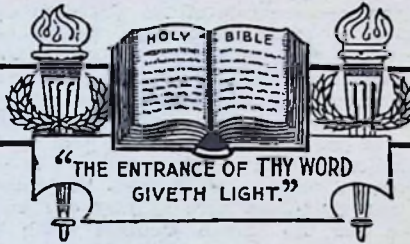


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On the Use of Words

THE same word may be used in different ways and with varying meanings. We may speak of the "blue" that touches the sky, the sea and the flowers, and thus refer to that glorious color so predominant in this southern land. On the other hand we may ask for "blue" at the grocer's shop and use it for the washing of clothes.

Some words, by constant use in an inferior sense, lose much of their original meaning and become weak. At one period in the history of the English language the word "charity" was rich and beautiful enough to translate one of the greatest words in the New Testament, i.e., agape. But continuous use of that word "charity" in a weak sense has so cheapened it that it cannot now convey the rich store of meaning in the great word Paul used in chapter thirteen of first Corinthians. There Paul spoke of a divine love that rises above human passion and changing emotion—a love that is constant. The best we can do to convey the meaning of that great word is to use the overworked word—love.

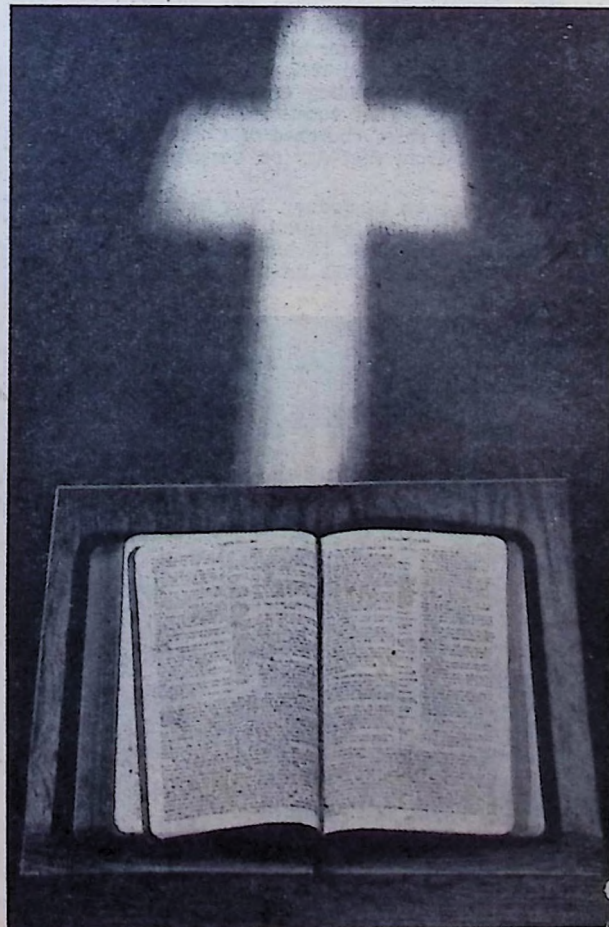
Inspiration of Scripture

Because there are several ways in which a word may be used, we ought to be on our guard when great words of the Christian faith are mentioned. Some may make use of the term "inspiration," and have in mind an experience one may enjoy when standing before an awe-inspiring scene in the mountains. Others may speak of inspiration when referring to the power to perceive the deeper meanings of life; a power found frequently in great poets and writers. Now to apply these weaker meanings of the word inspiration to the method used to guide men to write the holy scriptures is to convey false ideas and to misrepresent facts. Since the inspiration of the scriptures brings us into the presence of God and makes us aware of the spiritual breath, it revives the weary soul and creates life in the dry bones of scepticism. When we speak of the inspiration of the scriptures we have in mind Paul's words to Timothy when he wrote, "Every scripture (is) God-breathed" (Rotherham's translation).

Alexander Souter suggests the translation, "Every scripture is due to the inspiration of God." Dr. A. Cremer claims it as "Every scripture is divinely inspired." Dealing with the prophetic aspects of scripture (and these may cover a wide range of divine truths), Peter urged that "prophecy was never uttered by the will of man, but men from God, as they were borne along by the Holy Spirit, spake." (See Rotherham's translation.) It was this same Peter who replied to the question of Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?" with the words: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." To this great answer Jesus responded, "Flesh and blood did not reveal it to thee, but my Father who is in the heavens." Thus Peter was intimately aware of the manner in which God could use a man to utter great statements involving divine revelation; he was well fitted therefore to speak as he did concerning the way in which scriptures were divinely inspired. Because of the divine nature of these great prophetic statements, there is no room for "private interpretation" concerning them; they must be accepted as divine facts. That is the burden of Peter's claim set out in 2 Peter 1: 19-21.

