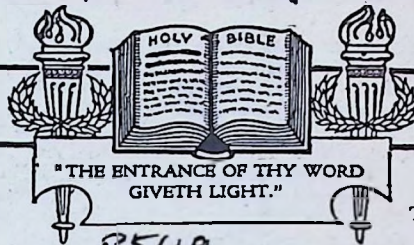


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"Three Measures of Meal."

*"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took,
and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."*

THE art of illustrating deep truths in few and vivid words is a gift. Jesus was an artist who so expressed his mind in poetic expressions that common people understood and remembered his stories. He was able to convey into the minds of people a mountain of truth with a handful of words.

We find that it is in keeping with the rules of interpretation to seek one essential truth in a parable, and having found that, to be content and not to speculate beyond what is necessary to make it clear.

The Life.

Leaven was used to lighten the bread that was eaten by the people of the ancient East. It was a portion of dough left over from a previous baking day. That dough was in a state of ferment which was caused by germs similar to those used in the making of yeast. Here we become aware of a mysterious content in leaven—it is life. It is mysterious because all life is a mystery to us.

Dr. Plumptre points out that leaven was used as a symbol for "good as well as evil." It is the opinion of Dr. Plumptre and others that, in this parable, leaven is used as a symbol of good.

We lay stress on the element of life in leaven. Life has its origin in life. It points us back to the divine origin of all things. To understand life we must go back to God. The vital element in the kingdom of heaven is like life: it has an origin above the earth and the human mind; it directs us to look to God. The woman did not make leaven; she saved it from what already existed; she could not create the life of the leaven.

The mystery of the gospel lies in its divine origin; it is something that comes to us from heaven. Men are only agents through whom God works to change the lives of others.

The Agent.

The woman took the leaven and hid it in the meal. Between the leaven and the

meal there was a link. The leaven did not pass into the meal without the woman acting as the agent. The woman *took* the leaven and she *hid* it in the meal. The meal was infused with life because of the action of the woman.

It is clear that the mystery of the gospel cannot pass into the world unless there are agents through whom God is able to work.

If we examine the motive of the woman in taking the leaven and hiding it in the meal, we shall perceive that she desired to change it; but to change it she had to put new life into it, therefore she hid leaven in it. Those who would be agents in the work of transforming the world are individuals who have a desire to see this evil generation changed. They are moved with compassion for those bound in sin. Like the prophet Jeremiah, who cried, "Oh, that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" they cry and sigh for the lost. Who can deny that each Spirit-filled man re-echoes Paul's cry, "Woe unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Ezekiel's vision of the fate of those indifferent to the iniquity prevailing in Jerusalem is arresting. A man "with a writer's inkhorn by his side" is commanded to go forth into the midst of Jerusalem "and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for the abominations." Five men are then sent out with orders to slay all who have not

been marked. The most significant statement is that the work of judgment is to begin at the sanctuary of the Lord. We find it hard to imagine that there was indifference among those who were in the house of the Lord. Yet Ezekiel indicated that it was so.

Complacency may be our greatest hindrance to a revival in missionary service. The power of the gospel is still in that mysterious life of the Word. If there is failure, it is not from a lack of power in the gospel, but in our indifference; we have not taken hold of the gospel, and we have not set it in the world.

To-day is the day of opportunity, and we are being called to arise and to take hold of the mystery of the gospel and place it in the midst of the nation.

The World.

The woman took the leaven and hid it in three measures of meal. The amount of meal was just the usual quantity the woman used. The meal was crushed grain and was without life; it needed to be revitalised. Left to itself it could not change for the better. The life of the leaven must be set in the midst of it.

The world is not capable of being changed unless the life of the gospel enter it. Apart from the gospel it must perish. We believe the gospel of the kingdom will become known in all parts of the world because of the faithfulness of many in the church. The appeal for support for home missions will not be made to them in vain. Like the woman in the parable who hid leaven in the meal, they are anxious to lay hold of the gospel and to set it in the midst of communities of men and women, so that these will be changed and infused with the Spirit of the living God.

The Road.

EVERY weakness that we conquer,
Every trial we endure,
Every little self-denial,
Every motive high and pure,
Bearing other people's burdens,
Speaking lightly of our own;
Holding high the light of kindness,
Passing on all good we've known,
Every thought for other's sorrows,

Every pause along the road,
Smoothing out the roughened places,
Lifting up another's load;
Every humble task perfected
As through daily cares we plod,
All of these are footmarks shining
On the road that leads to God.

—Mary Eversley
in "The Christian World."

A Total Effort

For Home Missions in Victoria.

Drift and Grit.

J. Ernest Allan, President of Conference.

A CLOSE-UP view of home mission fields reveals the effects of drift upon the churches; also the magnificent grit of both preachers and churches.

Drift Citywards means depleted membership, resulting in reduced revenue. Such losses demand that a preacher assume greater responsibilities. I cite a typical case. In eighteen months a circuit of three churches lost thirty-eight members, including one secretary and six officers, five speakers, one superintendent and seven teachers, four youth and three kinder leaders, two organists. Almost an irreparable loss of *key workers*. Some are on active service, and thirty have been received by other churches. The leadership of a preacher is essential for the maintenance of the work in that field.

Determination to Carry On or the Grit to Stick It.—In spite of discouragements preachers and churches are displaying a wonderful spirit of grit as they face difficulties and prepare to meet post-war problems. This spirit is revealed by sacrificial giving to maintain the work, and it is only when necessity demands that a reluctant appeal is made for assistance. The Home Mission Committee is the brotherhood's hand of practical sympathy and support helping needy churches to continue witnessing for Christ. Recognising the effects of drift upon country churches, also the spirit of grit manifested by preachers and churches, one suburban church (75 members) contributes 15/- per week to assist a home mission field. What an example! 120 churches are asked to recognise the same factors and co-operate in raising £1500 on Dec. 7.

Your Home Missionary Department.

J. McG. Abercrombie.

AT least twelve men have been entirely freed from industry so that their time may be given up to the things of the reign of God. Think what that means. Churches are confirmed in their faith. Churches are organised to function. Children receive careful instruction in the Word of God who otherwise would be without the influence of a Bible school. Young men and women are wisely guided in the formative period of their thinking. The ideals of Jesus are kept before people, and they are taught to love the church. Many small groups of Christians are being encouraged and helped by the life and words of the preachers.

Twelve men tried and true are giving their whole time to these Christ-inspired tasks. If the Home Mission Department's help were withdrawn the preacher would be compelled to go. The real result of such an event would be that some boy or girl would miss hearing the message of love and forgiveness at the crucial time of life. The sheep, too, without a shepherd would be scattered.

Drought conditions distress many farming districts, and affect the financial ability of the members to help. War conditions with the consequent abundance of work in the cities are draining numbers from the country into the metropolis.

Surely we must maintain our established work in the country. But can we stop there? Must we not expand? There are members scattered throughout Victoria without a congenial church home. Some meet in private

homes as at Sale, some in halls as at Morwell. These men and women are loyal to the ideals of the restoration movement. Now and again they foregather to meet and show their sense of brotherhood. Representatives from the Home Mission Committee join them and seek to encourage and inspire them to hold fast until a more definite and regular witness is possible.

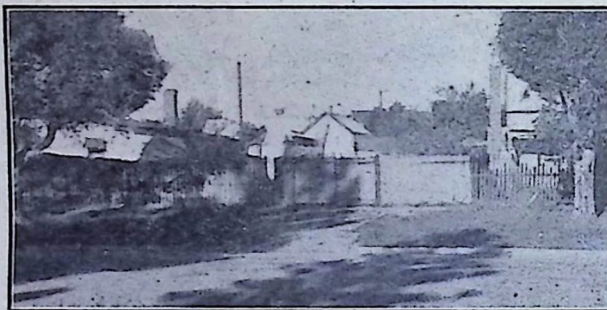
I am convinced that as we learn of the pressing needs and of the opportunities, we will make it possible by our giving for the Home Mission Department not only to carry on but to forge ahead.

Having Begun, Let Us Continue.

Muriel O. Bischoff, Pres. Women's Conference.

ONE of the fascinating things about hill climbing is that when the brow of one hill is reached, it is only to see in the distance the top of another very high hill.

In climbing higher in Christian service we



Recent Photo. of Historic Wimmera Site.

often overcome one obstacle only to realise that there are other difficulties. It is good to stop and look back, for we will see much to encourage us.

As we stand and look back on the life of home missions, we see many very good, strong churches which to-day are standing alone, but in their early stages were dependent upon home missions for support. We see to-day many churches which are dependent upon home missions for their very existence. Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." His great object was to do the will of God. He came to Jacob's well, weary and thirsty, and at the usual time of meals, probably an hungered. Yet an opportunity of doing good presented itself, and he forgot his fatigue and hunger, and found comfort and joy in doing the will of God in seeking to save a soul.

In supporting home missions we are doing a little toward the carrying out of the great programme of Jesus—to save souls.

Let us continue, "being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work . . . will perform it" unto the end.

Disillusioned and Wondering.

R. F. Geyer.

AS Christians we are privileged to live in a day of great opportunity for the proclamation of the gospel.

