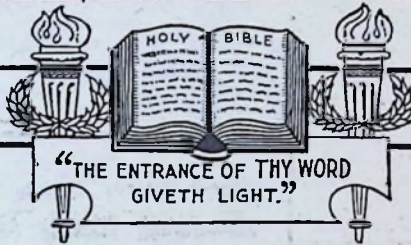


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Saved By Grace

"WHAT must I do to be saved?" a man asked Paul and Silas. Paul did not hesitate to say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Proof that the jailor and his family believed on Jesus as Lord was shown in their baptism. This experience brought joy and hope into a pagan family. There is every likelihood that the family formed part of that delightful church at Philippi to whom Paul wrote one of his best loved letters. Thus, in responding to the words of Paul the evangelist, that Philippian family, by being translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, entered into fellowship with their Lord and became citizens of a heavenly kingdom. Throughout the Roman world, the straightforward message and appeal of the apostle to the Gentiles was very successful in adding to the church those who were being saved by the grace of God.



SOME years previous to this missionary campaign of Paul, Peter had had a strange revelation of God's desire and willingness to save men by no other means than by grace through the Lord Jesus Christ. To Peter, who seemed to think that the ethical demands of Judaism still played a part, this demonstration of God's readiness to save men apart from Jewish ethical principles was amazing. Peter was not stubborn, but yielded to the demands of the gospel and consented to allow Cornelius and his household to demonstrate their faith in Christ in baptism. Barnabas also saw how this gospel suc-

ceeded at Antioch, and rejoiced with the brethren in the growth of the church amongst the Gentiles. Paul remained faithful to that same message and preached it with remarkable results.



THERE were those who failed to appreciate the inner mystery and grace of the gospel, and urged the need of holding to the legal and ethical demands of Judaism. This interpretation of the Christian gospel in terms of Jewish ethics and not grace became divisive in the early Christian church.

When Paul was at Jerusalem these opponents of the gospel preached by Peter, Barnabas and Paul, brought a charge



against the apostle Paul, and said that it was needful to circumcise the Gentiles, and to command them to keep the law of Moses (Acts 15: 5). Peter stood up and pointed out that it was by faith (not ethics) God purified the hearts of the Gentiles. "We believe," he concluded, "that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they" (Acts 15: 11). Peter also declared that none could comply fully with the ethical demands of the law. Not even the apostles could meet such requirements, why then demand of others in the preaching of the gospel what cannot be fulfilled by those so favored by early training? James and the other leaders agreed with Peter's declaration and apart from giving minor rules of guidance to the way Christians ought to walk in a pagan world, the Gentile Christians were set free to live the life of the spirit in Christ Jesus. Paul was careful to urge that, although Christians are won by grace, and not by law and ethics, it does not mean they are to walk in the paths of sin. Since in baptism we have been buried with Christ and we have also been raised into the life of the spirit, we must set our minds on spiritual ideals and live according to the mind of Christ. Life under the new covenant of grace is, however, not ordered by law or ethical principles, but by the grace of God through Christ. In the new life we are moved by divine love to live creatively in the kingdom of God. The Christian life is then bound up with faith in the Lord. What great victories men of faith have gained for this world! Do we not need more men of gospel faith to-day?



Christ is Alive!

Stuart Stevens, of New South Wales, gives an encouraging message based on the words of Jesus: "I am alive for evermore."—Rev. 1: 18.

THE resurrection of Jesus is the central truth of the Christian religion. So vital is it to the Christian faith that Paul affirmed, "If Christ be not risen your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sin." One almost shudders to contemplate the magnitude of the issues involved had Christ not risen. Dr. Fairbairn says: "If Christ be not risen, the tomb of Joseph becomes the grave not only of a man, but of religion." The arresting feature of the statement is

Its Positive Note

There is nothing about it that suggests ambiguity, conjecture or doubt. It is a dogmatic statement of fact. It is a miracle. It cannot be denied that miracles do impose a strain upon faith. This strain, however, is not half so great as that imposed when we are asked to believe a palpable absurdity. We are told by some that the bodily resurrection of Jesus was a delusion. These sceptics, however, do not tell us how a delusion could have originated the profoundest moral movement in history. Human nature has often shown itself capable of gross delusions, but no instance can be given of whole nations through a long course of history accepting a delusion so unreservedly as to discard their traditional beliefs, reconstruct their philosophies, and build anew the entire structure of their religious faith. "Alive for evermore." Who does not thrill at the very thought? When we truly believe this we can face anything. We fear nothing. The resurrection of Christ is the ground of the hope of the race. It solves the most perplexing problems of life. Of these there are three to which I want to specially direct your attention.

The first is

The Problem of Evil in Ourselves

Paul voices this in his epistle to the Romans: "The good that I would do, I do not, but the evil which I would not that I do." Here he expresses what we all feel. We have our moral ideals. We hear a voice within calling "Excelsior!" But there is something else within that impairs our moral strength, lowers our moral vitality, and renders us more or less the puppet and plaything of the evil tendency within us. It was because of the conflict between these forces of good and evil within him that Paul was led to exclaim in bitterness of soul, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death?" It was in this sense of defeat he prays, "That I might know him, and the power of his resurrection."

The risen Christ gave Paul the power he needed for self-mastery, and in the possession of that power he sings his triumphant song of

deliverance: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Thus the resurrection of Jesus solves the problem that confronts us.

The Problem of Evil in the World

Who has not at some time or other been so distressed by the aggressiveness of evil in the world as to ask, Is there any guiding mind? Is there any dominating will? Yet the answer of history to these questions is "Yes." God still governs his world, though to our limited vision it may seem at times to have got out of hand. There are certain things which have long since been lifted out of the realm of speculation into that of certitude. It is no brilliant conjecture which calculates the hour of the eclipse or the rotation of the seasons. We are sure of these because we have discovered certain laws of the universe which are subject to no caprice and open to no revival. And when we read, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore," we have discovered a fact which assures us that Christ is the moral Emperor of the world, and his

kingdom must ultimately become supreme. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that truth is indestructible; right is invincible, God is omnipotent. Carlyle once asked a bishop if he had a creed, and when the bishop answered "Yes, but what distresses me is the slow progress my creed makes," Carlyle replied, "Bishop, if your creed is the truth you can afford to wait." All history testifies that in every world's crisis *the moral ideal comes to the top*. There is no more striking proof of this than the defeat of Germany in the late war.

"The wave may break in failure,
But the tide is sure to win."

There is also the bearing of the resurrection of Christ on

The Problem of the Future

One thing is certain, the fact that Christ conquered death is the pledge to us of the continuity of life. Death is certainly a ruthless break of life's relationships, but the break is not irreparable. Death is also a deep, mysterious change, but it does not end all. *Death is a cessation of outward correspondences*, but it is not a cessation of being. The resurrection of Jesus is to us the guarantee of the fulfilment of his promise. "Because I live ye shall live also." Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Christ has solved the problem of the present and of the future. To those who trust him victory comes hour by hour. Christ has also solved the problem of the future. He has made eternity a fact. In Christ the dream becomes a reality, the inference a certainty, the desire an experience. Christ is light, and in him is no darkness at all. The alternative that presents itself to us is Christ or despair. Christ's message to every man and woman is, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

"Behold, I am alive for evermore."

THE REVEALING BOOK

IN the scriptures there are answers to all the great questions that excite human thinking. What is God? "God is Love." What is the greatest commandment? "Thou shalt love." To whom will God reveal himself? "He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and I will manifest myself to him."—Dr. Parker.

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A Ministry of Love

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OUT of the city that rejected him,

Cross-laden goes the suffering Son of man,
And there upon the execution hill
The cross he bore now bears his trembling frame.

Lord of all men, companion of two thieves,
He hangs there with them in the withering heat,

Till feeling all his flesh within him parched,
Weakly he cries with swollen lips, "I thirst."
Where are they now who heard that vigorous voice

Inviting needy multitudes to live?

"If any thirst, let him now come to me."

Disciples who had followed, now were fled,
And were not there for his great hour of need.
Stirred by a human pang for this lone Man,
A soldier roughly thrusts up to his lips
A vinegar soaked sponge held on a reed.
The hand that held it was the hand of war,
Crimsoned perhaps on some grim battlefield.
Now in this act of ready ministry,
Its roughness serving well the King of grief
Who, as he praised on earth the widow's mite,
Remembers now in heav'n the soldier's sponge.
For this is virtue all our creeds above,
That man should minister in love to man.

—V. Stafford, Cheltenham, Vic.

Victorian Women's Conference

Mrs. E. Lyall Williams.

