. R. Charlick. Home Mission supt., Mrs. C. Verco; Overseas Mission supt., Mrs. Downs; Prayer Meeting supt., Mrs. Harding; Obituary supt., Mrs. House; Dorcas supt., Mrs. Kemp; Hospital supt., Mrs. F. Thomas; Literature supt., Mrs. Dodson; Nominating supt., Mrs. J. E. Shipway; Catering supt., Mrs. Downs; representative for Morialta Protestant Children's Homes, Mrs. Bartlett; overseas representatives, Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Cornelius; Temperance supt., Mrs. Tippet; pianists, Miss Manning and Mrs. Bristow; delegates to State conference executive, Mesdames Rootes and Trowbridge.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions read by Mrs. A. L. Read were carried:—

Conference affirms its loyalty to His Majesty the King, and prays that peace may soon be granted to a world ravaged by war and unrest.

Conference recommends the Australian Temperance Council to make representations to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the Commonwealth Parliament concerning the abuses associated with the wet canteens in military camps, especially the supply of liquor reaching militia trainees. Also ex-

presses strong disapproval of attempting to aid the wine industry by appeals to the people to have wines in their home.

Conference commends the Commonwealth Government for its child endowment proposals and for the inclusion of certain aborigines in the scheme. Further that conference considers that a fully considered programme should be undertaken by the government for the education and development of aborigines to bring them into full citizenship.

Conference affirms its abhorrence of war as a means of settling the disputes of the nations, and determines to work more devotedly in the extension of the kingdom of God on earth. The women's organisations of the churches should be encouraged to include panels or study circles to consider post-war and present-day problems of human society throughout the world, thereby making an intelligent contribution towards a Christian national standard and a lasting peace to the glory of God.

Conference records its thanks and appreciation of the State Parliament in passing legislation enabling the introduction of Bible reading into the State schools.

Afternoon Session.

A devotional service was led by Mrs. S. L. Patching. A welcome was given to country and interstate visitors by Mrs. G. Rootes, and response was made by the visitors. Greetings were received from Ireland, Tasmania, W.A., N.S.W. Missionary greetings were given by Miss Caldicott and Mrs. Colin Thomas. A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Moores. The president's address on "Co-operation with Christ" was a beautiful message. Reports were presented by the secretary (Mrs. Trowbridge) and the treasurer (Mrs. Graham). The following is a summary of balances: Home missions, £110/4/-; overseas missions, £77/4/5; general fund, £4/14/5; catering fund, £16/1/6. Payments to home mission treasurer were £108/7/-, and to overseas missions treasurer £120. An offering was taken up amounting to £5/5/10.

Hospital Report.—768 visits have been paid to private and public institutions, hospitals and private homes, 292 books and magazines distributed and many comforts given. Croydon sisters gave 10/- for Northfield cancer and T.B. Hospitals. 19/2 has been placed on table at auxiliary meetings, face-washers, soap and glass-covers have been sent to Northfield. A beautiful duet by Mesdames Saunders and Gibbs, "Deeper and Deeper," was rendered.

Home mission report by Mrs. C. Verco.

Dorcas report was presented by Mrs. E. A. Riches (supt.). 5303 garments have been made and 27 rugs, hats, shoes, etc., have been sent to mission centres and bundles of linen and other useful articles overseas. Many institutions have been assisted.

Mrs. Dodson presented the literature report. Regular visits have been made to Northfield Hospital, Escourt House, Home for Incurables, Queen's Home, Somerset Lodge and to private homes, and many hundreds of books have been distributed.

Overseas mission report was given by Mrs. A. Downs.

Evening Session.

Representatives from W.C.T.U., Y.W.C.A., United Church Women's Association, and Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches were present.

Song service was led by Mr. H. P. Manning. The president (Miss Grant) presided over a large audience. A fine solo was rendered by Mrs. Prior. Mrs. P. D. McCallum gave a most inspiring message on "Women at the Crossroads." A duet was given by Misses Brand. Offering amounted to £4/4/10. Mrs. H. Brooker made a presentation of a beautiful Bible and bouquet of flowers to the president (Miss Grant), who then introduced the incoming president and her officers. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. G. T. Fitzgerald to all who had helped to make the conference such a wonderful success.—Mrs. H. R. Charlick, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Queensland Women's Auxiliary.