Man has acquired unparalleled knowledge in many sciences, but because man is adrift from God, the main result of all his achievement

is the tragic ruin of the world as we see it to-day.

Many in our midst are disillusioned and are wondering if there is any solid rock upon which life may be built.

It is for us now to present Jesus Christ our Lord as the only Saviour of individuals and nations.

Many new remedies for the world's ills are being propounded. Let us not be side-tracked. The gospel of Christ is the only message sufficient for the need, and who will preach it if we do not?

What shall we do about it?

Be a home missionary in your own little sphere, directing others to Jesus. Give liberally for home missions on Dec. 7 to assist the work of others with that same aim.

What Is Worth While?

Bert J. Kemp.

OVER the doorway of the cathedral of Milan is the inscription, "Only the eternal is important." A great many things are not worth while. Therefore "walk while ye have the light that the darkness overtake you not." Waste no opportunity, squander no moment. There is just time enough in God's plan for you to live your life well, if you

In the late seventies D. A. Ewers commenced business in Murtoa. G. H. Browne was baptised. They were partners. The former lived in the left-hand house and the latter in the other. Between them once stood the wheelwright and blacksmith's shop. A chapel was built nearby, and so began our fine work in the Wimmera. Who can tell what has been the harvest of this work? It has touched all States and reached the mission field. In these early forties of a new century shall we sow less bountifully? Then give bountifully on Dec. 7.

spend it all in earnest, faithful duty. When the end comes its work will be completed.

The members of the Home Missionary Committee are earnest, sincere men who realise the worthwhile things, the most important of which are the souls of men and women. We can rest assured that our gifts on Dec. 7 will not be squandered but will be used to the best advantage.

It is not that we have not plans or opportunities for service, but the lack of finance and wartime restrictions tend to hold up these plans. Let us all pull together while God still gives us this opportunity.

**We Need
£1500 on Dec. 7**

**Let us make it
A TOTAL EFFORT
for
HOME MISSIONS**

A Victorious Offering

For Home Missions in Queensland.

Organising For Victory.

H. E. Greenwood, Organising Secretary.

SUCH are the great distances in the State of Queensland, that in order to visit eleven churches, mainly north of Brisbane, it has involved 3000 miles train travelling. Every-



H. E. Greenwood.

where he found them happy with their preacher and keen to advance. At each place, as an objective for the home mission offering, an increase in giving was accepted gladly by the churches. Several churches have on their own initiative branched out to preach the gospel in nearby centres, thus showing that they have a missionary conscience. We can face the future with confidence because we have full trust in our brethren and in God. Our slogan this year is:

VICTORY IN HOME MISSIONS.

A VICTORIOUS OFFERING ON DEC. 7.

OUR AIM £500.

Wayfaring for Christ.

A. J. Fisher.

EVERY Christian is engaged in a conflict more stupendous than any which is being waged with mechanised forces. Our aim is to gain a victory for Jesus, and when the home mission appeal comes to us, we recognise this as a call for aid in the great spiritual conflict against sin.

We hear much about "V for Victory," but there are things which precede victory.

"V for Vision."

Surely our love for the Master leads us to visualise a State-wide work which will take New Testament Christianity into every city and hamlet, which will broadcast our plea for union among all communions. Without such a vision the work will languish.

"V for Venture."

Are we ready to press on with our plea, so that the vision of pioneers, saints and apostles may be fulfilled? On Dec. 7 we can tell our H.M. Committee that we want them to launch out—to be venturesome for Christ.

"V for Valor."

Surely our inspired vision and our willingness to venture into larger service will result in an offering which will cost us something, for it will represent our determination to bravely shoulder the burden of State-wide evangelism.

Upon such a foundation we can build for

the kingdom of Christ, until we all attain to the triumphant

"V for Victory."

We shall be able to say, "This is the victory which hath overcome the world, even our faith."

Give For Home Defence.

W. A. C. Wendorf, Conference President.

HOWEVER much it is necessary to give and work for home defence, there are other ways in which it is necessary to give for home defence of Queensland. It is true that a nation's real strength lies in the measure of its righteousness, which exalteth a nation. And in order to defend the people of our State against all manner of evil, it is necessary for each church member to have a definite object to win our State for Christ. How we were all thrilled at the opening of the new church at Rocklea; the splendid result of a few earnest, consecrated members. In our offering for home missions may we all realise how much need there is for us to spread the gospel and to lead men and women to a knowledge of the Saviour.

Dig For Victory.

W. Glezendanner.

IN the first great war huge armies dug trenches for protection and from which they sallied forth to fight. In like manner the church of God must dig for victory and assail the forces of evil.

Churches already established need to be consolidated. Every church or auxiliary needs capable and consecrated leaders. Weaker



W. Glezendanner.

causes look to stronger ones for financial help and other assistance.

However, it is not sufficient to hold simply what we have. When the batsmen "dig in" cricket becomes dull. Launch out! Weaker causes must be helped and new fields entered. The large towns where the plea for restoration and Christian unity has never been heard challenge us. Victory can only come when together we work, pray and give for home missions.

Advance For Victory.

S. Vanham.

NO true patriot will complain against restrictions which the government feels are essential. There must be no restriction whatever on the evangelistic work of the church.

It is essential that we arrive at the hour of victory with our hearts entirely free from thoughts of revenge, otherwise the peace settlement would be but the sowing of seeds from which future wars would spring. It is only where Christ lives and rules that men's hearts are kept sweet and gentle.

The call to advance will challenge every Christian. As in war-time the government seeks to enlist the co-operation of all classes and ages of citizens, so must the church get every available member into active service.

There must be no diminution of our financial support of the church. We should be willing to give in order that the Prince of Peace may be brought into men's hearts, that through them he may establish peace for ever. Let the home mission offering be a declaration of our response to the vital challenge of the hour.

Give For Victory.

C. R. Burdeu.

IF I might suggest an answer to the title it would be "All in" for victory. I cannot conceive any victory of consequence being achieved unless folk are "all in."

"All in" simply means consecrated lives to a cause. The youth of Rocklea have shown us how to give. Now let us all give for victory in missions in Queensland on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Giving Inspired by Sacrifice.

R. L. Arnold.

WE gladly give for the help and comfort of our lads who sacrifice so much for their country and for us.

How gladly we should give to the Lord Jesus Christ, who sacrificed so much for us and for the whole world.

"And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called . . . Golgotha; where they crucified him."

Let each one of us give to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, on Dec. 7, as though we were putting our offering right into the pierced hand of the Lord Jesus our Saviour.

Sowing For Victory.

F. B. Alcorn.

THE parable of the sower illustrates the work of evangelism. The Master made mention of a sower, seed and soil.

Firstly, there must be the sower. How shall the seed be sown if there be none to sow it? He must be foreseeing, skilful, conscientious and strong both to will and to work. Let him be consecrated. Victory is assured.

Secondly, there must be seed. The good seed is the Word of God. The sowing of the Word of God is the charge which we have to keep, and the means of glorifying God. If this seed be sown by a consecrated worker victory is more probable.

Thirdly, there must be the soil. It is in the soil that the seed rests, dies, and then brings forth fruit. If the soil be good and



F. B. Alcorn.

the consecrated worker casts the seed upon this soil then victory is sure.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

On Dec. 7 all may sow for victory. Give cheerfully and liberally to the annual home mission offering.

Let Us Pull Together

In Western Australia.

Country Preacher's Forecast.

C. H. Hunt.

THE home mission offering on Dec. 7 this year will be the best received for several years. This is not wishful thinking. Neither is it unbridled optimism. It is simply a matter of cause and effect. How so? Because of certain factors: the war and the weather.

The country centres have been hard hit by the claims of war-time activity. Hundreds of people have gone to the city to live and to work. They will have the means to make a better offering. Hundreds of church members have had to garage their cars. They have saved many pounds in licence fees and petrol costs. They will have the means to make a better offering. Again, the country has been blessed with one of the most bountiful seasons in both wheat and wool already sold. These folk will have the means to make a better offering. Hundreds of church members have been able to spare money for war-savings certificates and bonds, and they are feeling the thrill of giving. Many homes have given a son or two, or perhaps a daughter, for their country. On Dec. 7 these people will decide that they simply must give also to the cause of Jesus Christ in their own homeland, and the effect will be a record offering. Think it over prayerfully.

Home Mission Enterprise.

T. D. Maiden.

THE Home Mission Committee is delegated the most important task of all our work in Western Australia, viz., the work of evangelisation within the State. Upon the success of this work depends the success of all departments of Christian service. This committee has the burden of the consolidation and growth of existing causes and the entering and opening of new fields. The magnitude of such a task at this time in such a State as this is indeed a challenging one calling for expanding vision, for purposeful faith, for persistent prayer, for dogged courage, for hearty co-operation and for consecrated zeal.

Old established churches are with difficulty maintaining strength against the inroads of war, worldliness, unbelief and false doctrine. Younger churches naturally find it a struggle to preserve their hard-won existence. The Home Mission Committee seeks to do all possible to help and to encourage these churches to conserve their work and to extend the too narrow boundaries.

