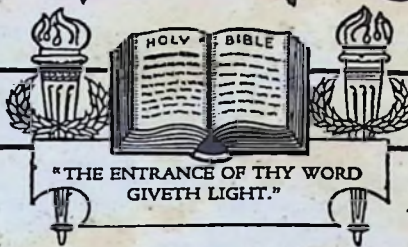


The AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

A Journal Representing Churches of Christ

Registered at the G.P.O., Melbourne,
for transmission by post as a Newspaper.

VOL. XLIV., No. 47.



Single copy, posted direct, 10/6 year.
Through church agent, 2d. week. Foreign, 14/- year.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1941.

Who Can be Against Us?

WE do not believe that everything good belongs either to the past or to the future. We share in the view that there is much that is good in the present.

It is said of Hesiod, the ancient Greek poet, who lived about 800 B.C., that he complained about the world becoming increasingly evil. "Children," he said, "were disrespectful to their parents." "Each generation was growing worse than the former." He told a sad story concerning the men who lived in the days that have been described as "the good old days."

We all tend to fall into a similar attitude toward life. We think the past is always better than the present. This is because memory plays tricks upon us. The mind is ever ready to forget whatever is evil and painful, but to linger over the memory of the good and the pleasant. Therefore we tend to consider the past better than the present. While we should be willing to learn lessons from the past, we should not allow it to take away our confidence to act with vigor in the present.

What about the future? The future holds the key of the door that will open up the consummation of the ages, but we should be aware that the grounds upon which our hopes of the future rest are with us in this living present. Christ is our hope. Christ was in the past, he shall be in the future and he is with us in the present. He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

I.

Jesus Christ is the inner reality of every Christian. "I live," said Paul, "yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." The presence of the inner guest can be enjoyed by all who love him and keep his words. "If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Thus, here in this troubled and war-weary world, we can have the riches of divine love and power. It is not necessary for us to wait for some future event, we can enjoy spiritual wealth now. Of these riches it has been written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the

heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." But God has revealed them to us through the Spirit. Having not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God, we "know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor. 2.)

To stand on the Lord's side is to be on the side that has immeasurable wealth and inexhaustible power. The might of the world may be arrayed against us, but we have no need to be afraid; for if our eyes were opened, as the eyes of the servant of Elisha at Dothan, we should see "the mountains full of horses and chariots of fire" (2 Kings 6: 17.)

With spiritual resources so big in dimensions, we must not hesitate to undertake work for our Lord. Even like Moses, we may be slow of speech, or like Paul, be enfeebled by a thorn in the flesh, yet grace is available to supply every need; and, strange to say, the Lord's power is made perfect in weakness.

II.

Relying on divine strength we should boldly speak on behalf of the Lord and testify concerning our salvation. The growth of the early church was not due to the great wealth or to the educational standing of members and preachers. We do find a degree of wealth and a standard of education in the church. The driving power of the Christian community, however, did not rest in these, but in an inner confidence that enabled them to preach boldly the truth in the face of persecution. Why were those early Christians confident? Surely it was because they were aware of the grace of Christ within them. Although dispersed by persecution, they did not re-

*If Christ is the wisdom of God
and the power of God in the
experience of those who trust
and love him, there needs
no further argument of his
divinity.*

—Henry Ward Beecher.

III.

The amazing growth of churches of Christ in Australia has been due to the zeal of pioneers who looked to the power of the grace of God to strengthen them for the work of preaching and teaching. They went into public gardens, halls and tents, gathered people together, and preached Jesus. Scattered to distant parts by economic necessity, they remained faithful to their Lord. They set up the Lord's table, sought out children for Bible schools and went from house to house as representatives of Jesus Christ. They recognised that where two or three were gathered together in the name of the Lord, the Lord was present; and "where the Lord is, there is the church." Although these small churches seemed weak, and the members were, perhaps, lacking in wealth and educational training, they had a power that issued from the fountain of spiritual grace.

We run the risk of drifting into the error of relying on outward forms rather than upon the inner grace of heaven. We may be depending too much upon organisation and numbers and not enough upon the power Christ gives to each individual. Many church members, moving into some country district, wait for a committee to organise a church for them, instead of gathering in twos and threes for communion, and growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

We must have organised home mission work. The blessings of a whole brotherhood ought to be shared with the smaller groups, but more than organisation is required to make a successful home mission cause. Unless there is a determined effort on the part of small groups of Christians to meet and seek for themselves the blessings of God, no amount of outside help will avail for long. We urge scattered members to make an effort to meet. The beginning may be small, but great oaks grow from little acorns.

God has often confounded the mighty by his work of grace in frail men and women. The Lord may have a work for you to do, but he may be waiting for you to say, "Here am I; send me."

The Church and a New Order.

E. Ross Manning.

WE are living in tragic days. The world is in a state of chaos, and the question is constantly being asked, "After this dreadful war, what?" Many are the demands for improvement in pre-war conditions, and the church of Jesus Christ is required to emphasise a truth which a great many people either overlook or refuse to accept—the fact that all human history centres in one person, the Christ of God. In the world of books there is one supreme Book, the Bible, in which historians, prophets and apostles, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, speak of him who was, and is, and is to come, the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the Dead, the Ruler of the Kings of the Earth. Miraculously conceived of a favored woman, and born in human flesh, the Son of God came as the Son of man to be the Saviour of all who would believe on him. He established his church, and to-day is enshrined in the hearts of Christians all over the world, and through his Spirit is operating on their lives. The impact of his glorious life was felt among men and women when he was here in the flesh, and it is felt among us to-day.

The Bible clearly affirms over and over again that Christ is visibly coming to the world again. I believe and rejoice in this truth with all my heart. He is coming to judge, and to rule in righteousness. The prophet Isaiah declares, "He shall judge among the nations, and rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." The true and lasting new order will be founded by Jesus Christ. All other so-called new orders are doomed to failure. During the history of mankind many bold attempts have been made to found world-wide empires owning one rule, but they have proved vain. Napoleon in his day set out to conquer the world as Hitler is seeking to do to-day, but he failed, and so will Hitler. In the magazine "Life" for September is an article which quotes from Napoleon's famous confession on the futility of a mere military machine. Here is an extract: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I founded great empires; but upon what do these creations depend? Upon force. Jesus has founded his empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for him. No one else is like him. Jesus Christ was more than a man. All who sincerely believe in him experience that marvellous supernatural love towards him. That phenomenon is unaccountable; it is altogether beyond the scope of man's creative power."

The church has a stupendous mission to fulfil in these dark times. It must exalt Christ. Paul told the Philippians that God had decreed that "in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." It is sad to know that in some Christian pulpits to-day the miraculous birth of our Lord is denied or questioned, and his divinity not recognised. He is acclaimed only as a great teacher who suffered martyrdom for his convictions. Jesus was lifted up on the cross of Calvary as the Saviour of the world, and to-day the church must lift him up and give to him the glory which is his due. Another duty of the church is to interpret to the world the great commandments of love to God and to our fellow-men. Nazism has substituted hatred for love, and cruelty for kindness. May God save our nation in this awful conflict from losing its soul and falling into the same chasm. The church must warn men of the fearful danger of departing from God through an evil heart of unbelief. As God sent Jonah to Nineveh to warn that city of coming judgment, so the church must declaim

against the ways of wickedness, and testify for God's righteousness. Again, the church must break down all distinctions of race, color, class and creed, and seek to unite all believers in one great brotherhood in Christ. There is a brotherhood of which we hear—a human brotherhood without a Redeemer and a divine inspiration, and it has failed through the selfishness of man. The sacrificing Son of God has formed a divine brotherhood, of which he is the Head and Leader. What a powerful influence for good would permeate human society if all Christians in the true spirit of brotherhood sank their petty differences, and united in the exaltation of their Lord, and sought each other's good. John beheld the ideal church in vision, when he wrote, "I saw a great multitude which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes and palms in their hands, and they cry with a great voice saying, 'Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.'"

Refugee-Internees.

ABOUT 1200 refugee-internees sent from Britain are held here in internment camps by the Australian authorities. These men were sent to Australia in the H.M.T. Dunera during September, 1940. The British Government has admitted that owing to the confusion which arose when Norway was invaded, many friendly aliens were interned. Among these must be included these 1200 still interned in Australia.

When the British Government realised what had taken place, the friendly aliens interned in Britain were released. Those who were sent to Australia, however, were not able to gain the freedom the British Government would grant them, because the Australian authorities have not been agreeable to the release of these aliens in this country.

Owing to a lack of shipping space, it is difficult to get the men back to England where they would be set free, so they are compelled to endure the hardships of imprisonment in the internment camp.

The British Government sent Major Layton to Australia to act in the interests of these men. He has helped to secure a return passage to Britain for some of those capable of giving special service to the cause of the Empire.

The Victorian International Refugees Emergency Council, in which Churches of Christ have representatives, seeks to help the interned men. Efforts are being made to bring their plight before the Commonwealth Government. Some members of Parliament have been ignorant of some of the facts. This may account for their lack of concern for the condition of the men. Public opinion may be the hindrance, and the public may be helped by the following statement made by the Home Secretary of the British Government.

"Some 2500 internees were sent to Australia," Mr. H. Morrison said during a debate in the House of Commons, Oct. 16, 1941, "of whom about 400 were persons detained on security grounds, while the remaining 2100 were Germans and Austrians who had been classified in categories 'B' and 'C,' and were interned as a precautionary measure, in pursuance of the general policy of internment which was adopted in the summer of 1940. I have frequently explained in this House that the fact that a person was interned in pursuance of this general policy and not on security grounds personal to himself, was not intended to make, and does not in fact make, any reflection on his reliability or reputation. The circumstances in which His Majesty's Government sent to Australia internees who could not be regarded as dangerous from the security point of view were explained to the Government in that Dominion more than a year ago, but if amongst members of the general public in Australia there is still misapprehension as to the character of the internees, I hope that this answer may help to remove it."

"To touch another's heart you must use your own."

Opinions of Others.

A Rechabite.

MY estimate for Victoria's drink bill for the year June 30, 1941, is £11,906,630, equal to £8/5/2 a head of population—an increase of £1/3/4 a head. The total is made up by: Spirits, £2,313,541; wine, £554,270; beer, £9,038,819," Mr. James Miller, secretary of I.O.R., Melbourne, wrote in a letter to the press, Nov. 17. "The consumption of beer increased by 1,840,000 gallons during the year. The Government Statist estimates the consumption of beer in Victoria for 1940-41 at 26,364,500 gallons, and equal to 13.90 gallons a head. The per capita consumption for the previous year was 12.97 gallons."

A Soldier.

"Do ministers realise what army life is like? Do they realise how beastly and sensual men can be? How easy it is to let go of the things that have always been so clear and sacred? When I go to church I want to get away from this atmosphere for a time. I want to leave the world and join the fellowships of saints, angels, martyrs and the whole glorious company who are worshipping and adoring Jesus—the Lord Jesus. I want to hear a sermon about him, not about Hitler."—From a letter in the "British Weekly," Aug. 21, 1941.

A Moderator.

"I wouldn't for a moment deprecate the romantic part of marriage, for a successful marriage is more of a romance after 20 years than it is at the beginning. Marriage is a thing that gets better as it goes on, and I am speaking from personal experience now," Dr. Button said at the annual meeting of Scottish Mothers' Union.

A Professor.

Dr. Karl Barth, whom the Nazis ousted from his chair at Bonn in 1935 for his resistance to Hitler, and who now teaches in his native Basle, has written a book entitled, "A Letter to Great Britain from Switzerland." Dr. Barth writes in the letter the following passage: "You may have been struck by the fact that the ultimate reason which I put forward for the necessity of resisting Hitler was simply the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I have been struck, on my side, by the fact that in your pronouncements various other conceptions have been put forward as primary and ultimate reasons—such as 'Western civilisation,' 'the liberty of the individual,' 'freedom of knowledge,' 'the infinite value of the human personality,' 'the brotherhood of man,' 'social justice,' etc."