THE sixtieth annual conference of the women of the Victorian churches was held at Lygon-st. chapel on Wednesday, April 17. The opening devotional session was taken by Mrs. T. Hagger.

Mrs. Cleland welcomed all visitors, including Mrs. W. Green, president of the Federal Women's Conference.

The executive reports, presented by the secretary and superintendents of committees, outlined the work accomplished during the year.

The obituary prayer was taken by Mrs. McIvor. Special mention was made of the passing of Miss L. Rometch, who was connected with the work for over 43 years.

A list of names from churches in England and Scotland was received from the secretary of Social Questions Committee, and food parcels have been and are still being sent to these needy members.

The Missionary Department reported 78 suburban Mission Bands visited as well as several country bands. Five bands have realised the aim of the department: "That every woman in the church be a member of the Mission Band." These include Hamilton, Dareton, Port Fairy, St. Arnaud, Boronia.

The Eastern District Women's Conference report was given by Mrs. E. Gill; £158/7/- had been raised by the women of the seven churches concerned for all purposes.

Prayer Meeting Committee had visited 18 churches, helping and encouraging those with whom they met.

Chaplaincy representatives to the general committee received £13/17/6; also a large number of goods, enabling them to forward parcels to the chaplains. This work is to continue as long as our chaplains remain with the occupation forces in Japan.

The Isolated Sisters' Committee had written 1034 letters and received 182 replies.

Twelve churches visited the Christian Guest Home, the programme, gifts, etc., being much appreciated by the guests.

The General Dorcas prepared and distributed 999 garments to individual cases, committees, UNRRA and England.

The Temperance Committee continues the work of protest against the evils of to-day. Advertisements appear regularly in several country newspapers as well as in seven bus lines in Brighton district. Many contacts are made with young people through "Pure Words."

During the past year 1252 visits have been paid, 8329 patients being visited by the Hospital Visitation Committee, in each of the public and various private hospitals.

A very busy year is recorded by the Catering Committee. 1060 meals were served at the annual conference, 339 dinners prepared and served for various rallies and committee meetings. Cups of tea were served to 150 ladies at the Mission Band rally.

The morning session closed with the benediction. Attendance, 350.

The afternoon session began at 2.30, with Mrs. F. Rogers leading the devotions.

The soloist for afternoon, Mrs. A. C. Garnett, brought two delightful messages in song.

Overseas and interstate greetings were received from Miss L. Foreman, Miss Vawser, Miss K. Taylor, Miss Walker, Mrs. Oldfield and Mrs. Michael, of India, also the secre-

tary of the Women's Conference of Australian Churches of Christ Mission, Western India, Indirabai Samuel Jadhav; Mrs. Waterman, New Hebrides; Eveline Cosh, Mrs. Lennox, Mrs. Reidhead, Mrs. Jackel, Miss Jessie Goudie, Mrs. E. M. Dawson, Miss Darnley; Mrs. R. McCallum, secretary Federal Missionary Education Department; Board of Management, faculty and students of the College of the Bible; the Foreign Mission Board; the Conference Executive Committee; Women's Conferences in South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia and Tasmania. All stood for the singing of "Blest be the tie."

Mrs. E. F. Halkyard, secretary of the Women's Inter-church Council of Victoria, brought a challenging message entitled "Christian Citizenship," and urged all to realise the responsibilities and possibilities of the women of the churches in the world to-day.

The treasurer, Mrs. Cartmel, presented the financial statement: Women's Mission Bands, £610/2/-; Aborigine Living Link, £142/2/8; Country Visitor, £49/7/-; Welfare Fund, £54/11/4; Temperance, £59/10/11; Christian Guest home Hospital, £871/15/4; General Dorcas, £25/5/3; Chaplaincy, £13/17/6; sundries (including collections and catering), £184/17/4; Donations from Churches, £26/9/9; total, £2037/18/11.

Mr. A. Anderson, secretary Federal Overseas Committee, brought a greeting and thanks for continued interest and support.

The Social Service Committee continues to meet the needs of those requiring clothing, footwear and groceries. A splendid response to the appeal for clothing for UNRRA was made. £871/15/4 was received for the Hospital Fund, and a concert given by the Ladies' Choir realised £19/5/-.

Mrs. Scambler spoke to the report of the Aborigines Mission Committee.

A resolution, in the form of a petition to the Premier, urged, "That no extension of trading or trading hours be granted the liquor trade. That Section 22 of the Education Act (1928), which specified that State school pupils should be instructed in temperance and in the physiological effect of alcohol be enforced, particularly in High Schools. That Local Option, which is the democratic right of the people, be restored. That the alcoholic content of all beer, wines and spirits be reduced and so safeguard young people who drink socially. That the Act prohibiting the sale or consumption of alcoholic drinks at or near dance halls, and also in regard to bona fide travellers, be restored."

The following resolution was also passed: "That this Women's Conference of the Churches of Christ in Victoria affirms its strong conviction that international friendship is the primary and essential in the prevention of war, and that this can be attained by creating goodwill based on Christian principles of justice and on political and economic co-operation to attain that justice. We think the creation of the United Nations Assembly is an effort to achieve this. Therefore we urge all our women to realise their personal responsibility as Christians and citizens to become informed on the problems of peace and to assist in creating an internal public opinion on all proposed solutions of the problems of international peace. We also affirm that we think women should be included on State, National and International committees to all conferences, etc., to plan for the winning of the peace."

The United Board Church Hostel and the Women's Services Club representatives reported the closing of same at the end of 1945.

Mrs. Oliver thanked all who had contributed to the Bible-women's Fund.

Mrs. McGregor moved the following motion: "This conference decides to assist the youth committee to train and place in the field a young woman to develop work amongst girls and young women, the money for such being taken from the welfare fund." This was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Brough closed this session with prayer and benediction. Attendance, 450.

With attendance of 300, evening session opened with organ recital by Miss M. E. Pittman.

Greetings from general conference were brought by the president, Mr. A. W. Cleland.

Mrs. Cleland introduced the president-elect, Mrs. G. Washfold, who responded, and then presented the retiring president with a copy of God's word as a memento of the year's service, and with a beautiful bouquet. Mrs. Cleland then introduced the remaining officers and superintendents of committees.

Two numbers by the ladies' choir were much appreciated.

In her address Mrs. Cleland challenged all to make this a better world because we have lived in it, stressing the need for a true Christian example. The Christian standard would mean world-peace, economic stability and world brotherhood.

After the singing of a hymn and the benediction a vesper was sung by the Ladies' Choir.

Officers and Committees

President, Mrs. G. Washfold; past president, Mrs. A. W. Cleland; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. Nankivell, Mrs. Ploog; secretary, Mrs. E. L. Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Cartmel; assistant and financial secretary, Mrs. T. J. Warne.

Missionary Department.—Mrs. J. Turner, convener.

Home Missions.—Mrs. A. Withers, superintendent; Mesdames Hodges, J. Mann, Strack, C. Taylor.

Overseas Missions.—Mrs. W. A. Kemp, superintendent; Mesdames D. Pittman, W. Nankivell, A. Tyler.

Mission Band.—Mrs. A. W. Cleland, secretary; Mesdames R. Clark, Fullerton, E. Jeffery, Morrison, J. Rankin, W. Smith, Wickham.

Prayer Meetings.—Mrs. Ploog, superintendent; Mesdames A. Baker, Beveridge, Gray, McIvor, Randall.

General Dorcas.—Mrs. E. M. Wilson, superintendent; Mesdames Anderson, Barrett, Carr, Daws, Johnstone, Ledger, Oliver, Ploog, Saunders, Smedley, Misses Ennis, Morris.

Social Service.—Mrs. C. Gill, superintendent; Mesdames H. Clark, A. W. Cleland, Downing, Hannaford, Holloway, Hodges, Knight, E. Lewis, L. Lowrey, McGregor, Newbold, Priddle, Ward, Holmes, Misses Davies, Gill.

Hospital Visitation.—Mrs. Pettigrove, superintendent; Mesdames Bath, Clark, Finger, T. H. Jenkin, B. J. Kemp, Leggett, Mann, Manning, Plymin, Smallman, Trezise, Warmbrunn, Misses Gill, Owen.

Temperance.—Mrs. Nance-Kivell, superintendent; Mesdames Coe, Gerrand, B. Huntsman, May, Morrall, Squires, Ware.

Isolated Sisters.—Miss I. V. Gill, superintendent; Mesdames Allen, Beament, Cameron, Clewett, Easton, Ellis, Holmes, Kaighan, McDonald, Manning, Mountjoy, Oliver, Piper, J. Rankin, Shannon, Sheriff, Strongman, Sheppard, Hannaford, Miss Brough.