Just as urgent as the need of existing churches comes the death-cry of untouched wastes. Western Australia boasts no lack of unevangelised fields. Dotted here and there over the hundreds of square miles are the many thousands whose great need is Christ Jesus our Lord. It is safe to say, to the shame of the church in the West, that many thousands have not heard the saving gospel. The Home Mission Committee is alive to the dire need and the persistent call of these people and places. It explores every means of serving them by supporting weaker churches, encouraging evangelistic campaigns in tent, chapel and hall, and by maintaining a field evangelist. There is more to do. We would see an ever-growing work by an increasing number of evangelists in the field. But, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" Whose responsibility is this God-given task if not mine and yours?

Two worthy aims are ever before our Home Mission Committee in the West: maintain

existing work and reach the unreached. Lovers of the Lord, share in this glorious and supreme service! Diligently pray, loyally serve, unstintingly give.

The Unfinished Work.

L. G. Burgin.

THERE is a finished work of Christ and an unfinished work. The finished work of Christ is the gospel; the unfinished work is the preaching of this glorious message to every soul. That which could be done by the Lord alone has been faithfully done. Let us be faithful to that which he has committed unto us.

Paul wrote to the Romans, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also . . . for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." You and I must needs be ready to preach the gospel in other centres also; for we read, "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? . . . so then faith cometh by hearing . . . the word of God." God depends upon his published word to lead men into his grace.

If we neglect to preach the message of Jesus in other places also, we are unfaithful to the work God has entrusted to us, and we are denying souls the opportunity of believing unto salvation. Consider, then, the importance of an offering among the churches for the support of the gospel in "Rome also."

In New Testament days the apostle organised a collection among the churches for the poor. It was regarded as so important that the churches were strongly urged to give it their best support. Our Home Missionary Committee is organising an offering among the churches for the lost. It is even more important to save the lost than to feed the hungry—even more important to preach the gospel than "to serve tables" (Acts 6: 1, 2).

So by the authority of God's word I make a strong appeal to the churches in W.A. to give their best support to the offering on Dec. 7.

Homeland Evangelism.

James Gordon, President of Conference.

The approach of the day of the annual offering for homeland evangelism is both a challenge and an opportunity. May we be possessed of a real sense of obligation and a clarified vision, and thus ponder prayerfully

and plan deliberately our giving, that God may be really honored by our gift and manner of giving to his cause.

There are a few points, the consideration of which may help us to plan our giving with sympathy and understanding. By our gifts we can *endorse existing commitments*. Our H.M. offering this year can show our faith in and readiness to maintain already established but subsidised work. We cannot countenance a policy of retreat.

Urge Aggressive Action.—Our giving can possess an inspirational value. It can eloquently express the high purpose, broad outlook and intense desire of our people to move forward. It can evince our solid conviction as to the necessity of progress. It can express our righteous impatience with any "stay put" policy. If we give gladly and generously God will open the doors to advancement.

Stimulate Exploratory Work.—This type of work may not be so readily and specifically defined in its minute details, but it is very necessary. The H.M. field is the whole State, and we must explore if we would expand. There are military undertakings in the nature of "feeler movements." They are preliminary and essential to the formulation of plans relative to a clearly defined objective. Let us stimulate the "look out" department of our H.M. work.

Promote Radio Evangelism.—Here is something new and splendid. W.A. Churches of Christ "on the air," praise God! All our churches ought to be thrilled by its possibilities for good. How stimulating and encouraging it will be to our isolated brethren! It will bridge the gap of distance and dispel some of the handicaps of isolation. It will carry the story of simple New Testament Christianity to thousands of homes and tens of thousands of people. With Bro. Wiltshire, whose ministry on the air has already been highly commended as speaker, our great message is in safe hands. This venture in radio evangelism alone ought to lift our H.M. offering to a peak point worthy of the cause we represent.

Awake! Arise! Advance!—The history of a movement is largely the story of its great moments. Dec. 7 can become a great moment in our brotherhood history. Not for nought has our glorious plea been planted in this modern land of promise. Australia has been and still is greatly privileged of God. While giving her sons to the conflict she is, thus far, unscathed by war's devastating influence. The wheels of industry revolve with peace-time regularity. No warning siren disturbs our rest. No roof-spotters keep ceaseless vigil. For these things we thank God, and murmur in our hearts, "We dare not falter, we must not fail, we will be true." Australia needs nothing as she needs Christ. The hour is urgent for her and opportune for us. As debtors to her past, custodians of her present, and architects of her future, let us *awake to reality! Arise to action! Advance to victory!*

**A LONG, LONG PULL
AND
A STRONG,
STRONG PULL.**

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**LET US
ALL PULL
TOGETHER IN RAISING
£300 FOR HOME MISSION**

Home Mission Potentialities

In Tasmania.

The Main Thing.

J. P. Foot, Pres. Home Missions Committee.

SOMEONE enquired of Dr. Lyman Beecher in his old age: "Doctor, you know many things, but what do you think is the main thing?" The sturdy old man of many revivals answered: "It is not theology, it is not controversy; it is saving souls."

Truer words were never uttered. They are good words for us to listen to in these days, and still more especially at this season when we bring before the brotherhood of Tasmania the enterprises of the Home Missions Department. For where is the true-hearted disciple who will deny that Dr. Beecher was right, and that the saving of souls is indeed the wisest work in the world? On the authority of God's Word we can say "He that winneth souls is wise." It is a wise thing to do, and wise men do it. Whatever our occupation in life, whether merchant or mechanic, farmer or artisan, or duties in the office, shop or home, we have but one business in this world, that which was Paul's; that which was Christ's; the business of saving men.

We are taught in God's Word that it is the mission of everyone who knows and loves the Saviour to endeavor to win others to his service. "Go work," "Go preach," "Go teach." These should be our watchwords.

Mr. Moody tells how one day he purchased a steel engraving which pleased him very much. It was a picture of a woman coming out of the water and clinging with both hands to the cross of refuge. But later he saw another picture which spoiled the one he had purchased. It was the picture of a person coming up out of the dark waters with but one arm clinging to the cross, with the other arm she was lifting up someone else out of the waves.

Yes, *saved is good*, but we would all agree that "*saved and saving*" is a far better and nobler picture of the true Christian life. Your Home Missionary Committee are endeavoring to send out and to keep brethren in needy fields in this State, that they may through the medium of God's Holy Spirit arouse the existing churches to more earnest and consecrated endeavors, that we may realise that we have been saved to serve, and to save others also, and that the men who preach the Word may be instrumental in leading many precious souls to his feet.

Let us then, brethren, be up and doing. It is God's most urgent command: "Go, work in my vineyard." God will use us; men are his messengers. Reward is sure, present and eternal.

Shall we show our loyalty to him, and our deep love for his glorious church, and an appreciation of those who labor in the gospel, by liberal and sacrificial gifts for our home mission work on Dec. 7?

Island Problems and Potentialities.

Geoff. J. Foot, Treasurer.

AS Tasmanian members read the pages of this home missions issue of "The Australian Christian," we should recognise that our island has its peculiar problems and advantages in the work of evangelism. Briefly, some of the problems are: (1) Small total membership—under 1000 in 14 churches. (2) Almost total lack of man-power in some country centres. (3) Paucity of brethren serving in the full-time ministry. These, with a number of other factors, make our efforts for Christ difficult to bring to fruitful conclusions. Against

the problems stated we can place three encouraging facts. (1) In a recent survey of members of our largest church it was found that over 70 per cent. of the active membership was under the 30-year age-line, and that a majority of this number were young men. (2) The brethren of our Hobart churches carry out a splendid work in monthly visitation of the southern country centres. Even petrol rationing has not curtailed these frequent trips. (3) The Home Missions Committee feel that they have the confidence of the brethren in their administration.

So the future of evangelism in Tasmania, and indeed the maintenance of present work, is mainly in the hands of our young people. The committee, assisted by appointed representatives, plan to visit every church in the State on Dec. 7. We will travel 1100 miles to visit you. Will it benefit our home mission funds to such a degree that we will be able to bring to conference 1942 bolder plans of evangelism than ever before?

Keep the Home Lamps Burning

R. Edmunds.

JESUS said, "I am the Light of the world," and since he has gone to sit at the right hand of God, the church has become the lamp through which his light shines.

Two things are required if a lamp is to burn clearly. First a full vessel. A lamp cannot burn without sufficient oil, and what oil is to the lamp the Spirit of Christ is to the church. The church may be well organised, her services elaborate and beautiful, her ministry well trained and cultured; but if she is lacking in the Spirit of Christ, who said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel," these things will count for nothing as far as light in a world of darkness is concerned.

The other thing a lamp requires if it is to burn clearly is a clean wick. The Spirit of God cannot work effectively through an unclean channel. All the resources of Christ are ours, but they can only find expression in a clean and consecrated personality on the part of every Christian. The world is in a deepening fog. One by one the lamps of liberty, freedom, toleration, happiness—all that makes life worth living—are going out. Men and nations are stumbling and groping in the darkness not knowing which way to go, and the only answer to their need is the light the church can give through God's Word. The need is urgent. The forces of darkness strike swiftly! The church has no time to lose if she would be used of God to rekindle the lamps that have been extinguished. She needs to evangelise as never before, and to do this she needs ample oil, and a clean wick. You can help to provide both. Will you play a worthy part on Dec. 7?