A Bond of Union.

A. R. Main, M.A.

"We who are many, are one bread, one body; for they all partake of the one bread."
—1 Corinthians 10: 17.

THE church of Christ, his body, is one, and all the redeemed on earth are members of it. The tie that binds is a common love to Christ, for we love him who first loved us. Communion at the table of the Lord is an evidence of brotherhood. The Supper has no meaning save for those who, loving Christ, are also bound by ties of love to their Christian brethren. The loaf on the Lord's table symbolises first that body of the Lord Jesus which hung upon the cross of Calvary. But in its oneness it also symbolises the unity of the body, the church. Hence Paul writes: "We, who are many, are one bread, one body; for we all partake of the one bread."

"One faith, one hope, one Lord,
One God alone we know;
Brethren we are; let every heart
With kind affection glow."

After instituting the Supper, the Saviour gave a comforting address in which he stated the relationship of the disciples to himself and to one another. This he followed by the matchless prayer that his followers might be one even as the Father and he are one. Thus the very setting of the Supper enforces the thought and need of unity. "Communion" means sharing, or joint participation. To sit

together at the communion table is both a bond and a pledge of union. It is one of the dreadful ironies of the history of the church that the rite which was intended to be both a mark and a means of unity should have become a subject of controversy and the centre of a discussion which at times has been fierce and acrimonious. When Christians fix their thoughts on Christ who died to redeem us all, they will not think unkindly of their fellow Christians. The heart which is warm with love to Christ cannot be cold to a Christian brother. Zwingli, the Swiss reformer, once wrote a letter to the King of France in which he stated that it had been found that some who happened to sit down together and had formerly had feuds and hatred one with the other, on partaking together, either of the bread or of the cup, laid aside the passions of their minds. One has well written: "I cannot quarrel with my brother when the Master is present. I must love him and share his sorrows and rejoice in his joys." At the table we may well pray to the Father—

"So may we all in heart and mind
Be one in thee, and live to share
The want of others, and combine
Our common wants in common prayer;

"Until we all be one, as thou
Art one with thine eternal Son,
One with thy saints on earth below,
And still to endless ages one."

The Way to Victory.

Prayer Meeting Topic for December 3.

Luke 9: 51-56.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THE way to victory is never easy, and many valiant stories of personal sacrifice on behalf of country and family and comrades bear eloquent testimony to that fact. The story eclipsing all others is that of Christ who "set his face stedfastly to go to Jerusalem." That way lay victory, but it was preceded by one of the hardest fought battles in all history. Nothing in the history of man could ever compare with it, for all the Satanic powers have conspired against him. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

God's Purpose.

Why did he go to Jerusalem? That his victory might be ours. It had been planned and quietly worked out through the ages when man went on sinning against God. God's purposes are not always clear to us except in broad outline, but this purpose of a victorious, triumphant Christ had been spoken of by prophet and singer. In and through this decisive battle man would be shown the way to victory. God's purpose was to save. The Son of man came "to seek and to save that which was lost." "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." The fight is for man's soul.

The Road to Victory Open.

We may not realise it, but it is true that the way to victory is open for us to-day. It is open for individuals, and it is open for nations, and we must see that it is kept open. Jesus when he went to the cross went alone. Paul when he made his first defence at Rome stood alone. Stephen stoned to death, as far as we know, was alone. But these and a host of others have served to keep the path to victory open. We may be a small band of people, but we can see that the path to victory is kept clear.

We need unity in the world to-day. We stand for and plead for it. And let us not put any barrier in the way. Everything in the nature of non-essentials must go. All forms and traditions, if they stand in the way, must go if these prevent an advance together in the name of Christ.

We need a preaching with enthusiasm that will capture the imagination and hearts of men. "We must evangelise or perish." And a church with no heart in its message is like a nation that has lost its soul or an army that has not faith in its cause. Such must be defeated. The sword of the spirit which is the word of God must be more in evidence by every one of us. We go on to victory.

The Fight Won.

It is not yet, but it will be if we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Through the cross we will triumph. Every Christian ought to say, "My country for Christ." Have we been failing him? While we used our country for selfish ends, other countries have put self last and have demonstrated that along that road is victory. We Christians of all people must put self last and Christ first, while others should come into the second place.

What are you doing in relation to victory through home missions? My State for Christ. How far have you got beyond your own church? We can win the fight if we stand behind those who so heroically wield the sword of the Spirit. Every great campaign needs money, and the Christian campaign is no exception. Victory! Yes, if we set our face stedfastly to do the hard, the sacrificial thing. But not unless we do that.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 10.—JOY IN GOD.—Psalm 33.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Conducted by W. R. Hibburt.

YOUTH'S AWAKENING.

AN AWARENESS and expanding horizons are two worthy characteristics of emerging manhood and womanhood. Young men and women should delight in this; it is God-intended. An awareness about your unfolding manhood and womanhood will arouse in you a sacred wonder, an awareness of God-given powers will cause you to marvel, an awareness of possibilities will challenge you, an awareness of God will enable you to treat life's experience with a sacredness. Delight in the spacious world God is revealing to you!

These expanding experiences, however, bring responsibility. You belong to a generation which is haunted by inequalities, and social wrongs causing a disordered world. As Christian young men and women, you will find a strong urge to "shape the larger liberties," and you will share the wide horizons with John Addington-Symonds,

"These things shall be—a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls,
And light of knowledge in their eyes."

WE COULD TRY THAT.

THE kindergarten teachers of the Malvern-Caulfield Sunday school, realising the large part that the home plays in the life of a child, decided to find some practical way in which a closer co-operation between child, Sunday school and home could be obtained. In March of this year they inaugurated a mothers' club, and through this are keeping the mothers in touch with the kindergarten work and encouraging them to discuss any problems of their children with the superintendent and teachers. The club now holds monthly meetings, and once a quarter a combined mother and teacher meeting is held and a play afternoon arranged for the children. The club is proving a success, and the teachers have found that not only is their aim being achieved, but they are also receiving some practical help as regards kindergarten outings, the Christmas tree and kindergarten equipment.—Rona Clark.

IN BRIEF REVIEW.

Tasmania.—H. J. Patterson, M.A., has agreed to share in Christmas camp leadership.

New South Wales.—After school youth audiences of 300 at Paddington with one hour of happiness, scripture teaching and spiritual songs. Frank Hunting was supported by R. J. H. Greenhalgh.

South Australia.—W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D., elected chairman of department. Mail bag correspondence school increased to 23. Bible class fellowship tea addressed by K. A. Jones.

Victoria.—330 present at Tennis Association banquet. A Grade Premiers: Northcote, Prahran, East Camberwell. B Grade Premiers: Newmarket, Prahran, East Kew. Good Companions' devotional rally excelled previous occasions.

New Zealand.—Successful teachers' conventions in North and South Islands, G. R. Stirling and S. R. Knapp, M.A., being convention leaders.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO WARRAGUL
for Victorian Youth

Christmas Train-for-Service Camp.
DECEMBER 26 to JANUARY 1.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

FATHER AND SON.

BE more than his dad, be a chum to the lad;
Be a part of his life every hour of the day;
Find time to talk with him, find time to walk with him,
Share in his studies, and share in his play:
Teach him the things that you want him to know,
Don't live apart from him, be his best comrade,
He's needing you so!

—Guest.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

JOHN R. MOTT visited a college in Ceylon where he found a band of students so poor that sixteen of them occupied one room. Near the building was a garden, in which they spent their spare time cultivating bananas. When Mr. Mott inquired: "What do you do with the money?" they took him to the shore and pointed to an island off in the sea. "Two years ago," they said, "we sent one of our graduates there. He started a school, and it has developed now into a church. We are now sending him to another island."

WHAT A PICTURE DID.

A SCOTTISH fisherman who had wasted his substance on drink, and become notorious on that account, one night went into a public-house, where he saw, hung on the wall, Holman Hunt's lovely picture, "The Light of the World." The sight of it had a sobering effect, and he said to the inn-keeper, "Sell me that picture; this is no place for the Saviour." So the picture changed hands for all the money in the fisherman's pocket. He took it home, and the words of his old mother came

to him. He dropped to his knees and cried out, "O Lord Jesus, will you pick me up again and take me out of all my sin?" To-day that man is a leading Christian worker in his home town, and when a visitor asked him if it was not a struggle to give up drink, his face lit up as he replied, "When such a Saviour comes into the heart he takes the love o' drink out of it."

A WORD TO TEACHERS.

IT is said that General Wolsley, on the eve of the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, entrusted the leading of his troops through the darkness to a young Scotchman, who was acquainted with the way and position of the enemy. As they parted, after giving the young man his instructions, the general said, "See that you lead us straight." After the battle the general heard that the young hero had fallen, fatally wounded, and desired to speak with him. He made his way at once to the hastily-pitched tent, in which, pale and bloodless, the young soldier lay, his young life ebbing away into the shadowland of death. As the general entered he raised himself on his elbow, fixing his glazing eye upon him, and stretching out his pale hand, cried, "Didn't I lead you straight?" On that day when we give account of our stewardship, we all want to say to those whose young lives we helped to form, and whom we piloted through the darkness of the desert, "Didn't I lead you straight?" Win their hearts, gain their confidence, and walk straight yourself.—Selected.

HIS CHANCE.

There had been an interruption from the public gallery, and the judge in his sternest tones said, "The next person who interrupts the proceedings will be ejected from the court." "Hear, hear!" shouted the prisoner.

The Family Altar.

TOPIC.—STEADFASTNESS IN FAITH AND DEED.

Monday, December 1.

IF ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples.—John 8: 31.

The test of soldiery is not in the oath of allegiance or enlistment for service, but in the actual conflict. Confession and baptism must be followed by active, steadfast service.

Reading—John 12: 30-36.

Tuesday, December 2.

Be ye steadfast.—1 Cor. 15: 58.

Paul's argument upon the resurrection is fittingly followed by an exhortation to steadfastness. We should stand our ground, remaining unmoved by trials and temptations or the allurements of worldly philosophy; always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Reading—1 Corinthians 15: 50-58.

Wednesday, December 3.

If so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast.—Col. 1: 23.

Only those who continue steadfast will be presented holy and without blemish and un-reprovable before God. If Christians backslide, or neglect God's house or its ordinances, or drift into worldliness, there is not a glimmer of hope for them unless they repent.

Reading—Colossians 1: 19-23.

Thursday, December 4.

Abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of.—2 Tim. 3: 14.

How good it would be if all young Christians would abide in the truths received from

their religious instructors or parents! Whilst not the highest motive, the memory of our early instructors and what they taught us should prove an incentive to continuance in the truths received, unless we have evidence to convince us that their doctrine was unscriptural.

Reading—2 Timothy 3: 9-17.

Friday, December 5.

He that looketh into the perfect law and so continueth . . . this man shall be blessed in his doing.—James 1: 25.

A blessing is here pronounced, not on those who simply read the Bible, but upon those who act in harmony with its teaching, and continue to be "doers" of the word.

Reading—James 1: 19-27.

Saturday, December 6.

They went out from us.—1 John 2: 19. Such statements are full of pathos. Often in our day we have occasion for the same lament! In the case of our text, however, they went out because they were never really in. They were not of Christ, but anti-christ.

Reading—1 John 2: 18-29.

Sunday, December 7.

I am with you . . . beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.—Col. 2: 5.

Paul could not actually be present with his brethren, but he was always with them in spirit. He was as confident of their continuance in faith and service as if he were present with them beholding their progress.