Just as the scientist must accept the mystery of life as a fact that cannot be solved and then proceeds to follow the various forms which life takes with great interest, so we too must accept the fact of the inspiration of scripture and follow the lead of the word of God. Those scriptures will manifest their truths in blessings enjoyed while we faithfully follow them to the high goal of life. There are many facts that cannot be understood until they are accepted humbly and applied to life. This principle applies to salvation in Christ by faith. It also applies here in regard to the mystery of God's word. We are urged then to hold to the will of God as revealed in the Bible, with reverent humility, and then follow our Lord wherever he may lead. As we do that, the Lord will add grace and hope to life, and will enable us to gain victories. When we speak,

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The Centenary of a Religious Movement

CHURCHES of Christ in Australia are this year celebrating the centenary of the movement in the Commonwealth.

Those churches known only as churches of Christ now occupy such a conspicuous place in all religious activities, play such an important part in all Christian enterprises, and take such an active part in all social, benevolent, educational and spiritual movements, that they can no longer be ignored by any section of the community. In Australia the first congregation met in Adelaide one hundred years ago. These churches now have a census membership of over 60,000 in Australia, and a world membership of approximately 2,000,000.

This centenary occasion is being used to re-indoctrinate the members by a restatement of those distinctive principles which differentiate the Restoration Movement of the 19th century from the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century; a restatement of those principles which distinguish churches of Christ from their religious neighbors, and which give them right to exist as a separate body.

No movement in history, religious, social or political, can be rightly understood unless and until viewed in the light of its originating cause or causes. No one can adequately understand and appreciate the Restoration Movement without first knowing something of the religious conditions prevailing when the plea for a return to the New Testament church and primitive Christianity was first made. For our immediate purpose one sentence must suffice. At the close of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th centuries, the church, made free by Luther and his co-reformers, was dividing and sub-dividing, until there were scores of opposing sects, each anathematising the other.

While the churches were dividing there were loving and loyal hearts who were distressed over the awful travesty of the church and religion of Christ. There were those who dreamed of, and prayed for, and looked forward to, the day when all warring sects would end, and when some voice would be heard calling God's people together into the one fold, under the one shepherd.

In different parts of the world these consecrated people were weeping over the desolations of the church. They believed with all their hearts that God's people should be, and could be, one, in order to fulfil Christ's prayer. Among these men were John Glas, Robert Sandeman, James and Robert Haldane, in Scotland; Archibald McLean, William Jones, James Wallis and Timothy Coop, in England; Thomas Campbell and his son Alexander, Barton Warren Stone, Walter Scott, and others in America. These men, distressed with the divisions in the church, made a survey in order to discover the causes of divisions among the people of God. They knew from their study and intimate knowledge of the sacred scriptures that disunity was contrary to the divine intention, and they felt that there was some reason for the increasing number of religious groups that were coming into existence. Upon careful and prayerful investigation they discovered

Ethelbert Davis, of N.S.W., reviews the ideals and history of churches of Christ in Australia.

Christians were not at variance and divided over the fundamentals of the Christian faith—that is, all Christians believed then, as they do now, in God, in Christ, his virgin birth, his vicarious sacrifice, his physical resurrection, his ascension, his mediatorial office, and his return in glory; in the Bible, in the Holy Spirit, in the church, in prayer, and in the communion of saints. There was and is perfect accord there. What they did discover was that Christians were as they are now—divided over the human elements which had been introduced into the church—human names and human creeds as tests of fellowship, human traditions, human ordinances, and human constitutions. These pioneers concluded that if Christian people were not divided upon the divine, but the human, the only sane, only reasonable, only logical and scriptural thing to do would be to abandon that which was human and divisive, and adopt only that which was divine and upon which there was concord.

Out of that discovery there was born a determination to unite the church by restoring or returning to the New Testament norm. There then came into existence organised groups of Christians in various places in England, Scotland and in America, who began to plead for the unity of the church, not by reformation, but by restoration. That is how these churches of Christ have been called the Restoration Movement.

In 1884 Thomas Jackson arrived in New Zealand, and at once began to spread the plea for the restoration of New Testament Christianity in order to bring about the unity of the church. He had been in touch with the movement in England. In New Zealand Thomas Jackson discovered an able young man by the name of Thomas Magarey. Magarey became a member of the church at Nelson. New Zealand at that time was suffering an economic and financial depression. Seeking an opportunity to better himself, Magarey came to South Australia in 1845. In 1846 land was procured and a building erected in Franklin-st., Adelaide. That constituted the first congregation of these churches of Christ in Australia, and from that day on the church grew rapidly.

