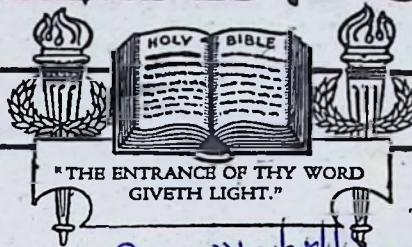


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A Sluggish Imagination.

IGNAS PADEREWSKI visited Australia during 1904. We were reminded of this when we saw a tree in the Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, that had been planted by the famous pianist. As a poor student he experienced keen disappointment when the great master, Rubenstein, failed him on one occasion. Writing later of this early incident, Paderewski said, "Oh that men could imagine the plight of others, they would be kinder toward them."

It is a rare gift to be able to "imagine the plight of others." Those who possess and develop it become pioneers in new reforms within the kingdom of righteousness.

I.

If we charged some persons with being indifferent to the needs of others, they would be startled, and very likely they would protest. The fact is that most of us settle down into our own groove and see only the things we want to see; we neglect, for the most part, the realities of life that tend to disturb us. Surrounded by a protective case of indifference that has been reinforced by rationalisations to justify our attitude, we strive to live our life in complete serenity almost in the shadows of tragic events in our own neighborhood.

At this moment, with their eyes closed to the awful events of war and to the sufferings of millions in Europe and Asia, there are many who go their way undisturbed; they still make merry and squander time and energy on the frivolities of life. They have no compassion for the anguish of multitudes under the heel of oppression. What is this malady that paralyzes men and keeps them passive in a community needing sympathetic action? We diagnose it as a disease of the imagination: it is due to an undeveloped or sluggish imagination.

II.

Those who imagine the plight of others experience sympathy for them. A sympathetic imagination will create a feeling of benevolence and compassion. If the imagination tends to arouse the feelings, it is the function of our emotions to stimu-

late action. Compassion brings tears and stretches out the helping hand. Jesus identified himself with those that sorrowed so that when they wept, he wept. When he stood by the city of Jerusalem and his imagination visualised the fate awaiting the city and its inhabitants, he cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" When Jesus imagined the plight of the multitudes and saw them as

**"If ye keep my commandments,
ye shall abide in my love."
And so it all comes back to the
old, homely, practical duty of
obedience. Nothing—no raptures,
no shining ecstasy—can take the
place of obedience to Christ.**

—Dr. Wayland Hoyt.

sheep without a shepherd, he was moved with compassion. Forgetting his own inclinations, he began to minister to the spiritual needs of the helpless.

Jesus did not suffer from a sluggish imagination. Men and women of action are not so afflicted. It is, however, likely that the slothful and the indifferent are suffering from it. When the imagination is normal it is natural for people to feel the misfortunes of others. Just as a mother's agony may be more intense than the suffering of the child, because her sympathy is so deep, so a normally developed man will feel the misfortunes of another, and, as the Samaritan who sympathised with the man who fell among thieves, he will stretch out a hand to help the troubled neighbor.

By arousing the imagination and by whipping it into deeds, men may be moved to initiate new humanitarian and spiritual moves. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, by writing her immortal story, "Uncle Tom's

Cabin," aroused the imagination of the people. Her appeal made a greater impression than all the exalted declarations of principles. Her appeal to the imagination quickened the pulse of the nation and became a contributing factor in the movements that led to abolition of slavery.

III.

The age in which we live, with its modern form of cheap entertainment, has introduced elements that endanger the benevolent activity of people. To be aware of a danger is to be twice-armed. Therefore we must be reminded often of this snare so that we shall not be held helpless by it.

Modern entertainments make a constant appeal to imaginary situations, and these are designed to arouse the emotions. When deep feelings have been awakened by the imaginary plot of the film or novel, we dismiss them into our inner depths without allowing them an expression in deeds. We comfort ourselves by saying, "It's not true; it's only a fairy-tale." This may be a good way of meeting a situation in a story, but when we come to actual life, and we apply this habit which we have acquired at the "movies" to a real situation; and dismiss our emotions without giving expression to them, then we are endangering our spiritual life.

We venture to suggest that it is just at this point that we are likely to fail. To protect ourselves against the upward surging of the emotions, we adopt an indifferent attitude toward them, so that they do not always become the spring of action. We are tending, it seems, to apply this mechanism to our daily life, and we are often unmoved by the spiritual sufferings of many in our neighborhood. Satan thus casts a subtle net around us, and keeps us from interfering with the events of his dark kingdom.

IV.

The church must not allow a sluggish imagination to hinder progressive evangelism. The lack of progress in many centres may be due to our own complacency rather than to the difficulties of the time. There may be no compassion, because our eyes are closed to the spiritual sufferings of our neighbors. Jesus had to arouse his disciples. He called upon them to use their imagination. When surrounded

by sinners at Jacob's well, he said to his followers, "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The words "lift up your eyes" may be another way of saying, "Stir up your imagination; see the spiritual harvest that must be gathered in."

If we have eyes to see, and if we raise them, as Jesus desires us to do, then, beneath the outward indifference of our age to spiritual truths, we shall see hearts burdened with grief and sin and spirits longing for comfort

and confidence. There is no doubt that all that Christ offers (his promise of salvation from sin and his assurance of life after death) men and women desire. Because people lack peace of mind, there is an inner restlessness that can only be perceived by those who have a sympathetic imagination. Those who live with Jesus and walk in the gospels with him, will soon recover the vision of the early Christians and find ways and means of bringing the story of Jesus to sinful men. Men who live with Christ will cast off the sluggish imagination, and will become "fishers of men."

The Torch of Truth.

"They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship."

A CHURCH may be strengthened by an increase in membership and by an intensification of the spiritual zeal of the members. We may declare that it is difficult to double the numerical strength of the church these days; and, as things are, this may be so. It is, however, within the grasp of each person to increase by twofold his loyalty to Christ and the truths of the kingdom.

A church is called upon to be loyal and steadfast to great principles: where this is so growth will be noticed in spite of persecution. This was the secret of the success of the New Testament church. That church demonstrated power in a pagan community, and turned the Roman world upside down within three centuries.

It would be good if we could acquire that same power and emulate the accomplishments of the early church. We shall find in Acts 2: 42 the reason why those Christians were so successful. They continued steadfastly in four great realities: they held to the apostles' doctrine, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.

Apostolic Succession.

The early Christians held fast to the teachings of the apostles. The disciples did not spin theories out of their heads; their teachings consisted of what they knew Jesus did and taught. "That which we have seen and heard," John wrote, "we declare unto you." It was to this teaching which they received from the apostles that these early Christians held steadfastly. There are some who hold that apostolic succession is to be able to trace the laying on of hands back through a line of bishops to the apostles. This is actually a substitute for the original truth. The original truth in this custom was concerned with the trustworthiness of a teacher's message.

In an early period of church history, when many false teachers arose, the genuine teacher could verify the truth of his statements by pointing out that it had come down to him through recognised representatives from the apostles. We do not need to make such an appeal to-day, because we have the authorised teachings of the apostles in the New Testament. If we are in apostolic succession in the original sense, we shall be holding the doctrines set out in the New Testament.

The strength of the early church is to be found in its allegiance to the doctrines of the apostles. If we are to be effective in these days, as they were in their time, then we must continue steadfastly in the apostles' teachings; that is, we must be loyal to the truths of the New Testament.

"The Fellowship."

The early disciples continued steadfastly in "the fellowship." The authorised version speaks of "fellowship," but the Greek Testament text mentions "the fellowship."

"The fellowship" is something unique in a tragic world. We cannot have fellowship without persons with whom to enjoy it. These

people had fellowship with one another, and with Christ and the Holy Spirit. The fellowship was divine. It was sealed with the stamp of eternity. In it there was a bond of unity holding earth to heaven. All human associations and societies must come to an end in death, but the gates of death cannot impede the progress of the fellowship in the church. Our associations in lodge, union or society are on a lower level than this fellowship. They end in time, but the other proceeds into eternity.

The fellowship of the church is the divine organ. Through it Christ is being manifested to the world: it is his body. The Lord speaks through the church to men. Where two or three meet in fellowship in the name of Christ, there the Lord is present. Although only a few meet in a country chapel and there the preacher declares apostolic truths that little congregation will exercise a greater influence than its numbers may suggest, for the voice of such a fellowship is not the voice of man but of the Lord.

"Why does not God stop the war?" some ask. These men do not realise that God has intervened in his own way. He is acting in the affairs of men now. While there are those who may desire a wind, or a fire, or an earthquake to rid the world of its Jezebels, God

does not proceed that way. He is not in the wind, or fire, or earthquake. He is in the still small voice of truth. He speaks to a war-weary world through the still small voice of apostolic authority in the church. Let all men and nations hearken and obey that voice, and the turmoil of war must come to an end. Through "the fellowship" of the church, God seeks to bring men and nations to a way of peace and salvation. Disobedience to his commandments means judgment and death.

While holding steadfastly to this fellowship of spiritual unity, the early Christians shared each other's joys and sorrows, and each other's prosperity and poverty. Their fellowship was spiritual and practical, therefore it was powerful. If we are to perpetuate the life of the New Testament church we must also manifest to this evil generation the fruits of "the fellowship."

The disciples kindled their torch in the flame of truth and they quenched their thirst at the springs of spiritual fellowship, for they held fast to the teaching of the apostles and to the fellowship.

KINDNESS.

"One never knows
How far a word of kindness goes;
One never sees
How far a smile of friendship flees.
Down through the years
The deed forgotten reappears.

"One kindly word
The souls of many here has stirred.
Man goes his way
And tells with every passing day,
Until life's end;
'Once unto me he played the friend.'

"We cannot say
What lips are praising us to-day.
We cannot tell
Whose prayers ask God to guard us well.
But kindness lives
Beyond the memory of him who gives."

—Edgar Guest in the
"Watchman-Examiner."

Pen Pictures of Men.

Toyohiko Kagawa.

PRINCIPAL WM. ROBINSON, in "The Christian Advocate," writes concerning Kagawa: "I have gathered from the American religious papers that his presence in America was largely for the purpose of expounding and defending the Japanese Government's scheme for merging all Christian bodies into one Japanese church. If this is so, it illustrates how much more subtle and tragic a process it is to shackle men's minds than to imprison their bodies. Our hearts go out in the deepest sympathy to all our fellow-Christians who are caught in this terrible net."