Readings—Ezekiel 13: 1-9; Colossians 2.

News-Letters.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Roy Raymond.

I AM quite sure, sir, that all of my Western Australian brethren would have me send greetings and congratulatory expressions of goodwill to you as a fellow Westerner upon your assumption of the editorial responsibilities of the "Australian Christian." May your occupancy of the editorial chair be as long and honored as that of your beloved predecessor. I have been suggesting, where I have had opportunity, that we ought to show our appreciation of your acceptance of the editorship by making a drive for new subscribers. May you be abundantly encouraged, and your desire "to minister to an increasing number of readers" be speedily realised.

On the Air.

"The Old Paths and the New Order" is the general title of a series of very stimulating and thought-provoking talks on gospel themes given by Bro. J. Wiltshire over station 6PR every Lord's day at 9.15 p.m. These talks commenced on Oct. 12 and will continue for several months. At more than one of our annual conferences we have discussed the possibility of broadcasting our distinctive witness, but the heavy cost of more than £5 for a 15 minutes session on the air has deterred us. However, through the generous action of one brother who has underwritten a contract for 12 months, the Churches of Christ are now on the air, and Bro. Wiltshire is doing a great work.

Worry.

The report of the Inspector-General of the Insane in Western Australia will serve again to draw attention to the evils of worry and alcohol. These, the report states, were the biggest causes of admission to Heathcote (an institution for nervous and mental disorders) last year, half as much again as the next prime cause, senility. 43 men and 33 women were sent there through worry, and 48 men and 11 women went because of drink. The number of patients under treatment in this home last year was 514. The recovery rate, based on the number of admissions, was 30 per cent. In this State there are 1473 patients in hospitals under the lunacy act.

Shop Betting.

For several years past an important section of the public has been trying to bring pressure upon the State government to enforce the law in connection with shop betting and check the growing evil. Several meetings of protest have been held, and resolutions have been carried demanding that the government take action. But no action has been taken, and matters have not improved. Parliament is now debating a bill introduced by a private member which, if carried, will amend the existing law. One very important amendment is that shop betting charges shall be heard, not before justices of the peace, but before police magistrates. Almost invariably where the cases have come before a magistrate, as they do in Perth, the fines imposed have ranged from £75 to £100, whereas when heard before a J.P., as at Fremantle, a mere £5 with correspondingly low costs has been imposed. Another proposed amendment is to make the law operative against the owner of premises used for off-the-course betting by the deletion of certain words in the present act so that the owner or occupier could be prosecuted for permitting the premises to be used. We are in complete sympathy with a resolution carried by the Presbyterian church urging members of Parliament to pass the bill.

In General.

I have not heard of anything transpiring in the religious life of the State worthy of note.

I have heard a whisper that Mr. Lionel Fletcher will be coming this way next year. He will find a ready welcome and a very needy field.

Bro. Jas. Gordon, assisted by his son, Jefferson, is in the closing days of his tent campaign at North Perth.

Bro. Berthelsen is settling down to his big job at Collie. He is making a good impression. Collie is happy.

QUEENSLAND.

H. G. Payne.

Juvenile Crime.

THE Police Commissioner in his annual report to Parliament shows an increase in juvenile crime, and states that parental authority and control are the crux of the problem. While agreeing with him that parents cannot escape responsibility, behind homes there is the State, and there is room, on the part of those in authority, for a better regard for and observance of laws. Our rulers are far from free from responsibility for the growing cynical disregard of law by old and young. More respect for law at the source of law would have favorable reactions in every institution and phase of society. The report says:

"For the year ended June, 1941, 607 juveniles appeared before the Children's Court, an increase of 165. A large proportion of the breaking and entering offences committed were by youths, as were also crimes of illegally using motor vehicles and bicycles. The problem of juvenile crime had exercised the attention of his department for years and also administrations in other countries. Many people who professed more than a passing knowledge of the origin of the problem had put forward remedies, but he thought the crux of the whole matter devolved on parental authority and control."

Temperance.

The "Courier-Mail" says that the trouble is not that hotels don't observe liberal hours, but that there are too many in the State. With 1280 hotels we have 1 to every 800 of population; N.S.W., 1 in 1400; Vic., 1 in 1100; and S.A. and W.A., 1 in 1000. They contend that there might be less support for a change in hours if the State's surplus hotels were closed down, leaving the others in a better financial position.

The Government is saying nothing at present about the proposed change of hours. The temperance forces and the Liquor Trades Union are pushing their respective campaigns of protest.

The secretary of the League (Mr. W. H. Jack) and the chairman of their Canteens' Committee (Mr. A. E. Bickmore) at the invitation of the G.O.C., Northern Command (Maj.-Gen. J. M. A. Durrant) inspected wet canteens in camps, afterwards having a friendly discussion with the G.O.C. on their impressions. Subsequently the League's representatives stated that they consider the wet canteens have failed in their purpose and have encouraged drinking. The League is anxious to bring about greater sobriety, and has given effect to this desire by equipping military camps with refrigerators to encourage the use of milk and soft drinks. The League is not criticising the military authorities, but the legislation responsible for the introduction of wet canteens, and are urging legislation to alter the conditions.

Sundry.

At the combined communion service of the Baptist Church and Church of Christ there were about 500 people. The presider was the chairman of the Baptist Union (Mr. A. Butler) and the preacher the vice-president of our conference (Mr. L. A. Trezise). All felt it to be a beautiful fellowship, which has drawn closer the members of the two bodies.

At the Anglican Synod a motion affirming necessity for the autonomy of the Church of England in Queensland was carried. It stated

that the time had come to secure such autonomy, and appointed a committee to report on the situation, particularly in relation to the necessary machinery for the making of the change. Military authorities were criticised for not supplying necessary equipment to chaplains, and are to be asked to provide this, and also, in permanent establishments, a suitable building with furnishings.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

H. R. Taylor, B.A.

Fighting Forces Fellowship Committee.

AT the Federal Conference in Adelaide, a resolution was passed recommending the creation in each of the States of a small committee who would be entrusted with the important ministry to the men and women of the fighting forces returning to the homeland of helping them to deal with personal problems they may have to face in reinstating themselves in their civil and religious life. As Bro. A. L. Read, who sponsored the motion, explains, this committee will not encroach upon the functions of the various social service committees. A Fighting Forces Fellowship Committee consisting of three members has been formed in this State. Letters will be sent periodically to all members of the fighting forces overseas, and it is hoped in this way to form ties which will make the work of the F.F.F. Committee easier when they return.

Preachers and Fields.

Bro. Ira Durdin has placed his resignation in the hands of the York church, and will complete his ministry at the end of January. Bro. Douglas H. Pike, exit student of the College of the Bible, expects to begin work with the new circuit of Edwardstown West and Colonel Light Gardens on Dec. 7, and Bro. W. N. Bartlett, of Balaklava, will take over the Gawler and Williamstown circuit on Dec. 14.

Ernest James Stacey.

The religious life of our State has suffered a severe loss in the sudden death of the secretary of the Congregational Union, E. J. Stacey. He belonged to us all, for he was keenly interested in everything that pertained to the promotion of the kingdom of God at large. Principal E. S. Kiek, in a eulogy on the life of Mr. Stacey, said, "He always prayed that he might never degenerate into 'a mere official,' and his prayer was answered. His work was always an offering to the divine Master: the simple faith which made him the man he was, overflowed into everything he did. No man had to attend more committees; no man was more overwhelmed with multifarious concerns. Yet he never became cynical or morose. He was the repository of innumerable secrets, but he never broke confidence. He had ample experience of human weakness and failure, but never lost heart and hope."

Beer-drinking and Betting.

The estimated value of liquor consumed in the State for the year ended June 30 was £3,290,000, which was £437,000 higher than for the previous year, but there would have been a decrease of £14,000 had it not been for higher prices due to increased duties. The Betting Control Board reports that the outstanding features of the year were that there had been a marked increase in the number of bets laid, a marked decrease in turnover (amount of money changing hands), a decrease in betting in shops and an increase on racecourses. In 1939-1940 the turnover in shops was £7,185,501 and last year, £6,639,093. The turnover on courses increased by £677,037. The government revenue derived from betting last year was £169,501 compared with £207,051 for 1939-1940. Betting shops are now closed for midweek betting except on special occasions.

Obituary.

Mrs. L. Dumble.

AT the early age of 23 years, and with tragic suddenness, Sister Mrs. L. Dumble passed away at her home in Bendigo, Vic. She was the only daughter of the church secretary and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Duus). Although not really robust, our sister had been in reasonable health until the sudden homecall, which was a great shock to all. Since her childhood she had been a member of the church, and was a regular attendant. Her sudden passing only two years after her marriage was a great blow, and to her bereft husband and sorrowing parents is extended loving Christian sympathy. —B.J.C.

Ellen Alice Legg.

THE church at Montrose, Victoria, has suffered the loss of a beloved and faithful member in the passing of Ellen Alice Legg. On Oct. 22 the home-call brought a merciful release from some weeks of suffering, and her remains were laid to rest in the Lilydale Cemetery. After a short service in the home of Mrs. Ashley, one of the daughters, where a large number of relatives and friends were gathered, Bro. A. A. Hughes conducted the service at the graveside. Baptised by Bro. Jackel, sen., at Berwick almost forty years ago, our late sister was first in membership with the church at East Emerald, and transferred to Montrose on April 23, 1905. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Harry Legg, who has been a pioneer worker in our church movement, and by two sons and four daughters, all of whom have gone through the Sunday school and have confessed Christ in the Montrose church. Bro. Hughes, being in his student days the preacher at Montrose, was well able to express the high esteem in which our late sister has been held in the home, the church and the district.—K.H.R.

Mrs. E. Lilwall.

AT the age of 67 years, Sister Mrs. E. Lilwall fell asleep in Jesus after a short illness. A few days before she suffered from a stroke and was taken to the Gympie Hospital in an unconscious condition, from which she never recovered, passing peacefully away on Nov. 7. Born in Wales, she came as a child with her parents in 1882, and settled in Gympie, Qld., where she resided ever since. She united with the church during a mission conducted during the first ministry at Gympie of Bro. S. Vanham, and during many years she was a Bible school teacher and active worker, rendering loyal service both at Crescent-rd. and at Monkland. Her husband predeceased her in 1934, and now a son and daughter, with six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, remain to honor the memory of their loved one. After a short service in Gympie chapel, the mortal remains were laid to rest in Gympie Cemetery, a large gathering assembling to bear witness to the esteem in which Sister Lilwall was held. The loving sympathy of the church is extended to the sorrowing ones.—A.J.F.

Mr. John Stanyer.

PRO. JOHN STANYER was faithful in his attendance at the house of the Lord until the last. Although almost 81 years of age, he walked to and from the services and rarely missed. Even failing health and inclement weather seldom prevented his presence at worship. He was a faithful witness of the Lord. A foundation member of the church at Boort, Vic.; he remained an active member there until his removal to Bendigo some 14 years ago, where his unassuming nature and staunch character have been a benediction and blessing. Awaiting the day of reunion, his wife and loved ones rejoice in hope.—B.J.C.

(Other obituary notices on next page.)

Here and There.

We trust there will be a worthy response to the home mission appeal on Dec. 7.

Bro. Andrew A. Hughes, of Swanston-st. church, has been elected chaplain to the Melbourne Boys' Club Association.

Bro. W. W. McDowell, who is abroad, desires friends to know that his address is: Pte. W. W. McDowell, VX55324, B. Coy., 6th Batt., A.I.F.

The president of the Australian Temperance Council, Archdeacon R. B. S. Hammond, has resigned from the presidency, an office which he has held since the inception of the council.