A young man in Sydney, New South Wales, troubled about his spiritual condition, sought help, but the replies to his inquiries were so conflicting that he was drifting into infidelity.

His name was Albert Griffin. His brother, Eleazer Griffin, a member of the church of Christ, St. Pancras-rd., London, sent him a case of books, many of the books dealing with the Restoration Movement in England

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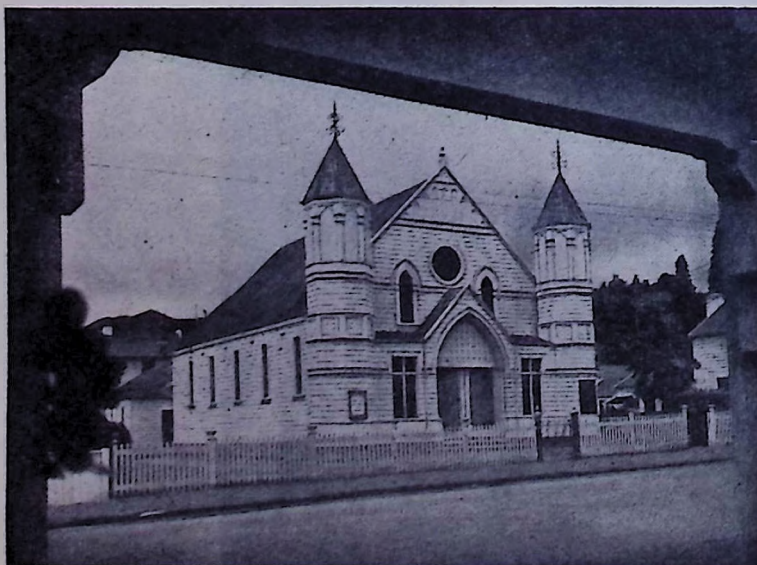
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therefore, of the inspiration of scripture, let the word have the full content that the apostles claimed, let there be respect for the teachings and judgments set out and let there be enjoyment in fellowship with the Lord.

The Lordship of Christ

We may speak of Jesus as Lord. But what do we mean when we use that term? The ancient Greeks sometimes made it an expression of mere polite address, very much like the term Sir. But the word usually pointed to the master of slaves and servants. It was a term indicating authority and power over others. There could be many earthly lords controlling the lives of servants, but Jesus is marked out from the many by the fact that he is spoken of as "The Lord." No one else on earth can be like him. There may be lords, but he is "The Lord." He gained that distinction because he was the Word who became flesh. Of him God said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus could say of himself, "I and the Father are one," or "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Thomas declared him to be "My Lord and my God." Despite the greatness of that character, he became a servant so that he might give "his life a ransom for many." While men like Alexander and Napoleon have exercised influence over people in their time, none other has guided the destinies of so many throughout the ages as Jesus has done. Upon good authority Professor Latourette declared that this Jesus will extend in the future his grip upon more nations and upon more individuals than at any time in the past. None like him has walked this earth. He stands unique as Lord. Charles Lamb could say to his group of friends who were reviewing the great men of the ages and enquiring who might be the greatest person to live, "There is only one other Person, . . . if Shakespeare were to come into the room we should all rise up to meet him. But if that Person were to come into it, we should all fall down and try to kiss the hem of his garment." Lamb was no theologian, but he was making clear that mystery in the Person of Christ which marks him off from all others. Unless our use of the term Lord makes it clear we regard Christ as one with God, Saviour of mankind, the giver of eternal life and the unique Son of God, we are not using the word in the sense the scriptures claim for it. Just as it is illegal to mix silver with gold and give it out to be pure gold, so it is misleading and dishonest to take the scriptural names of the Lord, and after emptying them of their wealth of meaning, use them in a debased sense, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us neither mislead nor be misled by the use of scriptural terms in an empty and unscriptural sense. May we use the great words of the Bible in the same way and with the same content they are applied in the word of God. Only in this manner can we rightly divide the scriptures and honor our Lord.



Present Chapel at Nelson, N.Z. In this centre T. Jackson and T. Magarey met.

Women's Federal Conference

*Mrs. W. H. Brough, of Victoria, presents
an encouraging report of helpful meetings.*

AT precisely 10 o'clock on the sunny morning of Friday, Sept. 6, Mrs. W. Green, president of the Women's Federal Conference, called upon Mrs. Pollard (W.A.) to lead the devotional session. Using the motto of the Western Australian Women's Conference, "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are well able" (Numbers 13), Mrs. Pollard urged women of the churches to assume responsibilities in service, according to ability, and in all deliberate constructive movements of the church.

The president then declared open the women's second constituted Federal Conference. Delegates from every State answered the roll-call, and many visitors from each State indicated their presence.