"Doug." Nicholls.

There is renewed interest in Christian work among the Australian aborigines. This reminded us of Bro. "Doug." Nicholls and the splendid work he has been doing for his own people. He is well known for the prowess he showed on the football field. His simple faith in Christ has been admired by those who have been his companions on the sports ground. We recall that his team-mates presented him with a Bible after a football match. Bro. Nicholls is an earnest and fearless speaker. It may not be so generally known, but it is no secret that he has a good singing voice. He enjoys taking part in a musical evening, and delights to sing Christian choruses composed by a converted aborigine.

William Robinson.

From a report on the conference of British churches at Ulverston we take this note on the Principal of the Bible College, Overdale:

"Principal W. Robinson, whose contributions to the conference both in address and debate have lifted it to a high level, is not nearly as old as he thinks he is. A certain 'haziness' regarding mathematics is pardonable in a theologian, but a student of history ought to know if he has lived in five reigns or six. But if there was haziness on this point, there was nothing uncertain about the message he gave at this final session. Even if his words could be reproduced, the sincerity and passion of his utterance could not be recaptured."

Dr. J. C. Carlile.

Dr. F. W. Boreham, writing concerning Dr. Carlile, the late editor of the English "Baptist Times," says, "It was in 1936 that I spent a delightful day in his company. My first impression was an impression of his gentlemanly appearance. He looked the part. If one had been asked to guess, from his bearing and attire, the character of his occupation, it would have been easy to suggest that he was probably an eminent statesman. His face was strangely reminiscent of the face of Mr. Balfour. Trim, neat, and well-groomed, he struck you as worthy to mix in any company and to confer on equal terms with the loftiest in the land."

Old Gold.

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

A VARIETY of people turn up at the parsonage door. I always answer the bell with an adventurous quiver. Who is it now? Is it a death? Or a wedding? Or a beggar? Or a pleasant surprise? It is likely to be any of these.

But on the occasion I have in mind it was a dark-hued, big-boned face; a man of some years and solid physique, whose speech revealed an alien origin. He wanted to know if we had any old gold we should like to sell, disused dentures, discarded spectacle rims, anything. All I was able to produce for his little hand scale brought a return of 2/6. And with gold at more than £10 per oz., that was not much.

Then we began to talk. He supposed I was minister of the church next door. He didn't have any religion himself. I brought this on myself by asking him his race. He was a Jew.

Whenever a man tells me he has no religion, I generally want to fight—for religion and for my Lord. So we set to. The good fellow brought forth the usual assortment of rickety arguments. There is no need to repeat them. And I made the usual effort to meet them. No need to repeat that either.

The question is, "What good did it do?" That is beyond me to tell. It may have led to nothing. But is that a proper reason for yielding the field, uncontested, to infidelity and ill-will? For, undeniably, to-day, the opposition to organised (or any other) Christianity is largely a matter of ugly spirit and hatred of law and goodness. Personally, I am not prepared to agree that the spirit of opposition is invariably mistaken sincerity, or a pathetic questing after the divine or a tragic thwarting of genuine and noble desire for the truth and nothing but the truth. Living on the top of a pillar one may believe such things. In touch with the world, it is an impossibility.

However, to return to our Jewish buyer of old gold. He ended with a little speech. His tones were sober and sincere. He said, "My family is grown up now. But I am willing to admit in the light of all that has happened and my experience, if I could be a young man again, I would bring up my family religiously!"

Amongst other arguments I had used the Jew and his place in history, asking him to explain it apart from God. I told him, when he complained at the sufferings of Jewry, that God was punishing the Jews for their rejection of his Son, the greatest Jew that ever lived. No wonder he was sad. But it was a sorrow that came too late, too inadequately, and I fear, too hopelessly. God grant I may be wrong!

The New, Not the Old.

Thomas Hagger.

IT is difficult for some people to see that there is a difference between the Old Testament and the New. The result is that they will be prepared to go to Genesis, or the Song of Solomon, or Ezekiel to settle a matter of Christian doctrine or duty as readily as to the books of the New Testament.

The fact that there is a New Testament shows that there must have been an Old. And Hebrews 8: 13 teaches us that the old covenant was to pass away. Our eternal fate then is not immediately bound up in the "Old," but in the "New." The will of God for those in the days before Christ can be found in Leviticus, or Jeremiah, but the will of God for us will be found in the New Testament.

This neither denies the inspiration of the Old Testament, nor asserts that we should not read it. If the New Testament came by inspiration, does that not imply that the Old

also did? And we should read the Old Testament writings for example, to see how God dealt with men in those former days, to learn how God foretold things that would come to pass, to understand that he is a God who keeps his word. But when we want words of authority for this Christian dispensation, we need to turn to the New Testament and listen to Christ and his chosen and specially endowed apostles.

In writing to the Romans Paul says, "What the law saith, it saith to them that are under

the law" (Romans 3: 13), and he informed those same Christians that they were "not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6: 15). And so the things said in the law were not said to them.

Until we learn that it is to the New Testament rather than to the Old to which we must go to learn what Christ has done for us, what we must do to be saved, and how we should live as saved people, we are not likely to get clear and correct ideas of the truth.

At the Table of the Lord.

A. R. Main, M.A.

FREQUENCY OF OBSERVANCE.

"Upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread . . ."
—Acts 20: 7.

THE scholarship of the Christian world is in general agreement that in the early church the Lord's Supper was celebrated weekly, on that first day which came to be known as "the Lord's day" because of the great happenings which took place on it. The day of the Saviour's resurrection, the day on which he was first proclaimed as the crucified, risen and exalted Lord, the day on which the promised Holy Spirit was first sent to be the indwelling guest of disciples, the day on which the church was established—that became the day on which members of the apostolic church came together to break bread. From the early second century there is abundant evidence of the continuance of the practice of weekly observance. John Calvin, the great reformer (his biographer says), proposed to the Genevan authorities "that the Lord's Supper should be celebrated every Sunday after the example set by the apostolic church."

The Saviour's words of instruction, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22: 19), or "This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11: 25), do not indicate the frequency or specify the day of remembrance. Some have endeavored to justify very infrequent observance by the words, "as often as ye do this." These words occur in a sentence stating the purpose of the feast, not the time of celebration. They would no more warrant monthly or quarterly communion than they would justify one celebration in a life-time. There are a few writers who have advocated a yearly celebration of the Lord's Supper because they think that the Supper took the place of the Passover which was an annual Jewish feast. But the New Testament never hints that the Lord's Supper came in place of the Passover or of anything else. It is Christ himself who is our Passover, and we do well to observe the Lord's Supper on the day of apostolic observance. In the Book of Acts are two passages which are of outstanding value regarding the Supper, at once emphasising its importance in the worship of the early church and indicating also the day of observance. In chapter 2 Luke tells us that the disciples "continued stedfastly in . . . the breaking of bread," and in the seventh verse of chapter 20 he writes of Christian people being gathered together to break bread upon the first day of the week. The very purpose of their meeting is given as the celebration of the Supper, even though there was the added attraction of the apostle's presence and address. Our scriptural right to meet on the first day of the week to break the memorial bread cannot successfully be challenged. The thing to be desired is that all Christian people come to realise the privilege and blessing of regular communion, and to keep unbroken the association of the three things of the Lord—the Lord's day, the Lord's house, and the Lord's Supper.

THE PRE-EMINENT CHRIST.

"That in all things he might have the pre-eminence."—Colossians 1: 18.

JESUS CHRIST is Lord of the universe. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto him. All things were created through him and unto him, and in him all things consist. The Apostle John reports that in the midst of the throne he saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, to whose worth, and power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing, the angels around the throne and the multitude of created things in heaven, earth and sea paid tribute in a glorious psalm of praise.

The Father's thought of the only begotten Son is indicated in many a scripture. He anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with audible voice proclaimed: "This is my beloved Son; hear ye him." He "gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow." God the Father, who endued him with "all authority in heaven and on earth," wishes men to honor the Son even as they honor the Father.

The angelic hosts fell in adoration before the Son, in obedience to the command, "Let all the angels of God worship him." These heavenly beings, content to be "ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for them that shall inherit salvation," ascribe honor, glory and majesty to him of whom the Father hath said, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever."

The pre-eminence of Christ in the world is declared. "Without him was not anything made that hath been made." He is "the light of the world"—"the light which lighteth every man." He is "the Saviour of the world." He is the only way to God; "No one," he said, "cometh unto the Father, but by me." There is no other name in which we can be saved. Thus he is the indispensable, as well as the pre-eminent Christ.

For the church our Lord should be "first in everything." He loved the church, and gave himself for it. "He is the head of the body, the church, . . . that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." Also, it is not always the case that the redeemed body of Christ lives to the glory of her pre-eminent Lord, or that the individual Christian so remembers him who died for us all that in his life is fulfilled the divine purpose of that substitutionary death, namely, that "they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again." Yet Christ has every right—by creation, redemption and daily care and blessing—to be the "Lord and Master of us all."

Sitting at the Supper which commemorates the Saviour's love, we should have our love renewed, our zeal rekindled, and our resolution confirmed to give him the first place in our hearts and to manifest to the world that he has the pre-eminence in our lives.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

ONE TALENT.

HE couldn't sing and he couldn't play,
He couldn't speak and he couldn't pray.
He'd try to read, but break right down,
Then sadly grieve at smile or frown,
While some with talents ten begun,
He started out with only one.
"With this," he said, "I'll do my best,
And trust the Lord to do the rest."
His trembling hand and tearful eye
Gave forth a world of sympathy,
When all alone with one distressed
He whispered words that calmed that breast,
And little children learned to know,
When grieved and troubled, where to go.
He loved the birds, the flowers, the trees,
And, loving him, his friends loved these.
His homely features lost each trace
Of homeliness, and in his face
There beamed a kind and tender light
That made surrounding features bright.
When illness came he smiled at fears,
And bade his friends to dry their tears;
He said "Good-bye," and all confess
He made of life a grand success.

—Angelus.

A THOUGHT FOR US ALL.

"He findeth first his own brother Simon and . . . he brought him unto Jesus."

A WOMAN was sitting outside her door when a stranger appeared and said, "I wonder if you are attending any church? If not, would you come with me to our women's meeting?"

"I would love to come," said the woman addressed. "It is lovely here for me."

She attended the meeting, and in a little while became a keen worker.