Don't Sham.

Folliott T. Morgan.

IN a hundred different ways we are being told to-day that victory is necessary to the continuance of our nation's life. V for victory is the slogan. Like most slogans it has been for many people a catchy phrase without the fulness of meaning that is needed to move the will. The church needs as the nation needs a real victory for the preservation of her life. But the victory of the church will not be more than partial until the word and the idea of victory are able to take hold of us and move us to action. Victory has always been and will always be the result of the joining together of vision and toil.

Tasmania is a place that shrieks aloud for intensification of home mission effort because it has such vast needs and offers such vast opportunities. Fourteen churches, most of them small, in a population of a quarter of a million; at the present time only three full-time preachers in the State; thousands of people who have hardly heard of the Churches of Christ with their message of the possibility of a strong united church on the basis of God's Word through the surrender of men's wills to the King of kings; surely these facts are both a call to the unwilling and an opening for service for the willing members of the Tasmanian brotherhood. Here is the vision of fields white unto harvest. Where is the willingness to toil? Are we content to look on the fields with a spirit of unconcern about the souls of men in need or of helpless, hopeless defeatism?

At last conference someone said that this State needed a courageous financial programme for home mission work. That is very true, but the courage must be in the whole membership of the churches. We all talk of the need for more work done. We all talk of the victory that follows vision and toil. But are we shamming? Those who believe in the victory will show their faith on Dec. 7. Don't worry about slogans. They are only words. Let your offering be made in the spirit of adventure. Be courageous. It is action that counts. Don't sham!

BORDERTOWN, KANIVA AND NARACOORTE HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE.

BRO. HURREN, of Grote-st., Adelaide, was speaker at conference meetings, all of which were held in Bordertown town hall. On Sunday, Nov. 9, Bro. Russell presided at Lord's table, and Bro. Hurren spoke on "Living with Christ." At public meeting on Sunday afternoon the talk was entitled, "If I had only Known." Gospel address was on "What is Your Life?" At afternoon meeting Sister Mrs. Russell contributed a solo and Bren. Reg. Dinning and Jacobs (Wamboony) a duet. At gospel service a solo was rendered by Sister Mrs. Russell Maddern and a part anthem by Mundalla singers. On Wednesday, at 11 o'clock meeting, Bro. Hurren gave a splendid address on "The Purpose of the Church." Young people's session commenced at 2.15 p.m., with Bro. Arthur Milne chairman. Bro. Earle (Kaniva) gave a message. Conference session commenced at 3 p.m. with Bro. J. E. McDonald (conference president) in the chair. Church reports and business in general were discussed. At night Bro. Hurren spoke on "When Neutrality is Impossible." On Wednesday musical items given by members from Kaniva were much appreciated. Large numbers journeyed from Naracoorte and Kaniva for Wednesday meetings. The churches are indebted to Grote-st. for releasing Bro. and Sister Hurren. Bro. Harold Raymond rendered valuable service with his violin at Sunday evening meeting.—J. E. McDonald.

ADDRESSES.

E. Beckett (secretary Moorooka church, Qld.).—Chaucer-st., Moorooka, South Brisbane.
S. R. Bell, jun. (secretary Merrylands church, N.S.W.).—8 Rickard-st., Guildford.
A. J. Gilmore (secretary Wedderburn church, Vic.).—Wedderburn.
H. G. Harward.—1 Dwyer-ave., Blakehurst, Sydney, N.S.W.
G. T. Miller (preacher Charters Towers, Qld.).—"The Manse," Anne-st., Charters Towers.
A. W. Morris (secretary Mortdale church, N.S.W.).—36 Gibbes-st., Rockdale.
W. Nimms, sen. (secretary Petersham church, N.S.W.).—Concord-rd., Concord West, U.M.9200.
C. Young (chaplain Military Camp, Caulfield, Vic.).—28 Edinburgh-st., Box Hill, E.11.

Here and There.

Sunday, Dec. 7, will be observed as home mission day in several States.

We are indebted to Bro. W. Gale for gathering and arranging special material for this home mission issue.

The following telegram from Sydney came to hand on Monday:—"Commenced short mission Loftus Park Sunday; two decisions.—Hinrichsen."

R. H. Miller, who recently resigned his ministry with National City Church, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., has accepted the editorship of the "Christian-Evangelist."

Bro. W. H. Nightingale, who is preacher of the Palmyra church, W.A., writes that his son, Sgt. Wallace Nightingale, R.A.A.F., is reported dangerously ill in England.

Reports from Great Britain indicate that the annual conference of Churches of Christ, meeting at Ulverston, decided to make application for affiliation in the Free Church Federal Council.

The church at Wedderburn, Vic., has lost two old and faithful members, Bren, John Burge and James Treble. The latter had reached the great age of 95 years. We hope soon to print a suitable obituary notice.

A complimentary concert to augment the Amelia Scarce Trust Fund will be held in Swanston-st. chapel on Nov. 25. Miss Scarce has been a willing helper of the churches, and proceeds from the concert are to help her to continue her musical studies.

From N.S.W. on Monday we received the following telegram: "Hinrichsen-Morris had amazing finish Wagga; ten decisions Monday night, total one hundred three; £605 offering.—Stow." A further telegram from Bro. Stow reads: "Wagga first Sunday after mission crowded meetings morning and evening, one confession; building extensions well under way."

Remembrance Day was observed on Sunday, Nov. 16, in all churches with appropriate prayers and sermons. The awakening of interest in spiritual realities is a hopeful sign and an earnest of better days to come. Religious leaders ought to seize this present opportunity and make plans to deepen the spiritual life of the community. Not for many years have churches been presented with such an opportunity to make an advance.

H. J. Horsell, of Adelaide, S.A., writes: "We wish to make a correction concerning a recent circular letter in our appeal for the annual offering of the Building Extension Fund on Dec. 7, in respect to Whyalla. The circular reads: 'As the result of an appeal to the churches and liberal gifts on the part of a small company of members residing at Whyalla, a good building site has been secured.' This paragraph should read: 'A good building site has been secured by the church at Whyalla through the liberality of its own members.'"

If we need any confirmation for our belief that the Germans will be cruel and ruthless in their efforts to dominate captured countries, we have it in the words of Von Papen, German ambassador to Turkey. He concluded an interview with a neutral correspondent by saying: "The peoples of Europe will be forced to co-operate in the new order. They will be starved into submission if they refuse. Rebellion will be ruthlessly stamped out. This process has already begun." When a man dares to make such a statement for publication, it indicates that "the lights have gone out in Europe," and that in the darkness many are suffering.

The first conference of northern suburban churches was held in the chapel at Coburg, Vic., on Saturday, Nov. 15. In the afternoon Bro. W. R. Hibburt spoke on youth activities in New Zealand. After fellowship tea Bro. W. Gale with his lantern gave an inside

story of home mission work. At evening session, after a song service led by Bro. Robinson, an inspirational address was delivered by Bro. E. L. Williams, M.A. During the afternoon the election of officers took place as follows: President, Bro. W. Graham, Moreland; vice-president, Bro. W. Wakefield, Coburg; secretary, Bro. H. B. Turnham, West Preston; treasurer and organist, Bro. L. Morf-few, Preston; pianist, Bro. H. Barnden, Coburg; assistant secretary, Bro. Woodbridge, Moreland; song-leader, Bro. Robinson, Preston. In the absence of Bro. W. Graham, president, who was away on military service, all sessions were presided over by Bro. Wakefield, vice-president.

In our issue of Oct. 8 an advertisement appeared over the signature of Bro. A. P. A. Burdeu appealing for articles of furniture for the meeting place of the Bethesda Aborigines Mission and for small donations. Mr. Burdeu states that a request came to him from the superintendent of the mission for the articles of furniture, and he thought others might be interested and inserted the advertisement. Mr. Burdeu also appealed for small donations of money for the mission. He states that he now understands that this is contrary to the principle of the mission. We have been asked by the council of the Bethesda Mission to make it clear that appeals for support are against the policy of the mission, which is conducted on faith lines. Mr. T. G. Pannell, the president of the mission, writes: "The Lord is graciously honoring our work and providing for the needs, and we know that, if we leave ourselves in his hands as a mission, he will not fail us."

The church at Toowoomba, Qld., celebrated 59th anniversary with splendid services. Mr. R. L. Arnold (Brisbane) was guest speaker. Bro. J. H. G. Pedler and family (S.A.) and Bro. John Gray (Melbourne) were visitors. Many isolated members were present or sent greetings. A thankoffering of £100 was received. Bro. W. J. Campbell (Wynnum) preached at all services on Nov. 2. State half-yearly conference was held here on Nov. 8 and 9. The theme was "The Disciple and his Lord." Sermons on "The Disciple Chosen by his Lord," "The Disciple, Companion of his Lord" and "The Disciple on his Lord's Commission" were preached by Bren, A. B. Clark (Kingaroy), R. L. Williams (Albion), and H. E. Greenwood (State organiser), respectively. Bro. P. C. D. Alcorn (Rosewood) gave a review of recent Federal Conference. At Sunday evening meeting Bro. Allen Brooke preached his first sermon since returning from overseas. All sessions were inspiring. An invitation from Bundaberg to hold next half-yearly conference there was noted with appreciation and referred to annual conference.