Catering.—Mrs. L. Lowrey, superintendent; Mesdames G. Berry, Featherston, Jones, Newbold, Newport, Rusden, R. Scott, Stevens, Misses Allen, Bulcraig, Craigie, Morris.

Aborigines Mission.—Mrs. Scambler, Miss Ludbrook.

Guest Home Visitation.—Mrs. C. L. McGregor, superintendent; Mesdames Hodges, Holden.

Nominating.—Mrs. A. W. Cleland, superintendent; Mesdames Cartmel, Wickham, Williams, Withers.

World Church & Christian Youth

THE world church has stood the test of war. It has emerged as the one strong united world movement. Leaders in both religious and secular thought see it to be the hope of the future, and recognise in it a powerful agency for creating a new order and a better world. In practically every country where missionaries have gone, a self-governing church has been built up. Indeed, the world church is the outgrowth of foreign missions. During the war, in many lands, the foreign missions enterprise has gone on with increased power; and even in those lands from which missionaries have been forced to withdraw, the church has not been destroyed. Our future programme calls for co-operative effort in fellowship with and under the direction of a living church in every land. For that work the church needs candidates with the highest qualifications of head and heart. What should be the attitude of a young person toward this need? I would say, first, before reaching a decision, have the whole world in view. Neglect no part of it. The One you would serve is Saviour of the whole world. Second, make your decision at the highest point of your spiritual experience. At some point, in prayer, or Bible study, or in listening to an address, the will of God may become clear to you. When it does, be sure to follow it, putting your hand into the hand of God.—Courtesy "The Missionary Review."

MISSIONARY SUCCESS IN SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC

WE quote from the fifth volume of Dr. Latourette's great history: "The nineteenth century record in the spread of Christianity among the Pacific Islanders is one of the most spectacular in the history of that or of any other faith" (p. 263). On this subject Mr. W. R. Zimmerman states: "There are to-day approximately one and a half millions of Protestant Christians in the churches of south-eastern Asia. As a minority this Protestant group bears seeds of hope for the future of the peoples of these six countries—Burma, Indo-China, Malaya, Thailand, Philippines, Dutch East Indies—as well as for the world Christian community. Educational, medical and evangelistic missions from the



A Convert from the Rennell Islands.

older churches have brought moral growth, developed enlightened middle classes and confronted the masses with the Christian's concept of, and programme for, life. Leaders have been produced from the ranks of the people. Higher standards of home and community life, of personal and social health and of citizenship have been taught and exemplified. These processes are by no means complete, but they move forward with acceleration. From these small Christian nuclei in the various countries are being forged a dynamic Christianity.

"These young Christian communions have revealed surprising courage, vitality and resourcefulness in the face of Japanese invasion and occupation. Churches and hospitals have been destroyed or taken over by the invading forces, Christians persecuted for 'assistance to aliens' and anti-Christian movements instigated. But such pressures seem to increase fidelity to the Christian cause. In Burma over one hundred Christians have been put to death because they refused to co-operate with the Japanese militarists. National Christians have kept Christian schools in operation at peril

of life and property. In Thailand the Christian churches serve as billets for the army of occupation, but members meet for worship in private homes or out in the open. The ten-year-old Young Men's Christian Association in Bangkok has managed to continue its building and programme services at the general membership and to university students. This has been made possible by the sacrificial work of laymen as well as secretaries."

PLAGUE IN INDIAN VILLAGES

THE preachers made the fifteen mile journey to visit the family, and also the other young men who were baptised at the same time, but the village people would not let anyone enter the town because of plague, and the five deaths that had occurred that day. The men were only able to gather a little group of scared people outside the village, and try to comfort them with the message of Christ. Here there is no medical help, as far as we can see, and no one who can help keep up the morale of the people under such conditions. Only in the big towns have the Government given aid for this terrible widespread plague. In Baramati there is no plague now, we are glad to report."—C. G. V. Thomas.



Christian Endeavor Activities

R. Greenhalgh

WEAKNESSES IN C.E. HOW TO REMEDY THEM

THIS outline of studies given by Robert Haley at Mount Barker and Strathalbyn camps, S.A., should prove valuable to leaders when assessing the weak as well as strong points of their society. Mr. Haley stressed the point that they were weaknesses in the society, not in C.E.

Leaders.—Lack of efficiency and knowledge of principles of C.E. Value of national efficiency course stressed.

Rooms.—Not easily accessible to visitors; make them conspicuous, well lit and attractive.

Meetings.—Unprepared leaders and unpunctual start and finish. Regard all meetings as an appointment with God. Unsuitable hymns. Lack of variety in meetings and order of service.

Lowered Standards.—Maintain the high tone, especially of consecration meeting. Importance of pledge and insistence on active committees.

Social Side of C.E.—Too often neglected, or else social evenings and outings not adequately prepared. The result is that they do not appeal to those you aim to interest. Remember C.E. has a balanced programme, which includes social as well as spiritual.

Visitors.—Don't be casual; make them feel welcome—meet at the door, hand hymnbook (open at proper place if meeting has started), show to seat. After meeting, introduce to other members, preferably of same sex at first.

Advertise the Society.—This applies to all meetings, whether spiritual or social. Be original in ideas, and enlist help of members who can draw.

Graduation.—In so many cases this is never included in society's programme. There must be graduation and growth if C.E. is to flourish.

Committees.—One of the reasons for ineffective societies is failure to adopt the committee system and insist on active participation. Mr. Haley cited the case of a society of four, which had four officers, four members, four committees. They functioned so well that result was steady increase in numbers.

Syllabus.—There must be a definite programme, planned preferably for three months. Prayer Meeting Committee's work only commences with arranging the syllabus; they have a task to see that every member has a chance to "take some part aside from singing."—S.A. "C.E. News."

PLANS

TOPIC, "Getting Acquainted with Myself." Arrange for three speakers, and a "peep-box" show in order to illustrate. Have one box entitled, "My Problem." A mirror in the box would reveal one's own reflection. Another box could be labelled, "My Answer," with an open Bible enclosed. The third, containing a globe or map of the world with Mark 16: 15 inscribed across it, could be called, "My Task." Marching round the room and looking into each box in turn, members should be impressed with the messages.

Topic, "To-day and To-morrow in South-east Asia." Secure a Christian Service man who has returned from the Asiatic war theatre to lead the discussion. Make a special effort to invite other Service men and women to this meeting.—Victorian "Christian Endeavor News."

NATIONAL SECRETARY WRITES

CONCERNING the convention, it is most disappointing to have to report "no progress." Transport is still not within sight for any specific date, and we are reluctantly compelled to say that there will be no National Convention this year. However, the National Executive and the South Australian C.E. leaders are continuing to give attention to very many convention details of organisation, and Endeavorers may rest assured that the date will be announced immediately it can be fixed. Several alternative dates spread over varying periods of next year are under consideration.

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Fighting for Christianity

Elsie Turner, of South Australia, shows what is required if we are to engage in a truly Christian conflict against evil.

IN recent years "fighting for Christianity" and other similar expressions have been freely used in justification of our part in a dreadful world conflict. Politicians and pressmen particularly made free use of such terms, and often one wondered just what many really meant to convey. Undoubtedly for some folk the expressions were sincere, and we certainly were opposing forces of evil and therefore fighting for better principles. However, to many it was purely a figure of speech, and words which, under other circumstances, would not have been uttered. I'm sure that, at the time, it was a popular way of expressing the fact that we didn't want to be governed by force—and who does?—and hoped to retain many of our better forms of living, which undoubtedly originated from Christian ideals.

I feel that many users of the popular phrases were making no real manifestation of Christian living, and I frequently ask myself, "When are we going to really *fight* for Christianity?"

Will we really ever have such a "conscription of manpower" in our fight for Christianity, as we did in our fight against dictatorships?

Will we ever have such large sums of money available to fight a winning war against all ungodliness, to attain a lasting Christian peace, as we had to win our present merely war-less peace?

I sometimes feel that we haven't begun to really fight for Christianity. A few have, and although they are few, they are not fighting a losing battle, but a decidedly strenuous one.

We professing Christians, in a nominally Christian country, must make our impact felt. We must show our true colors wherever we are. We all have ample opportunities—not only in trying to evangelise and correct social evils, but very often in simply re-directing the emphasis to the right place. For instance, recently, when a church institution was being criticised for making financial demands, it was said, "Oh, everything connected with a church is always after money." On occasions such as this we must not appear to agree, nor must we allow such remarks to fall on deaf ears, but surely should reply something like this: "I'm sure churches and their institutions don't ask you for more money than other bodies do, and surely the church's demands have more justification. At least, the church is fighting for Christianity."