"Do you know," she afterwards said to the woman who had given the invitation, "I have been here for three months. In three days the grocer, baker and milkman found me out, but you were the first one who said, 'Come to the house of the Lord.'"

THE BOY CARLYLE'S GIFT.

ONE winter day, more than a century ago, when Carlyle was about six years old, he was alone in his father's house at Ecclefechan. An old, feeble man came to the door to ask for something to eat. There was not any food in the house, and the man turned away sadly. "Wait, wait!" cried Carlyle, his face glowing with a lovely thought. Running with all his little might across the kitchen, he dragged a stool in front of the dresser, and got his penny pig—an earthenware money-box—off the shelf. This he broke against the hearth, and gathering up the meagre pennies, ran out to the beggar. "There!" Carlyle cried, emptying his hands into the beggar's cold, trembling palm, "'twas all mine—now 'tis yours!" He said afterwards that when the beggar vanished that snowy day, it seemed to him that there woke a great joy all about him.

An Edinburgh cabman was driving an American round the sights of the city. In High-st. he stopped, and with a wave of his whip, announced, "That is John Knox's house." "John Knox!" exclaimed the American, "who was he?" This was too much for cabby. "Man," he exclaimed, "did you never read your Bible?"

Victory Through Prayer.

Luke 22: 39-46.

Prayer Meeting Topic for November 19.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

ONE instinctively feels that this is holy ground, and with great hesitation we tread upon it. Here we enter the holy of holies and are with our Lord alone. But who can begin to appreciate his feeling and the thought of his heart? Here the holy Son of God alone can know the temptation and the overcoming of it. Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are, and beyond that to which we are subjected. It was a dark hour, but thank God he was never defeated.

Prayer Brings an Answer.

Some people have the foolish notion that prayer is of no use; that if there is any value to any individual, it is merely subjective. So all the men in all the ages have been wrong in praying except for a reflex action or effect in their own minds. But the experience of men proclaims the foolishness of such a position. Many are in the happy position of being able to say, "I know," and nothing on earth could shake their faith in and knowledge of the power of prayer. Before Christ or after, it is all the same. Saints, missionaries, martyrs, all know. And didn't Jesus urge us to pray, and didn't he pray, and if so, why? Did he know that there was no real answer to our praying? And if he knew that, he could not be God's Son and our Saviour, and lie about it. For Jesus himself prayer to God was vital, so much so that whole nights were spent that way.

For What Did He Pray?

What was the cup that he prayed might be taken away from him? Explanations have been made. Some have hesitated to accept the obvious suggestion that Jesus was praying for escape from suffering and death, for he was no coward. Such have taken Heb. 5: 7 and suggested that Jesus, weakened already by the all-night vigil and suffering and anguish of mind, was fearful of death before he could come to the cross. Perhaps Satan would defeat him by a premature death and God's purposes not be accomplished. Hence he prayed for deliverance from an earlier death. To me it seems a straining of the text, and especially in the light of Matt. 20: 22, 23 and John 18: 11. The cup of suffering and the burden of sin he was to carry, the anguish of it all was tremendous. And not one of us can ever know how terrible it all was. Was there fear or hesitancy? I know not, but prayer can be made by strong men because they know of the awfulness of the struggle—know it all too well. And God heard the prayer and answered, and "there appeared unto him an angel from heaven strengthening him." He was heard as the writer to the Hebrews says. God gave him victory even as he prayed, "Not my will but thine be done."

Are Our Prayers Answered?

If they be earnest, the prayer of faith and of the righteous, they surely will be. Paul prayed thrice for the removal of the thorn and the thorn remained. The scoffers say, "There you are; I told you so." But Paul said the prayer was answered. He knew. Sometimes we are waverers, James 1: 6-8; maybe self-righteous, Luke 18: 11-14. Answers may come in a variety of ways, and after all, will not God give that which he sees is best? He would be no Father if he sent all we ask for. It would be a much wiser thing for us to say "make me" instead of "give me." Make me strong and loving and patient and able for life and death.

TOPIC FOR NOV. 26.—FRIENDS OF THE DEAD CHRIST.—Luke 23: 50-56.

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—NEW TESTAMENT

"WHATSOEVER."

Monday, November 17.

WHATSOEVER ye would that men should do to you, even so do ye also unto them.—Matt. 5: 12.

The Golden Rule is the moral pivot upon which depends the reconstruction of society upon Christian principles. If each individual acted in harmony with this great rule society would be revolutionised. But it must always be remembered that reformation without regeneration will not help in the long run.

Reading—Matthew 5: 1-12.

Tuesday, November 18.

Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.—Matt. 16: 19.

Matthew 18: 18 shows that this was not the exclusive prerogative of Peter, for the same power was afterwards given to the other apostles. The binding and loosing pertained to the distinguishing between things allowed and those which were prohibited under the new law of the new kingdom.

Reading—Matthew 16: 13-20.

Wednesday, November 19.

Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.—John 15: 16.

Christ could, if he wished, give his followers "whatsoever" they ask for, but this would not be good for them or their fellowmen. He graciously gives or withholds according to his will, yet "may" give all we ask for, if in harmony with his plans and for our eternal good.

Reading—John 15: 14-19.

Thursday, November 20.

Whatsoever things are true.—Phil. 4: 8.

Christians should set their faces against everything that is false, and strive to be, in deed and speech, examples of Christian morality. They should be true to their profession; true to their promises; true in all they say as well, as all they do; true to God, themselves and their fellow-men.

Reading—Philippians 4: 4-9.

Friday, November 21.

Whatsoever things are honorable.—Phil. 4: 8.

The word "honorable" here signifies those things which are regarded as worthy of honor; the conduct which engenders respect and admiration. It concerns not only proper conduct in business, but in all the Christian does, that he may "have good testimony from them that are without."

Reading—Matthew 5: 1-12.

Saturday, November 22.

Whatsoever things are pure.—Phil. 4: 8.

Christians should be pure in thought, speech and deed. They must rid themselves of all sinful desires. If we would see God by faith now, and hereafter face to face, we must be holy, as he is holy.

Reading—1 Peter 1: 13-17.

Sunday, November 23.

Whatsoever things are lovely.—Phil. 4: 8.

Many a person, lovely in features, has an unlovely disposition, whilst plain-looking folk are often noted for their sweetness and amiability. Lovely work is often spoiled because it is done in such an unlovely way. Well might we "think on these things."

Readings—Psalm 37: 1-19; Philippians 4.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Conducted by W. R. Hibburt.



THIS journal sets aside this column for items of interest to young people and their leaders. The weekly gesture is a note of confidence in youth and an expectation of great things from the young men and women of the churches. At the request of the Editor, the writer now undertakes the responsibility of this column. While every effort will be made to maintain a high standard, new avenues will be explored to make it a useful and purposeful medium. We desire to identify this column particularly with the adolescent years, and at times will require young adults to voice their viewpoint. It is desired that the young men and women of the churches should cultivate the habit of viewing this column in terms of friendship. It is concerned with their special interest.

Building a Grand Fraternity.

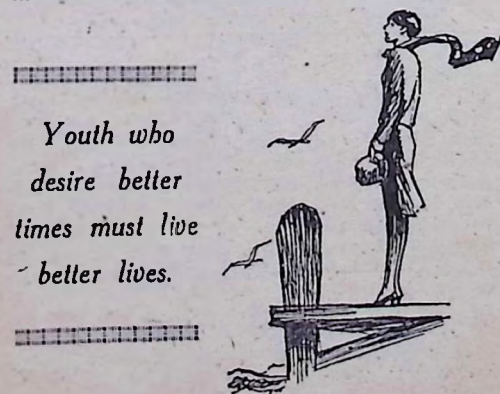
Furthermore, we cherish the desire that the column will report youth interests from the various States and contribute to a oneness and excite common action in advancing plans and purposes that concern all youth. It is evident that young people in various States already sense a fellowship, but there is at present a limited degree of co-ordination. We must dream and scheme so that all the youth of all these States feel the pulse of one grand fraternity. The pressure that the world brings to bear upon our lives demands the encirclement of spiritual forces. Evil is organised, and it is good technique and strategy for youth to organise friendship, goodness, righteousness and enthusiasms into a Federal force. What a great crusade could be sponsored by this youthful fraternity. What a chance.

A Battle of Ideas is Raging.

Ideas that are anti-God, anti-Christian and anti-democratic are clashing with external values and undermining all that is sacred. Christian youth must be in the fight and out-think the false ideas.

The Bible classes, Endeavor units, camps and conventions are the "thought-cells" of our youth movement. We cannot afford to have our friends outside these activities. These groups must be the spearhead of our movement.

Only right ideas will bomb out wrong ideas. Christian youth must become sure of God and the will of God. The youth of the world will have to right the wrongs of the present world disaster, and heal the war scars amongst the peoples of the world. Let us pay the cost of mental and spiritual discipline so that we can make our contribution.



Youth who
desire better
times must live
better lives.

A Startling Contrast.

PROGRESSIVE figures of the Lord Mayor's hospitals appeal fund were announced in the "Argus" on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Almost £51,000 has been received, and it is expected that the total will reach £55,000. This amount is to be distributed among Melbourne public hospitals. The sum seems large, but in view of great needs, it is most inadequate.

On the front page of the same issue of the "Argus," "one of the most extraordinary racing sensations in Australian turf history" was featured. The gaming police had sufficient grounds for making a raid on the premises of a leading Melbourne club, where 600 men had gathered. The facts of the situation warranted the police seizing documents and indicating an intention of taking legal proceedings against a number of persons.

It is alleged that last year £250,000 changed hands in illegal gambling transactions on a similar occasion. This large sum is only a fraction of the huge sums wasted by young and old, during the racing season. The gambling vice so grips people that little heed is paid to the laws of the land. We are glad, then, to note that the police have taken this bold step under the new law, and we hope that it may help to check the gambling fever.

The enormous amounts of money spent on gambling make it obvious that it is not from a lack of wealth that the community withholds adequate support from the hospitals, but because of the sin of covetousness. While there are almost unlimited sums of money for the hope of gaining unearned wealth, there is little for those who seek to minister to the needs of the poor and the sick.

Tasmanian News-letter.

Folliott T. Morgan.

THE Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches have been busy with their respective annual assemblies during the past month. We have heard some interesting statements from them.

Union Proposals.