With good attendances the second half-yearly conference of churches in western suburbs of Melbourne, comprising churches at Newport, Williamstown, Sunshine and Footscray, was held at Sunshine on Saturday, Nov. 15. Bro. J. E. Thomas presided. Afternoon session was in the form of a Christian Endeavor rally. Greetings were received from Footscray, Sunshine, Williamstown, Newport, Caulfield, Surrey Hills, State C.E. Union and Victorian Conference C.E. Committee. Sisters Miss E. Larcombe, of Sunshine; Mrs. A. Haskill and Mrs. W. R. Griffiths, of Williamstown, rendered musical items. Bro. H. M. Clipstone, of Caulfield, addressed the meeting on "The Meaning of the Christian Endeavor Pledge." Bro. G. J. Andrews, of Surrey Hills, spoke on "The Genius of the Consecrated Life." About 90 sat down to tea, arranged by ladies of Sunshine church. At 6.30 p.m. Bro. H. A. G. Clark, of Box Hill, gave a missionary lantern talk on China. Evening session was preceded by a service in song led by Bro. A. Haskill. Bro.

I. Nixon, of Sunshine, gave an address on "The Challenge of the Church." Bro. W. Gale brought greetings on behalf of the Home Missionary Committee. Combined choirs of Footscray and Williamstown rendered anthems under conductorship of Bro. A. Haskill. It was decided that next conference be held at Williamstown in May, 1942.

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News of the Churches.

QUEENSLAND.

Roma.—All services are well attended, and attendance at gospel service shows marked increase. On evening of Nov. 9, a girl from the school was baptised, and Bro. Boettcher gave a fine exposition on "Baptism." Bro. A. S. Cooke addressed the church in morning. On Oct. 29 Bro. Boettcher officiated at the marriage of Mr. Stan. Muller and Miss Beryl McIntosh.

Maryborough.—Increased attendances at morning meetings are encouraging; average attendances at Lord's table for past six weeks, 51. Bro. H. E. Greenwood, conference secretary, spoke at both services on Oct. 26. Bro. and Sister Turner have left to reside at Gympie; a farewell social was held on Nov. 4, when the church made a presentation to Sister Turner. Meetings are held fortnightly at Urraween.

Albion.—On Nov. 9, in absence of Bro. Williams at Toowoomba, Bren. W. J. Trudgian and W. Wiltshire were speakers. In Y.M.C.A. suburban club competitions the Senior Square Club won shields in two divisions and were second in the other division. On Nov. 16 Intermediate C.E. united with Baptist, Methodist and two Congregational societies to hold an inspiring "star" meeting; over 50 Endeavorers attended.

Charters Towers.—At Bible school anniversary on Nov. 2 120 were present, and Bro. H. S. Coward was speaker. At the tea on 4th, 103 sat down, and at night 130 attended a successful concert and prize distribution. The children were trained by Sister Mrs. H. S. Coward, kindergarten by Sister P. M. Tucker. Bro. Samuels addressed monthly meeting at Eventide. Young Worshipers' League is well represented on Sundays, Bro. Reid addressing children. At night on Nov. 9 Bro. Samuels gave the address.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 9. In morning a teachers' recognition service was conducted. Bro. H. R. Fitch gave an illustrated talk in afternoon and spoke at night. Singing was at a high standard under baton of Bro. Allan Hunt. Bro. Jack Tinetti, of A.I.F., a Bible school worker, was farewelled at a meeting in the hall after evening service.

Maylands.—On Oct. 28 Girls' Club held a social for club funds. At Women's Guild on Oct. 30 Bro. E. Sherman was speaker. Bro. Bamford spoke at both services on Nov. 2. Bible school is going well under superintendency of Bro. J. Rhodes. Sisters Lorna and Sylvia Smith have recovered from illness. On morning of Nov. 9 Bro. L. C. Peacock gave an inspiring address.

Perth.—At mid-week meeting on Nov. 5 Bro. W. Paget gave a valuable message on "Joseph and his Gift," preceding an instructive lantern talk on Norway by Bro. Larson, assisted by Bro. J. Wiltshire. On morning of Nov. 9 visitors included Sister Gilmore (Sydney, N.S.W.) and Bro. Hughes (South Yarra, Vic.). At gospel service Bro. Wiltshire gave an impressive address on "How to Gain £10." Afterwards he delivered a broadcast message on "The Invincible Church."

TASMANIA.

Invermay.—On Nov. 2 Bro. H. V. Clements spoke at evening service on "Three Graces of the Gospel." Bible school picnic on Nov. 9 was at Perth. On Nov. 9 Bro. F. T. Morgan spoke at all services. Sisters Mrs. Colbeck and Mrs. Alderton rendered a duet at night. On Nov. 5 a kitchen tea was tendered Bro. Leo. Stevens and Sister Maidie Irwin, who were married on Nov. 8. Bro. E. A. Stevens preached on Nov. 16 on "The Victory of the Cross." Bro. A. Arnot rendered a solo.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Port Noarlunga.—On Nov. 2 there was a good meeting, 12 breaking bread, mostly visitors.

Whyalla.—Regular gospel meetings have been commenced in the homes of all members. On Nov. 16 Bro. Brand, from Croydon church, spoke at morning and evening services. Mid-week prayer meetings are also helpful.

Williamstown.—On Oct. 25 and 26 the Bible school held anniversary. Bro. Beiler gave addresses which were much enjoyed. Bro. Edwards is working with Gawler and Williamstown churches until the arrival of Bro. Bartlett in December.

Pt. Pirie.—A farewell service was tendered Sister Walladge and a welcome to Sister Donley, who was married to Bro. Donley last month. Sister Hazel Walladge is in hospital. Master Donald McDonald is making satisfactory progress with a broken leg. Bro. Hutson continues to render faithful service.

York.—Bro. J. H. I. Durdin has returned home from hospital after operation and is making good recovery. The church appreciates assistance given on Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and 9 by Bren. J. T. Train, A. B. Chappell, A. Foote, A. Coin and W. Green. Morning services have been well attended. A Women's Guild has been commenced with good enrolment of sisters.

Dulwich.—Sister Miss Dorothy Black, who was injured in a plane crash near Darwin while on nursing duty, is making a good recovery. She has been looked after by Bro. and Sister W. Berlin, formerly of Brisbane. Bro. and Sister Collins have received a letter from their son, Syd., indicating that he is in a prison-of-war camp in Germany, and stating that there is good food and plenty of it, but asking for certain other necessities.

Prospect.—On Nov. 12 the combined churches of district held midweek prayer meeting. Lord's day services were conducted by Dr. Ray Crosby (morning) and Dr. Trevor Turner (evening). Sunday school scholars are making toys for Christmas cheer. P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs rendered an enjoyable evening to the blind at Melrose House. The clubs keep in touch with all members who have joined the forces, writing, and providing comforts.

Tumby Bay.—On Nov. 9, S.S. anniversary services were held with good attendances. The scholars sang under leadership of Bro. R. Nankivell. The address of Bro. Norris in afternoon was on "The Roadway of Life," and at night "The Light of the World." A public meeting and prize-giving took place on Nov. 11. Items were rendered by scholars, also two Biblical dialogues. Bro. Norris has received a month's call to the military camps as a chaplain.

Queenstown.—Bro. Brooker exhorted church on Nov. 9. In the evening Bro. Ewers, Hindmarsh, preached. Bro. Brooker spoke at Hindmarsh. In the afternoon prizes were distributed to scholars. On Oct. 28 a farewell social was tendered Bro. and Sister G. Cox, who were leaving Queenstown for Whyalla. On morning of Nov. 16 Bro. S. Mathews exhorted church. In evening Bro. Brooker preached. On afternoon of Nov. 11 the ladies' guild held annual social.

Hindmarsh.—National day of prayer was observed at all services on Nov. 16. Bible school anniversary services were continued. In morning Mr. E. H. Miller (Methodist) was speaker. In afternoon Mr. H. Watts Grimmer (Congregational) talked to the children on "What is Your Occupation?" At night Bro. Wm. L. Ewers preached on "Elijah on Mt. Carmel." Three young girls from Bible school made the good confession—Barbara Jones, June Gurr and June Byars. On Nov. 12 a concert was given by the school.

Kadina.—Twenty-first anniversary of building of present chapel was celebrated from Nov. 4 to 9. Bro. J. T. Train was speaker. He was one of the early members. Choir and soloists supplied musical items. On Nov. 8 a "penny drive" was held. Each member placed 21 pennies down so that the chapel was encircled. £10/17/- was raised, including gifts of larger amounts. Tea was followed by prayer meeting. At night a session of reminiscences was held. On Nov. 9 a thanksgiving service was held in morning. The roll was called and Bro. Train addressed church. At young people's afternoon service he told the story of "The Ugly Stone." The children sang special pieces, Bro. Larcombe conducting. At night Bro. Train preached, and Bren. N. Bartle and H. J. Andrews rendered solos. On Nov. 16 Bro. W. N. Bartle exhorted the church; at night Bro. Trenwith preached. Bro. Larcombe and members of choir and Bible school assisted Wallaroo church with Bible school anniversary. Aged Sister Rule was laid to rest on Nov. 10 in her 90th year. The church sympathises with relatives.