MEETING was held in Ann-st. chapel on Sept. 11, the president (Mrs. Wendorf) being in the chair. Mr. Arnold gave an interesting talk on the practical side of college life.

The treasurer (Mrs. Fulton) reported receipts: Home missions, £9/9/6; overseas, £6/3/6; Christmas cheer, £7/5/-; Women's Mission Band, £32.

Home Missions (Mrs. Bates).—Lantern lecture in Ann-st., £2/9/-; ditto at Albion, £1/6/6; Victory Rally, £1/10/3.

Overseas Missions (Mrs. Berlin).—Albion overseas day of fellowship, £6/3/6, including 5/- for milk fund. Christmas cheer appeal is well in hand. Ann-st. held a successful meeting on Aug. 7; 23 sisters present; offering, £7/8/6.

Social Service (Mrs. Burdeu).—68 articles of clothing were received and three pairs of shoes, and 45 articles of clothing and one pair of shoes distributed. Many persons have been helped and comforted by loans, gifts or advice.

Women's Mission Band (Mrs. Burdeu).—Income from June 12 to Aug. 11, £13/8/-, bringing total to £39/4/6.

Obituary (Mrs. Munro).—Six letters of sympathy were written.

Prayer Meeting (Mrs. Hain).—A fine prayer meeting was held at Stones Corner, a beautiful address on prayer being given by Mr. Arnold.

Isolated (Mrs. Finger).—29 letters were written and nine replies received.—Mrs. D. Harlen, "Winona," Sunnybank, Sec.

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DEATH.

WEST.—On Sept. 27, at his residence, Merbein, Albert Bryant, dearly loved husband of Marion, loving father of Jean (Mrs. W. Cunningham, Warracknabeal), Jack (Bendigo), Bryant and Norman. Aged 73 years. "Peace, perfect peace."

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

Mrs. A. H. Clements and daughter desire to thank all relatives and kind friends, churches at Bayswater, Boronia, Camberwell and Montrose, for letters, telegrams and floral tributes in their sad bereavement, especially thanking Bren, Burns, Shain, Clay, and Sister Whittington.

IN MEMORIAM.

BANKS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who fell asleep in Jesus, Oct. 2, 1939.

Two years have passed, I can't forget
Her words of love—I hear them yet;
We'll meet up yonder face to face
In answer to my mother's prayer.

—Inserted by her loving daughters, A. McHattie and M. Gordon, Merewether.

BURROWS, THOMSON.—In loving memory of our dearly loved son, Pte. J. Keith Burrows (grandson of the late E. Amess, North Melb.), who was killed in France Sept. 29, 1918; and his dear comrade, Pte. Horace (Curly) Thomson, died of wounds Oct. 4, 1918. Memories.
—W. and M. Burrows, Hampton.

PERKINS.—In loving memory of our dear grandson, Vernon Cyril, died Sept. 30, 1936, result of an accident.

This is a sad day, it brings back the past
Of a dear one we loved and adored till the last.

—Inserted by M. A. and W. H. Perkins, Bendigo.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 5 and 12.—South Richmond Bible school anniversary. Oct. 5, 11 a.m., Mr. G. Andrews; 3 p.m., Mr. A. Withers; 7 p.m., Mr. T. Scambler. Oct. 12, 11 a.m., Mr. C. Cole; 3 p.m., Mr. D. Ritchie; 7 p.m., Mr. C. Cole. Welcome given to all.

OCTOBER 12, 19 and 21.—North Fitzroy Bible school, 68th anniversary services, in school hall, cor. Reid and Brunswick-sts. Past members and visitors cordially welcomed. Oct. 12, 3 p.m., Bro. W. Wigney; 7 p.m., Bro. W. Gale (illustrated lantern talk). Oct. 19, 3 p.m., distribution of prizes; 7 p.m., Bro. H. Swain. Oct. 21, grand concert by scholars. Bright singing by scholars aided by orchestra; Bro. A. Musgrove, conductor.—W. H. Halliwell, sec.