The doctrinal statement prepared by the joint committee of the Baptist Union and the Churches of Christ Conference and submitted to the Baptist Union meeting was accepted with only one slight amendment. The statement as adopted will be discussed at conference next Easter.

State Education.

Speaking to the Methodist Assembly, the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman J. Soundy, M.H.A., said, "State education is good, but it is not doing all that it could to develop character." Many people in the educational realm in Tasmania have deplored the lack of leadership qualities both in the members and the products of the Education Department. The lack is not confined to Tasmanian education. It is easier to swallow ready-made facts than to think.

Censorship of Broadcasts.

There has been quite a stir caused by the requirement of the Australian Broadcasting Commission that the manuscript of talks given by ministers in the daily broadcast service be submitted for censorship purposes. The Council of Churches and the Ministers' Fraternal in Hobart both made statements objecting to the principle. There were some in Launceston, too, who objected, although there was no official statement made.

Government Housing Scheme.

Fifty-seven homes are being built in Hobart under the Homes Act. The Government has agreed to allot 50 per cent. of them to slum dwellers, provided that the City Council condemns an equal number of slum houses.

Mostly Personal.

Recent visitors to Tasmania have included Mr. W. H. Rainey, of the B. and F. B.S., who was one of the last to leave France when the German invasion began, and Setareki Tui Lovoni, of the Fijian Education Department, who was at the Methodist Assembly meetings. The news that Bro. R. L. Arnold has decided to come to Tasmania is welcome. He will be an acquisition to this State. There are at present only three full-time preachers in Tasmania.

National Day of Prayer.

THE Victorian Regional Committee has presented, in the Melbourne papers, a fine statement on the need for national repentance if the special day is to have real value. The concluding passages sum up the general thought.

"Remembrance Day, if it is to have any real meaning and to produce any lasting results in the life of our nation, must be a day of penitence and confession, of self-examination and self-condemnation, a day when with humble yet resolute hearts our people pledge themselves so to live and labor that the ideals of liberty, justice and brotherhood, for which so many of our fellow citizens have already given their lives, will not fail of their fulfilment by what we do or fail to do.

"The churches interpret the request of the Government for the observance of this Day of Remembrance as a recognition of the duty of the community to maintain the Christian standard in its ordinary life. Failure at this point means inevitably an incalculable gain to enemies of our Empire and defeat of the very ideals we are pledged to maintain.

"It would appear that we as a people are in grave danger because of our failure as a democracy to accept voluntarily that discipline which our enemies have consented to accept as a condition of success. On their side, the leaders of the churches will support the Government in every effort it makes to resist the forces of demoralisation that are at work among us, and to establish as a living force in our common life that righteousness by which alone a nation is exalted."

Special Missions.

At Middle Park, Vic., a "Victory for Christ Crusade" concluded with a week of well-attended special services. Splendid addresses were given by Bren. W. Graham, Moreland; Nance-Kivell, Bentleigh; E. Rossiey, North Essendon; J. Webb, Hartwell; and F. Buckingham, Malvern-Caulfield. The church was grateful to Bren. E. Peters, J. Wright, P. Thiekens, T. Cuddy and L. Brooker for musical items and leading song services. Singing of scholars reflected credit on leadership of Bro. L. Brooker. Addresses by Bren. A. A. Hughes, W. Gale, J. Methven and D. Stewart were appreciated. On Nov. 5 the Mission Band held an Australian Tea in aid of Social Service Guest Home.

A mission conducted at Cottonville, S.A., resulted in ten decisions. Thanks are extended to Victor Harbour church and State Home Mission Committee for releasing Bro. B. W. Manning. Bro. Gloyne, on concluding night, presented Bro. Manning with an envelope containing money, and coupled appreciation of the work of Bro. H. P. Manning, the local preacher, with that of the missionary. Another Sunday school scholar has decided since the mission, and Miss Flavel, from Berri, has been welcomed to fellowship. Endeavorers are preparing Christmas gifts for aborigine children at Finnis Springs mission. Auxiliaries are giving excellent witness. All members abroad and interstate with forces are reported to be well.

Here and There.

Owing to pressure on space we have been compelled to hold over several reports reaching us late on Tuesday.

The following telegram, which reached us at noon on Monday, brings heartening news of the mission at Wagga, N.S.W.:—"Hinrichsen-Morris experiencing wonderful revival; fifty-six welcomed yesterday; marquee crowded out to footpath last night, seventeen decisions at close.—Stow."

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Market Fair for the Burwood Boys' Home. There will be a splendid opportunity to inspect the home and its work. The home office is now located at 303 Collins-st. (corner of Elizabeth-st.). Mr. G. Wright has been appointed general secretary to the committee.

We regret to announce that Bro. M. W. Orgill, an isolated member of Dandenong church, Vic., was called from this life on Sunday last at Toora, where for some years he has resided. Bro. Orgill was a generous supporter of brotherhood works, and some time back donated some land at Noble Park to the college and to the church then meeting there.

We introduce Bro. W. H. Hibburt, the newly-appointed youth director for Victoria, as the chief contributor to our young people's column. Bro. Hibburt is planning to interest young people in Australia and New Zealand in this section. Knowing his zeal, we believe he will be successful in his aims. Please turn to his introductory article and plan to carry out his suggestions.

The 34th demonstration of the College of the Bible will be held in the Lygon-st. chapel on Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. An interesting programme is being prepared, and all friends of the college are invited to attend. There will be a special service in the Swanston-st. chapel on the same day at 3 o'clock, when graduates of this year will be set apart for the ministry of the Word.

The decision of the elders of a church to write letters to the young men of the church who enter upon some active war service is to be commended. Our young men need all the encouragement it is possible to give them. They face many temptations; and a letter, with cheerful news of the church from which they have gone, will help to hold them to their resolution to service for Christ.

The church at Whyalla, S.A., completed a year of fellowship and useful service on Sunday, Nov. 2. During the year the church secured a block of land for building a chapel. As a result of an appeal to the brotherhood about £160 has been received toward cost of the building. On June 15 a Bible school was opened in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, and since then one has made a start at the home of Mrs. James, of Ward-st., near the Trust homes. Midweek prayer meetings have been held in the homes of members.

Bro. Roy Raymond writes: "At the first meeting of the newly created Aborigines' Mission Board, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Bro. J. Wiltshire; vice-chairman, Bro. Albany Bell; secretary, Bro. Roy Raymond; assistant secretary, Bro. A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.; treasurer, Bro. A. C. Olds, A.I.C.A. Much of the board's work at present is of an exploratory kind, and the gathering of financial support. We contemplate an appeal to the churches throughout the Commonwealth on 'Aborigines' Sunday,' Feb. 1. Meanwhile, any financial help that can be given by interested brethren will be gratefully accepted."

There were large attendances at the annual district conference at Swan Hill. Mr. D. A. Cockroft, the president, welcomed Cr. E. Williams, Mayor of Swan Hill, and Messrs. Anderson, Eadie and Martin, representatives of other communions. The Mayor extended a welcome to Mr. J. E. Allan, president of Vic-

torian conference. The report shows that Bro. C. P. Hughes is doing a good work with the church at Swan Hill. Amongst those whose help was appreciated during conference was that of the ladies under Mrs. Sutton, who prepared meals; Misses Joan Mott and Florence Baxter, who rendered solo and duet; and Mr. S. Harrop as song leader. The following were elected to office for the coming year: President, Mr. S. Harrop; past president, Mr. D. A. Cockroft; vice-president, Mr. J. Leach; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. A. Mott.

W. Gale writes: "On Sunday last, Nov. 9, we introduced W. R. Hibburt, our new youth leader, to the churches at Ballarat, whither we were planned to represent home missions, and to take part in the Dawson-st. Bible school anniversary. Mr. Hibburt was at York-st. morning and afternoon, and at Dawson-st. at night. The writer was at Dawson-st. for morning and afternoon, and at Peel-st. at night. We are looking forward anxiously to Dec. 7, on which day the home mission annual offering will be taken. To-day we have further word of another church in the country finding itself unable to meet its financial requirements, owing to the removal of so many of its members. This condition has grown apace throughout the State since last year, and is likely to become more acute still. The Home Missionary Committee is grappling with this problem, and looks to the churches to rise to the occasion on Dec. 7."

Seventy-sixth anniversary and home-coming day were celebrated very successfully at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Nov. 9. Bro. A. A. Hughes conducted morning and evening meetings. Morning service was broadcast over 3LO. A large number of former members and friends attended and were entertained at lunch and tea. Some 350 meals were served altogether. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Mr. L. E. Hollins, M.L.A., on "Christianity in Our Politics." The Century Bible Class from Lygon-st. church co-operated by their attendance. At evening service the theme was "Thanksgiving," and the choir rendered selections of special sacred music, assisted by solos from Mesdames Hutchinson and Mitchell, and Messrs. Lomax and Hardy. Miss Amelia Scarce sang a beautiful solo at morning service and Miss Warden in the afternoon. The whole day was one of inspiring fellowship. Floral decorations were very beautiful.

Three large congregations greeted Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Saunders at the home-coming services at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., on Nov. 2. The guest preacher and his wife were enthusiastically welcomed by a host of friends after an absence of 11 years. The three addresses delivered by Bro. Saunders were of a high order and warmly received. Anthems rendered morning and evening by the church choir, and the solos by Mrs. A. G. Saunders, Mrs. Farrer and Mrs. C. Ferris, were much appreciated. About 500 meals were served during the day. A fine commencement was made

Books by Dr. Oswald J. Smith.

(Pastor of The People's Church, Toronto.)

Building a Better World and other vital messages. 4/3.

The Man God Uses. A plea for separation of the Christian from the world. 4/3.

The Lord is Calling. Stirring Gospel appeals. 2/3.

The Work God Blesses. The power of the supernatural for life and service. 4/3.

The Revival We Need. 3/9.

The Clouds are Lifting—Studies in Prophecy. 2/3.

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315 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

with the open-air church in association with Lygon-st. Methodist church. A large caravan appropriately placarded and equipped with amplifiers is being used. The message was given by Bro. F. R. Raisbeck, who was supported by many helpers and a large company of church people.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARRETT.—Nov. 20, 1940, Kinkora-rd., Hawthorn, Paulina Teague, beloved daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mitchell; sister of the late Thomas, Charles W., George T.; and Louisa, wife of Dr. A. Mackenzie Meldrum, Sydney. Beloved mother of Cecil W. of Sydney and Evelyn Paulina (Mrs. J. Duffer), Hawthorn.