At the request of the South Australian Conference, we include in the articles of this issue the substance of a conference address given by Bro. E. Ross Manning, the president of South Australian Conference.

South Central Circuit (Melbourne) held quarterly combined prayer service on Nov. 19 at Prahran chapel. The meeting was well attended and presided over by circuit president, Bro. C. Cunningham, of South Melbourne. A bright song service was led by Bro. Sansom and a solo by Sister Cunningham was appreciated. Bro. D. Stewart, of Middle Park, delivered a good address. A helpful time of fellowship was enjoyed.

The second year of the College of the Bible Correspondence Course has now been completed, and examinations have been held. The tutors assisting Principal T. H. Scambler this year were E. L. Williams, M.A.; A. W. Stephenson, M.A.; and H. J. Patterson, M.A. Bro. A. M. Ludbrook, of Adelaide, is presenting to each successful student of the second year a copy of his book, "Roman Catacombs." This gift is much appreciated.

A public meeting was held in Auburn Tabernacle, N.S.W., on Nov. 13 to mark the commencement of the fifth year of ministry of Bro. Ethelbert Davis. Representatives of brotherhood committees brought greetings. Ministers of Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches spoke of happy fellowship with Bro. Davis. The church presented him with a reading lamp. The sisters gave Mrs. Davis an umbrella. The Young People's Department of the church made a gift of a fountain pen to Miss Heather Davis.

The annual offering for the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, on Tuesday reached £917, which is £87 more than was received on the same date last year. Victorian churches have sent to date £557, which is £34 more than the final amount from the State last year. Only twice previously has the Victorian offering been higher, and as 30 churches have to report, it is probable the record (£587 in 1927) will be exceeded. South Australian total for 1941 is now £187, nearly last year's total, with 25 churches to report. Promises made in response to the debt reduction appeal now total £932, of which £186 has been paid.

At Cottonville, S.A., reports submitted to annual meeting of church revealed a healthy and encouraging position. 14 were added by faith and baptism, 16 removed by roll revision. Finances are buoyant; debt on property steadily reduced. Ladies' Auxiliary has done remarkable work, and all other bodies show progress. Since the meeting there have been three further confessions; these persons were baptised on Nov. 16. In addition Sister Mrs. Harris and her daughter have been received by transfer from Hindmarsh. For new carpet, to be laid in a few days, a fine response was recently made. Good meetings marked national prayer day on Nov. 16.

At Semaphore, S.A., Mr. and Mrs. Oram voluntarily concluded seven years of faithful service on Sept. 21. They were given a warm farewell and many splendid gifts as tokens of esteem. Bro. and Sister H. E. Paddick have succeeded them. Their initial services and visits have been greatly appreciated. The choir leader—Miss

Ivy Bray—shortly to serve as a V.A.D., was farewelled on Nov. 16 and given a combined gift from choir and Sunday school. Bro. Paddick will now lead the choir, and Mrs. Paddick has consented to superintend J.C.E. Sunday school teachers' tea and conference on Nov. 16 proved a great success. Church, Sunday school and auxiliary services are all well attended.

At well attended services at Bankstown, N.S.W., on Nov. 23, Bro. Younghusband spoke in morning and Bro. Thompson at night. Young Worshipers' League is growing under leadership of Miss J. Underwood. Bro. and Sister Schofield have been welcomed by transfer from Canterbury-Earlwood. Sister Dawson, a foundation member of the church, now in isolation, has been a visitor. Good attendance at Bible school. Sister Moss is very ill in the Home of Peace.

Eighty-ninth anniversary and home-gathering at Prahran, Vic., took place on Nov. 16 with good congregations and inspiring messages by Bren. S. Neighbour, C. J. Robinson and J. Methven. Excellent singing was rendered by Bible school scholars in afternoon and by Miss Osborne and Emmanuel Quartette Party during gospel service. Ladies of church provided meals for about 250 friends during the day. Bro. and Sister Howe, from Moreland, were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. S. Barranger attended for first time after prolonged illness. On Nov. 23, Bro. Methven conducted both services. A young lady made the good confession and another re-consecrated her life.

On Nov. 19, at Hamilton, Vic., annual Sunday school tea was followed by distribution of prizes. A cup and special prizes were won by Shirley Gamble, who introduced greatest number of new scholars for year. Report showed a very successful year, many new scholars added. Bro. Jackel spoke to the children, and two scholars decided for Christ. Bro. Jackel gave his final message of "Victorious Life Campaign" on Nov. 18, and a lady made the good confession. Five decisions resulted from this campaign. There were splendid attendances on Nov. 23. At night Bro. Hargreaves' subject was "In the Steps of the Master." Three who had made the confession were immersed.

The church at Frankston, Vic., was formed in July, 1932, through the efforts of two loyal women who canvassed the district for other members. Several members were found, and Mr. Jack Methven, then preacher at Chelsea, undertook the work at Frankston. Several years later, during the ministry of Mr. R. V. Amos, the church made progress. For some years the members have been planning for a chapel. In a wonderful way the building of a chapel was made possible, and is now almost completed. The members have contributed splendidly for the furnishings, etc., and several very beautiful gifts have been given by other friends. There are still many things necessary, and the members feel that many friends who will not be able to attend the opening services would like to share in the work in this beautiful and popular district. Interested brethren who would care to help are requested to send gifts to the secretary, Mr. R. Hinde, 7 James-st., Frankston.

Obituary.

Mrs. A. Francis.

ON Monday, Oct. 27, there passed away at Toowoomba, Qld., Sister Mrs. Anne Francis, of Ma Ma Creek, aged 75 years. She was one of the pioneers of Ma Ma Creek church, having joined the church 45 years ago. Her Christian life was marked by a sincere faith in Christ and a relish of the means of grace. Her many acts of kindness will ever be remembered. Her

body was laid to rest in Ma Ma Creek cemetery after a brief service in the chapel. The large number present testified to her Christian life and zeal. To her sorrowing husband and daughter we offer sincerest Christian sympathy. —Geo. T. Miller.

J. J. Jenkin.

WITH the passing of Joseph Josiah Jenkin at the age of sixty-five, the church at Glenlyon-rd., Brunswick, Vic., lost a member who was connected with the congregation in its early days. Though prevented from active service in his later years, our brother is remembered for the long period of faithful service he gave so willingly. For a considerable time he acted as librarian, and gave practical assistance in the work with the young people. His brave cheerfulness and care for others, even in the time of his own need, were characteristic of him until the last.—A.E.W.

Jas. Treble.

ON Nov. 12 the church at Wedderburn, Vic., was saddened by the loss of another of its pioneer members, Bro. Jas. Treble, at the age of 95 years. He joined the church on May 31, 1876, at Wedderburn, under the preaching of late Bro. Stephen Creek, and was received into fellowship on June 4. He was secretary for many years from 1888 onward, and was a trustee of the church property for 49 years. He was largely responsible for the building of the new chapel in 1903 and for the church property being free of debt at the present time. He was generous above the ordinary in his giving to the brotherhood, and many of the furnishings of the chapel are a result of this generosity. He was known in his private and business life as a Christian gentleman. From the experience of many dealings with Bro. Treble, his advice on all subjects was given freely and with grace that endeared him to all who knew him. Bro. Russell Baker, of Lygon-st. church, officiated at the graveside, where a large number of friends paid their last respects to our beloved brother. The brotherhood extends Christian sympathy to the family of Bro. Treble—Sister E. Leech, Sister F. Twiddy and Sister A. Treble, Bro. Cliff Treble and Bro. Alan Treble. On Nov. 16 Bro. Retchford spoke at a memorial service regarding the splendid and faithful witness given by Bro. Treble to his Lord and Master and to the brotherhood.—A. J. Gilmore.

H. G. Thompson.

ON Friday, Oct. 3, after a very brief illness, Bro. H. G. (Bert) Thompson, of the South Lillimur church, Vic., passed away, in the Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, at the age of 20 years. A radiant Christian, interested in every phase of life and enjoying it to the full, active in church, Bible school and Christian Endeavor society, he exerted a fine influence, and all who knew him thank God for every remembrance of him. He enlisted in the R.A.A.F., and, beginning his training as an aircraftsman in Melbourne, was transferred to Sydney a few days before his death from meningitis. On Tuesday, Oct. 7, after a service in the Kaniva chapel, we laid his body to rest in the Kaniva cemetery. Several hundreds of residents of the district joined in a remarkable tribute of respect and expression of love at the graveside. The church extends loving sympathy to Bro. and Sister E. G. Thompson (parents) and Bren. Ross (South Yarra church) and Rex Thompson (brothers). They sorrow not as those without hope, and in the knowledge that the fragrance of Bert's influence will abide.—H.E.

"ASHWOOD HOUSE,"

Churches of Christ Home for Aged Women, Pendle Hill, N.S.W.

Applications are invited for the position of Matron of the above Home. Salary, £117 per annum. References should accompany applications and be in the hands of the secretary, Miss Ashwood, 6 Victoria-st., Roseville, N.S.W., not later than Dec. 17.

News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Devonport.—On Nov. 9 Bro. Street gave two good messages. On Nov. 16 Bro. F. T. Burti gave morning address on "National Prayer Viewed in the Light of National Need." At night Bro. Street preached on "Christ Jesus Our Hope." On Nov. 23 the Bible school held anniversary services. Bro. Street gave the morning message. In afternoon the children sang well under Bro. Street's leadership. Bro. Street gave a helpful talk to scholars on "Ants." Bro. Cheil presented the prizes, and made a presentation to Bro. and Sister Street before their departure to Wynyard, speaking appreciatively of their ministry. At night Bro. Crowden, from Ulverstone, gave a splendid address on "The Golden Hour." There were good meetings all day.

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—On Nov. 16 a Bible school scholar was welcomed at morning service. At night anniversary services began, conducted by Bro. F. T. Morgan, before a splendid congregation. On Nov. 23 the services were continued. In morning Sister Mary Rex was welcomed into fellowship. At afternoon meeting examination prizes, seals and certificates and special awards were presented by secretary of Y.P. Committee, followed by presentation of school and cradle roll prizes. At conclusion a young man confessed Christ and was baptised. Special services concluded in the evening. Bro. L. A. Bowes, of Collins-st., was speaker for all three services, his ministry being greatly appreciated. Bro. Harold Stevens is in Launceston General Hospital. At morning service regret was expressed at Sister J. Gullidge's move to Melbourne, Bro. M. Kane's move to Hobart, and Bro. Albert Porter's leaving to join R.A.N.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—On Nov. 12 Bible school anniversary services concluded with tea, concert and distribution of prizes. Boulder Bible school commenced anniversary services on 16th; Bro. H. Fitch gave the address at night and Bro. E. C. Smith preached at Kalgoorlie.

Fremantle.—On Oct. 26 an "in memoriam" service was held, conducted by Bro. Hughes, to the late Bro. J. Thomson. Miss Betty Taylor, elder daughter of Bro. and Sister S. G. Taylor, was married to Mr. Butler on Oct. 25, Bro. E. R. Sherman officiating. Miss Ada Hopkins was married to Mr. Butler on Oct. 25, Bro. mond to Mr. House. A week's special meetings with Bro. C. H. Hunt is being held to mark 49th anniversary of church. Among visiting speakers in recent days has been Bro. H. J. Yelland, who gave a very encouraging message.

Perth.—At evening meeting on Nov. 12, after a helpful message by Bro. Frank Ewers on "The Power of Conscience," Sister Mrs. J. S. Bridge gave an instructive talk on "The Gems of English Verse." The second year of Young Worshipers' League was celebrated by a social on Nov. 15 in the school hall. On morning of Nov. 16 a profitable exhortation was given by Bro. Hugh Gray on "The Holy Spirit of God." At gospel service Bro. J. Wiltshire's arresting address was entitled "The Appeal of Tobruk." Bro. V. Conigrave rendered a solo. At 9.15 Bro. Wiltshire delivered a broadcast message on "Faith at the Fountain Head."