We frequently hear chance remarks that would ridicule or belittle the church's effort. Let us not listen to these as if they counted

for nought, but, without being bitter, let us be true to our principles and not miss the opportunity of showing where we stand. We should speak a word in commendation of our Christian beliefs and associations. Remember the words of our Saviour, "He who is not for me is against me."

This fighting for Christianity is a big job, if we really do *fight* for it. We've heard plans like this: "We must love our neighbors as ourselves." Just that one condition in itself cannot begin to operate in any life without becoming Christian. No one can force a man to love his neighbor. We may do a lot of good, yet not love our neighbor—no, not even begin to love him, let alone "love our neighbor as ourselves." We surely cannot really love our neighbors without being Christian.

One could go on enumerating various splendid ideals for a new world order, which have been suggested in plans and charters, and each time one would come back to the point where it must be confessed that it cannot be done without Christ.

In the last analysis, to fight for Christianity means that we ourselves must first be Christians.

Obituary

Arthur John Brooker

MR. ARTHUR JOHN BROOKER, 59, managing director of J. Brooker and Sons, Ltd., of Croydon, was killed instantly when his motorcar overturned three times after a tyre had burst about two miles from Blanchetown yesterday morning. Such was the opening portion of a fuller announcement that appeared in the Adelaide "Advertiser" on Friday, Apr. 26. It came as a great shock to a host of friends in the business world, among the bowling fraternity, and particularly to the members of the church at Hindmarsh. Mr. Brooker was baptised as a young man at Hindmarsh, and has continued ever since to serve the church in that place. He was the youngest son of our beloved John Brooker, now 84 years of age, and still able to attend services of the church. Cradled in the arms of those who loved the church, Arthur Brooker grew up to give the best he had in her interests. He was president for years of the men's class meeting every Sunday afternoon. He was an able president at the Lord's table, always filling the position with dignity, and giving worshippers thoughts that would encourage them to love the Lord more fervently. He was interested in all phases of young people's work, and gave liberally to the support of the clubs. He served on the Foreign Missionary Committee of the State, and also on the Executive Committee of conference. For many years he was an elder of the church at Hindmarsh, and his Christian outlook and sound judgment were invaluable in officers' meetings. Prosperity in business did not spoil him, but led him in Christian beneficence to do more for the church which he loved with all his heart. He was a liberal contributor to all interests of the kingdom of God. Arthur Brooker was a very

humble man. He possessed the humility which was achieved in self-conquest, and it made him never shrink from declaring on which side he stood. No one ever doubted where he stood in any moral issue, for his witness was always firm and true. Both in the business world and in the church realm he was a man greatly loved and sought after. Because of his lovable, genial personality he made friends and kept them. He married more than 30 years ago Miss Ina Pickering, of Hindmarsh church, and to the union four children were born—Mrs. Crispe, Mrs. J. Marsh, Gordon, killed over Berlin about two years ago, and John—all of them members of the church. He was a great friend of the preachers, and it was a benediction to have fellowship with him in his home. We are poorer in every realm of life because of his passing; but with his loved ones, and a host of his friends, we look forward to that time when we shall meet again in the presence of the King. To Mrs. Brooker and his family we offer our deepest Christian sympathy in this hour of their sorrow.—J. E. Shipway.

Mrs. Thos. Labram

AT the age of 88 years and a few months, Mrs. Thos. Labram was called to rest on Tuesday, April 16. For more than 60 years Mrs. Labram had been in membership with the church at Robert-st., Hindmarsh, S.A. During that time she was greatly interested in the work of the Bible school, and for many years she acted as the school's visitor. She gave her talents also very freely in the interests of the Dorcas Society. Her chief interest, however, seemed to be in the cause of overseas missions, and especially for the work in India. She knew the missionaries by name, and prayed daily for them. She collected large sums of money, and from her own frugal means greatly helped the work. She was always ready, at any time, and anywhere, to help others, and do some good work for God's kingdom. Through failing physical health she was unable over the last two years to attend the services of the church, but remained interested to the last. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her. We commend her loved ones to the heavenly Father's comfort.—J. E. Shipway.

Miss Bertha Brown

THE church and the community at Camberwell, Vic., have lost a valuable member in the death of Miss Bertha Brown. Miss Brown was baptised by Hugh Gray at Dandenong about forty years ago. Ever active in the work of the kingdom, Miss Brown for several years conducted a school in the country area of Dandenong. For some years she was an active member of the churches at Cosgrove and Hawthorn. When the Sunday school and church were organised at Camberwell, Miss Brown threw her energies into the new work, and won for herself the love and high esteem not only of the church but of the community. She was the original secretary of the Women's Mission Band, and a faithful and successful teacher in the Sunday school. For years she was a devoted deaconess of the church. In these fields she was untiring, and her many beautiful acts of kindness and helpfulness won the gratitude of many non-church members as well as members. A firm believer in prayer, for some years and until her decease Miss Brown held a monthly meeting for prayer for mission fields. In the closing months of her life, in the face of intense suffering, she revealed a wonderful spirit of uncomplaining patience and fortitude. Her faith in God continued strong; her love for the Bible was constant, and her trust in the promises was sure. Those who sought to minister were ministered to. We thank God upon every remembrance of her. The sympathy of the church goes out to her sorrowing ones.—W.F.N.

Here and There

E. C. Hinrichsen made a splendid start at Enmore, N.S.W., on May 5; there were good audiences and three confessions.

We receive many expressions of appreciation, but the following comes from the Queensland conference at which thanks were expressed to "the editor and manager for the splendid work done and the valuable assistance given to the brotherhood," and members were urged to support "The Australian Christian."

Interest has been maintained over the last few weeks at East Kew, Vic. At Easter 44 young people were in camp at Upwey. On May 5 speakers were L. Hurford in morning and Mr. Wigney in evening. Six young people who had been baptised recently were welcomed into fellowship. Bible study meets regularly every Wednesday night.

The Victorian Y.P. Department has arranged a continuous working bee at the Waterman Memorial Camp Site, Monbulk, from May 20-31, and desires the services of men for one or more days on various construction works. There is no greater joy in the Christian life than the experience of using one's strength and ability in creative work. Those able to assist should get in touch with the Y.P. Department.

The secretary of the executive committee of the Churches of Christ Federal Conference, T. Butler, advises that it is not possible to secure travel concessions, either in fares or priorities, and individuals who propose to go to the Federal Conference, to be held at Adelaide from September 3-8, must make their own transport arrangements. Efforts are being made to secure the sympathetic co-operation of the various Railway Commissioners throughout the Commonwealth so as to make it easier for delegates to secure rail bookings.

Victorian preachers and secretaries are asked to note the arrangements in hand for a remembrance service to be held in the Independent Church on Monday, June 10, at 7.45 p.m., to coincide with victory celebrations. This will be representative of the four bodies—Baptist, churches of Christ, Congregational and Salvation Army. The names of all our men and women who gave their lives while on service will be printed on the order of service. As notified in a circular to the churches, all names to be included must reach the conference office by May 8.

"We realise that, as perhaps never before, a choice is offered to mankind. Twice in my lifetime a war has brought sorrow to mankind. Should there be a third World War, the long upward progress toward civilisation may be halted for generations, and the work of myriads of men and women through the centuries be brought to nought. . . . Let us be clear as to what is our ultimate aim. It is not just the negation of war, but the creation of a world of security and freedom, of a world which is governed by justice and the moral law. We desire to assert the pre-eminence of right over might and general good against selfish and sectional aims."—Mr. Attlee, British Prime Minister.

Crowded audiences at York-st., Ballarat, Vic., listened to good singing by the scholars, and interesting messages by Messrs. Andrews and Graham, when the Bible school anniversary was celebrated on March 30. Celebrations were concluded on April 7, when the senior scholars and teachers presented the play, "He had great possessions," which was well received. Twenty-eight young people and their leaders shared the camp at Daylesford with young people of our other Ballarat churches. A young man was baptised on April 21. Meetings are well attended, especially the worship service. Bible school is settling down to a new year. Mr. Vautier preached at all services on 28th. Successful C.E. rally was held on April 29. Mr. Andrews was speaker and interested all. Mr. McLeod helped with song leading and solo.

All Easter services at Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic., were well attended. On preceding Sunday evening, choir sang "Olivet to Calvary," with Mrs. E. M. Hutchinson and Messrs. R. Hardy and R. Helmore soloists. The conductor, H. T. S. Brown, who had been ill, has resumed. Easter music was prepared under direction of organist, Len Davies. On April 21



The Chapel at Swanston-st., Melbourne.