While memory links us to the past,

Thy name we'll cherish to the last.

—L. Meldrum.

BENN.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our beloved father, Adam Rea, who was called to higher service on Nov. 13, 1939.

"Until we meet again before his throne,
Clothed in the spotless robe he gives his own,

Until we know even as we are known—
Good-night."

—Inserted by his loving wife and family at Kaniva and Murrumbidgee.

KING.—In fond and loving memory of our dear husband and father, William Gordon, who was called home suddenly Nov. 16, 1940.

When trackless wastes before us lie,

On Christ we can depend;

The needed grace he doth supply,

And guides us to the end.

—Inserted by his loving wife Lillian, daughter Gloria, son-in-law Bill; grand-dad of Gloria and Billie.

LACY.—In treasured memory of our loved one, Alfred Thomas Lacy, who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 12, 1937.

The passing years can never change

The thoughts of one so dear;

Fond memories linger every day—

Remembrance keeps you near.

We have you in our memories,

God has you in his care.

—Inserted by his loving wife and sons.

MATHIESON.—In fond memory of my dear wife, and our beloved mother, who went home on Nov. 14, 1940.

"A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled."

—Inserted by her husband and family.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

Mr. Foreman and family, of Kangerong-rd., Box Hill, Vic., wish to thank all those who sent floral tributes and messages of condolence in their recent bereavement, and desire that they accept this as an acknowledgement of the many kindnesses shown.

WANTED.

Wanted urgently, joint leader for junior boys' club. Splendid opportunity to bring Christian influence to bear on developing boys. Present leader Churches of Christ member. Contact C. W. Hart, Melbourne City Mission, 591 Bridge-st., Richmond. J 3856.

TO LET.

Edithvale.—Furnished house, clean, comfortable, 5 bedrooms, etc., accommodate 9. Gas-stove, bath-heater, all conveniences, electric light, paths; 4 minutes station, minute beach. From about Feb. 14. 'Phone, WF5203.

Chelsea.—Vacant Christmas and after, 2 B.R. and K., acc. 3, gas, E.L.—Mrs. Cooper, 55 Chelsea-rd., Chelsea.

Chelsea.—Vacant house, acc. 4, from Jan. 10, G., E.L., few mins. station and beach.—Miss Green, 3 Chelsea-rd., Chelsea.

FRANKSTON CHURCH.

New building is nearing completion. Please watch this space for announcement of opening date.

News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—A very successful picnic of Bible school was held at Relbia on Nov. 3. Visitors at worship services lately included Bro. Douglas Duff, of Melbourne. On Nov. 2 there was one confession. Bro. Warmbrunn gave a splendid morning address on Nov. 9. At evening service, conducted by Bro. G. Foot, Bren. Wilmot and Duff rendered a duet. Communicants for day numbered 112. On Oct. 31 an aged member, Sister Nelson, passed away after a long sickness. Her life was a great witness, and her passing is deeply regretted.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—Addresses on Nov. 2 were given by Bro. H. R. Fitch, evening subject being "Questioned by a Lawyer." Sisters Mrs. Moore and Mrs. F. Stephenson and Bro. H. R. Smith rendered a trio. Sister Davies has been in hospital for six weeks.

Subiaco.—Men of the church spent a pleasant afternoon on Oct. 18 at Bro. and Sister Owen's home at Mahogany Creek. On 26th the Sunday school conducted anniversary services with crowded meetings. Singing was conducted by Bro. E. Black, assisted by an orchestra. School demonstration on Oct. 28 was culmination of an inspirational series of meetings.

Perth.—On Oct. 29, after a helpful address by Bro. J. S. Bridge on "The Christian Grace of Winsomeness," an interesting dialogue was given by Bren. J. A. Ewers and J. Wiltshire on "The Progress of Our Movement in Its Early Days." On morning of Nov. 2, two were welcomed into membership. Visitors included Sister Wood (Prospect, S.A.). Bro. Wiltshire spoke on "His Peerless Name." At gospel service Bro. E. R. Berry rendered a solo. The preacher's subject was "The Tarrying Bridegroom and the Slumbering Sleepers." At 9.15 he delivered a broadcast address on "Our Supreme Lord."

York.—Meetings are held weekly for worship and breaking of bread, gospel services alternate Lord's day evenings. The church is indebted to Northam for supplying speakers at latter services—Bren. Paine, Roediger, Hollett, Beavis, Spicer, Jefferies and the resident preacher, F. M. Fewster, also to Bro. Ray Roediger for service and driving his car for transport of preachers. Christian Endeavor of Northam church held a meeting in York chapel (30 members journeying by Bro. Roediger's motor truck 44 miles) on several occasions. Bible school has been re-opened, conducted by Sisters Lawrence, sen. and jun. During latter part of 1940 a married woman made the good confession and was immersed. Two young women (sisters) were added to the church by faith and baptism, and these almost immediately commenced a Bible school in Burge's Siding school house, three miles from their home. Subsequently the mother of these young women confessed Christ. At gospel service on Oct. 19 a young man took his stand, Bro. Fewster preaching on the same day. Mrs. Norman Cosh made her confession. She was baptised at Subiaco by Bro. Raymond, and welcomed into the local church on Nov. 2.

QUEENSLAND.

Boonah.—Bro. and Sister Roy Clow and family have left the district and are now living at Monto. Bro. Greenwood visited Boonah in connection with home mission offering.

Monkland.—A working bee made further improvements to chapel by enclosing front porch, making it useful as a class-room. On Oct. 28 Bro. H. E. Greenwood paid a "goodwill visit" and gave a lantern lecture on New Zealand and Australia to a large audience. Monthly gospel service on Nov. 2 was conducted by Bren. A. J. and N. Kingston, and was largely attended. Sister Mrs. Lillwall, son., is seriously ill in General Hospital.

Maryborough.—Meetings are fair and some non-members attend. Nov. 2 recorded almost full membership morning and evening. Removal of Turner family to Gympie is a loss. Women's meetings are in good heart. C.E. held an enjoyable picnic at Schultz's paddock. A visit from Bro. Greenwood, H.M. and Y.P.D. organiser, was appreciated. Sister Ingham's good work as Bible school leader is shown by loyalty of the young people.

Gympie.—On Oct. 24 the cricket club combined with Y.P.S.C.E. to hold a successful social in aid of hampers for soldiers connected with the club who are overseas. Bro. H. E. Greenwood conducted a home mission rally on Oct. 29, when a goodly number attended. Bren. V. T. Fittell and A. J. Fisher paid a visit to Goomboorian district on Oct. 30, visiting schools for religious instruction, conducting communion services in homes of isolated members, and holding an evening service at Ross Mount. On Nov. 2 the Orange Lodge attended evening service, when Bro. Fisher preached on "A Kingdom that will not Pass Away."

Kingaroy.—On Nov. 1 the Queensland conference secretary, H. E. Greenwood, was entertained by 20 young people at tea, when work and plans of Young People's Department were discussed. Later Bro. Greenwood gave an illustrated lecture on "The Scenic Wonders of

Forestville.—During recent weeks Bren. S. Lovell and J. T. Train have delivered addresses. On Oct. 26 the cantata, "Under the Palms," was given by church choir and helpers. Thanks are accorded the conductor, Bro. F. G. Walkley, for its success.

Victor Harbour.—Excellent meetings marked Sunday school anniversary services on Nov. 2. Singing of the boys and girls was enjoyed. The messages of Bro. Talbot will be remembered by old and young. The gift of £21 for needed equipment was a great encouragement.

Stirling East.—The church held 74th anniversary services on Oct. 26. Bro. A. R. Jones, from Henley Beach, was speaker. Attendances were very good. On Oct. 29 anniversary services were concluded with various items, bright singing, a nice talk from Miss Caldicott, of India, supper, and family worship, conducted by Bro. Oram.

Gawler.—At evening service on Oct. 22, anniversary greetings were read to the church. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Wills, of Maylands, a recitation by Mrs. Forham, and a duet by Miss S. Ratcliffe and Mr. R. Goldsworthy. The service was conducted by Bro. Theo. Edwards, whose text was "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy father built."

Unley.—On Oct. 26 Mr. Nankivell addressed the church and Mr. E. H. Swan, of B. & F. Bible Society, spoke at night. Recent additions have been Basil Phillips and Max Holmes (by faith and baptism) and Mrs. Glover (by transfer from Cottonville). For first three Sundays in October the number of those partaking of the Lord's Supper was: Oct. 5, 183; Oct. 12, 186; Oct. 19, 190. On Nov. 2 Mr. Nankivell spoke in morning, and at night gave third in a series of addresses on "The Church's Task." S.S. picnic at Long Gully on Eight Hours Day was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bennett recently celebrated their golden wedding. Both have been faithful members at Park-st. for almost all that time.

Whyalla.—On Oct. 26 Bro. Riches, from Pt. Augusta, brought the message. Nov. 3 was first anniversary of the church, and Bro. Arnold spoke at morning meeting to a good attendance. A gospel service was held in the home of a member, and it is hoped that services can be continued until the church has a suitable building. Sister Miss W. Hale was received into fellowship by letter from Maylands. A welcome was given to Bro. and Sister Cor, from Queenstown, and Sister Miss Bridgeman, from Dulwich, who have taken up residence at Whyalla.

Mile End.—Special addresses have been given by Bro. Fitzgerald on Sunday evenings and a series of "Victory Messages" on Revelation. Good interest and attendances have been maintained. Approximately 125 broke bread on morning of Nov. 9; evening attendance over 200. On Nov. 8 Miss Elva Caldicott was married to Mr. E. C. Gliddon, of Mt. Compass. Bible school teachers presented her with a crystal compote in appreciation of her many years of service. Since July many members have used duplex envelopes, and finances of the church have been greatly helped, including building fund reduction.

Prospect.—Services on Nov. 2 were well attended, evening service being broadcast; the address was on "Every-day Life." Joy Mackenzie, Gloria Bonney and Miss Bonney made their decision for Christ. The church regrets losing Sister Dulcie Woods, who has been transferred to W.A. She has done valuable work. Ladies' Guild annual meeting was well attended. All auxiliaries are working well. Bro. Schwab has left for his vacation. On morning of Nov. 9 Bro. H. Bradshaw was speaker; Bro. Ross Manning preached at night. All departments of Bible school are making efforts to gain new scholars.