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane (Ann-st.)—Bro. Arnold is giving powerful addresses. On morning of Nov. 2 he spoke on "The Mind of Christ"; at night on "Signs of the Times." His morning subject on Nov. 9 was "Epaphroditus"; evening, "Never Disappointed." On Nov. 16 morning subject was "High Time to Awake." On 23rd the address to a fine congregation was on "Love the Brotherhood." "Come unto Me" was

evening theme. Many strangers attend gospel meetings. On evening of Nov. 20 Bro. Arnold gave the welcome address in Moorooka chapel to Bro. Kirkwood, who has accepted the call to South Brisbane circuit. 178 broke bread for the day.

Mackay.—The work continues in good heart. Bro. F. B. Alcorn's subjects on Nov. 16 were "The Church and the War" and "Observations of the Battle." At close of gospel address, one confessed Christ and was baptised. Church grounds are being improved.

Monkland.—J.C.E. held a successful games night in aid of Bible school prize fund on Nov. 11. It has also sent a donation to City Mission Christmas fund. On Nov. 16 a national intercession service was conducted. Sister Mrs. E. Lilwall passed away on Nov. 7.

Gympie.—On Nov. 5 a patriotic rally was conducted by Y.P.S.C.E., when a service of song was rendered, and 21 soldiers' parcels were sent overseas. Bible school had record attendance on Nov. 9, with two new scholars. Nov. 16 was observed as a day of national prayer.

Bundaberg.—In absence of Bro. Larsen at Maryborough, Bro. J. Adermann on morning of Nov. 16 gave an account of half-yearly conference at Toowoomba. Bro. Vic Cedergreen preached at night on "Nazi or Nazarene?" Both services were inspiring, and attendances good. The day of national prayer was observed. Sister Cedergreen is home for a short time before returning to Brisbane for further treatment. Sister Mrs. Fred Larder is very ill. The children are practising for anniversary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Enmore.—On Nov. 16 two men were baptised, and meetings on Nov. 23 were well attended.

Greystanes.—Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., visited public school on Nov. 12 and addressed the worship meeting on Nov. 16. On evening of Nov. 23 he spoke on "Prove me and try me, saith the Lord of hosts." Church building has been lined and ceiled, and further improved. Recent visitors included Bro. Robertson Small, of China Inland Mission.

Canley Vale.—The national day of prayer was observed on Nov. 16. Bro. S. H. Wilson spoke in morning, and Bro. Adams, from Greystanes, conducted gospel meeting. C.E. societies are working for Christmas box to be sent to aborigines mission station at Woodenbong. Mrs. V. Burling, church organist, has been ill for several weeks, but is recovering.

Taree.—Bible school picnic was held on Nov. 15. Bible school workers have been heartened by addition of new scholars and by Bro. A. G. Saunders being able to lead Bible class through a change in service plans. Taree members were represented at Wingham fellowship tea on Nov. 22. The congregation at Wingham feel encouraged by results of this effort. Bro. A. G. Saunders on Nov. 25 gave messages which helped, and was speaker for united meeting in Taree Theatre on Nov. 16 on national day of prayer.

Lismore.—Bro. R. Acland, preacher of the church, having been called up for chaplaincy duty at Greta for six months, speakers who are giving very acceptable service are Bren. E. J. Walker and Allan Brown. The church is looking for a preacher to carry on for remaining four and a half months. Bible school scholars have been practising for anniversary. Sisters continue their activities, and will shortly send another donation towards support of Indian orphan. They are also responsible for collecting an amount for B. and F. Bible Society yearly. Sisters Mrs. Amos, J. Downs and B. Stevens have returned home from hospital. Sister Mrs. W. Roach is still in hospital.

Granville.—Certificates (12) and awards gained by scholars in scripture examination were presented at church service on evening of Nov. 9. Bible school picnic was held at Carramar on Nov. 15. Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., spoke on "Answers to National Day of Prayer" on Nov. 23. Other recent speakers have been Bren. G. Eager, S. B. Hibbard, G. Grey and R. Kenyon.

VICTORIA.

Brunswick.—On Nov. 23 Bro. Raisbeck, of Lygon-st., addressed the church. Members are grateful to brethren who have helped in Bro. White's absence. Bro. McCullough conducted last three gospel meetings.

Northcote.—Mr. Atkin was speaker at both services on Nov. 16 and 23. The choir at gospel services is much appreciated. Cricket club held a social on Nov. 22, when trophies for last season were presented.

Box Hill.—Four have been added by faith and baptism, and two by letter—Mr. and Mrs. R. Watkins, from Camberwell. After Bro. H. A. G. Clark's address on Nov. 23, five young people of Sunday school confessed Christ.

Springvale.—Work is in great heart; 41 attended communion service on Nov. 23. Chaplain Young's message was much appreciated. Proposed opening of Bible school and gospel service on Dec. 7 is creating great interest.

Preston.—Morning speaker on Nov. 23 was Mr. Fisher, minister of Regent Baptist Church, who exchanged with Bro. Robinson. His visit was appreciated. On Nov. 17 the choir visited the "Victory Crusade" at Coburg and rendered an anthem.

Dunolly.—Bible school and church made a presentation to Sister Isobel Freemantle prior to her marriage to Mr. E. Brooker. A Bible school boy and a married lady, who had previously been baptised, have been received into the church.

North Richmond.—On Nov. 4 the Sunday school picnic was held. On Nov. 18 Sister Joyce, aged 87 years, for many years a faithful member, was called home. Good meetings were held on Nov. 23. Mr. Mellhagger spoke at both services.

Echuca.—Large attendances marked commencement of jubilee evangelistic campaign on Nov. 23. Bro. J. E. Webb gave two impressive addresses. Visitors were welcomed. Bro. Arthur Rosendale has been called up for service with R.A.A.F.

Ormond.—On Nov. 16 Bro. C. L. Lang gave good addresses. Ladies' Aid held last meeting for year on Nov. 20. On Nov. 23 Bro. C. L. Lang gave helpful addresses; evening theme, "What Christ Wants for Christmas." Bro. R. Booth's mother is sick in hospital.

Stawell.—Addresses by Bro. Randell on Nov. 16 were enjoyed. On Nov. 23 members had fellowship with brethren from Rupanyup. Sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sister Shuttleworth in the death of their son Bobbie on Nov. 20. Endeavorers are doing good work.

Boort.—On Nov. 23 Bro. Wright gave farewell addresses. Many visitors were welcomed. The church presented him with a hymn book (music and words), and J.C.E. gave him an ink-stand. A happy time was spent at dinner. In afternoon a children's service was held.

Frankston.—Good meetings were held on Nov. 23. Bro. Finger closed his ministry with the church after a year of happy service. An inscribed church hymn book was given to him and words of appreciation spoken by several members. Bro. J. K. Bond takes up the work on Nov. 30.

Portland.—On Nov. 23 Bro. Stevenson gave an excellent address on "The Life of John." On Nov. 18 a tea meeting and concert took place; 167 sat to tea and over 100 listened to the splendid items by scholars and teachers under tuition of Mrs. Haines. Distribution of prizes followed.

Sale.—Meetings are well attended. On Nov. 23 Bro. C. F. Houston, of Dargo, presided and gave the address.

Ballarat (York-st.).—Bren. Wilkie (morning) and W. Feary (evening) were speakers on Nov. 16. Bro. Arnold Sheppard spoke on morning of Nov. 23 on "Give Me Life." At night, after an address by Bro. Bert Feary, a man made the good confession. Attendances fluctuate from good to fair.

Warragul.—On Nov. 18 a pantry tea was given to Bro. George Handley and Miss Jean Lacey. A large increase in attendance and interest was evident, especially at night on Nov. 23. In morning Bro. Lloyd Jones exhorted from Rom. 12: 1, and preached powerfully at night on "Is There a Hell?" Two confessed Christ.

Fairfield Park.—On Nov. 22 Bro. Goldsworthy exhorted church, and at night preached his farewell sermon to a good congregation. A social was held on Nov. 19 to bid him farewell. Bro. S. J. Northeast, on behalf of church, spoke of services rendered during two years' ministry. A presentation was made. Bro. Hillbrich commences his ministry with the church early in the new year.

Wangaratta.—On Nov. 13 Miss Norma Schwind and Mr. Kevin Jackel were married by Bro. Ross Lloyd. Annual thanksgiving banquet was held on Nov. 19, Bro. Wallace Jackel, from Shepparton, being chief speaker. Among visitors were some from Yarrawonga, Albury and Brighton. Thanks are extended to the ladies. The offering was best on record, £148/5/-. Sisters' talent offering was £35/10/-.

Oakleigh.—Two young ladies made the good confession at gospel service on Nov. 16. On Nov. 23 Bro. R. Hindman concluded a four-months' ministry. At close of morning service several members spoke in appreciation of his work, and expressed good wishes for his future ministry. In the evening Bro. Hindman conducted an impressive baptismal service. Bible class visited New Century Bible Class at Lygon-st.

Bayswater.—Sister Finger, sen., has been absent through sickness. On Nov. 15 Mr. Gibson (of the B. & F. Bible Society) gave a splendid lantern lecture on "The Bible in Mongolia." Women's Mission Band held an enjoyable evening in aid of Christmas appeal for Old Folks' Home; £2/3/1 was raised. Bro. Charles and staff of teachers do good work in S.S. Bible class conducted by Bro. Burns has reached attendance of 18.

Gardenvale.—The church has enjoyed messages of Bren. R. P. Morris, G. Hartvigsen, A. B. Withers and Muller. Bro. Nance-Kivell's ministry in word and service is very helpful. On Nov. 19 Miss McCrae told the Young People's Club of her experience on a Nazi ship. Chaplain C. Young addressed the church on morning of Nov. 23. At night Mr. H. Smith, preacher of Brighton Baptist Church, delivered an inspiring address on "Full Salvation."

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 23 Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, of Rockdale, N.S.W., were among visitors. Bro. Baker spoke at both services. Oakleigh Bible class visited Bible class, as did many men in uniform. Bible school teachers were guests of superintendent, F. Prittle, at a delightful tea at annual meeting; all officers were re-elected. Bro. Geoff Millis was baptised on Nov. 9. A wallet was presented to Reg. Swain, of R.A.A.F.

Drumcondra.—On Nov. 16 Bro. Dudley spoke at 11 on "Let Us Remember" and at 7 on "Bleeding Sheep." On Nov. 19 the Ladies' Aid, assisted by Girls' Club, conducted a sale of work which realised over £15. In conjunction with the evening a kitchen tea was held in honor of Bro. H. Treloar and Sister Doris Bauer, who were married on Nov. 22. On Nov. 23, at 11, Bro. Pope, from Latrobe-terr. church, spoke on "The Light of the World," and in evening Bro. Dudley preached on "The Responsibility of Hearing." Harold Davey, a Bible school boy, is progressing satisfactorily after operation.

Essendon.—To good attendances on Nov. 23 Bro. A. E. Illingworth was speaker, in morning on home mission work. Sisters Alma Perkins and Beryl Kaighen rendered a duet at night. On Nov. 20 the silver anniversary of Ladies' Mission Band and Guild was celebrated with school hall packed, musical items, and many stalls.

Middle Park.—Bible school anniversary services concluded with a successful concert on Nov. 12. In absence of Bro. Stewart at Castlemaine on Nov. 23, Bro. Holloway delivered an inspiring address on "Home Missions." A gospel address by Bro. Pietzch, of Footscray, was appreciated, and musical items by Sister Pietzch and Bro. Easton were enjoyed.

