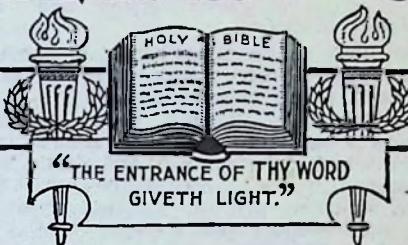


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The Bible as Guide of Life

*A revival in Bible reading
would strengthen the church
and revitalise the message
to a sin-troubled world.*

THE Bible is man's guide for the journey of life. Those who have heeded its warnings and have accepted its directions have found increasing blessings. But whenever men have ignored the advice of the Bible, they have fallen into sore trials. This divine book may not make a man a skilled carpenter or an accurate book-keeper or a great painter, but it will enable a tradesman and an artist to apply knowledge and skill to some high purpose, and enable him to get the most out of his industry or profession. When outstanding ability is directed to a noble end, we find human creation rising to its highest pinnacle. Thus Handel clothed the great Bible truths announcing the coming Messiah with such musical splendour that many generations have been stirred to praise God for his unspeakable gift. Michael Angelo portrayed the majesty of scriptural truths in great works of art and won a place in the halls of fame. This same principle is demonstrated in the life of any mother who strives to train her children to walk according to the precepts of the Bible. Men of great character have testified to the worth of their early Christian training in a humble home. Wherever we turn we find that loyalty to the truths of the Bible and to the application of its principles to life raise the standard of work in home, factory and studio.

Answers Human Problems

The Bible provides guidance on problems that disturb the peace of man. There is no better answer provided anywhere than that which scripture gives to the question of evil. The Bible points to the powers of darkness led by Satan as originating evil in

the world. It points also to the final destruction of wickedness and to the triumph of goodness. Whatever distresses exist now, there will be a day of victory when iniquity will be banished.

Human suffering distresses man. Men often wonder why trouble comes upon them. While they may understand the reason for the suffering of a wicked person, they cannot understand why the good man must endure pain and anguish. Those who turn to God's word will find some guidance on this problem, even if the whole truth is not revealed. What truths are given on this problem are encouraging and helpful, even assisting the sufferer to increase faith in God.

Those who are over anxious about the future are given wise counsel in the Bible. They are urged to set their affections on things holy and good, and to be diligent about doing what is right and just at each moment of each day. They are assured that if they so act, the future will take care of itself and work out for the best; that is the best that can be achieved in this mortal life.

Gives Hope to Sinner

The scriptures reveal to men how they may get release from the burden of guilt. Nothing is so distressing as the pangs of a guilty conscience. It robs a man of peace of mind and of health of body. It drives some to seek a temporary refuge in drunkenness or in drugs. But nothing a man does can give constant satisfaction to a guilty soul. By turning to the sacred word of God, he may find the offer of forgiveness from

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Norwegian Girls Reading from Norwegian Bible.

The Greatest of Books

Dr. John R. Mott writes of the influence and power of the Bible throughout the ages.

THE Bible, more than any other book or collection of books, has power to enlighten. Its circulation has mounted into literally hundreds of millions. Without doubt it has become the most universal educational force in the life of the world. Its unparalleled distribution of the scriptures has commanded the attention of the masses on all continents, and has also occupied the minds of more distinguished scholars than have any other writings. The secret of the intellectual power of the Bible lies in the sublimity of its central theme and the enduring character of its message. In all the many centuries, the thinkers and teachers of the human race have not been able to exhaust even one of its great truths, and set that truth to one side.

Millions Liberated

The Bible has power to emancipate. It has burst more shackles and liberated more millions of human beings than all other influences combined. One need only recall the personalities and movements which broke the stranglehold of human savagery the world over, and the clear testimony as to the motivating factor in their triumphant efforts. The same is true with reference to superstitions which have darkened the souls of mankind. Christianity as set forth in the scriptures is the best means of overcoming all forms of exploitation of life. It has indeed been the Magna Charta of the poor and the oppressed the world over. The rich and the poor,

the learned and the unlearned, the master and the servant, under the influence of the Bible became sons and brothers.

Satisfies Deeply

The Bible as no other book has power to console and deeply satisfy. The songs of life which sound in so many ears are in the minor key. To all such these marvellous writings bring gleams of unextinguishable hope. Sickness and suffering, woe and death hover all around us, and there is no other book which so enters beneath the shadows of life with such comfort and blessing. One is reminded of the words of George Fox, the great pioneer of the Society of Friends: "I saw that there was an ocean of darkness and death; but an infinite ocean of light and love flowed over the ocean of darkness; and in that I saw the infinite love of God."

The Bible Enriches

As no other writings, the Bible has power to enrich. Jesus Christ declared that he came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. It has actually created scores of written languages and has purified corrupt and degraded tongues. What book is so well fitted to challenge and develop the reflective faculties as the Bible—a Book divine in origin, original in thought, and sublime in teachings? It is due to its intensive value that the Bible owes the extraordinary veneration in which it is held by increasing multitudes. The more this great source-book of the Central Figure of the Ages of the Eternities is studied, understood and obeyed, the more rapidly will the highest civilisation be advanced.

representatives: the Germans got nothing. During the five years of the enemy's occupation of France, a circulation of nearly three-quarters of a million books was achieved. That is a fine record—something to be thankful for.

Witnesses for Christ

In China the society's general secretary is W. H. Hudspeth, one of the ablest and most devoted men on the staff of the society. When Shanghai seemed likely to fall into Japanese hands, Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth decided to remain at the post of duty even though they had been given complete freedom of movement. Both were interned but in different camps, and they saw each other only two or three times in three years, and then only for a few minutes in the presence of Japanese guards. Mr. Hudspeth, who at first endured solitary confinement for three months, was subjected to "the third degree," and both he and his wife suffered much privation. In spite of all their sufferings, they are not embittered, but only filled with a great sadness. Now they are free, and is there not reason for thankfulness, not only that their lives have been preserved, but that they have given such a splendid witness, and are eager for further service for Christ in China?

A Reading World

The society has also good reason to be thankful for the remarkable spread of literacy all over the world. I need not labor the point that the war has seen an encouraging advance in literacy in China, India, Africa and South America. Some amazing statistics of new readers have been given. For instance, it is computed that something like 45,000,000 Chinese have learnt to read in the last half dozen or so years. In India, literacy movements made astonishing progress shortly before the war and will do so again. In West Africa, the Government hopes to do much for the education of the Negro, and in South America, hopeful advances in literacy have been made. Is not all this a matter for thankfulness in that it opens up a vaster field of Bible Society service?

In the last year or two the India and Ceylon Bible Society has been formed—a forward step of real significance. This does not imply that the Society's friends in India have cut themselves off from Britain—far from that; but it does mean that India is being given a larger freedom in the management of Bible Society affairs in India, and consequently is taking on heavier responsibilities. So far from the fellowship between India and London being weakened, it is being deepened and strengthened, and the result will probably be a great expansion of the work—another matter for thankfulness.

The Demand for Books

I have left to the last the society's best reason for thankfulness—a widespread hunger for the Bread of Life. Whichever way one turns the same story is heard. In all lands where the society is operating to-day our representatives find it quite impossible to meet the demand for the Bible. "More books! More books!" that is the cry that reaches the London Bible House from every quarter of the globe. If space permitted, one could quote from the letters of our representatives who one and all declare that if they had far more Bibles, New Testaments and Gospel portions, they could dispose of them all immediately and even then leave the demand unsatisfied. What does this mean? It means, at any rate, that the Bible Society has not outlived its days of usefulness. Like all missionary societies it suffered greatly in the war, but it faces the future undaunted. —John A. Patten.

A Story of Devoted Service

THE Bible Society is thankful for the devotion of its workers in many lands, and two instances of this must suffice. When Hitler

overran France and all connection was broken with Paris, we wondered what would happen to our depot in that city. It was known that our French superintendent and his assistant had been earlier called up into the French Army and had become prisoners of war. We also knew that our retired superintendent came out of his retirement for a time to carry on at the depot and keep the work going; but beyond that we knew nothing.

The whole wonderful story has now come out, and we can reveal the proud fact that in spite of much opposition from the German authorities in Paris, the depot never passed into Nazi hands. This was largely due to



Indian Women Printing Christian Literature.

the devoted service of two women—the sister of our superintendent, Mademoiselle Blumenthal, and a woman worker in the depot. When the Germans threatened to close the place up and confiscate the property the women employed delaying tactics. They pleaded that they were only ignorant women who did not understand business very well, but that if they were given time, they would do their best to present a full financial statement.