Cowandilla.—Good morning meetings continue; night meetings have improved. Auxiliaries are functioning well. A children's "Star Campaign" is being conducted during weekday afternoons by the preacher with good attendances. Band of Hope Society won shield for best dialogue in recent competitions. "Things that Jesus Taught About Himself" was subject of two addresses by Bro. Hollams at evening services on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. A married man and two young ladies confessed Christ on the latter date. On Oct. 20 ladies of the church held a social gathering to meet Sister Mrs. Jas. Gordon, of W.A.

Strathalbyn.—On morning of Oct. 12 Bro. B. Filmer was welcomed by transfer from Kadina. At night a duet was sung by Mrs. Willing and Miss Headland. On Oct. 19 Bro. R. Anderson's morning address was based on Matt. 24: 42. Bro. B. Filmer was speaker at night. Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 26. Bro. Riches conducted a teachers' recognition service in morning, and at night his talk on "A Chime of Bells" was enjoyed. Singing by school was conducted by Sister S. Bartlett. The birthday party was held on Monday night with items entitled "God's World Garden." The children were willing to forego book prizes that victims of bombing in England might benefit. Bro. R. Caudle is making good recovery after operation.

Hindmarsh.—On Nov. 2 Bro. Ross Graham, of Croydon, addressed the church on "The Origin of the Mass." At night Bro. Ewers used the blackboard to illustrate his address on "What Scoffers Wilfully Overlook." Miss Lorna Goodall sang a solo and the choir an anthem. Sisters J. and V. Allan, home on holiday from Tumut, N.S.W., had fellowship with the church. Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 9. In morning Bro. Wm. L. Ewers gave a good address. In afternoon more than 300 were present, when Bro. Frank Hollams gave an illustrated talk on "Building Character." At night Bro. W. C. Brooker addressed scholars on "Signs." Special singing was rendered by the school at all services, under leadership of Bro. Geof. Treviskis. Bro. Frank Mercer was received into fellowship by letter from Berri.

Dulwich.—Bible school anniversary on Nov. 2 and 3 was successful. 11 a.m. speaker was Bro. A. Anderson. In afternoon school superintendent (Bro. Bridgman) presided and Bro. Beiler spoke. Bro. Collins was night speaker. School's singing was conducted by Bro. Ken-tish. Sister Mrs. Castles has returned after illness. A visitor has been Sister Mrs. Hodgson, of Sydney.

Norwood.—On Oct. 26 Bro. Ingham was able to take morning service but not evening service, which the secretary, Bro. C. J. Parker, conducted. Miss Elsie Caldicott was speaker on morning of Nov. 2. Bro. Cave, from Wood-side camp, was evening speaker. On Nov. 5 Miss Caldicott gave an interesting talk to Endeavor societies. A concert was held on Nov. 8 to aid Dorcas funds.

Kadina.—Sisters' Auxiliary of Northern Conference met at Kadina on Oct. 8. Sister McLachlan, of Owen, S.A., president of Sisters' Conference, addressed the meeting. Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 26. Bro. Lawrie spoke at evening meeting on "Ship Signals." 175 persons were present. The picnic was held at North Beach on Nov. 1. On Nov. 2 Bro. Lawrie exhorted church on "Name of Names," and at night Envoy Bottrell preached. Anniversary continued on Oct. 27 with programme by scholars of school. Prizes and diplomas were presented. Bro. C. E. Larcombe, superintendent of school, conducted singing.

Murray Bridge.—The church sympathises with Sister A. C. Page and family in the passing of a beloved mother. Bible school picnic was held on Oct. 25. Good Burdette-Poompoota circuit services were conducted by Bren. S. Swift and C. Grundy on Oct. 26. Bro. W. Green, of Mile End, addressed morning, men's fellowship and gospel services on Nov. 2. Sister H. W. Hermann gave an item, and a greeting from Queensland Sisters' Conference Executive, to guild meeting on Nov. 4. Good congregations welcomed Bro. N. G. Noble on Nov. 9 from his "medical holiday" in Wayville military hospital. Improvements continue to be made upon chapel and manse properties.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Rockdale.—On Oct. 26 Bro. Baker, of Kingsford, exhorted the church, and at night Bro. Hinrichsen preached to a good congregation. On Nov. 2 Bro. Hinrichsen spoke morning and evening to good meetings.

Marrickville.—On Oct. 26, at a Bible school teachers' dedication service, Bro. F. Hunting gave an inspirational talk. In the afternoon Bro. Thomas gave a children's talk on "Unselfishness." On Oct. 28 the cantata "Mary of Bethany" was rendered, and on the following Sunday Bible school prizes were distributed by Bro. D. Wakeley. Three members were received into fellowship—two by letter, one by confession.

Inverell.—In a series of addresses on Galatians Bro. Jenner has revealed the fallacies of Seventh Day Adventist doctrines. The church has sustained the loss by death of Bro. For-man and Bro. Roy Mitchell. Sympathy is extended to the relatives. A tennis afternoon at home of Sister Mrs. Scholz augmented funds of Sisters' Guild. Children are preparing for anniversary services which coincide with a visit by the conference president.

Grafton.—On returning after their marriage at Newcastle on Oct. 25, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie were welcomed on Nov. 4 by a good gathering of members and friends. After a delightful programme Mr. Harvey (church secretary) voiced the pleasure of all on the occasion, and called on Mr. Reeves (treasurer) to welcome the guests on behalf of the church; Miss A. Walsh (Christian Endeavor), Miss Ellen (Bible school), and Miss McCallum (Ladies' Guild). Captain Allen (on behalf of Salvation Army) also extended a welcome. The couple were recipients of a presentation from the church, also several individual gifts. Prior to his marriage Bro. Wylie was presented with a monetary gift from the church.

Chatswood.—Successful Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 2. The singing was an inspiration under leadership of Mr. David Verco, M.A. Mr. Hunting, youth organiser, spoke in afternoon, and Mr. Youens at evening service. The school caused concern 12 months ago, but confidence is now felt that it will once more make its mark in the community. On evening of Nov. 2 Mr. Cust gave the gospel message in the absence of Mr. Youens.

Bankstown.—Meetings are increasing in numbers and spirit under leadership of Bro. Thomson. On Sunday night, Oct. 26, a very impressive service was held and an honor roll unveiled, donated by Bro. Reg. Edwards. Sunday school attendance is increasing. Teachers hold a monthly fellowship tea. Mrs. Crossman, Marj. Crossman and Geoff. Crossman were received into the church by transfer from Lidcombe, also Mrs. Whitfield, from the church at Northcote, Vic.

Taree.—Successful anniversary services were held on Oct. 26 and 28. On Oct. 26, in the afternoon, Adj. J. Nicholson, of Salvation Army, gave the address and Bro. A. G. Saunders conducted evening service. The children's choir led by Mrs. Saunders had prominent part in both meetings. Demonstration and prize-giving took place on Oct. 28, a splendid programme being presented by scholars. In absence of Bro. Saunders in Melbourne, helpful addresses were given on Nov. 2 by Bro. D. G. Meyers, of Newcastle.

Bexley North.—Bro. Weir spoke at both services on Nov. 2, when the special anniversary month of meetings commenced. It is planned to clear church building debt by end of March; it now stands at £45. Children's Day was held on Nov. 9, the concert the following evening. On Oct. 28 the Y.P.S.C.E. gave over their evening to a concert and a travel talk (by Misses Coles, of Enmore church), proceeds of which amounted to £11, handed to treasurer of Boys' Home, Bro. Armstrong, who gave a short talk on the work and needs of the home at Pendle Hill.

Paddington.—There was a good attendance at morning service on Nov. 2. Bro. Greenhalgh took his topic from Phil. 2: 12. One member recently immersed was received into fellowship. At evening service the first session of the Bible school anniversary was commenced with "Parents' Night." There was special singing by the school, and Bro. F. Hunting gave a fine address. Children's Day on Nov. 9 and demonstration and prize-giving on 11th completed the services. At Y.P.D. demonstration at City Temple the Bible school was presented with the State banner won in annual examination, also a special honor roll presented by Y.P. Committee to commemorate a record created by winning of five Federal prizes.

VICTORIA.

Hampton.—On Nov. 6 the 15th anniversary of the Women's Mission Band was celebrated, when an address was given by Mrs. Colin Thomas, of India.

Bayswater.—On Oct. 22, at concluding service of Sunday school anniversary, Bro. G. Mathieson gave a lantern lecture on "Scenic New Zealand." Prizes were distributed, musical items were given and supper was served. Hospital offering was £5/7/10. Services on Nov. 9 were well attended. Bro. Burns' evening topic was "The Glory of the Cross." Sister Essie Dowell sang a solo. J.C.E. held a picnic on Nov. 4.

Portland.—On Oct. 26 Bro. Phillips gave an excellent address on "Built on the Rock." Exchange of pulpits was observed on Nov. 2, when Bro. Lewis, of the Baptist church, gave a stirring address.

Warrnambool.—Meetings are well attended. On Nov. 5, to mark completion of two years' service with the church, a social was tendered Bro. and Sister Methven and a presentation made in expression of goodwill and appreciation of members.

Box Hill.—Two young people of the Bible school have been baptised, and on each of last two Sunday evening services there were confessions in response to Bro. H. A. G. Clark's addresses. Sunday school picnic was held on Nov. 4 at Croydon.

Chelsea.—A fellowship tea was held on Nov. 1, when Bro. P. Foster gave an appreciated talk; 23 young people were present. Recently formed intermediate and junior C.E. Societies are making good progress. Sister H. McKee and Bro. C. Corfe are away from meetings through illness.

Brim.—On morning of Nov. 9 the daughter of the secretary was baptised and received into fellowship. At close of Bro. Edwards' message a lad from the S.S. made the good confession. The work of Bro. and Sister Edwards has been a great help to the young people.

Ormond.—Bible school held picnic at Frankston on Nov. 4. Bro. C. L. Lang gave a good message on morning of Nov. 9. Miss V. Clay was welcomed into membership. At night Bro. Lang spoke on "If I had my Life Over Again." Some members are away through sickness.

Bentleigh.—Two scholars have been baptised. On Nov. 2 Mr. Hinton (Baptist church) gave a helpful message, and at night Mr. Huntsman, from Camberwell, was speaker. On Nov. 9 Mr. D. Abbey was morning speaker and Bro. Nance-Kivell addressed gospel service. Several visitors were present.