VICTORIA.

Murtoa.—Bro. J. Butler addressed church on Nov. 2 and Bro. G. Miller on 16th. Bro. J. V. Collett conducted midweek prayer meetings since beginning of month, attendance being encouraging.

Hampton.—Bro. H. Watson visited the school on Nov. 16 and on behalf of the F.M. Committee received £15 collected during the year for Dhond Hospital. He gave an interesting illustrated talk on India.

Warragul.—In past few weeks attendances have increased considerably. Members are enjoying fellowship with Bro. L. Jones for a while. On Nov. 16 his evening subject was, "Will Britain Win this War?" and a young girl confessed Christ.

Horsham.—An enjoyable Bible school picnic was held at Bungalally on Nov. 1. In absence of Bro. C. Jackel at Hamilton, Bren. F. J. Sherriff and J. Butler gave addresses on 9th and Bren. G. Miller and F. J. Sherriff on 16th. Good attendance last Lord's day for national intercession.

Red Cliffs.—Bro. A. R. Mansell was speaker on Nov. 9; Bro. John Leng on Nov. 16. Mrs. H. J. Cook was re-elected president of Women's Mission Band. Mrs. Dodemaide commences tenth year as secretary. A happy social was held on Nov. 14, about 70 present. Two new teachers have joined kindergarten staff.

Portland.—On Nov. 9 Bro. A. Rivett addressed the church on "Paul the Field-marshal." Bro. Mountjoy gave a splendid address on Nov. 16 on "A Call to Arms." Members mourn the passing of Bro. M. Chivell. As an officer of the church, he was held in high esteem. Sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Mildura.—On Nov. 16, national day of prayer, there were excellent attendances. At night members of Y.M.C.A. and Mildura V.D.C. attended. Bro. Lewis spoke on "Wartime Prayers" and "The Cause in which They Fight." Ladies' Guild held a successful social on Nov. 12. Attendances at Bible school are good, last Sunday 130 being present.

East Kew.—Bro. Macnaughtan's addresses during last week were greatly appreciated. On Sunday evening a young man confessed Christ; four young people were baptised. Bro. A. L. Gibson brought an excellent "second coming" message to the church on Nov. 15. Sunday school rally has gained 24 new scholars. Bro. Clay addressed Young People's Fellowship last Sunday afternoon.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 16 visitors included Mrs. Drakeford, from China. Mr. Baker spoke in morning on "Remembrance and Intercession." There was a good attendance at Bible class; Miss Hazel Prowse gave two fine elocutionary items. In an exchange of pulpits Mr. S. Rea, of Methodist church, Lygon-st., was preacher at evening service. Many members are back after illness.

Frankston.—There was a good meeting on morning of Nov. 16. Bro. and Sister T. Crawford, Sister Jean and Bro. Gerald Crawford were received by transfer from Wangaratta. Bro. Finger was speaker at both services.

Sunshine.—The second meeting of Western Suburban Conference was held here on Nov. 15. Bro. Nixon spoke at both services on Nov. 16. Evening subject was, "Does It Matter What We Believe?" Members of J.C.E. are planning a Christmas box for aborigine children.

Coburg.—Following the conference of Northern Suburban churches, special meetings were held on Nov. 16. Morning speaker was Bro. Alf. White, from Brunswick. In the evening an Endeavor graduation service preceded Bro. Wakefield's gospel address. On Monday evening Bro. C. J. Robinson, from Preston, commenced a series of inspirational addresses which continue through the week.

Brunswick.—On a recent Sunday morning Bro. White dedicated a new communion set given in memory of the late Sister Hamilton by her son and daughter. During absence of Bro. White, gospel services are conducted by Bren. H. Barnden and A. G. McCullough. Meetings are well attended. Bible school picnic was held on Nov. 4 at Diamond Creek. On morning of Nov. 16 Bro. Gale was speaker.

Geelong.—On morning of Nov. 9 Bro. Ritchie, of Footscray, gave a splendid address. At night Bro. Candy, of East Kew, gave an inspiring address. Bro. Candy was speaker on morning of Nov. 16; subject, "Prayer and What it Means." At night Bro. Brooker spoke on "The King's Request." He also sang a solo. In absence of Bro. Macnaughtan, who is conducting a mission at East Kew, the church appreciates co-operation of these brethren.

Mitcham.—Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 2 and 9. Speakers on 2nd were Bro. Bischoff, Blackburn, and Bro. Banks, Doncaster, and on 9th Bro. Roffey, North Essendon; Bro. Pratt addressed the children. Special singing was rendered by scholars. On Nov. 13 the scholars' tea was held in Scout Hall, followed by concert and presentation of prizes. Over 150 were present. Bro. Pratt has visited extensively and contacted many isolated baptised believers in district.

Essendon.—On Nov. 16 Bro. Dunn, from Upwey, was received into membership. Bro. A. G. E. Smith gave a thoughtful address on "The Enemies of God." At night Bro. Illingworth conducted a service of thanksgiving and intercession. His address was on "The Gospel of Peace." Bro. Will Alves has resumed duties as superintendent of Bible school after illness. Annual physical culture display by girls of church was given on Nov. 11. At Ladies' Mission Band on 13th Mrs. Sandells was speaker.

Black Rock.—Meetings continue up to average. Church annual business meeting showed all in sound, healthy condition. Bible school continues to flourish; 8 new scholars on Nov. 16, making 116 on roll. Two young ladies were baptised recently, and received into fellowship. Bro. Mathieson spoke to good congregation last Sunday, when a lad confessed Christ. Ladies' Guild is doing good work; 30/- donated to F.M. Christmas cheer. The church has appreciated visiting speakers—Bren. Brooker, Morris, sen and jun., and R. Pittman.

Preston.—A sister has been welcomed by transfer from West Preston. Bro. Wakefield, of Coburg, delivered an appreciated morning address on Nov. 16. At evening service, at which the choir rendered an anthem, an offering of £2/4/1 was received for "Food for Russia." A social evening was tendered Bro. and Sister A. Morfiew and family on Nov. 8. Expressions of regret at their removal from district were expressed, and on behalf of church and auxiliaries tokens of appreciation of services rendered were presented. A successful concert, arranged by Women's Fellowship to assist the Christian Guest Home, was held on Nov. 10.

South Melbourne.—Steady work continues, and a splendid spirit prevails in all departments. Bible school anniversary services were most successful. Scholars excelled in song under baton of Bro. H. J. Finney. Demonstration and prize-giving on Nov. 5 terminated a happy year of service in senior school. Bro. R. Wellington is superintendent. The kinders, under leadership of Sister R. Duncan, assistant superintendent, gave their display on afternoon of Nov. 9. Bro. J. C. Cunningham gave a message and presented prizes. Interest and attendances are holding well at gospel services.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Nov. 16 Mr. Reginald Kirby, minister of Baptist Church, Collins-st., Melbourne, was morning preacher; his sermon and presence were much appreciated. Bro. Hughes conducted service at Collins-st. Baptist. At evening meeting a dedication service took place when about 40 young men who had qualified with Y.M.C.A. for youth leadership in our suburban boys' clubs were presented with diplomas and promised faithful performance of duties. After an address from Bro. Hughes, all were entertained at supper, and references were made by speakers about youth work.

Hartwell.—A most successful Bible school anniversary was concluded with a crowded concert on Nov. 6. Mr. and Mrs. A. Morfiew and family, from Preston, and Mr. Perkins have been received into fellowship. On Nov. 8, in the chapel, Miss Amy Dusting was married to Mr. D. McRae, Bro. Webb officiating. Twentieth anniversary of church, celebrated on Nov. 16, was an unqualified success. Attendances were largest in church's history. 200 communed for the day, and 300 were present at night. Anthems by choir and solos by Miss Amelia Scarce were greatly enjoyed. Speakers were E. L. Williams, M.A., L. E. Brooker and Jas. E. Webb.

Reservoir.—Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 5 with excellent meetings, speakers being Bro. T. R. Morris, afternoon, and Bro. J. Shaw, evening. A lantern lecture, "Pioneering in Papua," was given by Bro. R. Story at gospel service on Oct. 26. Bro. Plummer is conducting gospel services during November and December prior to Bro. Grainger beginning work as student preacher in new year. A presentation was made to Bro. J. Shaw after morning service on Oct. 26 in recognition of his services as preacher during past 18 months. An enjoyable concert was given by ladies of church and assisting artists on Nov. 6.