They kept on making excuses and putting off the day when they would hand over the property to the Nazis, with the result that when Paris was liberated the property and funds were still in the hands of the society's

The Pilgrim's Book

S. R. Baker, Victorian Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, points out how the Bible provides help for the Christian traveller.

AS the Pilgrim's Book the Bible provides the essential needs for the journey of life, and this cannot be said of any other book in the world.

There is something in the Bible which fits into every fold of the human heart, and this is another way of saying that it is equal to every experience on the highway of life, and is therefore the Book for the Pilgrim.

The Bible Provides the Pilgrim's Food

Food is essential for the way, and the Bible is able to provide it; for as Jesus said:

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The word of life also GIVES life and SUSTAINS it, and thus are we able to say that we live by it. It is of this the prophet Isaiah was thinking when he wrote:

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Isa. 55: 2).

When Jesus spoke to his disciples at the well of Samaria, where the woman had given him to drink, he was able to tell them in answer to their urge that he should eat, that he had food which sustained him, food not material but spiritual. He had other meat that refreshed and nourished him, and it is the same for every follower of Christ. He has the words of eternal life and is nourished by them.

In all ages and every experience possible to man, the Bible has proved itself equal to sustain the life of the pilgrim—and provide food for the soul.

A widow's consecrated offering of £1—when being handed to one of the Bible Society's deputationists at a lecture in a little country church, was accompanied by these words: "Please accept this as a thankoffering for fifty years' soul-food. I love my Bible and would gladly collect for you if physically able."

Many thousands of pilgrims have rediscovered the truth of the nourishing word during the trials of war, and stories of men like Pastor Niemöller feeding upon the word, have challenged us all.

Like all other food, it must be taken regularly. Daily and consistent participation is necessary, otherwise hunger will follow, but the pilgrim knows if he is careful to do this he has the essential sustenance for his pilgrimage, and the food that is more than meat.

The British and Foreign Bible Society in its world-wide operations, with a depot in every capital city, and an army of more than 1000 colporteurs, is seeking to carry this food to a hungry world. It knows that food for the body is not enough, and that spiritual food is essential for the rebuilding of a broken world.

The Bible Also Provides the Pilgrim's Armor

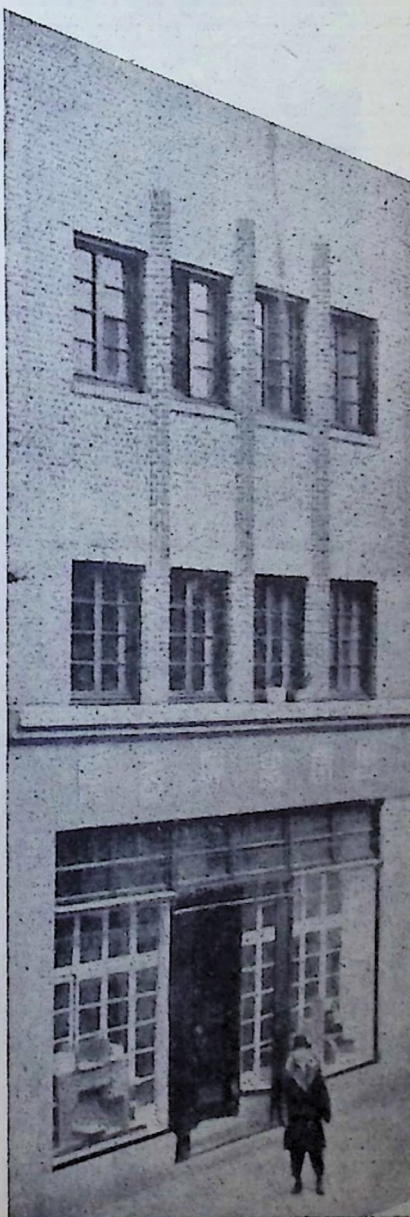
The Christian pilgrim is engaged in a warfare as well, and he must be clad in worthy armor for his pilgrimage. And here again

the Bible provides just the armor that is needed.

Jesus has shown us how the holy scripture is the best armor of all, by the way in which he used it in his temptation. Each time Satan advanced upon him, Jesus vanquished him by the use of a powerful weapon—"it is written." It was the "sword of the Spirit," the armor of triumph, and each time Jesus used it, Satan fell back dismayed.

At a Bible Society meeting, R. W. Porteus, of the C.I.M., told of one of their Chinese preachers who had been an opium sot. He would tell his audiences that when the craving for opium came upon him after his conversion, he used to take his New Testament and read until the craving left him. He would say, "I used no medicines, no other help but the word of God."

When we closely examine Paul's graphic picture of the "whole armor of God," in Eph. 6, we find that the armor chiefly consists of the Word.



New Bible House, Chungking, China.

First the loins are girt about with truth. The feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. And then there is the Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

Venture out, then, with this armor and it will never fail you.

The Bible is the Lamp of the Pilgrim

"Thy word is a lamp"; "The entrance of thy word giveth light." The pilgrim knows the truth of such a claim. All other lights on the way eventually fail, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

D. L. Moody, at his mother's graveside, said, "If I can control myself I would like to say a few words. It is a great honor to be the son of such a mother. . . . Here is her Bible; everything came from it. Widow Moody's light burned on that hill fifty-four years. God bless you, mother."

As the lamp of the pilgrim's path, the Bible has proved its power to travel to the ends of the earth.

The Bible and God's Love

A FORMER editor of "The Australian Christian" wrote and preached on the scriptural sentence: "Keep yourselves in the love of God" (Jude 21). To some of us it seems that this is still a much-needed activity of the Christian life; as important as any other activity. It is an activity.

Those vigorous in keeping themselves in the love of God find much joy in the occupation and exercise. The love of God is an envelope, where there is abundant freedom; also where there is resilience that is a complete cushion for every stress of life; an atmosphere, too, where is found the vital air for all spiritual needs.

How can one keep oneself in the love of God? The first way would seem to be to stay in it, just as by staying in a house we keep ourselves in it. The second way would seem to be by ignoring the attractions and distractions that are outside of the love of God. These are many, and they have evil ways, even though they deck themselves in the fleece. Another way is by knowing and using the book, in its many revealing passages, that shows God's love. Again prayer is a means to keep us in the love of God. Also by talking of the love of God to others and learning of it from others, we shall keep ourselves in it.

In the Bible are many statements of truth. They sometimes appear paradoxes. There is one which appears so in 1 Peter 1: 5: "You . . . who are kept by the power of God." That editor drew our attention to this. We "keep" ourselves. Yet we who do that are "kept" by God's power. The apparent contradiction is a brilliant statement of the same truth. This illustration may help. A young man of very tender years went with his mother to a busy city. At the intersection, when crossing the crowded street, he spurned the mother's hand and marched defiant across in his infantile ignorance of danger. The wise mother's feet were not very far from his. But in the years of adolescence and young manhood his steps are very close to his mother's in all mental and spiritual paths. Now he does not spurn, but solicits her advice and love.

So, it seems to me, is it with God. Our young friend "keeps" himself in his mother's love; but we all know that it is his mother who has "kept" him in her love.

If we are to acquire a great treasure, we shall keep ourselves in the love of God. We shall do our utmost to keep ourselves in it if we are wise. Yet, after all this, this is the marvellous thing, we ourselves are "kept" in the love of God "by the power of God. 'For God is love.'—F. Butler, Red Hill, Vic.

Millions of Bibles for Japan

RECONSTRUCTION along Christian lines is already under way in Japan, a notable feature being the splendid co-operation of the military authorities with the Christian forces. The International Missionary Council's bulletin reports the message which called for 100,000 Bibles and two and a half million New Testaments. "Confirm shipment one hundred thousand Bibles, two and one-half million New Testaments in Japanese language. . . . Pack in wooden overseas cases under one hundred and fifty pounds. . . . Advise this office when shipment is ready. Commanding General, Port of Embarkation, Ft. Mason, California." In the terse and dramatic language of this telegram the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society heard the world plea for the word of God. It came not only from the military, but direct from the church's emissaries in both the European and Pacific Areas." The bulletin also reports:

"In a series of carefully timed steps General MacArthur has abolished Japan's army and navy; grounded all Japanese planes and pilots, military and civilian; marked for destruction all plants that manufacture planes, munitions, implements of war; frozen all Japanese external trade; . . . seized the 21 biggest banks and the 15 biggest family trusts for possible liquidation or reorganisation with wider ownership; dispersed the secret police; abolished 'thought control,' and banned all secret, militaristic, expansionist societies. . . . The national church, which supported Japanese aggression by glorifying Japan's warrior ancestors, no longer may receive financial or political support from the State. There is to be complete separation of church and State. Individual Japanese may continue to worship the national religion, Shinto, but Shinto propaganda glorifying the Emperor and the Japanese people as of divine origin no longer will be permitted."