South Richmond.—Attendances morning and evening meetings have recently shown improvement. On Nov. 9 there was a splendid attendance, when Bro. T. Hagger gave an excellent address. At night a young man was baptised. The church is encouraged by the decisions during past month.

Warracknabeal.—School picnic and anniversary have been held. Owing to smallness of school, items had to be of individual nature; nevertheless the occasion gave pleasure. Fellowship with Baptist brethren on day of exchange of preachers was enjoyed by congregations and preachers.

Boort.—On Oct. 26 the church enjoyed fellowship and addresses of Bro. Hart, of Kyneton. Bro. Wright continues to give splendid addresses. The church extends sympathy to the Stanyer family in their loss. The late Bro. John Stanyer, of Bendigo, was a foundation member of Boort church.

Echuca.—Bible school anniversary concert and prize-giving on Oct. 28 were successful. On Nov. 2 Bro. Thurrowgood addressed the church on "The Mind of Christ." At night Padre Salter, of the military camp, and Baptist (Sunshine), gave a helpful address. Bro. J. Kennett brought a message in song.

Northcote.—Mr. Harris, of Westgarth Baptists, was morning speaker on Nov. 2. Mr. Atkin preached at night. On Nov. 9 Mr. Atkin addressed both services. Sunday school picnic was held at Montmorency on Nov. 4. Northcote and Preston District C.E. Union held junior rally in the chapel on Nov. 8.

Hawthorn.—Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 2 and 9. The children sang well under conductorship of Bro. E. Peters. Bro. S. Neighbour addressed children and parents on Nov. 2. Mr. T. Hagger gave afternoon address, and Mr. A. G. Bennett, of Footscray Baptist church, evening address on Nov. 9. Annual sale of work realised £129 towards building debt. Bro. S. Neighbour has tendered his resignation to the church after a ministry of five and a half years.

Prahran.—Recently several young men of the church, including Bren. Aub. Lee and Roy Clarke, have been farewelled and given presentations. Attendances on Nov. 9 were good; mid-week meetings are well attended. On each of last two Sunday evenings a young person has responded to the invitation.

Oakleigh.—The chapel was filled for Bible school demonstration on Oct. 29, when prizes and examination certificates were distributed. 67 scholars and teachers were present in kindergarten department on Nov. 2. Bro. Hindman has given helpful messages at all services, conducting a baptismal service on Nov. 9.

Kyneton.—Bible school is interested in a competition in the form of a marathon race around Australia. The visit of Bro. C. H. J. Wright was enjoyed on Oct. 26. At night he gave a stirring address on "The Challenge of Christ," and also rendered a solo. "This is God" was Bro. Hart's evening topic on Nov. 2.

Berwick.—Anniversary services were held on Nov. 2, attendance including many visitors. A lad was received into fellowship. Bro. E. L. Williams was speaker afternoon and evening. On Nov. 3 the anniversary concert was held and prizes were distributed. One young lady was baptised after evening service on Nov. 9.

Maryborough.—On Oct. 26 Bro. Burns spoke in morning on "Children of Light," and at night on "Bondage or Liberty?" There were splendid meetings on Nov. 2. Subjects were "The Understanding of Christ" and "The Responsibility to Believe." Bible school had 102 present. Bro. Burns is doing a good work.

Stawell.—There were good meetings on Nov. 2. In morning Mr. J. Whitbourn, Baptist preacher, gave an appreciated address. Bro. Randall preached at night. Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 9; meetings were well attended and addresses by Bro. Randall appreciated. Singing by scholars was enjoyed.

Bet Bet.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 2, all meetings being well attended. Children sang well under leadership of Bro. Ellis, who presided at the organ. Bro. Cremin, of St. Arnaud, was speaker. In afternoon he delighted with an illustrated talk, and again at night, when he delivered another message to the young people.

East Kew.—After Bro. Candy's gospel address on Nov. 2, four young people made the good confession. The "Victory in Christ" mission with Bro. Macnaughtan commenced on Nov. 5, and on the 9th a young man confessed Christ after the address on "What Must I Do to be Saved." The Emmanuel Quartette Party rendered fine messages in song.

Drumcondra.—On Nov. 2 Bro. Evans, of Manifold Heights Baptist church, spoke on "Things that Come Before Worship." Bro. Dudley preached at night on "The Indispensable Christ." On Nov. 9 Bro. Dudley's subjects were "A Call to Consecration" and "The Great Physician." Morning meetings are well attended. Church auxiliaries are functioning fairly well.

Ballarat (York-st.).—Bro. Hibburt in his visit on morning of Nov. 9 created a lasting impression. At night Bro. W. Feary, sen., expounded his views concerning British Israel. Overdraft on new S.S. building is £290—a considerable reduction in recent months. Bren. Saunders, Wilkie, Feary, Steel and Sheppard have fulfilled engagements as speakers.

St. Kilda.—On morning of Nov. 2 Bro. McCallum exchanged with a Baptist speaker. Bro. McCallum's evening address was on "Impelling Motives for Unity." Bro. McCallum is leading a study of E. Stanley Jones' "Victorious Living" in C.E. Society. On Nov. 9 morning speaker was Bro. A. M. Norton. Bro. McCallum spoke at night on "Unpack Your Troubles."

Emerald.—Sister Mrs. A. Legge is making an effort to build up a Bible school, and 29 scholars were present on Nov. 9, with promise of more. Many visitors have been present at church meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Berry and family, of Tottenham, have taken up residence in the locality, also Mr. A. Wright, of Tas-

mania. Mrs. H. Jackel continues to give weekly biblical instruction in State school.

Newport.—On Nov. 2 successful anniversary services were held, speakers being: 11 a.m., W. E. Quirk; 3 p.m., G. J. Andrews; 7 p.m., Mr. Murray. Soloist was Mr. A. Haskell. Singing was rendered by children. Social and distribution took place on Nov. 5. A presentation was made to Bro. W. McKay in appreciation of his services as secretary for a number of years. Sister Mrs. Payne is in hospital.

Rochester.—On Nov. 7, at Bible school social evening, Bro. A. C. Mudford presented award books to scholars. After supper a token of esteem from the church was presented to Bro. Mudford, and thanks were expressed for his and Mrs. Mudford's valued assistance to the church during past ten years. The church wishes them God's blessing in their new home in Shepparton district.

Essendon.—A party of men attended the united service of witness and intercession in Melbourne at 8.45 a.m. on Nov. 9. Bro. A. E. Illingworth spoke at both services locally. Morning topic was "Doing Well for Oneself." At night an interesting discourse was given on "The Master Worker," when monthly cricket club church parade was held. Final ordinary meeting of the year by Ladies' Guild was held on Nov. 6.

West Preston.—Services were well attended on Nov. 2. Mr. Bethune addressed worship service. In the evening Bro. Wigney delivered the address. On Nov. 9 splendid services were held, Bro. Wigney being morning speaker. In afternoon Bro. Andrews addressed senior Bible class. In the evening Bro. Wigney exchanged with Mr. Leader, West Preston Baptist church.

Moreland.—Bro. Scambler is relieving Bro. Graham, who is serving as chaplain at Ocean Grove. Bro. and Sister Hibburt and David were received into fellowship on Nov. 2. Bible school picnic was held on Nov. 4 at Wattle Park. Hospital appeal closed with highest offering on record. Four young ladies were baptised on Nov. 9. Church and Bible class attendances are encouraging, and Bro. Scambler's addresses are highly appreciated.

Castlemaine.—When Bro. Curtis journeyed to Maryborough to conduct anniversary services, local brethren filled in at home. On Nov. 2 feeling reference was made to the home-call of Bro. J. Stanyer, father of Sisters Mrs. N. Hall and J. Davis. In the afternoon the Bible school attended Baptist school anniversary services. Fellowship with several visitors has been enjoyed. Bible school picnic was held enjoyably at Malmsbury on Oct. 15.

Yarrowonga.—At conclusion of a successful year, Mulwala S.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 26. Prizes were distributed and an offering taken for building debt. Bro. Pittman's addresses have been helpful. A social was held on Nov. 6, when all brought their money, amounting to £50, earned from talents. The secretary, Bro. Stan. Chappell, has entered into R.A.A.F. training school. Farewells and expressions of highest esteem were paid to him at the social.

Montrose.—A gloom was cast over the church by the death of Sister Legg. Worship meetings keep up, and a fine spirit prevails. Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible class is having interesting meetings. Bro. Steel exchanged platforms with Bro. Roberts on Oct. 26. Hospital collection was a record. On Nov. 2 a combined meeting was held with the Methodists, and Mr. F. Gibson, of B. & F. Bible Society, spoke on the work in Mongolia.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On Nov. 9 the Bible school held Children's Day service; Mrs. Colin Thomas was speaker. Bro. C. Thomas gave an appreciated address at gospel service, when Miss Grace Potts was soloist. At close of Bro. Clipstone's address on Nov. 2, a young man confessed Christ. Bro. and Sister Noel Waters were received by transfer from Ormond; also two by faith and obedience. Bible school picnic was held at Parkdale on Nov. 4. Bro. Pike was speaker at combined spiritual rally of auxiliaries on Nov. 6.

Wangaratta.—On Oct. 2 evening service was conducted by soldiers from Wangaratta camp. The address was given by Corporal Adams (Gardiner church). Bro. Ken. Reid (Malvern-Caulfield) rendered a solo, and Bro. Forbes (Brighton) helped in the service. Bro. Forbes has also given an address and sang a solo at other services. On Oct. 9 the Bible school at South Wangaratta held anniversary, Bro. Lloyd being speaker. Pulpits were exchanged by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Thompson (Baptist minister) at morning service on Nov. 9.

Hamilton.—On Nov. 2 Bro. Robb was morning speaker. Bro. Hargreaves spoke at night on "Is the Jewish Sabbath Binding on Christians?" Monthly after-church fellowship followed. On Nov. 9 the "Victorious Life Campaign" commenced, Bro. Jackel, of Horsham, being speaker. A re-consecration meeting was held in morning. Afternoon and evening Bible school anniversary was held. Singing of children under leadership of Bro. Robb was delightful. Bro. Jackel spoke in afternoon on "Building a Castle," and at night on "Safety First."