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CARNEGIE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

October 5, 3 p.m., Bro. C. L. Lang; 7 p.m., Bro. T. R. Morris.

October 12, 3 p.m., Bro. C. J. Robinson; 7 p.m., Bro. L. E. Snow.

Concert and Prize-giving, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 8 p.m.

All welcomed.

MORELAND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

October 5—

11 a.m., W. Wakefield.

3 p.m., J. Turner.

7 p.m., W. H. Clay.

October 12—

11 a.m., J. Plummer.

3 p.m., A. E. White.

7 p.m., T. R. Morris.

* Singing by scholars under the baton of A. E. Barber.

Oct. 15, Scholars' Concert.

OCTOBER 12.

BALWYN HOME-COMING DAY
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11 a.m., J. E. Thomas.

7 p.m., H. J. Patterson, M.A.

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Oct. 12, 3 p.m., Mr. John Turner, B.A.

7 p.m., Mr. L. E. Brooker.

Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Mr. S. Russell Baker.

Oct. 22, 7.45 p.m., Children's Concert and Distribution of Prizes.

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Oct. 23, 6.15 p.m., tea (by ticket, 1/-).

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Wed., Oct. 22, 8 p.m., E. W. Roffey, "Heralds of Victory."

Thurs., Oct. 23, 8 p.m., J. E. Webb, "Potential Factors in Victory."

Sat., Oct. 25, 8 p.m., F. E. Buckingham, "The Church Victorious."

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FEDERAL FINANCES.

A GAIN we can report another good year in general giving. An analysis of each State's giving will appear at a later date. The year ended approximately £500 behind last year, but it will be recalled that last year special emphasis was placed on our jubilee, and the aim to send Bro. and Sister H. R. Coventry back to India. As a result of last year's splendid giving, we were able to carry over a credit balance to meet the expenses of Bro. and Sister Coventry to India. Expenditure has been exceptionally heavy during this year, but taking both years combined, it seems as if we will about meet expenses during the period. In addition to this £375 has been paid into sinking fund to pay off overdraft liabilities. The year's general giving exceeded that of 1939 by approximately £1000, and over £300 has been given for the new launch above this total. Taking into account some splendid gifts for endowment, this year's income for all purposes exceeds last year's splendid total. Not only did Bro. and Sister Coventry return to India, but two new nurses have been sent to the islands.

CHINA.

Chinese Home Missionary Society.

MR. TONG, secretary of above society, advised that owing to sickness Pearl Anderson had not been sent under government orders to the interior. She was obliged to leave Yunnanfu owing to the terrible bombing. Meanwhile some money had been sent her by the society. In these very critical days in China few plans can be made in advance.

Direct News From Pearl Anderson.

Apparently mails have missed, for Pearl speaks of sending letters relative to her sickness. Later letters just to hand tell of very sad conditions in Yunnanfu. The nurses' and doctor's homes mentioned as being destroyed were always open to our Australian missionaries when in China. It was unfortunate that mails informing Pearl she could proceed to Hueili were undelivered, and she had to leave Yunnanfu during the evacuation. She subsequently left for an inland city with a classmate. Fortunately this town is a mission centre, and she will have some opportunity for service. It may be some time now before word can reach her; meanwhile we ask friends to pray for her and others who are numbered among the many thousands of evacuees. The greatest difficulty will be to try and send her some financial aid.

Some extracts from her letter reveal something of the perils they have undergone. "I left Yunnanfu just about a month ago, as I could not stay in the city any longer on account of air raids. Nearly all the people left the city, including most of the hospital staff and nurses. Five bombs dropped on the hospital, and left but few rooms that could be used. The doctor's house (Dr. Watson's) and nurses' houses were destroyed. A new hospital was built outside the city and some patients were transferred. I left Yunnanfu for Tong Shuan with a classmate, and hope to be able to do something here. Before leaving Yunnanfu I was puzzled what to do. Had I wanted to go to Hueili, I had no money and had no authority to go, and it was impossible to remain in Yunnanfu. There was little time for thinking, so I have to decide to go with my friend to her city." We are hopeful that the way will clear and Pearl will be able to carry out her desire.