Miss Muriel Cole was soloist at evening service. All meetings have been addressed by C. B. Nance-Kivell. Temple Day on April 28 was a special occasion—special addresses, and an offering which has reached £657. Congregation were interested to learn that Lieut. R. M. Lyall, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lyall, had been appointed A.D.C. to General Eather, G.O.C. of Australian contingent to take part in London victory parade. There have been a number of additional scholars at morning school.

Many conference visitors were present at both services at Invermay, Tas., on April 21, when the newly elected conference president, A. E. Heard, spoke in the morning, and C. P. Hughes, of Hobart, preached the gospel. A bright "after church" hour was enjoyed, when H. R. Steele conducted the singing and the ladies provided supper. During Mr. Steele's absence on holidays, services have been conducted by H. M. Alderton, H. V. Clements, J. J. Hodgson and R. Edmunds.

A series of inspirational meetings was conducted in chapel at Geelong, Vic., in connection with youth week. At the meeting for prayer on May 2, the young people led. On the 3rd the C.E. Society held a consecration service, and on evening of 4th, the church officers entertained the young people at a squash evening. On Sunday the 5th special services were held, and young people took part morning and evening. The Sunday school has inaugurated a "Home League" whereby about 60 other than Sunday school scholars pledged themselves to study the weekly lessons and to attend school at least one Sunday in each quarter. At 5 p.m. on the Sunday about 50 young people had tea in vestry.

At close of Mr. Hart's evening address at West Preston, Vic., on April 14, a lad from Bible school made the good confession. On his return from holidays Mr. Withers was speaker at both services on 21st, when Jean Withers confessed Christ. Mr. Withers was speaker morning and evening on 28th. At night two lads from Bible school were baptised, and two girls made the good confession. Splendid interest is maintained in all branches of work. Enthusiasm is displayed in formation of junior and senior girls' basketball teams and commencement of K.S.P. club. On May 5 C. Watson was morning speaker, Mr. Withers preaching at night, when five young people were immersed, and a lady, a young man and a girl from Bible school made the good confession.

W. Gale writes: "Our new president-elect, J. Holloway, journeyed with the writer to Waragul to be with the brethren on a day that they set aside as offering day for a new move in Gippsland. Angus McConchie, of Malvern, came with us and rendered three much appreciated solos during the day. Mr. Holloway addressed the morning meeting and the writer those in the afternoon and evening. Brethren came in from Mountain View, Jindivick and other areas. It was a great day. The special offering totalled £52. We saw the big development at Millerville where the great works of James Miller and Co. are nearing completion, and where the Housing Commission have completed their first batch of houses. This town will see a very big increase in population in the next few years. Our numbers are not large, but the brethren are keen and loyal to the Restoration Movement. The big tent is at Croydon and Messrs. Macnaughtan and Saunders are in good form. The effort is under the auspices of the Eastern District Conference, which is anxious to make the Restoration plea well known in this progressive district. Victoria has two climates—north and south of the ranges. This has to be borne in mind by the Home Missionary Committee in planning the tent missions for Messrs. Macnaughtan and Saunders. Churches can help the new committee, recently elected at conference, which is about to make its plan for the year, by intimating to the home mission secretary if they desire to be included in the list of missions, and at what time of the year. With these facts before them the brethren can plan wisely."

ADDRESSES

G. R. Boxhall (secretary Tasmanian conference executive).—68 Tasma-st., North Hobart.

D. C. Ritchie (preacher Brooklyn Park, Torrensville circuit).—15 Erskine-st., Goodwood Park, S.A.

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News of the Churches

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Tasmanian annual conference was held in chapel during Easter. Miss F. Cameron, missionary on furlough; C. R. Burdeu, W.A.; and Mrs. Cope, Vic., have been visitors. S. H. Wilson concluded a series of gospel addresses on words from the cross on Easter Sunday evening, when a lad made confession. A girl made decision for Christ on April 28. Bible school held a successful tea on April 27. Scholars are still being added as result of "Happy Hour" campaign; total is now 36.

Western Australia

Perth.—Easter to Pentecost campaign began with "every member present Sunday" on Apr. 28. Morning service was broadcast. Owing to sickness, many could not attend. J. K. Robinson spoke at both services. Dawn Robinson accepted Christ at close of evening meeting.

Subiaco.—On April 14 some 36 intermediate and Y.P. Endeavorers had tea with and conducted a meeting for Presbyterian young people. Boys' Club lost final cricket match of season to Shenton Park on April 13. Girls' Club had privilege of playing "Salute to the Bible-women of India" during conference. On April 21 Mr. Bamford (conference president) addressed church in morning; E. L. Williams (Glen Iris, Vic.) gave evening address. Only eight were able to attend and enjoy brotherhood Y.P. camp at Easter. I.C.E. were compensated in part by a fine time at conference picnic (and pictures) on Easter Monday. They paid a visit to Mundaring Weir on Anzac day with Y.P.S.C.E. On April 27 Bible school teachers canvassed portions of district for new scholars. Tea and games for scholars were arranged for evening. On April 28 Bible school had five new scholars. At evening service a young man made the good confession.

Queensland

Monkland.—Good services were held on Easter Sunday, when a C.E. convention delegate addressed church. On April 28 Mrs. P. D. McCallum spoke at communion service, which was well attended. Mrs. Wilson, who had been baptised a fortnight previously, was welcomed into fellowship, and members were pleased to welcome Mrs. J. Venning who, as a war bride, had just arrived from England with her baby son.

West Moreton Circuit.—Services are well maintained. Mr. Maycock, from Rockhampton, was speaker for Easter Sunday, his visit being enjoyed. There have been a number of baptisms of late—one at Mt. Walker, five at Marburg, four at Fernvale. Mr. and Mrs. Muckert, from Murgon, were received into fellowship at Fernvale. Rosewood shows signs of improvement. J.C.E. is a happy band. Church work in Rosevale is encouraging.

Gympie.—During Mr. Fisher's absence at conference, R. Brown and H. West preached on Easter Sunday. They were delegates to Gympie for local C.E. convention. Bible school took part in convention youth rally. On April 28, morning service was well attended and was broadcast. At night Mrs. P. D. McCallum preached. Mrs. Moxon, an isolated member residing at Yandina, passed away in a private hospital at Gympie on April 23, aged 60 years. She came to Gympie in a bullock dray when gold was first discovered here, being first white baby to enter the city.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Services during Easter were well attended. Queensland conference was held in chapel, and wonderful fellowship was enjoyed with brethren from other churches. Sunday services were well attended—600 present at the three services. Mr. McIlhagger was morning speaker. Mr. Clark preached conference sermon in afternoon; this was broadcast. Mr. Dallinger was evening speaker. On April 28 S. Jenner, of Sudan Mission, was morning speaker and H. Nichols evening speaker. At a special meeting of church it was decided to engage services of a second preacher.

Maryborough.—H. C. Spratt has returned from annual holidays. During his absence H. J. Wiltshire, J. Ingham, C. Hamann, A. C. Popp and E. Leeson preached at different services. F. T. Saunders, secretary College of the Bible, addressed a well attended meeting on March 21. About 70 ex-Service men, their wives and friends were welcomed home at a supper held in church building on March 13. Catering was in the hands of Ladies' Guild. H. C. Spratt presided, and a programme of musical items was rendered. Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Ingham have recovered from illnesses, and are attending meetings again. Mrs. J. Schibrowski is an inmate of Brisbane Hospital, and C. Hamann is undergoing medical treatment in Brisbane. The church enjoyed fellowship with visitors, nine being present at meeting on Easter Sunday. Visiting artists for Eisteddfod rendered items at meetings. A number of brethren attended C.E. convention held at Urangan during Easter holidays.

South Australia

Prospect.—At mid-week service a young man, Mr. Llewelyn (P.O.W.) was baptised. R. Vincent exhorted church on morning of April 25. Evening service was devoted to youth work and church. A young man, Angus McBride, confessed Christ. Fellowship with visitors during past month was enjoyed. There have been good congregations. Work in all auxiliaries is on upward grade, and a good spirit prevails.

Murray Bridge.—Attendances at Sunday services of church and at Bible school continue to be good. Combined Easter services were held with Methodist and Presbyterian churches and Salvation Army every night of Easter week, and also a combined Bible school in chapel on Easter Sunday. The experiment proved very helpful. During Mr. Cremin's holiday at his home in Sydney, services were taken by Lin. Fitzgerald.

Flinders Park.—On April 13 Glen Pearce and Hazel Wallage were married, F. Hollams officiating. Seven young people attended Easter camp at Gawler. George Frost and Gordon Clark have received discharge from Army, and Doug. Francis is home on leave. Ron Hubbard is convalescent after serious accident. Attendances morning and evening have been satisfactory, while Bible school reached record attendance of 96. During month many visitors were welcomed.