East Kew.—In the mission with Bro. Macnaughtan another sister has made the good confession. On morning of Nov. 23, thirteen were welcomed into fellowship—seven by faith and obedience and six by transfer. In addition a family of five from Gilgandra, N.S.W., will come by transfer. Sunday school scholars have been further increased through the rally; 156 were present when Bro. Hibburt and his committee visited the school.

West Preston.—Large congregations filled the chapel on Nov. 16. Bro. H. Turnham spoke in morning on "Beliefs Turned into Energies." Bro. Wigney preached at night. On Nov. 20 the Bible school gave a concert in aid of bombed children of England; £11 was raised. Good services were held on Nov. 23. Bro. Wigney addressed the church. At night Bro. Quayle, from the college, who has rendered excellent service in the past year, was preacher. Early in December he will undertake the work at Dunolly.

Moreland.—Responding to gospel appeal by Bro. Scambler, one young man and two young women decided for Christ during past fortnight. Bro. Ritchie, of Footscray, preached impressively on Nov. 23. The church is benefiting by activities of Endeavorers. P.B.P. and K.S.P. are combining in an effort to help Bible school renovations. Good reports are received of Bro. Graham's work among soldiers at Ocean Grove. Many folk are ill, including Sister Melva Gross and Bren. Hocking and Murphy, in hospital.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—At half-yearly business meeting on Nov. 19, good reports were given. Bro. Clipstone was offered a further three-years' engagement. He addressed both services on Nov. 23. One young man was received by faith and obedience. Miss McCrae gave an interesting address to Ladies' Guild on Nov. 20. Explorer Club, under Bro. H. Farmer, has won Victorian championship cup. A kitchen tea was held for Miss Gwen West, who was married on Nov. 22. The church mourns the passing of Mrs. Kettle, a foundation member.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Nov. 23 Bro. Hughes conducted both services. Members of Melbourne Boys' Club were present at evening meeting and afterwards were entertained in lecture hall, when they rendered several choruses and other musical items. Members of Women's Mission Band visited the College of the Bible last week and held their meeting in Chown Memorial chapel; Mrs. Waterman was speaker. Later Mrs. Scambler provided afternoon tea, and afterwards a pleasant visit was paid to the Ladies' Hostel, when they were received by Miss Ludbrook.

Castlemaine.—Bro. Curtis exchanged with local Baptist minister on morning of Nov. 16. Attendances were exceptionally good on Nov. 23, when the church celebrated 71st anniversary. A large number of visitors had fellowship in morning, when Bro. D. Stewart, of Middle Park, exhorted. In afternoon, Baptist school rendered several items, when Bro. Stewart addressed a crowded congregation. At gospel service he spoke on "A New World Order." Items were rendered by visitors, also by Sister Curtis. Bro. and Sister Kennett, of Kaniwa, have been welcomed, and are giving valuable help.

Footscray.—On Nov. 10 a concert was given by the Ladies' Choir, proceeds £8 for renovation fund. C.E. meeting on Nov. 19 was led by Bren. V. Foster, of North Fitzroy, and C. Lister, J. Shaw, of Thornbury. Interest is maintained in the "Victorious Life Campaign." Helpful messages have been delivered by Bren. A. W. C. Candy, H. M. Clipstone, T. H. Scambler. A social in aid of Christian Guest Home was held Nov. 22 in home of Sister Mrs. F. Lucke, with assistance of Sister Mrs. Clencie.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Sunday school anniversary tea and demonstration on Nov. 12 had good attendances. Bro. Saunders officiated at marriage of Sister Ruby Bailey on Nov. 15, and of Bro. Russell Pearce to Miss E. Smith on Nov. 22. Bro. W. W. Saunders preached on Nov. 16, in morning on "Prayer," at night on "Thanksgiving." At Doveton-st. Bren. E. Steele and W. H. Benson were speakers; at Mt. Clear, Bro. J. A. Wilkie. Endeavorers assisted in gaol service on Nov. 23. Bren. T. Maxwell and W. W. Saunders were speakers at Dawson-st. Three who will attend Doveton-st., baptised on Nov. 16, were received into fellowship. Bro. M. Bailey conducted service at Mt. Clear. Sister Miss J. Gunn passed away Nov. 15. Sympathy is extended to relatives, also to Sisters M. and B. Fern in the death of their father, to relatives of Mr. G. Furmeister, and to Bro. and Sister J. Robertson in death of brother-in-law. Church also extends sympathy to relatives of Bro. Mark Chivell, late of War-racknabeal and Portland, who passed away in Ballarat on Nov. 15.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Port Noarlunga.—On Nov. 16 and 23 Bro. F. Collins, on holiday from Dulwich, gave helpful and appreciated addresses. Other visitors were also welcomed.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Bro. Hurren spoke splendidly at both services on Nov. 23. Morning theme was "The Peace of God." After evening address on "A World Astray from God," one woman made the good confession.

Hindmarsh.—On Nov. 18 the Bible school concert was successfully repeated. On Nov. 23 Bro. W. L. Ewers gave the church a good address. At night his topic was "Paul Before Agrippa." Mr. Will. Hall, well known to older members of Hindmarsh, has passed away.

Prospect.—Bro. Schwab, returned from vacation, spoke on Nov. 23. At night a young man, Keith Brokensha, accepted Christ. Three young lads were welcomed into K.S.P. club. All departments in Sunday school are working well. A good spirit prevails in all auxiliaries. Ladies' Guild is preparing Christmas cheer for those in need.

Murray Bridge.—The church's sympathy is extended to Sister Keith Davis in the sudden death of her father, and to Sister A. G. Colliss in the passing of Bro. Colliss. Bren. N. G. Noble and A. C. Page conducted Burdette and Pompoote circuit services on Nov. 16. Increased support resulted to Red Cross by an afternoon in kinder room on Nov. 19. On Nov. 23 Sister Elsie M. Caldicott addressed Endeavorers, the church, and Bible school besides an evening public meeting on 24th, and guild on Nov. 25. A retiring offering was taken for social service at close of Bro. Noble's gospel message on Nov. 24.

Nailsworth.—National day of prayer was observed on Nov. 16. Girls' Club held a demonstration on Nov. 10, over £12 being taken for reduction of building debt. The president, Mrs. Shipway, was presented with an electric jug from the girls. On Nov. 15 the Endeavor Society visited Barton Vale girls' home, and gave a concert to inmates. At quarterly fellowship tea on Nov. 23, Miss Millicent Karry, of W.C.T.U., was speaker. Owing to the sudden illness of Bro. Shipway, Bro. Farrow exhorted the church and Bro. H. R. Taylor preached at night. Bro. Shipway is progressing favorably. The church sympathises with Sister Mrs. Mauger in the loss of her mother.

Edwardstown West.—Meetings are well attended; morning average 43; 53 at gospel service on 16th and 44 on 23rd, Bro. H. R. Taylor and H. G. Norris preaching. School attendance was 111 on 23rd. A circuit committee is preparing a welcome to Bro. Pike.

Forestville.—Bro. J. T. Train gives helpful addresses. On Nov. 23 Bro. and Sister S. King, of Stawell, Vic., and Bro. and Sister Les. Potter, of Maylands, S.A., were received into fellowship. Annual business meeting of church on Nov. 19 was well attended. Bro. Geo. Thomas has been elected superintendent of Bible school. During December the school will broadcast from 5 AD on Lord's day afternoons. On Nov. 22 a social was tendered to Bro. Roy Maxted, R.A.N., on eve of his marriage; he goes on overseas service.

Fullarton.—Services for month were well maintained, and Bro. Rankine's addresses helpful and instructive. He was laid aside for a fortnight but is recovering. On Nov. 16 Dr. Turner gave the church a helpful address. Sister Grey gave a temperance talk to Bible school on "Alcohol in the Human Body." At gospel service Bro. Green, principal of Thebarton technical college, gave a fine gospel message. On Nov. 23 Bro. A. Anderson, at the church anniversary, gave a message entitled "Journey's End." Bro. Beiler gave a stirring address at night on "Man's God and God's Man." The choir rendered items at these well attended services.

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

THE monthly meeting was held at Grote-st. on Thursday, Nov. 6. Mrs. Nankivell, leader of devotions, spoke on "Victory."

Mrs. Rootes (president) opened business session with prayer. 90 sisters were present, 56 delegates. Collection, £1/6/10.

Treasurer's Statement, October.—Home mission, cash in hand, £5/8/10; overseas mission, cash in hand, £11/13/1; catering fund, cash in hand, £15/6/6; general fund, cash in hand, £16/4/8.

Miss Grant was appointed to represent the auxiliary on Council of Churches, and Mrs. Rootes on United Women's Church Association. A greeting was sent to India to the women's conference (Churches of Christ).

Obituary Report.—Mrs. Dunstone (Glenelg), Mrs. E. Thomas (Nailsworth), Mrs. A. E. Nankivell, Mrs. Bratten (Tumby Bay), Mrs. Foley (Berri), Mrs. Overall (Victor Harbour) had received the home-call. The superintendent sent letters to the bereaved.

Dorcas Committee.—The superintendent's address is Mrs. Kemp, 33 Esmond-st., Unley Park.

Hospital Committee.—Superintendent reported 80 visits paid to Royal Adelaide, Children's, Home for Incurables, Sunset Lodge, Escourt House, Magill, Morris, Private, Cottage Homes, Sick and Aged; 54 books distributed; on table, 3/6.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—Visits had been paid to Mrs. Harding (York), Miss Wright (Henley Beach), Mrs. Parkes (Forrestville), Miss Webb (Glenelg).

Overseas Committee.—The superintendent read an interesting letter from Mrs. Hammer. Collections for October, £3/14/3.

Temperance Committee.—The superintendent would like more active work done in our churches, and the committee will be pleased to help in providing literature for meetings.

Home Mission Committee.—The superintendent read report. Collections for three months, £11/1/5. Cottonville church was visited on Oct. 9. There were ten confessions during the mission, and the church was spiritually benefited. In report of Women's Federal Conference it was incorrectly stated that Mrs. W. F. Nankivell gave greeting for S.A. sisters; it was Mrs. G. Rootes, president of S.A. Auxiliary Conference.

Mrs. Bartlett will be devotionall leader for December meeting.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Churches of

Christ Conference wish to protest against the expenditure of comforts funds money in supplying beer to soldiers in camp in Australia and abroad. We think that there are many other amenities that would be appreciated by the men, and that the gift of beer would be against the wishes of the majority of those who contribute to the comforts fund.—Mrs. H. R. Charlick, assistant secretary.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

THE women's home mission rally was held at City Temple on Friday, Nov. 7. The president, Mrs. McCallum, was in the chair. Mr. Youens spoke on "The Church in the Other Town." A welcome was extended to Mrs. Main, Mrs. Butler (Inverell) and Mrs. Hammer and Elsie Joy, from the New Hebrides. Mrs. Hammer brought greetings from Miss Clipstone, Miss Wakely and the sisters of Aoba. She thanked the N.S.W. sisters for the three Christmas boxes that were sent down on the boat with Miss Wakely. Mrs. Maxwell, home mission superintendent, gave a resume of the home mission work and told of the need for money. She desires that the sisters' offerings should be sent to her by January 31, 1942, as conference books close on that day.

Mrs. Corlett gave an account of the half-yearly conference held at Wollongong, at which she had represented the Women's Auxiliary.

The next monthly meeting will be held at City Temple on Friday, Dec. 5. The devotionall will be taken by the City Temple sisters. Mrs. Lewis will be the speaker. The superintendents will meet at 1 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 28, at 2.30 p.m., in the City Temple, the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council will hold its annual meeting. Mrs. P. D. McCallum is the incoming president. The speaker will be Miss Steele, M.A.—Miss D. Verco.