NEW CAUSES.

A MONG the offerings received for annual offering we were pleased to note that the baby causes at Whyalla (S.A.), Port Lincoln

(S.A.) and Darwin (N.T.) were among those who took an annual offering. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to these new centres.

SHRIGONDA.

A I RMAIL received from India informs us that Bro. and Sister Bolduan have already transferred from Baramati to Shrigonda. Tents and equipment have been brought over, and some of the workers who are already experienced in tent evangelism. Bro. and Sister Bolduan look forward to a time of happy service in an area that is responding more than in any part of "Out India." Mrs. Michael and Robert were at Shrigonda for a few days storing goods, etc., preparatory to Bro. and Sister Bolduan going into the bungalow.

MR. H. H. STRUTTON.

MISS EVA WALDEN has left Adelaide en route for India. A fine gathering were on the Adelaide station to wish her bon voyage, including three members of the Federal Board. She will proceed direct to Dhond, where shortly afterwards she will be married to Bro. H. H. Strutton. Our Indian missionaries are keenly interested, and Dr. Oldfield has been asked to officiate. Mr. Strutton, owing to a bad attack of malaria, was forced to stay at Dhond for a few weeks. He writes concerning this (a fuller report on his impressions will appear later): "I have deeply enjoyed the fellowship with the church at Dhond the last two Sundays, and this morning was asked to give a message after the communion. I owe a lot to Dr. Oldfield for his treatment of me as a patient here and at Baramati, and to Mrs. Oldfield for her care and attention for about three weeks, and their readiness to have me come along at any time."

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Obituary.

Mrs. Russell.

THE church at Coburg, Vic., has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mrs. M. Russell. Our late sister was baptised in the Baptist church, Newcastle, N.S.W., and came to Melbourne in 1889. She became a member at Lygon-st., and later was associated with the churches at Brunswick and Brighton. In 1926 she went to reside at Coburg and transferred to the church in that city, remaining there until her decease. During her association with the church, Mrs. Russell displayed keen interest in all the activities of the assembly. The Sisters' Society called for most of her time, but she was indefatigable in her efforts to secure liberal contributions for those two great undertakings of the brotherhood, home and foreign missions. She was also deeply interested in the City Mission, and gave one night every week to assist in that work. Mrs. Russell was a splendid church member. Gracious in her manner, kind and charitable in her disposition, regular in her attendance at all meetings of the church, consecrated to Jesus Christ, she has left a name and influence that will not soon be forgotten. Her body was laid to rest on Sept. 12, Bro. W. Wakefield and the writer conducting services at the home and at the cemetery.—H.S.

A. W. Shearston.

ON Wednesday, Aug. 13, at his residence in Manly, N.S.W., Bro. Shearston passed to rest. Our brother was one of the very early members of City Temple church. When the church was started at Paddington, Bro. Shearston and his good wife were among its first members. He became secretary, and held that position for many years. During his period at Paddington, he used his influence for the purchase of a block of land at South Kensington (now Kingsford), on which the church building was finally erected. It was also during his secretaryship that the land was bought on which the building at Paddington now stands. Our late brother had also a keen interest in brotherhood activities, and was for many years a member of the Home Mission Committee and secretary of the Conference Executive. After leaving Paddington, Bro. and Sister Shearston went to live in Manly, where in association with others he helped to pioneer the present cause in that centre. Bro. Shearston was appointed treasurer and held the position until his death. He was a man greatly loved for his kindly Christian spirit, and respected for his probity and honesty of purpose. Sister Shearston and one daughter, Mrs. Roberts, and one son remain. To them we express the deepest sympathy, and pray that the Lord will comfort and sustain them in the hour of their loss. The funeral took place on Aug. 15, at Northern Suburbs Crematorium, the writer conducting the service in the chapel. Our brother had attained the ripe age of 80 years and six months, and of him it may truly be said that "he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."—G. Burns.