Queenstown.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on April 7 and 14. Excellent attendances appreciated high standard of singing by scholars under leadership of Mrs. Mildrum, and addresses of L. G. Johnson, W. L. Ewers, W. C. Brooker, F. G. Banks, F. Hollams and G. R. Stirling. Collections over two Sundays, £37. School picnic was held on Salisbury Oval on Easter Monday. Scholars, teachers and parents were conveyed there by two rail cars, and a happy time was spent. At 7 a.m. Anzac Day service a number of returned men were present and most of them took some part. Mr. Brooker delivered a brief address. A. G. Hinde exhorted on April 28 and G. A. Foote, jun., preached gospel.

At J.C.E. annual meeting an excellent report showed 51 on roll with average of 44 for year. Increase campaign is in progress. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Hale in the death of her husband. Football club has again affiliated with United Church Association.

Unley.—"Friendly Word," a weekly news leaflet, is entering seventh year and is greatly appreciated. Youth Council is established, with Dr. Messent chairman and Peter Rösser secretary. One aim is to raise £25 per annum for work of brotherhood department. Welcome home is extended to Bruce Potter, about the last of the lads to return. As a result of an anonymous donation last year, a teachers' library has been started.

Victor Harbour.—Services have been encouraging, many visitors meeting with church and enjoying fellowship. The church enjoyed visit of S. E. Riches in connection with Mission to Lepers. The small meeting at Port Elliot gave the whole of the morning offering, and a good response was received from Victor Harbour church in evening. With deep regret the church heard the letter read from Mr. Collins of his resignation as preacher. All auxiliaries are working steadily and happily.

Kilburn.—On April 28, attendances at 10 a.m. Bible school and 11 a.m. service were 44 and 49 respectively, a new record in each instance. A. McKenzie, from Prospect church, presided and A. E. Brown gave a helpful address. Young Worshippers' League had 20 present. Committee of oversight met on April 24. Work to date was reviewed, and an aggressive programme planned. A canvass of district is planned with assistance of young people from Prospect, Nailsworth and Croydon churches. Prospect church through its board of officers is rendering splendid assistance.

Forestville.—Work progresses favorably, and happy times are enjoyed. Leonard Cornwell, director Malayan Mission, spoke on morning of April 14, followed by a well-attended lantern lecture on evening of April 15. Kathleen Stoneman and Robert Edwards were married on April 13. Bible class enjoyed a visit to "Amscol." Welcome home social given to returned Service men was a great success. Dorcas annual meeting on April 17 had splendid attendance. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Keith Crosby on "Women's Work in England During the War." Items were given by Mesdames Bowden, Walkley and Thomas, and afternoon tea was served. Mr. Green gave a well attended lantern lecture on April 30 on Ooldea mission during his 19 years on the station. Bible school is preparing for anniversary and has good attendances. Bible school offering of £1/11/- for aborigines committee was reported to be first direct offering by a Bible school in S.A. Church and school are more missionary minded since Mr. and Mrs. Hammer left Forestville and went to Carnarvon as missionaries.

Cottonville.—A number of young people attended mystery hike conducted by Youth Department on April 27 as a commencement to Youth Week. Mr. Brooke gave appropriate addresses, with young people assisting in evening on following Sunday. In morning I.C.E. visited Edwardstown West. Endeavorers had charge of meeting. Easter services were well supported. A combined Good Friday service was held at Hawthorn Presbyterian church. Reference was also made on April 21 to Anzac Day. Misses Shearing, McDonald, Maxine Hogen, Sam. and Alison Lythgoe and Don Mortimer and Geoff Gentle attended Youth Department camp at Gawler. A good commencement has been made with Young Worshippers' League with Miss Hilda Shearing superintendent; 20 enrolled so far. A boys' club has been inaugurated for ages 9-14 with Jack Coventry, recently discharged from Navy, leader. Two teams are being entered in girls' basketball association. Table tennis club is to commence season shortly. Mrs. Aird has been appointed secretary to Ladies' Auxiliary,

which has raised £1/5/- for aborigines week, and by medium of 1/- per member an amount will be raised for living link, Mrs. Bruce Coventry, missionary in India. Miss Margaret McFarlane, from Balaklava, has been welcomed, and her assistance in kindergarten is appreciated. Ron Munro, A.I.F., has been transferred to N.S.W. Sgt. Bob Caldicott has arrived in Australia from Rabaul. Ray Aird and Alan Gloyne are the only two still out of Australia. Mrs. Cliff Butler and Mrs. Rowland Butler are progressing following operations. Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Powell have been ill. Mrs. Mableson is much improved.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Mr. Beiler spoke at both services on April 21. At close of gospel appeal four girls from Bible school confessed Christ. On April 24, half-yearly business meeting of church was held. Four retiring deacons (F. Hartell, J. Roberts, H. DeLaine and A. R. Paterson) were re-elected. G. Ellis, V. Lanyon, H. Neuling, and C. Wood were added to diaconate. Morning service on April 28 was broadcast, Mr. Beiler speaking. Choir rendered special singing with Miss M. Leedham soloist. At close of service Mr. Beiler spoke briefly on duties of deacon, and then extended the hand of welcome to four newly appointed deacons. On May 5, officers and wives entertained Bible school teachers and senior scholars at tea. At evening service several young men took part, and a young people's choir rendered special singing. Church extends sympathy with Mrs. Angel in death of her husband.

New South Wales

Marrickville.—Bible school held an inter-house talent quest on April 27. Several good musical and elocutionary items were given, "Shorey" house being adjudicated winner. Crowded services were held on 28th, when special reference was made to Anzac Day. Bible class attended combined Anzac service in local town hall.

Dareton.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on April 14, and Mr. Chivell delivered appropriate addresses. Goods received were donated to Wentworth Hospital. A social evening was held on 15th, when it was announced that over three tons of dried vine fruits had been donated to church by members. Several new scholars have been added to school as a result of special campaign. Mission Band had first meeting for this year on April 9. On 28th Dr. Schwarz, of Wentworth, took gospel meeting, Mr. Chivell being at Mildura.

Broken Hill.—During past few weeks work has continued favorably. Gospel services have been attended by a number of non-members. On Good Friday at 10.45 a.m., a communion service was well attended, and afternoon and evening Christian Endeavor Union meetings were conducted at Wolfram-st., led by union president, H. E. Paddick. On April 26 an enjoyable afternoon was spent by sisters of church with aged Mrs. Preston in celebrating her 83rd birthday. At Wills-st. special afternoon and evening took place on April 28 for Bible school for beginning of Youth Week. Scholars were entertained at tea by teachers, and gospel service was commenced by Mr. Paddick with song service. About 25 scholars of school and 20 adults were present at service, and scholars rendered items.

Burwood.—Recent visitors included A. W. Stephenson on conference Sunday; Mrs. and Miss Shannon, of Caulfield, and Mrs. Haughton, of Yarrowonga, Vic., F. T. Saunders, of the Federal College, and Lieut. Jack Budgen, of Bankstown, on April 28. The 26th annual business meeting was held on May 1, when board of officers and auxiliaries presented reports of good progress. There were 10 added by faith and baptism, including 2 from school, and 12 by transfer, roll now standing at 236, with 160 on active roll, 35 isolated and 41 supplementary. Officers were elected: Elders,

W. R. Avenell, P. H. Morton, W. D. Smith; deacons, P. Chipperfield, C. G. Gwynne, E. E. Leach, G. Marley, N. H. Somerville, E. T. Vears, R. H. Wakeley and S. C. Woolley (conference secretary). Total income for year in general fund was £730/18/11, and conference committees and appeals £382/14/9. Church anniversary service was held on May 5, when officers were set apart by special prayer, and items were rendered by choir to good attendances. The preacher, D. Wakeley, spoke at both meetings.

Bexley North.—During conference week, church enjoyed fellowship with many country visitors, and G. Brown, preacher of Grafton church, spoke at both services on April 7. On April 13, cricket club held a social to celebrate winning "C" grade district competition. J. Dowding was captain of team. On April 14 F. E. Alcorn, of Ashfield, gave a helpful address. J. Henderson spoke at night, when cricketers took part in service. Services on April 21 were conducted by L. C. Yelds and W. French (Hurstville), owing to absence of J. Henderson at youth camp. On April 27, Bible school held a social evening, when an offering of £4 was taken for youth work. J. Henderson conducted both services on April 28. At gospel meeting members of Kingsgrove and Bexley cadet nursing and ambulance brigade attended in uniform. Cadet Betty Gosling rendered a beautiful solo. Meetings averaged 62 at breaking of bread and 65 at gospel service for month. Church expresses sympathy to family of Mrs. A. Benjamin (nee Jean Bint).