Attractive and Lasting Gifts.

Cellophane Mottoes.—Text and verse cards covered with cellophane; with strut to stand or hang. Text only, or with verse, some with colored designs. Sizes from 5 x 4. Prices, 1/-, 1/2, 1/4, 1/9, 2/-.

Celluloid Plaques.—Texts and verses covered with celluloid, strong metal back, strut and hanger. Many attractive designs. 4½ x 5½, 1/6; 8½ x 5½, 2/-. (Postage extra.)

Write for Nov. "Keswick Quarterly," post free.

KESWICK BOOK DEPOT,
315 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

IN MEMORIAM.

DICKSON-LAWSON.—In memory of our beloved sister Mary, who passed away at Canterbury on Nov. 30, 1939. "A life made beautiful by kindly deeds."

—Inserted by W. P. and A. H. Lawson.

HARDING.—In loving memory of Wilfred, loved husband of Ruby and loving father of Don and Ken. Passed away Nov. 23, 1921. Loving memories.

WEYMOUTH (Annie Elizabeth).—In loving memory of our beloved mother, who passed to higher life on Nov. 23, 1935, at Launceston, Tas.

Not to-day, but every day,

In silence we remember.

—Inserted by her daughters, G. Scott Brown, Wangaratta; Emma J. Workman, Moreland.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

SWANSTON ST. CHURCH.

Monday, Dec. 15, 1941, 8 p.m.

Church of Christ Ladies' Choir and prominent artists.

Proceeds for Social Service
Christmas Cheer Fund.

Tickets, 1/3.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, PARKDALE.
HOME-COMING SUNDAY, NOV. 30, 1941.
11 a.m., Bro. A. L. Gibson.
7 p.m., Bro. C. G. Taylor.
Hospitality Provided.
All past members and friends welcome.

FETE FESTIVAL.

CHRISTIAN GUEST HOME,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1941.

The women of the churches will bring their gifts.

Anticipation, £200.

Realisation—?

A happy afternoon is promised.
Sale of goods. Basket tea. Programme.

FRANKSTON CHURCH, VIC.

OPENING OF NEW CHAPEL.

Saturday, Dec. 13.—3.15 p.m., official opening, Mr. Robert Lyall; dedicatory address, Mr. J. E. Allan, conference president.

Sunday, Dec. 14.—11 a.m., speaker, Mr. J. E. Webb; 3.15 p.m., Mr. T. Hagger; 7.30 p.m., Mr. Jack Methven.

Tuesday, Dec. 16.—8 p.m., C.E. Rally. Speaker, Mr. W. Hibburt.

Thursday, Dec. 18.—2.30 p.m., Women's Inspirational Meeting; speaker, Mrs. McCann.

Special offerings at afternoon sessions. Musical items. Hospitality provided. Come and rejoice with us.

Trains leave Melbourne Saturday, 2.8 p.m.; Sunday, 9.47 a.m., 2.4 p.m.; Thursday, 2.5 p.m.

ABORIGINES' UPLIFT SOCIETY.

Friends and contributors to this Society are hereby notified that

MR. A. P. A. BURDEU

is no longer secretary, and we would very kindly ask that all communications be sent to the new secretary who was elected at our last annual meeting.

All communications re donations, etc., will be promptly attended to.

Mathew Neilson, secretary,
Box 1977R, G.P.O., Melbourne.

TO LET.

Selby.—Fortnight Christmas, clean, comfortable 3-roomed house, handy station and store. —Miss Turnham, 87 The Avenue, Coburg.

Alfred Millis & Sons Pty. Ltd.
Wholesale Fruit Merchants
Registered Office: 433 Queen St., Melb.
Phone F 1862
Also Queen Victoria Wholesale Markets.

PRINTING

OF

Every Description

At the Office of

"The Australian Christian"

528, 530 Elizabeth St., Melb.

Tel. F 2524

All Printing Orders

(Large or Small)

Appreciated.

Let us have the
privilege of sub-
mitting estimates.

Foreign Missions.

Conducted by A. Anderson, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

READERS are reminded that amounts for the above fund should be forwarded immediately. We have already advised the Indian field that £120 is available, and New Hebrides and China will have proportionate amounts. The Indian amount as yet does not nearly equal that of the past two years. More has been sent to India for Christmas cheer on account of no boxes going forward. We hope to advise India that a further remittance will be sent at a later date. The latter remittance will depend on available funds for the purpose.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO FIELDS.

THE Federal Board have already sent greeting cards to missionaries on all fields. Owing to delays in mails, unless already sent, there will be little chance now of any ordinary mails reaching our workers before Christmas. Some mails take more than two months on the way, and in several cases we know mails have been sent and not yet received after many months. The Federal Board are following the policy of last year, and will only be sending cards to missionaries. May we suggest, as we did last year, that we refrain from sending numerous cards to our many friends, and instead send the saving in cash as a donation to carry on our overseas work? We assure you that such help is urgently needed. Remember, too, that costs for such greeting cards and paper have advanced and postages will have increased. Think where your gifts will count the most.

MISSIONARIES ENGAGED.

THOUGH it was known to some, we were not in a position to announce officially the engagement of Mr. Frank Manning, of the Belgian Congo, to Miss Helen Wiltshire, of Baramati, India. The Federal Board offer congratulations to these young people, though it will mean a great loss to India in releasing Miss Wiltshire. We feel, however, that she is not lost to the work of the kingdom of God, and her going into missionary work in the dark continent will be of great value to her future husband, and to the missionary enterprise. It is not known yet when Miss Wiltshire will leave India, nor the prospects of securing boat accommodation to Africa. We assume that it is known to most that Mr. Frank Manning is the son of Bro. E. Ross Manning, president of the South Australian Conference, and that Miss Wiltshire, born of missionary parents in China, is the niece of Bro. J. Wiltshire, preacher of Lake-st. church, Western Australia. These young people were members of the church at Grote-st., and were brought up together in this way.

ORPHAN SUPPORTERS.

WE are facing problems regarding information concerning orphans in India because of restricted and delayed mails. More than three months or more ago, Miss E. Vawser advised that she had sent pictures of boys in the Baramati home. Miss Cameron now advises that even in India there are delays, and some negatives sent to Bombay for development failed to arrive. She was hoping to send pictures of our girls at Shrigonda. Our supporters will appreciate these difficulties and bear with us if we fail to send news about their orphan. We still have the care and responsibility of between 160 and 170 boys and girls. Of late some of our supporters have fallen back a little, but we urge that wherever possible arrears might be made up and early remittances sent. Each month money is sent to India for our orphans, whether the money has been received or not. Our orphans unfortunately have good and recurring appetites, and their

clothes do wear out. So please help us by sending forward your remittances. There are still one or two unsupported orphans for any society or school who would like to adopt one, or for some family who would like to add one "mouth" to their home. Kindly let us hear from you.

SHRIGONDA NEWS.

BAPTISMS.—From the Lyall Memorial Home comes the cheering news that eight of the senior girls have been baptised. Miss Cameron says: "They are girls with the understanding of women, and we hope they will mean much to the strengthening of the church wherever the future leads them."

New Chapel for Pargaon.—For some years the question of a new chapel for Pargaon has been before the Federal Board, but no grant could be made for the purpose. A brother who desires to remain anonymous has forwarded £125, and hopes to send a further remittance later to complete the work. Miss Cameron is overjoyed that these people are to have a place for worship. Prior to the news of money being available, Miss Cameron was planning for the possibility of having a married man reside at Pargaon. She feels that a Christian woman living amongst the women and girls would help uplift them. There are splendid possibilities among the women and children in this centre.

DHOND CHAPEL.

FROM Dr. Oldfield we learn that the walls of the new chapel are gradually taking shape. The money is already on hand in India to carry out the remainder of the work. The Indian Christians are rejoicing in the prospect of having a building of their own in which to worship.

DIKSAL NEWS.

A LETTER dated Sept. 17 and sent by ordinary mail has just come to hand from Diksal. They report that all is well with them and their work. Wells that were empty have been replenished by monsoonal rains, and people generally are happier because of the promise of a good season. A man of the shepherd caste has been asking for baptism. In the past Bro. Escott has been able to help this man, and in addition he has had contact with the work at Bori, especially with the late patil of Bori. Bro. Escott now feels that he is ready for baptism. It often happens among this type of people that, if one comes into the church, it causes enquiry by others and often whole groups come into the kingdom. Though about due for furlough, it is not anticipated that Bro. and Sister Escott will be returning to Australia immediately.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND.

With which is incorporated the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust.

Established by the Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ in Australia.

Members of Committee: T. E. Rofe (Chairman), H. E. Bell, J. Crawford, C. Graham, F. S. Steer, Dr. C. A. Verco, W. H. Hall (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Representative in Victoria: W. Gale, T. & G. Building, 145 Collins St., Melbourne, C.1.

Representative in South Australia: General S. Price Weir, 2nd Avenue, East Adelaide.

Representative in Western Australia: Roy Raymond, 260 Bagot Rd., Subiaco.

The Objects of the Fund are:

1st. To assist financially Aged and Infirm and Retired Preachers.

2nd. To control and manage an Endowment Fund to which Preachers may contribute.

In order to do this effectively, the Committee needs the practical sympathy and support of all the churches and brethren throughout the Commonwealth.

Please forward contributions to W. H. Hall, "Hurlston," Carysfort St., Blackheath, N.S.W., making money orders and postal notes payable at P.O., Blackheath (N.S.W.). Contributions may also be sent to W. Gale, S. Price Weir and Roy Raymond.

THE BOOK OF THE HOUR.

"INEVITABLE."

Read "Inevitable" and cheer up!

"Inevitable" shows the final overthrow of Britain's enemies, and future glory of the church of Christ.

"New Life" would "like to see every minister reading this book. The "Australian Christian World" said: "'Inevitable' is both refreshing and challenging." A bookseller writes: "A minister came back and purchased six more copies to pass to his people. Please send 50 more."

"Inevitable" is intensely interesting page by page from beginning to end. Post one to your minister, relatives and friends in the fighting forces. If desired, send names and addresses, and we will mail them for you.

Price 1/-, post free.

Obtainable from A. E. Gay, 5 Coronation-st., Geelong, Vic.

NERVES, CATARRH, ULCERS, GALLSTONES, ETC. TAKE BOTANIC REMEDIES.

Many Testimonials.

Consult H. WATSON (of India).

Room 8, 4th Floor, McEwan House, 343 Lit. Collins St., Melb., C.1.

'Phone, M 5019.

Miss M. E. Pittman, L. Mus. A., (Univ. of Melb.)

Teacher of Singing

"Brentwood," 36 Willis Street, Hampton, S.7.

Also at Lygon Street Christian Chapel

WHEN THE SUN SHINES

— WINTER SEEMS FAR AWAY.

There is, however, no good reason for thinking that one will never be caught in the rain. It is wise to build up a bank balance for protection against life's rainy days. It means peace of mind, and if, luckily, no emergency arises, then the money saved will surely be most useful.

STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA

GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Reserve Fund £4,045,000.

Head Office: Elizabeth St., Melbourne.

Roma, Queensland.

53rd ANNIVERSARY.

SERVICES to mark the 53rd anniversary of the Roma church were held from Oct. 12 to 19. Bro. V. G. Boettcher conducted services and produced an attractive souvenir booklet.

The church began under singular circumstances. Mr. A. Mordaunt, an American evangelist of Churches of Christ, went to Roma as the guest of Mr. R. A. Whipham. Meetings were then commenced Oct. 16, 1888. Nine members formed the church. They included Mr. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. S. O'Brien and Mr. Lloyd.