Christianity

Latest statistics reveal that out of a population of 80 million, there are 400,000 Christians, or one-half per cent., which works out at only five Christians to every one thousand of her population. Surely a scathing indictment of the Christian church during the past century. Prior to the bombing raids on Japan there were approximately 2500 churches, of which 271 were wholly destroyed and 184 severely damaged. Out of 2000 Japanese pastors, over 350 lost their homes. Thus a vast task of reconstruction work awaits the Christian church. It is to the Christian peoples throughout the world that the Japanese Christians must look for help, not the governments of the world.

Shinto Sects

"The Australian Board of Missions Review" reports that "there are 34,000 missionaries at work in the Pacific from one Shinto sect alone, and there are 13 Shinto sects. This amazing fact has been seen in its true colors since the invasion. Shinto missionaries had been at work even in New Guinea, preparing the way for the co-prosperity sphere. Australia is set like a Christian jewel in the midst of a pagan Pacific. One-half of the world's population lives within 5000 miles of the centre of Australia."

Report on Christian Deputation

Four Christian leaders, representing church and missionary interests, reporting on their recent visit to Japan stated: "They were uncertain as to how they would be received by the Japanese Christians, for between them were the years of war with all that that meant. On the first day of their arrival, the deputation

met the leaders of the Japanese church in an intimate, deeply-moving conference. Hands were clasped and tears flowed. Words were difficult, but the tears washed away any little differences. Later in the day they all gathered for a communion service. About 30 of the leaders of the church of Christ in Japan participated in the service."

Meeting the Emperor

"Every courtesy was shown them. At the Emperor's request, each member of the deputation had a separate audience with him. The conversation with each was on the work in Japan of the Christian church, its schools, hospitals and other institutions. The Emperor expressed interest in what the Christian minority in his land, and their friends in America,



A Japanese Peasant.

One of Japan's 80 million, most of whom have not heard the gospel message.

Britain and Europe, had contributed to the welfare of the people. He said that the coming of this deputation was a matter of consequence to the Japanese people."

Meeting with Dr. Kagawa

"He looked worn and haggard, with ill-fitting, somewhat ragged, clothes. He was imprisoned several times, and finally was allowed to continue preaching in his own pulpit, but was prevented from going to other places. Since the end of the war, he has taken on a new lease of life, and has been preaching as never before. He rises daily at 3 a.m. to prepare his sermons and plan his day's welfare activities. With a government pass on the railroads, he goes out from Tokyo and visits dozens of other cities. When asked about his physical condition he said that 'now he had not health but inner fire.' When asked what help the Christians of North America could give, he said, 'We need your prayers, Bibles and good missionaries.'"

Japanese Church Leader Speaks

"The spirit in which the Japanese Christians are meeting this new day is summed up in the statement of a church leader. 'Our people are meeting a great trial, material and spiritual. In all our 2600 years of history, we have

never met so serious a crisis. We are not grieving; rather we think we have discovered God's great providence in this. If this can become an occasion for our whole nation to discover the new truth of the gospel, the Fatherhood of God, the meaning of the cross, the brotherhood of man, our suffering has not been in vain. This is the time for building a new Japan. Japan must rise out of this despair with Christ!

Upsurge of Christianity

"Japanese evangelists are preaching to thousands and the Christian churches draw overflowing crowds. Converts are being made by the hundreds, and these are not the 'rice Christians' of another day, for this time the evangelists have no rice to offer. Thousands of Christians who had inwardly accepted Christianity now come out into the open to proclaim their adherence to the Christian church. The Japanese people are ready to hear any gospel that reaches them with a message of peace and goodwill and virtue and new life. Now is the day of opportunity."

The Written and Eternal Word

THOSE who knew their Bible saw that the claims, aims, and threats of the Totalitarian States were an attack upon Christian beliefs and ways of life; upon human dignity and personality; upon social justice and liberty; upon the rights of man and the law of God; upon all that God purposed and promised for all mankind. And the victory as it is now coming into view is a signal triumph in the history of our own times, of this divine will as it has been made known to us in the pages of this sacred book. So in this hour of thanksgiving for victory, when as one people we lift up our hearts to God, who through the strife has been our shield, let us not forget his gift of the book that gave us the knowledge of his will for times like these, and fitted us to uphold and fulfil it. He has given us more than a book, even his Son and his spirit for the full realisation of his gracious and glorious purposes for mankind, but it is in this book that these purposes and their achievement are made known. But for this knowledge, and the fact that he has in these days fulfilled the promises contained in this book, we should not now be celebrating victory, and looking forward with hope and joy to the future. To him, and him alone, be the praise and glory. Let our land, and all Christendom, ring with it.

And when the nations listen, and ask the secret of it all, shall not the voice of thanksgiving become the voice of testimony? Should not our praise be also a proclamation? Surely, if ever there was a time for the Bible to be brought forth, and placed before the councils of the world, and put into the hands of the people as the word of truth for the right way of life, it is now. Before the eyes of the world its declarations are being underlined, its promises and prophecies are being fulfilled. The living God is bringing to pass all that he has spoken by his prophets and his Son. Woe, woe unto mankind if it heeds not now this written and eternal word. And woe unto us if men know not, because they have not, this precious book of life.—Selected.

"All is of God that is, and is to be;
And God is good." Let that suffice us still
Resting in child-like trust upon his will
Who moves to his great ends unthwarted
by the ill.

The Australian Christian

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

FEDERAL NEWS REEL

YOUTH directors purpose gathering in Adelaide prior to Federal Conference to confer on the tasks and problems common to all States. They will give consideration to the shape of things to come in the world of youth, and offer guidance to the churches through their departments.

The States will be represented by the following youth leaders: H. E. Greenwood (Queensland), R. Greenhalgh and Miss Murray (New South Wales), W. R. Hibburt and V. C. Stafford (Victoria), G. R. Stirling, B.A. (South Australia), G. A. Ewers (Western Australia).

As the various States complete their scripture examination, they will forward the highest paper in each division to the Federal Young People's Department. It is hoped to have Federal results in time for announcement at Federal Conference the first week in September.

Federal statistics disclose that there are now 320 schools conducted by churches of Christ with a staff of 3545 teachers and a membership of 24,215 scholars.

VICTORIAN NEWS REEL

THE Victorian Young People's Department recently met two representatives of each auxiliary associated with the department in conference. Two such conferences each year are a permanent feature of the department organisation and provide a medium for reports, recommendations, co-ordination of plans, and programmes and a unity of purpose and action. A recommendation to issue a monthly news

reel for circulation amongst the Victorian youth constituency was endorsed.

Leaders of first and second degree Good Companions' Clubs held a get-together on Saturday evening, Aug. 10, at the Christian Club, when Miss R. Roberts presided, and Miss F. Christian led a conference on the adolescent girl.

The Victorian Young People's Department has 100,000 smiles for sale. A financial appeal to advance camp sites is in progress. Five youth units are engaged in friendly rivalry in selling smiles at 3d. each. There are 15 chestnut trees on the Monbulk camp site. Mr. W. Davis, camp supervisor, in his spare time gathered chestnuts one by one. These made pounds, and the pounds made hundredweights, and yielded the sum of £40 when sold. If the accumulated result of attention to small things by one man produced £40, what will be the result if 1000 young people are busy selling smiles for 30 days? The answer is piles of smiles yielding £1000.

OVERSEAS NEWS REEL

MISS ELSIE MOYLE, M.A., who took a leading part in the youth work of the New Zealand churches of Christ, is serving in Europe as Regional Welfare Officer. She has been transferred from Hanover to Izerlohn, where she will be Chief Welfare Officer for half the British zone. On selection for service in Europe Miss Moyle claimed that her fitness for such a responsible task had been aided by youth work.

former P.O.W. from Siam, is ably serving this committee as secretary.

Home Missions

D. R. Hill, former travelling evangelist, has been re-engaged by the Home Missions Committee to serve with the Ulverstone congregation and in the surrounding districts. Monthly visits, despite inclement weather, are still being paid to the Mole Creek district by brethren of the Launceston churches. Several committee members recently visited southern country churches, and found them appreciative of the help of Hobart brethren. The committee is exploring possibilities of extending the work on the North-west Coast.