Georgetown.—E. Oswald exhorted on April 7. R. Fraser was preacher in evening, when a lad from East Lambton Bible school confessed Christ. S. W. Vanham preached at both services on April 13. Morning service on April 21 was broadcast, and Easter evening service was well attended. Mr. Vanham conducted service in chapel on Good Friday morning. W. Fraser conducted a lantern service at East Lambton on April 13. On April 28, when R. Fraser preached at East Lambton, a married man and two young people confessed Christ. "How does Your Garden Grow?" campaign has added over 20 to various departments of Georgetown Bible school and several to East Lambton school. Mrs. Bell has been appointed leader of Junior C.E. and W. Fraser is leader of Intermediate Society. Chapel and furnishings are being painted and renovated by volunteer labor. R. Street, H. Farrow and D. Raine are home on leave. Mrs. and Miss West, of Rockhampton (Qld.), had fellowship on April 28. Mesdames Vanham and Jones, and baby Mudge, are out of hospital. Ladies and young people conducted house-to-house canvass of district in Food for Britain appeal with good results.

Albury.—J. W. Lewis is making his presence felt. Sunday school formed a choir, and competed in Albury Eisteddfod, gaining first place from Methodist S.S. choir with 85 points to 64. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Sampson for training choir. First church picnic was held enjoyably at Little River on Easter Monday, about 56 making the trip. A young people's club has been formed. Miss Norma Clifton is taking over J.C.E., which had not been meeting for some time. Men's Fellowship, held on first Sunday afternoon of each month, is helpful, and at last meeting Ian Sproule gave a talk on experiences whilst a prisoner of war, and carrying on guerilla warfare in Italy, and eventual escape to France. On Good Friday there was a combined service held in Presbyterian church with good attendance. Church regrets to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Aitken and family, also to the Preston family. Mr. Aitken held office for about seven years, and Mrs. Aitken was church organist for almost as long. A social was tendered them on April 20, and on Sunday, 28th, a fellowship tea was held to say farewell. Mr. Lewis presented them with gifts of appreciation. Both families are going to Melbourne. Church welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, from Wagga.

Victoria

Shepparton.—On April 30 a baptismal service was held, and at close of service a young lady made the good confession.

Newmarket.—On April 28 Mr. Allison addressed both services. On May 5 Youth Day was observed. Young men of the church took charge of morning service. Miss Joan Sullivan was soloist. Mr. Allison addressed gospel service.

French Island.—Monthly visiting speaker, Mr. Collingwood, of the college, conducted services. Lord's Supper was prepared at home of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick. Gospel service in hall was well attended. At conclusion Beryl Broderick confessed Christ.

Prahran.—Youth tea and social were held on May 4. There was a church parade of Good Companions and Explorers on May 5, when two Bible school scholars confessed Christ. Parcels are still being sent to Bulwell, England. Total packed to date is 120.

Bentleigh.—For some months it has been the desire of church to form a choir, as it was felt that it would be an asset to Sunday evening services. Members interested met and decided to invite Claude Gadge to organise and start choir, and he has consented to do so.

Emerald.—On April 28, F. N. Lee took both services, and addressed scholars in Bible school. On May 1 a special meeting of church members unanimously approved a decision of board of management of church, appointing a 1946 exit student of college first full-time resident preacher, to be inducted into the work on Dec. 22.

Hampton.—On May 4 the Sunday school held an exhibition, together with competitions in scripture reading and solos. Y.P. offering on 5th was £26/11/5. A young people's tea was enjoyed. At night a youth service was conducted, and after an address by C. L. Lang a Bible class scholar, Eileen Gordon, and Janet Bird, of the school, confessed Christ. Four gas heaters have been installed in chapel.

Cheltenham.—On April 14, 250 attended a combined service in chapel, when combined choirs rendered "The Crucifixion." On April 29 Explorer Club enjoyed a visit from Oakleigh club. E. A. LePage has been elected chairman of official board for ensuing year. On May 5 Trevor Robinson, from college, spoke in morning. A youth tea was held, and a youth service at 7 p.m., young people assisting in service.

Footscray.—On April 28, after a period of five years, D. C. Ritchie closed his ministry with church, to begin at Brooklyn Park, S.A. Two young men, senior members of Bible class and club, who had previously made the good confession, were baptised. At close of service expressions of appreciation were made of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie's ministry. Many friends from local churches and organisations were present. A cheque was presented as a token of gratitude.

Boronia.—The church met with combined churches in theatre for last two Sunday nights. £25 of the anniversary offering has been sent to relieve famine in India. It was when he was a student preacher that Dr. Garnett, of America, last addressed the friends and others to whom he gave an inspiring message on April 28. Sunday school has increased attendances. Youth work is developing under R. Graham's leadership. Newly formed tennis club has won first two matches in competition.

Dandenong.—At morning service on April 28 and on May 5 a sister and a brother were welcomed into fellowship, and on April 28 Mr. Youens, on behalf of church, made presentation to Irene Cardie and Frank Barrot. Mr. Youens conducted the ceremony when these young people were married in the chapel on

May 4. Church is glad to have Mrs. Flett and family back, after holiday in Queensland. C.M.A. continues to meet monthly, C. C. McPhee, Y.M.C.A. representative, addressing April meeting.

Surrey Hills.—Meetings keep well up to average. Over last six months church has appreciated an interim ministry by Mr. Rasmussen, whose addresses were forceful and inspiring. Monthly evening youth service still proves its worth; good attendances are noted. 28 of the young people spent a time of fellowship and study at Macedon during Easter. At a recent meeting of the board I. Dickason was welcomed to position of church secretary.

Montrose.—On April 29 Sunday school anniversary services were held with fine meetings. Service for children in afternoon was largely attended, when Mr. Graham, from Boronia, was speaker. After the address he distributed prizes to scholars. In evening Mr. Williams gave an interesting illustrated talk. A feature of meeting was the singing by children. School now is at its best for some time, there being 30 scholars on roll. Mr. Williams and his staff of teachers are doing a fine work.

Horsham.—On April 28 a young lady, previously baptised, and Mrs. W. Harmer, by transfer from Ascot Vale, were welcomed. There were splendid attendances, and another young lady made the good confession at evening service. Many strangers were present. Junior Christian Endeavor is having an average of 32 attending. The series of illustrated addresses on "Pilgrim's Progress" took well. Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hovey in the sudden and severe loss of their baby son.

Yarrawonga.—Sunday school anniversary was held on April 7. L. Dudley, from Echuca, the preacher 11 years ago, was speaker for day, and happy fellowship was enjoyed. Children sang well under baton of J. Houghton, and prizes were presented at a social on Monday night. Deep regret is felt at departure of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones and family to Melbourne. Ladies of Mission Band made a presentation to Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Jones was presented with a reading lamp; the children also received gifts at Mulwala S.S.

Balwyn.—Morning services during April were splendidly attended. Average weekly communicants, 146. On May 1 a church social was held to enable members who linked up with church during Macnaughtan-Saunders mission to become acquainted with church folk. Mission offering now totals £208. At close of address on April 28, three young folk were baptised. Mr. Banks, of Doncaster, addressed church on May 5. Three were received into membership. Mr. Modral, of North Sydney, was a visitor. Attendances at gospel services show a marked improvement since mission. Youth offering to date is £13.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Easter service on Sunday evening took form of a colored picture sermon on sacred art, with appropriate accompaniment of music and song and a solo by Miss M. Wilkie; speaker, G. J. Andrews. Young people's camp held at Daylesford was successful; 59 from local churches attended; group leaders, H. Feary, B. Feary, G. Andrews, A. Graham, R. Vautier, Miss Franklin. Speakers on Easter Sunday, W. Reid, T. Maxwell. At midweek meeting on Apr. 24, W. W. Saunders gave an interesting talk on his mission work in conjunction with K. A. Macnaughtan. At midweek meeting on May 1, conference delegates Mrs. Bailey, W. Benson and J. Wilkie gave a summary of Victorian conference. At this meeting E. Davey was welcomed after serious accident. Mrs. Methven shows improvement in health. E. H. Price continues to make progress, but is still confined to his home.

BIRTHS

GEAKE (nee Small).—On May 5, at Myross, to Lily and Bob—a son (Robert Ian). Both well.

MAIN.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Main, at Port Kembla, April 19—a son (Alexander Richard).

READ (nee Jess Moffat).—On March 28, at "Lynwood" private hospital, to Jess and Horrie, Doncaster—a daughter (Ann).