Hamilton.—Annual meeting of Women's Mission Band was held on Nov. 13. Report and Balance sheet showed a very successful year, £45/18/3 being paid into local church funds. Mrs. Jackel, speaker, extended greetings from Horsham sisters. Officers were elected. Bro. Jackel's addresses during the week were very helpful. On Nov. 16 he spoke at all services. The children sang anniversary hymns at gospel service, and the message was on "The New Order." A man and wife confessed Christ. Several visitors were among the large congregation at both services. Sister Mrs. Scott, by transfer from Murtoa, was welcomed. Thank-offering was taken during evening service.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Morning services have been conducted by Bren. W. W. Saunders, J. A. Wilkie, W. A. Benson and A. R. Holland (Baptist). Bro. Saunders preached at evening services. On Oct. 19 Bro. G. R. Emmett, of Brighton, spoke. Doveton-st. morning speakers were Bren. J. A. Wilkie, W. Batch, W. W. Saunders, W. H. Benson and M. Kingdom (Baptist). Evening speakers, Bren. W. Reid, T. Comer, W. H. Benson. Bro. Comer received three confessions of faith. Trainees from military camp paraded at evening service on Oct. 12 and were afterwards entertained. Quarterly meeting of school staff was held on Oct. 25. Scholars returned Children's Day offering boxes on Oct. 26, amount totalling £3/8/8½. A presentation of six church hymn books was made to church by Doveton-st. Y.P. Fellowship, which went into recess on Oct. 28. Final Fellowship dinner for

1941 was held on Oct. 29. Sunday school anniversary services were held Nov. 9 with good attendances. Bro. W. Gale addressed morning and afternoon services, and Bro. W. R. Hibburt the evening service. Children sang splendidly under leadership of Bro. H. Broderick. Sympathy is extended to Bowman, Mann and Dunstan families in recent bereavements.

Balwyn.—There have been good services since Bro. Patterson's return from the mission at Bendigo. There were two baptisms on evening of Nov. 9 and one decision. Sunday school is making headway under leadership of Bro. Smith, 198 present on Nov. 9. A lantern lecture, "With Scott at the Antarctic" on Nov. 13, in aid of school funds, was well attended. At special call to prayer service, the building was almost filled, 152 taking communion. Bro. Schwab, of Prospect, S.A., led the church in special prayer for the nation. Phi Betas tendered a kitchen tea in honor of Miss E. Dalton, to be married soon. Men's Fellowship continues to meet once a month, and numbers are growing.

Parkdale.—The church is very pleased that Bro. A. W. Stephenson has accepted the unanimous call as part-time preacher from about middle of January. Bro. Taylor concludes a happy time of service on Nov. 30. On Oct. 30 a special Bible class meeting was held to remember in prayer and aid financially the appeal being made that night for prisoners of war. Offering and donations received amounted to over £4/10/-. A happy S.S. social evening was held on Nov. 1. At gospel service on Nov. 16, Ken. Jones, Barry Ward, Norma Willis, Victor Gordon and Cliff Jones were baptised. The choir rendered an anthem and a hymn splendidly. There is much sickness among members.

Wedderburn.—On Nov. 2 the S.S. anniversary was held, when prizes were distributed. Margaret Pratt, who completed 15 years' unbroken attendance, was presented with an inscribed gold bar. Bro. Retchford was speaker for the day. Bro. John Burge has passed away. For 64 years he was a faithful member; he joined under the preaching of late Stephen Cheek in 1877. On Nov. 9 a memorial service was held, when Bro. Retchford spoke of the service given by our late brother. The church also extends to Sister Ratcliffe and family sympathy in the loss of her father at Bendigo. Sister Mrs. Maynard has returned from Merbein. Bro. Jas. Treble passed away on Nov. 12 at the age of 95 years.

Cheltenham.—Bro. Allan made reference to the passing of Mrs. Foreman, who for many years was associated with the work at Cheltenham. On morning of Nov. 2, Mr. Allan exchanged with Mr. J. L. Langton, of Sandringham Baptist church, and at evening service Bro. Allan's address on "Prayer and a Plea for Christian Unity" was enjoyed. At morning service on Nov. 9, Bro. A. W. Connor was speaker, it being the 50th anniversary of his uniting with the church. Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies celebrated anniversary at evening service, Endeavorers taking part, and president, Bro. A. E. Huntley, giving the address. Miss Deane arranged tea for juniors. At the ladies' snowball meeting at home of Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Nance-Kivell gave an enjoyable talk. A social and kitchen evening was tendered to Miss Gwen McCoughtry on eve of her marriage by Girls' Club and church members.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Rockdale.—On Nov. 16 Bro. Hinrichsen spoke morning and evening to good congregations. Special prayers were offered for boys linked with church who are overseas or in the forces. Miss Nancy Fisher rendered a solo.

Mortdale.—Attendances at evening meetings are gradually improving. During past six weeks gospel messages have been delivered by Bren. W. S. French, J. Henderson, G. Morton and W. Bunker. There are three more helpers

on Sunday school staff, also new scholars. On Nov. 3 a successful concert arranged by local helpers was held in aid of new ceiling fund. Arrangements have been made for a week of special gospel services with Bren. A. Hinrichsen and Burns speakers.

Bankstown.—Services on Nov. 16 were well attended. Bro. Ron. Dawson spoke in morning and Bro. Thomson at night. Men of the church on Saturday repaired church fence. Plans are in hand for extension of kinder hall at the rear of church. Mrs. Glen, from Black Rock, Vic., was among visitors. Endeavorers are working for Boys' Home fete, and are helping to equip recreation hut at Wallgrove military camp. Sisters paid a visit to homes at Pendle Hill, and are also arranging afternoons for new crockery for church.

Paddington.—There were good attendances at anniversary of Bible school. At breaking of bread Bro. Thomas, of Marrickville, gave a helpful address. Special singing and scripture recitation were features at afternoon session, with distribution of kindergarten and cradle roll prizes. At evening service Bro. Greenhalgh gave a fine illustrated talk. Anniversary theme was "The Bible, the Word of God." At demonstration and prize-giving the programme was much enjoyed. The singing was ably conducted by school secretary, Miss T. Walter.

Mosman.—On Oct. 26 G. E. Burns edified the church with "A Hilltop of Victory"; at night he preached on the second coming; two ladies were baptised; Bro. Webster contributed a solo. Mesdames McLean and Lester were welcomed to membership on Nov. 2, when Bro. Burns exhorted on "A City of Service." His evening subject was supported by his own solo. The church was inspired by "A Surrendered Life," Bro. Burns' morning subject on Nov. 9. At 3 p.m. Bible school anniversary services commenced, when Bro. Cowan represented Y.P. Committee, spoke on "Four Clocks," and presented kinders' prizes. At night Bro. Burns preached on "The Story of a Shipwreck," and school again sang special choruses.

Burwood.—The marriages of Miss E. Eyles and Mr. Ken. Taylor, and Miss W. Quill and Mr. E. Sims, were celebrated on Oct. 18. Christmas parcels have been sent to men from members' homes serving overseas. An I.C.E. society has been formed, also a local training class, seven students attending. Aspects of Federal Conference were presented by several members at a midweek meeting. Mrs. Williams is home from hospital. Mrs. R. H. Wakeley is in Western Suburbs Hospital. Mrs. Forbes, whose baptism was delayed on account of illness, was recently baptised. C.E. society held a successful concert and social, proceeds going to Boys' Home. Recent visitors were Sisters Mrs. Burnham and Miss Chandler, from Brisbane, and Mrs. Mercer, of Claremont, W.A.

Bexley North.—Crowded meetings on anniversary day, Nov. 9, over 200 people present at afternoon service. Bro. P. E. Thomas spoke to children. Bro. Ira A. Paternoster spoke at morning service and Bro. T. Weir preached at night, when a girl from the Bible school made good confession. On Monday the scholars provided an excellent evening. Kindergarten item, "God's World Garden," and Good Companions' Club item were worthy of mention. Women's Fellowship special meeting on Nov. 13 attracted 73 women. Mrs. McCallum, of Epping, addressed gathering.

Georgetown.—On Nov. 2 Mr. Amos was morning speaker. Mr. Youens, from Chatswood, preached at night. On Nov. 9 and 10 the school celebrated anniversary. Very successful meetings were held amongst the little ones in the "Happy Hour," Mr. Hunting conducting, an average of 200 children attending. This is followed in evenings with "Victorious Living Campaign" at which Mr. Hunting gives uplifting addresses. On Nov. 15 the Sunday school picnic was held at Spiers Point. On 16th Mr. Hunting spoke at both services. Mr. Morton, from Burwood, conducted a lantern lecture.

Wollongong.—Two elderly ladies, believers in Christ, came forward for baptism at close of a morning sermon from Bro. Stirling. A social was tendered to Miss Hilda Robinson on a recent evening in honor of her approaching marriage. Night meeting on Nov. 16 was one of the best attended for some time, over 100 present. Two ladies were baptised.

Sydney (City Temple).—Bro. MacLean spoke at both services on Nov. 16 upon his return from vacation. Miss Margaret MacLean is fully recovered from an appendix operation. The splendid services of preacher and family in church auxiliaries are greatly appreciated. Speakers at recent services were Bren. Avenal, Caldicott and Dr. Verco. Visiting brethren included Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, from Melbourne. Former secretary, Capt. Harry Palmer, is recuperating after hospital treatment abroad.

BIRTHS.