R. A. Smith.

ON Aug. 21 Naremburn church, W.A., suffered the loss of a quiet but sincere young man, through the death of Robert (Bert) Ashley Smith. The deceased was baptised at Kuniva, Vic., by the late A. R. Benn, before he came to W.A. some 13 years ago. In partnership with his brother Roy, he was farming at Central Kuninin, in isolation from our churches. He linked up with the Naremburn work when that church was organised. His death was unexpected. Our brother was engaged to be married to Miss Phyllis Tompkinson, for whom much sympathy is shown. The remains were laid to rest in Bruce Rock Cemetery after a chapel service conducted by the writer. Besides his brother, Roy, there is a sister, Mrs. A. E. Whisson, and his mother, Mrs. W. Smith, Safety Bay, and other relatives

to mourn his loss. To all sorrowing ones we commend the love of the heavenly Father.—C.H.H.

Mrs. Eliza Thomas.

ON Sunday evening, Aug. 31, Sister Mrs. Eliza Thomas quietly passed from this life to be at home with her Lord. Mrs. Thomas was in her 81st year, and up to within a few weeks of her death enjoyed comparatively good health. During her lifetime she had been in membership with the churches at Port Pirie, Grote-st., Kerinod-st., and during her later years at Nailsworth, S.A. When her health permitted she was regular in her attendance at the services of the Lord's house. Mrs. Thomas was a lady of sterling Christian character. She was a lover of good books, and a great reader of them, and also was a close listener to the preacher's sermons. She was a great encourager of the preacher in his work. During her last days her two daughters lovingly ministered to her needs. Her end was not one of despair, sorrow or sadness, but the assurance of a glorious life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." The same gracious Lord will comfort her loved ones who remain a little longer in the flesh.—J. E. Shipway.

Queensland News-letter.

H. G. Payne.

THE theme of the triennial assembly of the Baptist Union of Australia, recently held in Brisbane, was "Baptists in a Post-War World." The following manifesto was adopted:—

"We, the Baptist Union of Australia in triennial assembly affirm:—

1. The sovereignty of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ, God's Son, and only Saviour of the world.
2. The adequacy of God's provision for the needs of all men, and man's responsibility for the welfare of his fellows.
3. The fact of human stewardship:
 - (a) God has provided for the needs of the human race as one family; not merely as individuals and nations. This implies responsibility to share God's provision with one another.
 - (b) The exercise of monopoly is robbery, not only of man but of God.
4. The infinite value of the human personality derived from the sacrifice of God's Son for every human creature. This is the distinctive feature of the Christian social ethic. This demands:—
 - (a) The recognition of the absolute liberty of the individual conscience.
 - (b) Respect between man and man and between nation and nation.
 - (c) That every human being shall be regarded as one to be served and not to be exploited.
 - (d) That the only satisfactory expression of this doctrine in human relationships is the setting of international, community and personal intercourse upon the basis of co-operation rather than competition.

5. That upon the church and every Christian there presses the sacred responsibility to engage in a world evangelism.

6. This evangelism shall be addressed to the whole experience of man, spiritual, mental and physical, to achieve the transformation of his moral character, his social relationships, and his economic condition.

7. That the adequate presentation to the world of the Christian message both in word and deed demands the utmost co-operation of all branches of the Christian church."

The newly-elected president-general is Dr. A. J. Waldo, of Canberra, and the secretary, Mr. G. P. Rees, of Victoria.

The 64th annual assembly of the Queensland union followed the Australian assembly. The new State president is Mr. A. H. Brooks, of Maryborough, formerly of Victoria.

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was still bandaged, his mother left him home
alone a short while, and when she got back
William was rejoicing that he had the bird's
nest. "I couldn't help it, mother," he said; "if
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But what of that story in the New Testa-
ment about the man who climbed a tree (Luke
19: 1-10). Zaccheus at first appears to have
been a man determined on a selfish, money-
making life. Later he became determined to
see Jesus for himself. But after he had been
some time with Jesus, Zaccheus had his great-
est determination of all.

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Or of you?—G. J. Andrews.

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