Etcetera

The Youth Department is endeavoring to secure a permanent camp site. State delegates to Federal Conference are Mrs. Cole and Messrs. Duff, Foot and Park. The visit of the field secretary of National C.E. achieved much good. Mr. Haley purposes returning with Mrs. Haley to conduct a C.E. camp at Mt. Roland at Christmas time.

THE BIBLE AS GUIDE OF LIFE

(Continued from front page)

the hands of a Saviour who died and rose again for man's justification.

When men stand at death's door they wonder what lies beyond. No answer of human philosophy is very satisfactory, but in the Bible there is presented the hope of life after death in Christ. This is no speculative theory, but a hope that has been demonstrated in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For as Christ died and rose again, so all those in Christ will enjoy the same triumph over death.

The Bible is not really appreciated by many because they know not its truths. Many are weak in the faith by reason of their neglect of these scriptures. The church's failures can be traced to members' disregard for this divine word. When saints reach the high level of the creative spiritual life, they are setting out in their words and deeds the truths of the Bible. When the church makes an effective witness and wins resounding victories in the world, it is when this holy book is given a place of respected authority.

The Bible is God's book and man's treasure. Only the foolish will continue to neglect it. The wise will take up its hidden wealth and become rich in life and in eternity.

THANK GOD FOR THE BIBLE

THANK God for the Bible! whose clear, shining ray
Has lighted our path, and turned night into day;
Its wonderful treasures have never been told,
More precious than rubies, set round with pure gold.

Thank God for the Bible! in sickness or health,
It brings richer comforts than honor or wealth;
Its blessings are boundless, an infinite store;
We may drink at its fountain, and thirst nevermore.

Thank God for the Bible! sent down from above,
Revealing to mortals God's infinite love;
A fathomless sea with its bright, shining shore,
Where the glorified dwell and are safe evermore.

Thank God for the Bible! rich treasures untold
Are laid up in store in its city of gold;
That beautiful home of the saved and the blest,
Where no sorrow can come, where the weary find rest. —Selected.

Tasmanian News-Letter

Stanton H. Wilson

The New Order

THE New Order in Tasmania has included numerous applications for additional liquor licences. Strong opposition has been made by a militant few. Launceston opposed an application for a £100,000 hotel. The Court upheld the applicant's claim that there were insufficient liquor licences in the area. The writer counted six hotels and one licenced club all within 200 yards from the site of the proposed new hotel.

A Local Option poll for an hotel at Sandy Beach (near Launceston) was lost for the lack of 13 temperance votes, while another poll at Lindisfarne, a suburb of Hobart, was lost by one vote. Applications for licences at Geeveston and Orford were defeated. The Tasmanian Temperance Council is to be commended for its vigorous opposition to these and numerous other encroachments of "The Trade." C. P. Hughes, the preacher of the Hobart church, is also secretary of this council. J. Park, secretary of Hobart church, is president of the council.

Civic Reform in the North

The Mayor of Launceston (Alderman Holingsworth) gave evidence in Court for the Launceston Temperance Alliance in a recent hotel licence case. The Mayoress, when giving a civic reception in honor of the newly-appointed State Governor and his wife (Sir Hugh and Lady Binney) served fruit-cup for all. The "hard stuff" was conspicuous by its

absence. The Mayoress is a State vice-president of the W.C.T.U. and an executive officer of the Launceston Temperance Alliance. Two aldermen are committee members of the Alliance—Mr. H. G. Pitt and the Hon. J. F. Ockerby, M.H.A.

And in the South

Hobart is justly proud of its new Lord Mayor, Alderman Osborne, who serves tea (and nothing stronger) on official occasions. Aldermen attempted to have the keys of the Town Hall cupboard entrusted to the Deputy Mayor. To this proposal, and numerous noisy protests from a very small section, Alderman Osborne simply replied: "My mind is made up . . . the cupboard is closed." Mr. Osborne, a former secretary of the Hobart Temperance Alliance, made no secret of his temperance convictions either before or after his election to the honor of being Hobart's chief citizen. We noted that when the Governor received the new Lord Mayor and Aldermen at Government House, His Excellency ordered liquor for the aldermen and then sat down with His Worship to a cup of tea!

Bethany Home

The house at Dover is being reconstructed. There are ten rooms providing the following for the boys—two bedrooms, diningroom, sun-room, recreation hall, a large kitchen, and four rooms for the superintendent and matron. Over £400 has been contributed for the work of reconstruction. A number of excellent purchases of equipment have been made. Another £300 odd is needed to see the work of the home successfully launched and support provided for one year. R. J. Boxhall, a

Here and There

A very gracious and much appreciated gesture to the Ladies' Hostel of the College of the Bible has been made by Mr. and Mrs. G. Berry, of Lygon-st. church, who have donated a fine ice chest for use there.

A convention of Christian witness in the Collins-st. Baptist Church and Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the Mildmay Movement, concludes on Aug. 24. Two interstate preachers, Messrs. W. L. Jarvis, of Sydney, and E. H. Watson, of Adelaide, were preachers.

The service referred to in last issue which Dr. Robinson conducted for broadcast was not the conference sermon session but a special church service from Birmingham. This was the first B.B.C. broadcast arranged by our British brethren. Several representatives have spoken previously from B.B.C. studios.

Friends of Sister Isobelle Buckingham, of Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., will be interested to hear that she has gained second place, with an honorable mention, in a recent examination for the Irving Buzzard Obstetric Prize. Sister Buckingham did her general nursing course at the Alfred Hospital, and trained in obstetrics at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne.

Some belated contributions to the 1945 offering for the College of the Bible were received during August. The total offering is now £1660, being less than £1 below that of the previous year. There are still some churches that have not reported the offering, and the secretary will appreciate having the offerings remitted that the 1945 record may be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Paternoster are leaving by flying boat on Aug. 30 for Gisborne, N.Z. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Paternoster urged the church there to purchase a block of ground. He drew plans for the building, and with the aid of two others, built the chapel. Mr. Paternoster has been invited to conduct a mission during September for the brethren. We wish for him and the church much blessing. We trust the prayers of the brotherhood will assist to bring success to this mission effort.

North Sydney church has been sending parcels of food to Great Britain. Among those who replied expressing appreciation were Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Humphries, the address of the former being 293 Coventry-rd., Ilford, Essex. These sisters had received parcels from a Mrs. Goss and a Mrs. Humphries. Because the address of senders had been torn from parcel, it has not been possible to acknowledge receipt of appreciated help. Ira A. Paternoster asks us to mention these facts hoping that in this way the friends in Australia may be notified that their parcel reached its destination.

An air mail to hand from Dr. Jesse M. Bader mentions that he was leaving New York by plane on July 29 to attend the 100th British conference of churches of Christ. He left London for New York again on August 13, had five days at home, and then journeyed by rail to San Francisco. From there he leaves for Auckland, arriving there on Monday, August 26. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be spent among the New Zealand churches, and he will arrive in Sydney by plane on Saturday, August 31. Dr. Bader will spend Sunday, Sept. 1, in Melbourne, going on to Adelaide the next day for the Federal Conference. He will preach in morning at Thornbury, in afternoon at Wesley Church (service to be broadcast) and at 7 p.m. at Brighton.

To mark the achievements gained within one hundred years by the Restoration Movement in Australia, the Federal Executive arranged for a book to be written, setting out the activities of the many aspects of the Australian brotherhood. This new work traces briefly the manner in which the cause was commenced in the various States. It outlines the growth of mission work at home and

abroad. Sections dealing with youth work, literary enterprises, educational progress, aborigines mission, social services and women's work have been written by representative brethren. A story of a century, with much to encourage and to inspire, is set out for the encouragement of brethren throughout Australia and other lands. This book will be on sale in a few days. Details of price, etc., will be announced shortly.



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS PROGRAMME, ADELAIDE, S.A.

Tuesday, Sept. 3.—5.45 p.m., Presidents' Reception (by invitation). 7.30 p.m., Town Hall, C. Schwab presiding. Two numbers by choir. Theme, "Christian Education." Speakers, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Retrospective; E. Lyall Williams, M.A., Prospective.

Wednesday, Sept. 4.—1-1.50 p.m., Public Lecture, Stow Church, C. Schwab presiding. Subject, "The Witness of a World Brotherhood." Dr. Bader. 7.30 p.m., Town Hall, Dr. Messent presiding. Two numbers by choir. Theme, "The Evangelistic Task of the Church." Speakers, Dr. Bader, "The Church at Home"; A. Anderson, "The Church Abroad."