EDMUNDS.—On Oct. 24, to the wife of Roy Edmunds, 11 Sadler-st., Launceston, Tasmania—a son (Maurice Roy).

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It's sweet to know we'll meet again,
Where partings are no more;
The ones we loved so very dear
Have only gone before.
—Inserted by their loving daughters and son.

NIXON.—Loving and treasured memories of my dear friend, Rene, who was called home Nov. 20, 1939.

Yet again I hope to meet you,
When the day of life is fled,
And with joy in heaven to greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.
—Inserted by Elsie Archer.

WOODBIDGE.—The widow and family of the late George Bartlett Woodbridge thank God for the memory of a beloved Christian husband and father, who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 19, 1938.

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Luke 23: 50-56.

Prayer Meeting Topic for November 26.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THERE is often a certain definite nobility in men who are not openly declared Christian. If we take in conjunction with the above passage John 19: 38-42 we are introduced to two who were secret disciples or learners. Joseph is described as "a good man and a just" and "who himself waited for the kingdom of God." Neither had he given consent to the murder of Christ. Nicodemus was he who had come to Jesus by night and had dared to speak once at least in the council on the side of Christ.

Courage.

The violence and injustice done to Christ were too much for Joseph. "The silent half convinced disciple can stand it no longer; he breaks out in indignant protest and stands confessed as a Christian." He went in boldly and begged the body of Jesus. He who had not been openly a disciple is now acting as none of the real disciples could ever have acted. Maybe we shall find about us men who, while they seem not to be Christian as far as church membership goes, yet are in effect more courageous than the professing Christian in the day of trial. Joseph apparently did not get himself into trouble over the action. The murderers were silent—Christ was dead and that was what mattered most.

This heroic action of Joseph called forth a confession from at least one other. It was a happy hour for him that he made contact with Joseph. "The hands of Joseph and Nicodemus met and clasped each other round the body of their Redeemer." How often do we see that one man's courage will inspire others. So many men need a leader and then will they follow. Courage begets courage. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, but John has us to know he came "at the first" . . . by night, and this seems to convey the impression that there were other times when he came, not at night. Here at least he is seen openly with Joseph embalming the dead body at no little cost to himself.

Friends of the Living Christ.

Maybe we all would have thought more highly of Nicodemus if he had been a real friend of the living Christ. Don't you think he was? There are many unrecorded facts in relation to Christ and his friends. I believe that Nicodemus and Joseph would be among the believers in the early Christian church. There are traditions to that effect. Paul tells us that the risen Christ was seen of five hundred brethren at one time. Possibly Nicodemus was there, and Joseph.

But what of us? Are we disciples secretly for fear? There are not a few Christians who are like Nicodemus and Joseph, who are not against Christ but have a very high regard for him. These could be a tower of strength if openly they would be real Christians. The world is perishing because we have too many like these who are disciples, but secretly. We have even heard of disciples of the same communion working together and neither knew the other was a Christian. This is wrong. Christ might as well be dead if our lives are to be lived as though we didn't believe in a risen Christ. And if Christ is raised up others ought to know and to live according to that fact. Let us join hands in fellowship around the living Christ. He is not dead but alive. Great courage is needed to-day, for it is also a time for decision and reconstruction. Let us be heroic in our discipleship. Many are looking for leadership, and many a Nicodemus may be helped.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 3.—THE WAY TO VICTORY.—Luke 9: 51-56.

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TOPIC.—CHRIST PRE-EMINENT.

Monday, November 24.

HE humbled himself . . . wherefore God highly exalted him.—Phil. 2: 8, 9.

Extraordinary humiliation was followed by unequalled exaltation. Thus the Son of God, who descended from the invisible to the visible, and still lower down until he came into contact with the lowest and the vilest, experiencing the most shameful treatment culminating in crucifixion, is now exalted to God's right hand in glory, there to reign "till he hath put all his enemies under his feet."

Reading—Philippians 2: 1-11.

Tuesday, November 25.

God hath made him both Lord and Christ.—Acts 2: 36.

We sometimes fail, when thinking of Christ's present position, to give him his rightful place. We think of him as near; and so he is. But do not let us forget that he is pre-eminently remote as well, reigning as he does at God's right hand.

Reading—Acts 2: 22-36.

Wednesday, November 26.

Christ . . . who is over all, God blessed for ever.—Rom. 9: 5.

This passage alone is sufficient proof of the God-head of Christ. Whilst he came in the flesh, Jesus was not only of the flesh. Indeed, he was God manifest in the flesh. The words "blessed for ever" constituted the usual Hebrew doxology following the mention of God's name.

Reading—Romans 9: 1-5.

Thursday, November 27.

He must reign.—1 Cor. 15: 25.

Our Lord, whilst occupying the highest throne, is not resting. On the contrary, this passage indicates that he, with his followers, is engaged in the greatest struggle of all the ages. But the triumphant ending is assured, for he will put all his enemies under his feet.

Reading—1 Corinthians 15: 20-28.

Friday, November 28.

In him ye are made full.—Col. 2: 9.

There was no need for the Colossian disciples to seek to derive aid from the law of Moses or Grecian philosophy. They are, by faith in the Saviour, made full, so that nothing is lacking.

Reading—Colossians 2: 8-15.

Saturday, November 29.

Christ is all, and in all.—Col. 3: 1-11.

In creation; in the scheme of redemption; in conversion and sanctification; in the church and its ordinances; and even in Christian trials, Christ is pre-eminent, for he is not only "a shelter in the time of storm," but the very force on which all other forces depend; so that

there is nothing happens except that which he permits and everything works together for the good of his followers and the glory of his heavenly Father.

*Reading—Colossians 3: 1-11.

Sunday, November 30.

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

It is said that if we lived in harmony with the laws of nature we should never be ill. This we know—if we lived in harmony with the laws of Christ, we should always be well, spiritually. Sin's shackles would fall from us, and we should enjoy perfect freedom of mind and health of spirit.

Readings—Psalm 20; Colossians 1.

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N.S.W. Half-Yearly Conference.

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Afternoon session commenced at 3.15, and was devoted to inspirational messages from conference committees and sisters' auxiliary conference. The young people's organiser, Bro. F. C. Hunting, brought the message for his department. The women's conference was represented by one of the vice-presidents, Mrs. B. G. Corlett. The work of social service and the Boys' Home at Pendle Hill was brought by the secretary of the committee, Bro. T. P. Dale. Through the Christian Fellowship Association this committee is able to help those in financial difficulties.

In connection with the new government's proposal for the extension of liquor hours in this State, the following resolution moved by Bro. Dale was accepted and carried unanimously: "That this conference of Churches of Christ in N.S.W. views with alarm the suggestion already announced in the press that the government may give greater facilities for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the alteration of the trading hours for hotels and wine bars, also the proposed alteration of the Liquor Act to permit wine to be served with meals in clubs and restaurants. We respectfully request the government to take no action of this kind without first submitting the proposals to a referendum of the people."

The work of home missions was presented by Bro. A. Hinrichsen, of Rockdale, who told the conference of missions which had been conducted in the past and of the present position of these churches. The future work of the committee depended, to a large extent, on the result of the annual offering in November, and Bro. Hinrichsen concluded by suggesting that we adopt the slogan, "Putting ME in Home Missions on Nov. 2."

The chairman of the Overseas Mission Committee, Bro. Dr. C. A. Verco, spoke of the work of this committee and also of the work of missionaries.

Bro. B. G. Corlett, secretary of N.S.W. Bible College, outlined the progress of this committee since last conference, and appealed to brethren and sisters for support in the continuance of this work.

Evening session commenced at 6.15 with a devotional period led by the vice-president, Bro. Stuart Stevens. Bro. F. A. Youens, of Chatswood church, spoke at this meeting on "The Lost Church." The address was appreciated.—S. C. Woolley, secretary.

Southern District Conference, Tasmania.

THE annual district conference of Southern Tasmanian churches was held at Kelleve on Nov. 1, 2 and 3.

The conference president, Bro. N. J. Warmbrunn, presided, and only one church was not represented. The secretary stated that monthly visits of speakers to Kelleve, Geeveston and Dover churches had been carried on, with exception of one month. Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £21/15/11.

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On the Sunday morning there were over 90 present. Bro. N. R. Warmbrunn presided, and

N. J. Warmbrunn gave the address. In the afternoon Bro. A. E. Heard preached the conference sermon, and the gospel service was conducted by Bro. W. H. Knight. On the Saturday night Bro. B. J. Golder conducted a foreign mission rally. Conference closed on Monday with a picnic on Marion Bay Beach.—G. E. Ashlin, conference secretary.

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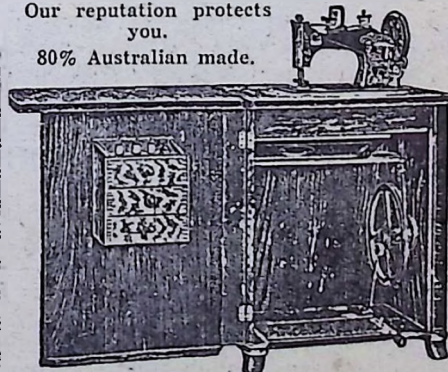
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