STEELE.—On April 28, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. R. Steele, of 80a Elizabeth-st., Launceston, Tas.—a son (Trevor Keith).

DEATH

HOVEY.—Suddenly, at 29 O'Callaghan's-pde., Horsham, on April 26, Christopher Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hovey, aged 5 months. "Severed only till he come."

IN MEMORIAM

CROSSFIELD.—In loving memory of our beloved daughter Dorothy, called home May 11. We loved you well, but Jesus loved you best. Good night! Good night!

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DICKENS, Emma Mary.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who was called home on May 7, 1945. Blest be her peace.

—Inserted by Eileen and Vernon.

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1946-47 Conference Committee

A PRELIMINARY meeting of the newly-elected Victorian conference committee was held on Friday, May 3, and attended by B. J. Combridge, president of conference, and Mrs. Washfold, president of Women's Conference, the Women's Social Service Auxiliary, and co-opted members. Mrs. Gill, retiring president of committee, expressed a welcome to visitors, who offered congratulations and good wishes for another record year. Refreshments were provided, and an hour of social intercourse was greatly enjoyed. S. Neighbour, a vice-president for the past two years, was elected president; vice-presidents, W. A. Brown and F. P. Chipperfield; secretary, Will. H. Clay; associate secretary, W. T. Atkin; treasurer, R. A. Strongman; field representative, F. E. Buckingham.

Food for Britain

A letter received from W. Lister, chairman of the Social Service Committee of the British churches, has requested us to express their sincere thanks to all who have sent parcels of food to them during recent months. An effort is being made to discover the names of recipients with a view to their publication in our Australian church papers. We are still waiting for names of those to whom we may direct that parcels be sent. It would appear that there is a hesitancy on the part of members who, without doubt, are very much underfed, to present their claims.

An Exposure of King Beer

We are indebted to W. Lister, of England, for the following information:—

"Sir Ben Smith, the controller of food for the British Government, was sent to America to ask for more grain, but the same man refuses to reduce the supplies to the brewers. The supply of eggs is restricted, and cattle food is reduced to lowest possible minimum, but the quota of grain supply to the brewers is on the 1939 level. Bakers have had their supplies reduced 50 per cent. and even more.

"The Food Controller was asked to let the people have more eggs and replied, 'We are getting 50,700 tons of shell eggs from abroad, which takes up 6 million cubic feet of shipping space. To supply the same amount of eggs in this country would require 380,000 tons of feed, requiring 19 million cubic feet of shipping.' However, shipping space is not questioned when beer is the consideration. Brewers use each year 800,000 tons of grain and 96,000 tons of sugar. Lord Arnold pointed out in the House of Lords that if beer were cut 50 per cent. there would be sufficient food for poultry to ensure 12 billion eggs for the people.

"The people of Britain are existing on a reduction of 9000 tons of meat, 5000 tons of bacon, 4000 tons of butter and 3000 tons of dried fruit each week less than the quantities consumed in pre-war days. Sir Ben has recently allowed 36,000 tons of grain to go to Eire to the well-known firm of Guinness for conversion to beer and stout. The brewers continue their stranglehold on the government which they had all through the war."

Since the letter referred to was received, a further reduction has been made to the people's bread supply, and bread is rationed. Mr. Lister fears that the consequences may be disastrous for the country, for a storm is brewing.

Brewers and publicans are also powerful

in Australia. Our Premier, Mr. Cain, doubtless in response to representation, has declared that hotels will remain open on Victory Day. This may be a reward for the part beer played in bringing victory. It is hard to believe that we have a free Parliament. The opposition dare not challenge the government on the liquor question either in State or Federal Parliament. We are left to judge what part liquor plays in appointing governments and also in defeating them.

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Much inspiration was received from Mrs. McCallum, of N.S.W., who spoke on "Women's Work in the Church."

The president, Mrs. E. T. Lade, based her address on "Love."

Mr. and Mrs. Finger, of the New Hebrides, brought news of the work being done in the Islands, and necessary work still waiting to be done, when they are able to have more workers with them on this field.

Mrs. E. T. Lade was again elected president. Other executive officers are: Vice-presidents, Mrs. P. C. D. Alcorn and Mrs. W. V. Mills; secretary, Mrs. M. E. Fulton; assistant secretary, Mrs. G. E. Bates; treasurer, Mrs. E. Machin.—M. E. Fulton.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

RESTORATION AND UNITY

I THINK the paragraph in Open Forum of April 17 number of "A.C.," "Restoration and Unity," is unfair, and in some respects untrue. I read the editorial of March 6 and found in it nothing to discourage, but a candid presentation of the uncompromising truth, and to compromise with truth ultimately spells defeat, and union with those who belittle the commands of Christ would only mean weakness.

Our brother writes, "Baptism is a small part of what is involved in surrender to Christ, but we make it the major part." The latter part of this statement is untrue, as all who are familiar with the teaching of the churches of Christ can testify, as we know it is given only the rightful place which Christ gave it, and the same Lord said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commands." We gain nothing by joining hands with those who regard it an unimportant thing to water down the teaching of the word.—E. G. Rose, Haven, Vic.

THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

1. Why must it be assumed, as K. A. Macnaughtan does in his letter, that those who insist that part of our historic position commits us to seek union, necessarily seek it "by compromise"? It is this refusal to give the other man the credit for honest sincerity that disrupts the church.

2. The same letter suggests that the main difference separating us from other churches is in the practice of baptism. It is this total misrepresentation of our message which drives some of us to protest. This difference arises from others far more fundamental, such as the nature of the church. Even if complete unanimity on this ordinance were secured, Christian unity would be as far off as ever.

3. Preaching such as this letter reflects, in fact adds some to our membership; but it also antagonises many others and prevents our movement being genuinely understood;

therefore it actually hinders both unity and restoration on the basis preached. It is surely better to add Christians (from the 90 per cent. of the public not attending church) to the body of Christ, than to add further confusion to a divided church. Then it is well to remember that the New Testament church was united, and there cannot be restoration until that also is restored; I am aware that some talk of the unity of the invisible church, but this was just another heresy to the minds of our pioneers.

4. Many of us know that it is possible to be true to all the elements in our "plea." The search for unity through the modern Ecumenical Movement insists that there is not to be any compromise, but rather a sharing with others of the truths we hold. This again is true to our past, or have we forgotten that we are Christians only, but not the only Christians? Arrogance says, "We alone have the truth, join us"; the Restoration Movement says, "The New Testament is our real foundation, let's all get back on it."—W. S. Lowe, Brighton, Vic.

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The relation was evident on a recent Lord's day, when Mr. Stanbury based his sermon on Isaiah 6, and Luke 8: 1-21, under the title, "Unto You it is Given to Know." "At a certain church conference—not our own"—said the preacher, "the president began to ask the secretary about a man in the assembly. When that official replied with a slighting remark, the president suggested he was mistaking the inquiry, that the man meant was the bald-headed man near the aisle. Said the secretary, 'Yes, I mean that man too; his head is bald on the inside as well as on the outside!'" Mr. Stanbury insisted that, in view of our mental equipment, our opportunities to learn, and God's ministries of grace, we should not lack an intimate and personal understanding of the soul.

We are given to know "An Awareness as God's Volunteers." Isaiah knew a sense of God, a sense of sin, an awareness of God's dealing with sin, and also a great desire for service—"Here am I, send me!" Men and women who companied with Jesus knew a similar, though heightened experience. Coming over the centuries, this is true still, as when Alfred Tucker put down his brush from painting a lost woman and went out to minister to needy people in Africa.

We are given to know "The Nature of God's Hardships." Thus Isaiah's startling commission, as though the most obvious result of his work would be a stirring and stiffening of resistance in the hearts of men. Or as Jesus told his volunteers, the work was like sowing good seed on a hard track, in shallow soil or among thorns. However, it was not in parables, so much as in the cross that Jesus revealed most startlingly, the nature of the hardships of God, which his servants must be prepared to share.

But we are given to know also "The Power of God's Encouragements." Isaiah was given to know the hopeful doctrine of God's remnant. Jesus gave men to know the wonder of the multiplied harvest from such seed as falls into good soil. Moreover, he gave assurance that God, more surely than man, will never suffer the snuffing of his candle by bed or bushel.

"To a young airman equipped with Radar these days, we can say with much meaning, 'Unto you it is given to know,'" said the preacher, "but not with so great significance as the Lord of life says to the believer, 'Unto you it is given to know.' Do we appropriate the gift?"

There is no question about the climax glory of the New Testament, but the Old Testament affords vast help by its powerful anticipations. Let us beware of slighting the Old Testament. —G. J. Andrews.

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