Thursday, Sept. 5.—1-1.50 p.m., Public Lecture, Town Hall, H. J. Patterson, M.A., presiding. Subject, "The Restoration Movement—Its Significance." A. L. Haddon, M.A. 7.30 p.m., Town Hall, Dr. Turner presiding. Two numbers by choir. Theme, "Christian Citizenship." Speakers, A. L. Haddon, M.A., "As it Concerns my Life"; E. Lyall Williams, M.A., "As it Concerns my Neighbor."

Friday, Sept. 6.—1-1.50 p.m., Public Lecture, Town Hall, P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., presiding; Subject, "Christian Unity," A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

Women's Conference.—10 a.m., Grote-st. chapel. President, Mrs. W. Green, conference president. Business session. Address. Speaker, Mrs. E. McCann. 7.30 p.m., Adelaide Town Hall, Combined Federal and State Women's Conference. Public meeting. President, Mrs. W. Green. Speaker, Thos. Hagger. Subject, "Commenced—Not Completed." Offering. Nett proceeds in aid of S.A. Rest Home. Items by Ladies' Choir.

Saturday, Sept. 7.—Youth Meeting. 7.30-9.30 p.m., Town Hall, K. A. Jones presiding. Speakers, W. S. Lowe and Dr. Bader (20 minutes each). Youth Demonstration.

Sunday, Sept. 8.—Conference Sermon, 2.45 p.m., Town Hall, C. Schwab presiding. Speaker, Dr. Jesse M. Bader. Overflow meeting to be held in Pirie-st.



Early this month, at the age of 86 years, H. H. Davis, of Lillimur, S.A., died. He was a Band of Hope worker, and took a great interest in the lads of the church, doing all he was able to keep them from the hotel. He was a pioneer member of the church at Lillimur. A. E. Lloyd writes of him, "I have much to thank him for. His example to me was worth emulating."

In a letter signed by the representatives of churches, preachers of all Victorian churches have been asked to observe "Bible Sunday" which falls on Sept. 8. On that day it is suggested that prayers be offered, sermons on the Bible be preached, suitable reference be made to Bible Society activities, and, if possible, an offering be taken for its world-wide work. Special envelopes for "Bible Sunday" offerings will be gladly forwarded on request to Bible House, Melbourne.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION

N.S.W. PRIZE LIST

Div. 1.—1, David Thompson, Lane Cove, 100; 2, John Main, Wollongong, 97; 3, Janice Saxby, Taree, 96; 4, Colin Wrigley, Chatswood, 95½.

Div. 2.—1, Margaret Love, Isolated, 96; 2, Ken Greenhalgh, Bexley North, 94; 3, Ivy Howell, Cardiff, 90; 4, Ivor Burrell, Gilgandra, 88.

Div. 3.—1, Beth Main, Wollongong, 99; 2, Fay Allen, Mosman, 96; 3, Valerie Frost, South Auburn, 95; 4, David Patterson, Lane Cove, 94.

Div. 4.—1, Shirley Winch, South Auburn, 98; 2, Noelene Woodward, Rockdale, 97; 3, Robert McKillop, Kingsford, 92; 4, Elma Cocking, Georgetown, 89.

Div. 5.—1, Brenda McGregor, Paddington, 99; 2, Daphne Jurd, Hamilton, 98½; 3, Patsy Hall, Mosman, 98; 4, Valerie Cunningham, Hurstville, 97.

Div. 6.—1, Wilga Wright, Georgetown, 99; 2, Ailsa Morris, Paddington, 98; 3, Jean Robertson, North Sydney, 96; 4, Margaret Leach, Burwood, 95½.

Div. 7.—1, Shirley Saville, Bexley North, 94; 2, Mara MacFarlane, Paddington, 86; 3, Daphne Carre, Canley Vale, 85; 4, John Forrest, Belmore, 84.

Div. 8.—1, Beth Stace, Georgetown, 98½; 2, Margaret Jamieson, Cardiff, 98; 3, Verlie Piper, Burwood, 97; 4, Donald Allen, Rockdale, 96.

Div. 9.—1, Mary Stace, East Lambton, 88; 2, Joan Walker, Beverly Hills, 87; 3, Colin Bowser, Belmore, 86; 4, David Brown, Hamilton, 85.

Div. 10.—1, Robert Hume, Canley Vale, 90½.

Div. 11.—1, Jean Murray, Burwood, 86; 2, Fay Simonsen, Grafton, 75.—R. Greenhalgh.

S.A. PRIZE LIST

Div. 1.—1, Patty Docking, Cowandilla, 98; 2, Helen Robinson, Hindmarsh Place Christian, 92; 3, Elaine Brooke, Cottonville, 90.

Div. 2.—1, Beverly Riches, Bordertown, 98; 2, Naomi Cheney, Blackwood, 97; 3, Judith Warland, Fullarton, 96.

Div. 3.—1, John Marshman, Owen, 88; 2, Bruce Marriott, Croydon, 86; 3, Patricia Kraft, Nails-worth, 85.

Div. 4.—1, Deidre Rogers, Bordertown, 86; 2, John Allison, Dulwich, 85; 3, Margaret Hughes, Norwood, 83.

Div. 5.—1, Margaret Magor, Hindmarsh, 100; 2, Alison Cornelius, Colonel Light Gardens, 98; 3, Joy Ransley, Fullarton, 95.

Div. 6.—1, Rae Riches, Prospect, 97; 2, Thomas Tregloan, Whyalla, 95; 3, Donald Purdie, Queenstown, 92.

Div. 7.—1, Beth Killmier, Naracoorte, 96; 2, Peter Fopp, Maylands, 95; 3, Valda Martens, Goolwa, 91.

Div. 8.—1, Frank Nankivell, Unley, 80; 2, Evelyn Jones, Maylands, 77; 3, Linton Jacobs, Mt. Compass, and Brian Simons, Mt. Compass, equal 74.

Teachers.—1, Miss I. Evans, Wolfram-st., 92; 2, Nancy Messenger, Croydon, 83; 3, Mr. W. A. Hunt, Winkie, 72.—S. R. Beck.

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Tasmania

Sandhill.—Visiting preachers for past few weeks have included R. Edmunds, H. Clements and J. Hodgson, from Invermay church. Mrs. G. Clayton, assisted by Miss M. Arnot, has commenced a club for Sunday school scholars; great interest is being taken by children. F. Daniel has been unable to attend meetings owing to sickness.

Western Australia

Perth.—Church has appointed Colin Povey organiser for raising of £450 during next three years towards brotherhood centre. Young People's Fellowship entertained church officers. Games and a period of devotion made a profitable evening. Supper was served. On morning of Aug. 11, R. A. Haley (National Field Secretary, C.E.) gave a stirring talk. In evening pictures were screened showing mission work among Service men and others in near and far-off lands. Claude D'Evelynes (Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship) was speaker. J. K. Robinson helped.

Queensland

Wynnum.—The 21st anniversary and out-of-debt celebrations of church were held from Aug. 4 to 11. Meetings led by preacher of Ma Ma Creek church—W. Giezandanner—proved of great spiritual value. At anniversary tea, special speakers were H. Greenwood and L. Burgin. Teachers were cheered at results of Bible school examinations. There were eight entrants, and all passed, five receiving honors. Three senior boys recently confessed Christ and were baptised. W. Rothery is preacher. He is planning a series of prayer meeting topics on Old Testament prophets.

South Australia

Cowandilla.—On July 19 Colin Simons organised a young people's athletic night, which was followed with a canteen supper. Bible class has new teacher in Colin Bowers. Male Choristers sang at evening service on July 27. On Aug. 7 the boys' and girls' clubs combined to give a concert to raise funds for Guest Home, and ladies provided a pasty supper. Over £5 was raised. On evening of Aug. 11, a temperance service was conducted.

Stirling East.—Bible school reports steady increase. Average attendance for period was 21. Scholars participate in work of school. On July 28 school held a tea which was successful in increasing interest of scholars and parents. The school has given well to Mission to Lepers, Youth Department and foreign missions. Ladies' Guild contributed £10 to Indian orphan; £2 to home missions; 14/- to living link (Mrs. Roberts, Norseman); £7/3/7 to Old Folks' Home. Young People's Fellowship has splendid meetings. On Aug. 11 Mr. Hindman gave a splendid address.

Kilburn.—Fellowship was enjoyed with six members of Croydon church on Aug. 11, when 19 adults and 20 children attended 11 a.m. service. 10 a.m. Bible school continues to grow; 52 attended on Aug. 11, including two new scholars. Roll strength is now 89. Three names have been added to cradle roll, which now totals 39. Progressive Hall has been hired for evening as well as morning, each Lord's day. Bible school scholars are practising for two special Sunday afternoons. A. E. Brown's honorary ministry is appreciated, and his addresses are a source of inspiration.