Meetings were held in the Good Templars' Hall, then in the Town Hall. The church went back to the newly-constructed Good Templars' Hall, when Messrs. J. Paradine and D. Browne conducted the meetings. In August, 1896, the present chapel was purchased. It was opened by Mr. W. T. Clapham. Since then the building has been extended and improved. The



Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

AN APPRECIATION.

THE evening of Tuesday, Oct. 28, should live long in the hearts of all who attended Collins-st. Baptist church, when members of Churches of Christ and Baptist brethren assembled together at the Lord's table. Many expressions of delight were heard at the opportunity and privilege of thus meeting together to remember their Lord. The joint committees are to be commended on their successful arranging and carrying out of the service, and we look to the future with joy when we might be called together again in a similar service, ultimately reaching the goal set by the Master, "That they might all be one."

—R. Thompson.

Church Officers, Roma.

Standing.—Messrs. L. R. Pitman (elder), E. J. McIntosh, E. W. Thrupp, S. L. Neil, Geo. Thornton.

Seated.—Messrs. A. S. Cooke (secretary), V. G. Boettcher (preacher), Alb. Waldron (elder), R. W. C. Pitman (treasurer).

most successful period was in 1908, when a mission was conducted by Mr. T. Hagger. The membership reached one hundred. Between 1917 and 1933 the local brethren, P. Browne, H. H. Saunders, G. S. Pitman and L. R. Pitman, preached. Several missions were conducted by visiting evangelists.

In January, 1936, Mr. H. W. Street, of Tasmania, was engaged as preacher. After Mr. Street's transfer to Mackay in January, 1939, the present evangelist, Mr. V. G. Boettcher, commenced his ministry. Reports indicate that all departments of the church are making good progress. The present active membership is about 75; in addition there are 25 isolated members.

Tasmanian Sisters' Auxiliary.

AT November meeting, held at Collins-st. chapel, Mrs. Warmbrunn led devotions and spoke of interesting features at Southern District Conference, Kellieville. Mrs. Madel-Cole, who presided, rendered a solo. During her recent visit to Launceston, she was warmly welcomed by the northern sisters, and together with Mr. Cole, enjoyed fellowship at Margaret-st. church.

Collins-st. mission band welcomed Sandy Bay Baptist sisters at monthly meeting addressed by Miss Cockayne.

The executive decided that £1 of literature money be expended on New Testaments for distribution at New Town Sanitarium by the prayer meeting superintendent, Mrs. Heard; a further 10/- to be sent to Launceston for hospital literature.

Gratefully acknowledged is £1/0/9 from Launceston sisters for H.M. fund.

Very fine meetings are being held each month by the northern sisters, who are giving encouraging support to the executive.

Mrs. Madel-Cole is planning an afternoon at her residence, 10 Lynton-ave., S. Hobart, for Dec. 13, proceeds to be equally divided between home mission funds and church furniture.

BETTER FEET. BETTER HEALTH.
HORACE L. LEE, M.A.I.S.Ch. (Melb.),
D.I.S.P. (London).

FOOT SPECIALIST

Successfully Treats All Foot Ailments.
Evening Appointments if Desired.

LEE'S PHARMACY, 108 Greville St. Prahran
LA 1036.

WARD BROS.
(Australian Sewing Machine Co.)

Established over 50 years.

Our reputation protects you.

80% Australian made.



REBUILT MACHINES FROM £5.

Electric Portables and Cabinet Models.
Prices to suit all. Write for Catalogues.

25 Years' Guarantee. Expert Repairers.

Head Office:

40-42 Errol St., Nth. Melbourne.

Phones: F3985, F5977.

222 Chapel St., Prahran; 252 Smith St.,
Collingwood; 51 Royal Arcade, City;
Brunswick; Footscray.

Only 1 More Week

to

December 7.

Let Everybody make it a
TOTAL EFFORT

to raise

£ 1500.

W. Gale, Home Mission Secretary,
T. & G. Bldg., 145 Collins St., Melbourne, C.I.

Are You in Trouble?

Radiator Leaking
or Boiling? Car hard to
Start? We are Radiator
and Electrical Experts.
Drive right in for free
examination.

RADIATOR HOUSE,
305 LATROBE ST., MELB.
CENT. 5758



Consult **B. J. KEMP**
JEWELLER

Cent.
8604

Book
Bldg. 6th Floor, 288 Lit. Collins St., Melb.

SATISFACTION ASSURED.

Watches — Rings — Plateware, Etc.

Discount to Readers of "A.C."

LEST YOU FORGET!

REMEMBER

God's Work in your Will.

REMEMBER

God's Will in your Work.

EVANGELISM

Is His Will and your Work.

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER

The N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee.
E. C. Hinrichsen, Director of Evangelism,
69 Campbell-st., Sydney.

J. FERGUSON & SON

J. Ferguson - E. J. Collings

Funeral Directors

712 HIGH ST., THORNBURY

Phone JW 3037

176 High St., Northcote, JW 3333.

47 Vere St., Collingwood, J 1448.

Orders promptly attended to. Up-to-date Motor Service

Your Eyes should have
every comfort
and should
always be at peak efficiency.

Ensure this by visiting—

W. J. AIRD Pty. Ltd.

ALTON'S BLD'G (1st floor) (W. J. Aird, F.V.O.A.)
Cr. ELIZABETH & COLLINS STS., MELB.

— Phone, 6937 Central —

LYALL & SONS LTD

39-51 Leveson St, North Melbourne
Chaff and Hay Pressing Mills at Lara.

CASH CHAFF, HAY, GRAIN, PRODUCE, and

HARDWARE MERCHANTS

Exporters of Pressed Hay, Chaff, and Colonial Produce

Seed Oat and Grain Specialists—Grass,
Clover and Other Seeds.

All kinds of Poultry Feed and Meals supplied.

Manufacturers of "Excello" Chicken Feed,
Laying Mash, and Calf Food.

HARDWARE LINES:—

Galvanized Iron, Spouting, and Ridging, Fencing
Wire, Galvanized, Black, Baling & Barbed Wire,
Wire Netting, Chicken Netting, and all other
sizes. Galvanized Water Piping and Fittings.

Cyclone Gates and Fencing Supplied.

We stock and can supply everything required for
the Poultry Yard and the Farm.

For Service, for Quality, **LYALL'S**
for Price, try

Christian Guest Home

139 Atherton Road, Oakleigh

S.E. 12, Vic.

For Christians only.

The Home is a living expression of
our Christian sympathy with lonely old
age.

Visiting hours any afternoon, 2.30 to
4.30 p.m. Inspection by arrangement
with matron.

*Remember the Home in Your
Will.*

Tel.: Home, UM 2441. Will. H. Clay, Sec.,
Office, MU 2104. 241 Flinders Lane,
Melbourne, C.I.



SOCIAL SERVICE AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

Social Service Committees in all
States assist in all social problems.

C.F.A. is open to all members of the church
on payment of a weekly contribution through
agents of from 1d. upwards, according to
circumstances. Help us to help others.

Information on request from—

Will. H. Clay, 241 Flinders Lane, Melb., Vic.

T. P. Dale, 69 Campbell St., Sydney, N.S.W.

T. A. Fergusson, 12 Marne Rd., Woolloowin,
N.3, Queensland.

J. Wiltshire, 134 Palmerston St., Perth, W.A.

Dignity and Satisfaction.

LEWIS - - Funerals

Our Funeral arrangements are a
fitting tribute to the departed, no
matter how humble the services you
can afford.

RING JA 1066.

R. H. LEWIS — Director.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Wanted:

Gifts Small and Large.

Contributions from Victoria
should be sent to

D. E. Pittman, Treas., 530 Elizabeth-st.,
Melbourne.

Beauty Spots.

(Philippians 4: 8.)

"LET us suppose," said Mr. Stanbury. Thus
some fifty boys began to imagine that
their instructor was a new arrival. Having
landed at Port Melbourne before daylight, he
had come by taxi to take breakfast and talk
with them. When asked, "Can you tell me
where I may find some of the beauty spots of
your city?" the boys suggested eagerly, "The
Botanic Gardens," "St. Kilda," "Wattle Park,"
"Gembrook," etc., etc.

"Now let us suppose," said Mr. Stanbury,
"that I have never seen your Bible until now.
What are some of the beauty spots of your
Bible?" Of course the responses included "The
Shepherd Psalm."

Presently Mr. Stanbury produced a poster—
"Knowing the Bible: (1) By Its Beauty Spots."
At the centre was a large Bible with lines of
light radiating from it. Surrounding this were
colored pictures which reminded some, and
informed others, of the best-loved beauty spots
of scripture. Said the instructor, "A Chinese
proverb says, 'If you have two loaves of bread
sell one and buy a lily,' that is because God
would have us grow, not by taking bread only,
but by receiving beauty into our lives. So
Paul says, 'Whatsoever things are lovely . . .
think on these things.' Know the beauty spots
of nature and of the Bible!"—G. J. Andrews.

THOUGHT.

*The strength and the happiness of
a man consists in finding out the
way in which God is going, and go-
ing in that way, too.*

—Henry Ward Beecher.

F. J. LANG,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER.

23 years with late F. A. Newmans Pty. Ltd.

Engagement Rings, Wedding and
Birthday Presents.

Watches, Clocks and Jewellery
Repaired.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

4th Floor, York House,

294 Lit. Collins Street, Melb., C.I.

'Phone, Central 4293.

WATERS & ENNISS

(C. J. Waters, J.P.; R. Enniss, J.P.; L. S. Millis),

271 Collins Street, Melbourne.

LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

Properly Managers and Salesmen — Home Builders

See Us About Your New Home.

We make necessary financial arrangements.

We Specialise in Erecting Modern Brick Homes

Miss MINNIE MITCHELL, (3rd Floor),

MU3433. 31 Queen St., Melbourne, C.I.

Typewriting Circulars of All Kinds, MS., etc.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN.

Editor: A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

Manager: D. E. Pittman.

SUBSCRIPTION.—Through Church Agent, 2d.
week; Posted Direct, 10/6 year; Foreign, 14/-.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Send old and new
address a week previous to date of desired
change.

CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, etc., payable to
D. E. PITTMAN.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Marriages, Births, Deaths,
Memorials, Bereavement Notices, 2/- (one verse
allowed in Deaths and Memorials). Coming
Events, 16 words, 6d.; every additional 12 words,
6d.; displayed, 2/- inch. Wanted, For Sale, To
Let and Similar Ads., 24 words, 1/-; every ad-
ditional 12 words, 6d.

Other Advertising Rates on Application.

INVEST IN MEN!

JESUS INVESTED IN MEN.

He staked everything on
living men.

The kingdom of God is ad-
vanced by preaching.

"Faith comes by hearing."

Faith leads to repentance and
obedience—to Christian living.

"With the heart man believeth
unto righteousness."

The College of the Bible

helps equip men to preach.

Money invested in training
preachers magnifies the Mas-
ter's plan for advancing his
kingdom, and guarantees evan-
gelism among future genera-
tions.

Help the College foster gospel
preaching.

It depends on you.



The College of the Bible

GLEN IRIS, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

CONTROLLED BY THE FEDERAL CONFERENCE

Board of Management: R. Lyall (chairman),
R. L. Leane (treasurer), W. T. Atkin, A. W.
Cleland, T. Hagger, Dr. W. A. Kemp,
F. N. Lee, G. L. Murray, H. J. Patterson,
M.A., T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., F. T.
Saunders (secretary).

Teaching Staff: T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.
(Principal); R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.;
E. L. Williams, M.A.; J. S. Taylor, B.A.

Send Donations to

Fred T. Saunders, Secty. & Organiser.

College of the Bible, Glen Iris, S.E.4
'Phone, UY 6085.

Printed and Published by the Austral Printing
and Publishing Company Ltd., 528, 530 Elizabeth-
st., Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.