Doncaster.—On evening of Nov. 2 Bro. Colin Thomas conducted service. Women's Mission Band held final meeting for year on Nov. 6. Bro. Colin Thomas was speaker. Gifts were received for chaplains' fund. Bible school picnic was held in local park on Nov. 4. Tea was served at chapel, after which a moving picture programme was given in school-room. Young Worshippers' League was entertained on afternoon of Nov. 8. The ladies provided tea, after which prizes for attendance were presented. Sister Miss Myrtle Moffat is in hospital, having undergone an operation.

North Williamstown.—Attendances are well sustained. On morning of Nov. 2 Mr. J. E. Thomas exchanged with Mr. F. J. Woods, of Baptist church. Bro. Don. Rivett was welcomed by transfer from Portland. At social hour after gospel service on Nov. 9 opportunity was taken to say farewell and make a gift to Sister Nancy Tulloch, leaving for New Zealand to be married. Bro. J. E. Thomas, senior Army Chaplain, has received the efficiency decoration in recognition of his services for 20 years as chaplain. Sister Mrs. Griffith, sen., is seriously ill. S.S. picnic was held at Werribee on Nov. 4.

North Essendon.—On Oct. 26 Bro. J. Burns addressed morning meeting. Hospital offering reached record of £8/8/6. On Nov. 2 Bro. Ron. Potter (exit student, Baptist College) exchanged with Bro. Roffey for morning service. On Nov. 3 Bible school held a successful concert for school funds. At evening meeting on Nov. 9 a young man who made his decision after Bro. Roffey's message on Nov. 2 was baptised and welcomed into the church. Order of service was rearranged to include three short messages on baptism, the Lord's Supper and church membership. Presence and help of Bro. Reg. Hillbrich (Warragul) were appreciated.

Gardiner.—On Nov. 2 Bro. Hagger exchanged with Dr. Scholefield, of Elsternwick Baptists, for evening service. Sunday school picnic was held at Mount Waverley on 7th. On 9th Bro. C. Cole, of South Richmond, exchanged with Bro. Hagger for morning service. After Sunday school, Gardiner young people entertained young people from Presbyterian church at tea in school hall, and Bro. H. A. G. Clark told some of his experiences as chaplain. Bro. Hagger preached at night, and a young lady from Bible school was baptised. Members of choir amalgamated with choirs from Presbyterian and Congregational churches and presented a programme of sacred music in local Presbyterian church after church service, and an offering was taken for benefit of distressed organists of England.

COMING EVENT.

NOVEMBER 20.—Members of the Victorian General Dorcas will meet on Wednesday next, Nov. 20, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m., in Swanston-st. lecture hall. All sisters are invited.

Foreign Missions.

FINANCES MUST BE MAINTAINED.

THE new budget, which merely maintains present work, will demand that our giving equal that of last year. Anything below that amount will result in a deficit. The figures now to hand for the first two months of our financial year are well below the figures for recent years:—

1936	£452
1937	438
1938	560
1939	535
1940	513
1941	390

We urge that a steady income be maintained. An average of at least £300 per month will be required if present work is to be maintained.

ISLAND MISSIONARIES ARRIVE.

THOUGH full details are not to hand, we learn that Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer have arrived safely in Sydney. No word of their pending arrival was possible until they had reached port. They are well, and looking forward to a time of fellowship in Australia. David, the boy rescued from the sea, and his wee sister, Elsie Joy, will create great interest in Australia. It is expected that Bro. and Sister Hammer will remain in Sydney for a time with Bro. Hammer's mother, and then come on to Adelaide to visit Bro. and Sister W. Ewers—the parents of Mrs. Hammer.

SYMPATHY FOR MISS LYNDIA FOREMAN.

WE are sure a wide circle of friends will sympathise with Miss Foreman in the passing of her mother. The fact, too, that Mr. Foreman, sen., has just been through a severe operation will not ease her anxiety. It is at such times that our missionaries feel their isolation from home and loved ones: Pray that our sister and her family might be sustained in their sorrow.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

11 a.m., Mr. E. L. Williams, M.A.

3 p.m., Back to Bible School Session.

Speaker, Mr. L. E. Brooker.

5.15 p.m., Anniversary Tea and Greetings.

7 p.m., "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World." Preacher, Jas. E. Webb.

Soloist, Miss Amelia Scarce.

All past members invited. Hospitality provided.

BURWOOD BOYS' HOME.

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7 p.m., Mr. J. Methven.

Special singing by Emmanuel Quartette.

Past members and friends, kindly accept this notice as a personal invitation. Join with us in a day of fellowship and worship. Dinner and tea provided for all.

If unable to attend, send a greeting to Mr. G. Matt, 14 Loch-ave., E. St. Kilda, S.2 (phone, LF 7675).

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NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

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Day of Jubilee, Nov 30.

Banquet, Dec. 1.

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Obituary.

Mrs. B. S. Fowler.

AFTER many years of faithful service for her Lord, Sister Mrs. B. S. Fowler passed to her reward on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the age of 85 years. Born at Murray Bridge, S.A., our sister spent the early years of her life at Wentworth, N.S.W., and also in Melbourne, where she worked with the Presbyterian churches. At the age of 25 she made the journey of 400 miles by coach to Tilpa station on the Darling River to be married. In 1903, when in Sydney, she was baptised at the Baptist church, Parramatta. She returned to the Darling River district in 1910, and came to Mildura in 1924. Our sister was always a very keen temperance worker, and for the last 15 years a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Mildura. For many years she was the regular hospital visitor, each Sunday afternoon lading herself with flowers for the sick at the Base Hospital. Toward the end she was confined to her bed, but always maintained a simple faith and always looked forward to her home-call. Her simple faith, her keen mind, her devotion to duty and to her Lord will remain the source of inspiration to all who knew her. After a service in the Mildura church at 7.30 p.m., the cortege left for Pooncarrie, N.S.W., on Oct. 3, where our sister was laid to rest. To her family the church extends heartfelt sympathy, and prays that the influence of our sister's life may be a constant inspiration.—J.W.L.

Mrs. H. Overall.

SISTER HORACE OVERALL, of Victor Harbour, S.A., who passed away on October 7, was a foundation member of the church. Our sister was in membership with the Milang church for 31 years and here for 12 years. For the last few years our sister was a patient sufferer, the possessor of an heroic spirit. Her quiet, consistent witness and her faithfulness to the church and her Saviour will not soon be forgotten. In the early days of the work our sister and her late husband were two of the faithful stalwarts and rejoiced in the blessing of God upon the work.—B.W.M.

Mr. Rogers.

OUR aged Bro. Rogers passed away recently in his 83rd year. He was one of the most faithful brethren in attendance at the Lord's table, a kindly and lovable brother, and a generous supporter of the Lord's work. At the age of 14 years he was baptised in the church at Owen, S.A. With his good wife he came to Victoria 48 years ago. When the church commenced at Woorinen, he was one of the foundation members. Prior to that he met with brethren in private houses in Swan Hill. Up to two weeks before his death he was in regular weekly attendance at the church. A memorial service was held at Woorinen and largely attended.—C.P.H.

Victorian Women's Executive.

THERE was an attendance of 117 on Nov. 7, Mrs. H. C. Bischoff, president, in the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. A. W. Cleland. Mrs. W. R. Hibbert was welcomed, and she conveyed greetings from New Zealand sisters. Mr. S. R. Baker gave a very interesting address on "Home Missions."

Missionary Department.—Members of committee have been busy, especially those of the Home Mission Committee. 12 meetings have been visited—Ivanhoe, Bambera-rd., Gardiner, Burnley, Oakleigh, Prahran, Cheltenham, Bentleigh, Surrey Hills, Kpniva and Ballarat. All are urged to make earnest preparation for home mission offering on Dec. 7.

Isolated Sisters.—Letters written, 86; replies, 7. "Australian Christians" posted, 26.

Hospital Visitation.—83 visits were paid to institutions. Nine members of committee have been laid aside through sickness, but there was

a visitor for each public hospital every week. Thanks are extended to all who contributed gifts of cheer, books and magazines.

Guest Home.—Swanston-st. paid a visit; 21 ladies present. Mr. A. Hughes and friends assisted with programme. A large donation of biscuits and groceries was made. Next meeting, Nov. 25; Northcote will visit.

Social Service.—During the month 19 parcels of clothing, footwear, etc., were received, also a fine response to grocery appeal by Sunshine Committee of Endeavor Societies. Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir will give a concert for Christmas cheer on Monday, Dec. 15, in the chapel, Swanston-st.

Temperance.—A meeting was held at Oakleigh, Mrs. Morris being speaker. Literature was sent to Padre Graham to be used in military camp, also to several mission bands.

General Dorcas.—Many acceptable goods were received from an interested friend; a cash donation of £5 added to Annie Moysey Memorial Fund, which now stands at £255/5/-. A message was received from England acknowledging goods sent for bombing victims. £4 was subscribed to overseas Christmas cheer. To swell the general funds £5/5/6 was result of a gift stall held during afternoon. 74 articles were distributed to Hospital Committee, Eye and Ear Hospital, Convalescent Home, City Mission, bombing victims, and a private case. Comforts received for chaplains from Ascot Vale, Blackburn, East Kew Girls' Fellowship, 10/9, Boronia, Bambera-rd., Miss Hunter, Footscray, Hampton, Surrey Hills. Parcels sent to Padres Young, Martin, Clark, Holland and Forbes.

At next meeting of executive, Dec. 5, Mrs. Hinrichsen will lead devotions. An address will be given by Matron Richardson, of Austin Hospital. Gifts will be received for Christmas cheer for hospitals during the afternoon.—L.R.

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sipped again. "It still needs sweetening," he
declared, and mother passed the sugar for his
use. "This sugar doesn't make much differ-
ence," complained Harry later. "Why, of
course," said mother, "you have had two slices
of toast well spread with honey—that's what
alters the taste of your tea!"

"That reminds me," began father, "Mr. Duns-
man was out at business yesterday after his
long, critical illness. He told us how hard
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tor's orders; but now he is well he doesn't wish
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feeling in his mouth each morning, and he says
he enjoys the flavor of food as he never did
before. He is positive that smoking alters the
taste of things."

"I think it is time for our reading," said
mother. But when father resumed the morn-
ing's reading where he had last left off, he
read one verse and stopped. "What a coinci-
dence!" exclaimed mother. "Our word 'taste'
again," said Harry. Then father read on in
Mark nine, to verse ten. As he laid the book
aside he said, "Yes, if we see and share the
kingdom and power of God with Jesus, that
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