Prospect.—Services on Aug. 11 were conducted by R. Vincent. In morning several visitors were present. In afternoon young people had tea and held youth council. At gospel service the preacher gave an inspiring address. Miss M. Brittan and W. A. Fax sang a duet. P.B.P. held election of officers. Mrs. R. Vincent was elected chaplain, S. Jenkins Alpha, and E. Wood scribe. All auxiliaries are in good spirit.

Fullarton.—Mrs. Hutton, sen., recently of Port Elliot, has been welcomed into church. Through kindness of a friend, Mr. Manning was able to take River Murray trip, and besides holding services on boat addressed a meeting at Merbein of over 40 people from the three States. On Aug. 11 Rowland Butler, of China, addressed morning service and Glen Cain, of Ethiopia, the evening. Both services were well attended, and addresses inspirational.

Queenstown.—On July 28 Mr. Brooker spoke morning and evening. The day was commencement of his 42nd year as preacher of this church. Mr. and Mrs. R. Burrows visited on Aug. 11, when they gave talks to Endeavorers and Bible school. Mr. Burrows also exhorted church and Mrs. Burrows sang a solo at morning service. Bible school is still in good heart; 138 in attendance recently. Choir held a successful concert in chapel to a large audience, proceeds going to help purchase new choir books. Julie Brooker, granddaughter of the preacher, is still in the Children's Hospital after many weeks of sickness. Miss Hastings is in hospital, having undergone an operation, and Mr. Othen is laid aside.

Hindmarsh.—An Amateur Hour conducted by Sunday school on evening of Aug. 9 was attended by 140. Rosslyn Hallet, pianoforte solo, was first in Section 1. In Section 2 the Richmond sisters, in a trio, secured most votes, while in Section 3, Murray Wilton, soloist, was winner. The evening was interspersed with games, and concluded with a pasty supper. Mrs. Reg Price has been laid aside with illness. Miss Giffen expects to enter hospital this week for treatment. Men's Bible class had a record attendance for year on Aug. 11, with a splendid address from E. Frost. Members of choir are assisting in united efforts for Port Line group and conference gatherings. J. E. Shipway, on Sunday mornings, has been speaking on ethical values of Christianity. A spirit of good fellowship prevails within church.

Unley.—The Director of Lands (Mr. A. H. Peters) spoke at Men's Fellowship on Aug. 1. Church membership at close of conference was 230. Average number attending communion, 143. Total offerings for last six months, £501, average for general purposes being between £12 and £13. Sunday school average attendance, teachers 25, scholars 107. On Aug. 11 Sunday school took part in children's service from 5 A.D. Among visitors was John Turner, from Victoria. Girls' Mission Club held monthly meeting at home of Mrs. P. S. Messent, when Miss Hill gave an interesting talk on Switzerland. Pictures were shown. At youth service on Sunday night, a duet by Josephine and Nanette Lawton was appreciated. Doug. Lawrence gave children's talk, and Alan Redman and Allen Jessup addresses. Other young people also took part.

Croydon.—Bible school held decision day on July 21; 15 scholars accepted Christ at school session. Welcome home meetings to returned Service personnel were held on July 31 and Aug. 4. At former, expressions of welcome and appreciation were given by W. H. Parker (church), A. Pearce (Bible school), L. G. Poulson (parents), and J. S. H. Ferris (civil). Harold Holden (ex-R.A.A.F.) responded on behalf of Service men and women. F. G. Banks presided. Supper was served in kindergarten room. Chapel was filled for service on Aug. 4; Gordon S. Bartlett presided. A beau-

tiful pulpit chair, inscribed to memory of two men who gave their lives in second world war, was presented to church by F. G. Banks on behalf of two anonymous donors. H. K. Brand unveiled a new honor roll containing 63 names. This was designed, made and presented to church by Reg. Black. Thirty new choir chairs were presented to church by D. J. Lawrie on behalf of donors. Choirmaster (C. Battle) accepted gift on behalf of church. R. Vincent delivered an inspiring address. Choir rendered two anthems. K.S.P. club tendered a welcome home to club members on Aug. 5. J. Waugh (vice-chancellor) presided. F. G. Banks spoke words of welcome. Responses for Service men were made by C. Frederick and C. Reilly. At evening service on Aug. 11 seven young people from Bible school were immersed. Church organist, D. Hele, has been in hospital. Choirmaster, C. Battle, has been indisposed. S. Lawrence is in hospital with injury to an eye. J.C.E. is doing particularly fine work, with numbers increasing; 29 present on Aug. 11. At week-night prayer and Bible study service, F. G. Banks has been giving a series of talks on the Holy Spirit.

New South Wales

North Auburn.—On Aug. 10 the chapel was crowded when David Dykes and open-air campaigners took service. Robt. Hicken spoke on



The Chapel at North Auburn.

morning of Aug. 11, and in evening a middle-aged gentleman made the good confession, A. Caldicott being speaker. Many members are now off the sick list, and all departments are functioning well.

Merewether.—Work progresses under guidance of P. Retchford. Since Mr. and Mrs. Retchford came to district, contact has been made with brethren who did not attend any meetings. Recently annual election of officers and leaders of auxiliaries was held, with following results: Elders, T. Newburn, James Fraser, P. Retchford; deacons, J. Adamson, R. Audsley, L. Hancock. Mr. Hancock was elected secretary. Mr. Weatherby is superintendent of Sunday school and Mrs. Retchford of kinders. Mr. and Mrs. J. Adamson are leaders of C.E. and Mr. Retchford leader of Young People's Fellowship Club. Miss M. Milton is organist and J. Adamson the new song-leader. Much good work is being done, especially among young people. Average attendance at Lord's table is 48 and at gospel service 56, including many young people. Recently a married woman accepted Christ, and was baptised and received into fellowship. A Happy Hour session, led by Mr. Greenhalgh, was held in conjunction with a scholar drive for Lord's day school, and 25 new scholars were enrolled. A projector has been bought and lent to Sunday school by Mr. and Mrs. H. Parsons. 35 scholars sat for annual examination. Ladies' Guild held a social for foreign missions. Miss Griffen, of Sudan Inland Mission, gave an inspiring message on her work in Nigeria at a recent meeting. Young People's Fellowship Club has formed a tennis club of 25 members.

Junior C.E. is progressing favorably, meetings now being held on Sunday mornings. Church tendered Mr. and Mrs. Retchford a social to celebrate completion of their first year of ministry at Merewether. Mrs. Retchford was presented with an electric toaster and Mr. Retchford with four books for his library.

Enmore.—Delightful meetings are being conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen. After his address on Sunday night there was one decision. There are decisions at most meetings. C.E. society has a membership of nearly 40. The choir, under leadership of Mr. Collins, is doing magnificent work. During past month, night offerings have been discontinued. Notwithstanding this there has been an increase weekly of several pounds. Every department is healthy. Prospects are extremely bright.

Taree.—Whilst waiting for coming of A. B. Clark in September, appreciated help has been given by visiting speakers. L. Dewberry, of Woolwich College, gave helpful addresses on July 28, also conducting Bible class in afternoon. The church renewed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Meyers, of Newcastle, on Aug. 4. During day Mr. Meyers addressed churches at Taree and Wingham. P. E. Thomas, preacher of Marrickville church, was speaker morning and night at Taree on Aug. 11. In afternoon he visited Comboyne (35 miles distant), cheered this faithful band of believers, and conducted gospel service.

Victoria

Geelong.—Ladies' Aid held an enjoyable musical afternoon on July 31. At recent Bible school examinations 23 scholars secured a pass. Chapel is being renovated.

Preston.—Week-night prayer service on Aug. 15 was conducted by Senior C.E. Society led by Hilton Sedgman. Interesting talks were given by Nancy Jenkins and W. Pinches. Mr. Combridge spoke at both services on Aug. 18. At close of his address at night, a lad, a member of K.S.P. club, made his decision.

Balwyn.—Good attendances at the Lord's table continue. Special subjects at midweek service have been taken by church officers and Bible school teachers; attendances show slight improvement. Bible school is practising for anniversary. Interest is good. A number of members expect to be at Federal Conference in Adelaide.

St. Kilda.—Special meetings during July and August have been well attended, a series under title of "The Voyage of Life" being conducted by officers of church, Men's Fellowship, Christian Endeavor and Tennis Club. Gas heater has been connected and has made chapel very comfortable during cold weather. An elderly gentleman was baptised recently.

Chelsea.—G. P. Pittman continues to give helpful addresses each Lord's day morning. Negotiations are being conducted for a full-time preacher. In the interim the church is being helped by visiting speakers. Gospel meetings on Aug. 4 and 11 were taken by F. E. Buckingham and A. Cameron respectively. Y.P. Society is enjoying times of blessing; at consecration meeting on Aug. 6, 17 were present. At request of missionaries, J.C.E. members collected much valuable material to help in work in Islands.

Kyneton.—Winning side in Bible school competition, "How does your garden grow?" was entertained at a social on June 29. E. W. Heard, of the college, gave an excellent mission address on 30th, and overseas offering in July was a record. 20 food parcels for Britain were sent to Social Service Department, and about 20 lbs. biscuits to Guest Home. Sisters also knitted a woollen rug for Indian mission. Mr. and Mrs. C. Wills, of Hamilton, were recently received into fellowship. G. Goudie exhorted on 11th inst. P. Whitmore continues with helpful addresses, and vigorous visitation work.

Shepparton.—C.E. met in half-yearly rally on Aug. 6. G. Mathieson, preacher of church at Bendigo, was speaker. Prayer meeting on 7th was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Butler. Neil Prichard spoke at J.C.E. meeting on Aug. 11.

Prahran.—Women's Fellowship and Mission Band held combined anniversary service on Aug. 13. Over 80 ladies enjoyed a fine programme. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Paul; Mrs. Winsor Coe gave elocutionary items, and speaker was Mrs. Kennedy. School is busy with anniversary practice, under leadership of Mr. Potts. On half-yearly Temple Day on Aug. 3 for rebuilding of Sunday school, over £40 was received.

Mitcham.—On account of sickness in homes of members, church attendances have been affected. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Fish and daughter in the passing away of Mr. Fish. Ladies' Guild sent a large parcel of warm clothing to international relief; 5 rugs were made for India, and 11 bars and 13 cakes of soap were sent to social service for soap for Britain appeal. On Aug. 3 a concert was held in Scout Hall, and £5/18/- was added to church building fund.

Coburg.—On Aug. 11 Cecil Watson spoke in morning. S.S. attendance is improving; 179 scholars present, highest for some years. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. J. Bullock and daughter in loss of husband and father, who passed away on Aug. 11. On Aug. 18 a Masonic service was held, assisted by Aberfeldie choir, which rendered special items. A. R. Lloyd gave a stirring address to a large audience. Jack and Ashley Kennely have transferred to East Preston.

Echuca.—During July one of the Girls' Club members confessed Christ. Club membership has reached nearly 20. Boys' Club is growing. Junior basketball team narrowly missed winning semi-finals. A pantry social was given to Arthur Rosendale and wife, who have just moved into their new home. Ladies' Auxiliary held an entertaining and financially successful social afternoon on July 31; this was attended by ladies from all churches. A large number of visitors holidaying in Echuca have met with church. Deaf-aid equipment, recently installed, has proved helpful to some elderly members.

Bentleigh.—Attendances both morning and evening in recent weeks have been encouraging. R. J. Anderson and J. Shaw continue to give helpful addresses. At evening service on Aug. 4, Mr. Duffin, who recently accepted Jesus, was baptised by R. J. Anderson. Mr. Beddome assisted in service. Mr. Miles is home from hospital after operation, and was present at service on Aug. 18. An exchange of presidents at morning service on Aug. 11 was arranged with Brighton, N. Arnott, from Brighton, presiding. At conclusion of gospel service on Aug. 18, R. J. Anderson took confession of three young men. Mr. Baensch assisted in service.

Essendon.—At well-attended services on Aug. 11, Mr. Crisp was speaker. Mr. Thompson, from North Essendon, presided in morning. C.M.S. held monthly tea meeting; 40 men attended to hear Mr. Hibburt speak on the Monbulk camp. A colored film of the camp was also shown. At evening service choir assisted with singing and Mr. Barnett (Burnley) was soloist. A collection was taken for Food for Britain appeal. 44 parcels have already been sent for this cause. Mrs. Hutton was present at evening service after long absence through illness. Mrs. Pitt is in Epworth hospital. K.S.P. club is again functioning and reports successful meetings. Y.W.L. under leadership of Miss Shirley Hemsley is having good attendances at morning service. Mothers find it a blessing to be permitted to worship at morning service whilst their babies are cared for in creche by ladies of church who willingly give their services.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Congregation have been pleased at encouraging reports of health of C. B. Nance-Kivell, during whose absence services have been addressed by A. W. Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson's sermons have been enjoyed, and church is fortunate to have had his help during month of August. On evening of Aug. 18, there was usual monthly musical service, when choir presented music from Mendelssohn under leadership of H. T. S. Brown. Soloists were Miss Joan Arnold and Harold Helmore, with L. Davies at organ.

Springvale.—Attendances at all services are well maintained. Gospel service on July 28 was conducted by H. Long. Carlyn Nettlebeck was soloist. At morning service on Aug. 4, F. E. Buckingham addressed church on behalf of social service. J. K. Bond preached to a good crowd at night, when Joan Marks sang a solo. Evening service on Aug. 11 took the form of a combined service with local Presbyterian, Methodist and Salvation Army congregations. Speaker was J. E. Owen, Presbyterian minister from Gardiner. About 250 were present.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—A good year of service, and a goodly sum of money raised for church work, were reported at Women's Mission Band annual meeting on Aug. 7. All officers were re-elected. At girls' club's meeting on Aug. 12, 15 members had a helpful discussion after Mrs. Nankivell's talk on taking interest in politics. C.E. held a bright cottage meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson on Aug. 14. Lygon-st. cricket club has been reformed. 26 men of church met at dinner on Aug. 16, and formed a Christian Men's Society. Tui Osborne and Mr. Daffy were baptised by Mr. Taylor at gospel service on Aug. 18. Sympathy goes to Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Osborne in the sudden passing of their father through accident. Prayers for speedy recovery have been offered for many elderly members laid aside by illness.

Bendigo.—At Ladies' Auxiliary meeting on Aug. 8, Mr. Mathieson addressed an attendance of 32. A three-day silent effort resulted in £52 being raised for manse fund, which now stands at £322. On Aug. 15 an evening to help hospital appeal realised £4. On Aug. 10 Y.P.S.C.E. members joined with other societies and distributed oranges and flowers to patients at Base Hospital and Benevolent Home. At night they visited Blind Home and held usual monthly meeting there. Mrs. Stanyer passed away on Aug. 2 in her 82nd year. Both she and her late husband served for many years with churches at Boort and Bendigo. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Brewer and Alf. Pettigrove in passing of their mother. Mr. Buckingham, on behalf of Social Service Department, gave two inspiring addresses on Aug. 11. S.S. attendances are good, and anniversary practice is continuing. Jean Banninger secured a State prize in recent examinations.

Warrnambool.—C. Watts, of Congregational church, gave a talk to C.M.S. on July 28, when 17 men met for tea. Two young women confessed Christ on July 28. On Aug. 4 Vivienne LeCouteur was baptised. She was received into fellowship on Aug. 11. Twenty-two members of Young People's Fellowship met at social evening on Aug. 5. Mrs. Matthew is home from hospital. On Aug. 11 Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cleland and W. Gale visited church. Annual meeting of South-western Seaside Circuit was held in afternoon at home of R. W. Shields. All departments of circuit work are in good heart. After congregation had left building on Aug. 11, heavy winds blew in church windows, causing some damage. Preliminary preparations have been made towards renovation of church building, which will be

undertaken later in year. At meeting of Women's Mission Band on Aug. 13, Miss Fidler, who recently celebrated her 84th birthday, was recipient of a gift from the ladies.

Merbein.—The church has been greatly uplifted as the outcome of Mr. Macnaughtan's visit to district; there were record attendances at most meetings. A happy time was spent at a tennis club social on July 26; about 90 were present, including brethren from Dareton and Mildura. On Aug. 11 John Leng, of Mildura, addressed morning meeting. In evening Mr. Chivell, of Dareton, gave the gospel address when visiting district. On Aug. 8 B. W. Manning, of S.A., preached helpfully.

Horsham.—Attendances have been good at all meetings. On July 28 G. T. Black preached, and a married lady responded. On two Lord's days in July F. J. Sherriff and G. Miller gave addresses. On Aug. 11, after a gospel address by C. W. Jackel, a married man made the good confession and was baptised the same hour. F. J. Sherriff supplied for Stawell on Aug. 11. At annual Bible school examination there were 10 honors, 13 merits and 3 passes. For morning service C. W. Jackel exchanged with G. T. Black, of Dimboola, on Aug. 11.

Gardiner.—K.S.P. Club held anniversary of club on Aug. 4, when members took prominent part in all services throughout day. D. Cartmel exhorted church at morning service. R. Bolduan preached gospel. Members of club formed choir and also a quartette party. Two members of club (and Bible school), Graham Buckmaster and Graham Bell, accepted Christ and were baptised on Aug. 11. Mr. Nichols, international cricket umpire, visited 2nd Degree K.S.P. on 13th and gave interesting talk. On 18th Mr. Jarvis, visiting Baptist minister from Sydney, delivered a challenging address at morning service. Mr. Bolduan preached at evening service, and G. Hazeley assisted with solos. Cottage prayer meetings have been held at homes of Mrs. Fergeus, Mrs. Bolduan and Mrs. Gordon Sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Whittington in loss of her mother. Church football team has been successful again in reaching finals this season.

ADDRESSES

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DEATH

LEESON.—On August 3, at Claremont, W.A., Eunice, dearly loved mother of Elsie, 38. Devon-rd., Swanbourne.

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Cliff Bramley

ON July 10, at the early age of 36, Cliff Bramley passed from our midst to be with Christ. He with mother and sisters had been closely identified with the work at Thornbury, Vic., since the commencement at Normanby Hall until his removal to Reservoir some eight years ago, following his marriage with Miss Thelma Colban. As a lad he had made decision for Christ during the ministry of H. Swain, and developed splendidly in his Christian life and character, taking an active part in church and school, and in recreational activities. In his business career Cliff had gained the respect and confidence of his employers, freely expressed by them at the last. During the war years he had given service with the R.A.A.F., and was looking forward to discharge from the Forces, when he was stricken with an illness which would not permit an operation, and after a year in the military hospital, despite the best medical care and treatment, Cliff was called away. Chaplain W. G. Graham, of the R.A.A.F., assisted by the writer, conducted services at the mortuary and at Springvale Cemetery, where Cliff was accorded an Air Force burial. Splendid tributes were paid in the Services to the life and service, and the courage and fortitude in affliction, of our late brother. We commend the bereaved wife, parents, sisters, and other relatives to the comfort and grace of our heavenly Father, the "God of all comfort and consolation."—D.D.S.

Mrs. Cauocaud

WITH the calling away from this life, on July 21, of Mrs. Cauocaud, at the advanced age of 88 years, one of the few remaining links with the early history of the Footscray church, Vic., was severed. Mrs. Cauocaud with her late husband had associations with the church from the days when meetings were held in the Mechanics' Hall; and when the first chapel was erected in Paisley-st., they were the first couple to be married there. For some 60 years our late sister gave loyal and faithful service to her Lord, in the church, in her home, and in the city of Footscray. Possessed of a quiet and kindly nature, her graciousness and goodness endeared her to all who knew her. There were three daughters of the marriage, and of these Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. A. M. Hansen remain to mourn the loss of a devoted and godly mother. Owing to deafness in her latter years, Mrs. Cauocaud was unable to participate in the services of the church as she so long had done, but she maintained strong faith to the end. Her call to "depart and to be with Christ" came suddenly while she was being cared for at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hansen. The writer conducted the funeral services at the mortuary and at the Footscray Cemetery on July 23; and in doing so, paid tribute to the Christian character and witness of Mrs. Cauocaud as a Christian and as a citizen of Footscray. Of her it could be truly said,

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." We commend the bereaved daughters and other loved ones to the "God of all comfort and consolation," in whom through Christ we have the hope of life everlasting.—D.D.S.

Herbert Clay

A VERY highly respected resident of the Doncaster district and a member of the church at Doncaster, Vic., for 38 years, was called home on Sunday morning, July 7. As the benediction was being pronounced at the close of the morning service, word was brought to the assembled church of the death of our brother. He and his wife, who was called home almost two years ago, were respected by all and particularly popular with the young people. Their home was an open home for the entertainment of the young people of the district. Even though they be dead, their works still speak. A large gathering at a service at the home paid a worthy tribute to our late brother, while at the graveside at Box Hill a great assembly of people, mostly men from all walks of life, paid silent tribute to the life of a good man. During the last two years of his life our brother had very indifferent health, and at times was very distressed in sickness. He leaves behind two daughters, Mrs. D. Sleeth and Mrs. T. B. Smith, also a son, Mr. V. Clay. Christian sympathy is expressed to those who are left to mourn a father who was loved and respected by all who knew him.—R.A.B.

Ronald Frederick King

ON July 30, as a result of a motor-cycle accident, Ron. King departed this life at the age of 31 years. He was a scholar at North Essendon, Vic., soon after the work began there, and decided for Christ when 15. In 1940 he transferred to Moreland, and here, as at North Essendon, was very faithful and highly esteemed. He entered the Army, in which he proved a good soldier of Jesus Christ. All his comrades in the Army spoke in most appreciative terms of his character and witness. He had a happy and lovable disposition, and was interested in every department of the church. E. J. Miles assisted the writer in the service in the home and at the graveside. Loving sympathy is extended to his mother and three sisters, whom we commend to the God of all comfort.—W. G. Graham.



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JEWIS AND PALESTINE

THE article on Palestine's troubles by Dean Raimundo De Oives gives only one aspect of a very involved question, and in such a way as to be highly misleading. The Dean states that "in a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth every citizen of whatever faith . . . will possess equal and civil and religious rights." This is exactly what "all the fuss is about." Many Arabs, and many other people with them, are dissatisfied with the genuineness of this statement, dissatisfied because the claims of Zionist leaders themselves deny such a freedom. Neither the Balfour Declaration nor the Mandate considered a Jewish State in Palestine, and it is only in the last decade that Zionist leaders have arrogantly made that demand. The original hope was to establish a Palestinian state, in which all faiths would have equal rights, a project to which both Jews and Arabs were agreeable. In 1921 Winston Churchill, on behalf of the British Government, stated in a letter, "The status of all citizens of Palestine in the eyes of the law shall be Palestinian, and it has never been intended that they . . . should possess any other juridical status." This view was accepted by Dr. Weizmann, Zionist leader, in 1921, but by 1943 he was saying, ". . . their full status as free men, and the right to return to Palestine and to take their fate into their own hands, thereby establishing the Jewish Commonwealth." This is the kind of statement that the Arab resents. He doesn't want domination by the Jew, and in a world which prates of rights and democracy, he ought to be upheld. There will be no peace in Palestine until the Jewish minority abandons its claims to exclusive nationalist rights in the country and until the Arab is assured that his rights, quite as important as the Jews', are safeguarded. Let it be noted also that this is not a religious question; the Zionists are not primarily interested in Hebrew religion, but in a nationalistic outlook, which is illustrated in the following report of an address by Rabbi Silver (America): "Dr. Silver emphasised that Zionism is a political and not a philanthropic movement, and that its aim is to establish Palestine as a political state for the Jewish people." The rabbi is the present leader of American Zionism, and this report is from the Canadian "Jewish Chronicle" of Nov. 29, 1942. In the face of such a claim the Dean's question, "Why all the fuss?" is a little naive, especially to an Arab.—W. S. Lowe, Brighton, Vic.

PLEASE allow space to query the conclusions of the article "Christian's View of the Jewish Homeland."

The author stresses the minuteness of Palestine and the vastness of other Arab territories, which, he forgets, are mostly sandy wastes. The possession of Palestine, the land bridge between Africa and Asia, has always been important. Palestine, a "tiny notch" to Lord Balfour, is the keystone of the Arab arch.

The Jews are championed as heralds of democracy, but many of them know nothing of it. Terrorism by Jewish secret societies is just as definite as the attempt of "certain Arab ruling lords" to terrorise the democratic world. Recent

events deny that the Jews are "bringing democracy to the last stronghold of mediaevalism."

The Arabs have derived benefits from Jewish immigration, but this has been controlled, be it noted, under the British mandate. Other Arab countries released from the Turk have progressed somewhat, although without a host of nationals trained in the West. We may prescribe an infusion of Jewry for the ills of the Arab people, but by what principle can we compel its acceptance? Democracy affirms the right of self-government, and if most of the inhabitants of Palestine want exclusion of Jews, then under the practice of the democracies Jews should be excluded.

If Christian principles require that a home be found for the Jews, those who claim enlightenment and pay lip service to Christianity and democracy should afford it themselves rather than demand the concession from a backward people of another faith. If the Jews should be admitted because of benefits conferred by their presence, no country should refuse them entry, perhaps U.S.A. least of all.

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