Mrs. A. L. Read, vice-president, expressed a cordial welcome to which Mrs. Lade (Qld.) responded. In moving the adoption of the report of the Queensland Federal Executive Committee, Mrs. Hermann emphasised the disappointment felt that the conference planned in that State had to be cancelled owing to war conditions, and also paid a tribute to Mrs. Bates for her work in connection with the thankoffering for Great Britain.

Mrs. A. Anderson, secretary, introduced the report of the Executive Committee situated in South Australia which had taken over from Queensland.

The financial statement presented by the treasurer, Mrs. Shipway, showed receipts as follow: General fund, £25/13/6; Living Link, £546; Bombed British churches appeal, £637/11/6.

Mrs. McCallum (N.S.W.), who is in charge of the Missionary Education Department of the Federal work, thanked the 30 writers who had contributed articles on home base and overseas subjects, and devotional meditations for use in meetings. 375 topic papers have been distributed each month for eleven months of the year. Appreciation was expressed by members of conference who told of extensive use of the literature.

Expenses of the department amounted to £102/6/4. Conference is greatly indebted to Mrs. McCallum for her competent consistent service.

Thanks was expressed also to Mr. Stephenson, editor of "The Australian Christian," for his help in the interests of the women's work, the "Women's Page" being described as "very lovely," and as of use also to other groups of Christian women.

Reference was made to the work of Mrs. Ken Roberts, who resigned lately from the Norseman mission.

Miss Ball, recently appointed the women's "living link" with the aborigines, thanked conference for the privilege of representing the sisters in this way, and spoke enthusiastically of the position and the prospects of the Norseman mission.

Resolutions were:

1. That as all the aborigines are British citizens, this Women's Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia urges the Federal Government to implement its policy and to make every effort to train the aborigines in the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship and make provision for the exercise thereof.

2. That this Women's Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia urges the Federal Government to appoint qualified women to all international delegations and planning boards and commissions, especially those which handle matters which concern women and young people.

3. That this Women's Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia is gravely concerned over the report that rocket bomb tests are to be made in Central Australia. This is an aboriginal reserve, where 1000 tribal natives live. As these tests are a preparation for war, and are not under the direction of the United Nations, we protest against them being made in such areas.



Mrs. W. H. Brough.

4. That we of the Women's Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia deplore the presence of the color bar and race prejudice in our country, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to promote true Christian brotherhood and respect for personality, regardless of color or race.

It was moved:

(a) That in future preferably a single woman be chosen as our living link.

(b) That, having in mind the findings of the 1938 World Conference at Tambaram, and the experiences of the churches in this country in the drift from the church of young married women and business and professional women, this conference make recommendation to State Executive Committees: 1. To explore means to hold the interest and church connections of young married women; 2. To seek for women, and particularly for women of trained mental ability and spiritual devotion, larger opportunities for service in the church, especially inclusion in membership of administrative and executive boards and councils of the church.

Dr. Jesse Bader brought greetings from women associated with the World Convention of Churches of Christ, and was asked to take back loving Christian greetings from the sisters in Australia.

Greetings were received from Mrs. William Robinson, England; Mrs. G. H. Oldfield, India; Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. Waterman, New Hebrides; sisters at Dhond (per Miss Foreman); Ministers' Wives' Association (Vic.); Foreign Mission Board; Victorian Conference; Mrs. K. Roberts; Tasmanian Women's Conference; Queensland Women's Conference; Mayfield; Dawson-st., Ballarat.

Missionaries Miss Cameron (India); Miss

Foreman (India); Miss Ball (Norseman); missionary-elect, Miss Barton (New Hebrides); and a representative from each State brought greeting in person.

Mrs. McCann (Victoria) addressed the conference on "Acceptable Service." She spoke of the special blessing and inspiration promised to those who gather for worship, and of the dynamic of personality. Meetings are expected to bring action "for the glory of God and the helping of men."

To this end careful planning is necessary. Spiritual preparation is essential. "Beauty and order" are very helpful. Practical suggestions were made concerning leadership, programmes and audience. During the animated discussion which followed, it was suggested that the address be put into pamphlet form for distribution.

Western Australian delegates, Mrs. Leslie Mathews, L.R.S.M. (S.A.), Mrs. Wakeley (N.S.W.), and Miss Mossop (pianist, S.A.) rendered delightful musical numbers. Throughout the day care exercised in choice of hymns was evident, the sentiment of each being appropriate to the development of the thought of the meeting.

The Catering Committee made definite contribution to the success of conference, and sincere thanks are due to those who, under Mrs. Bartlett, planned, and so beautifully served, bountiful meals. Posies were presented to Mrs. Anderson, secretary, and to Mrs. Redman in acknowledgment of special service; and a beautiful sheaf of flowers to the president, expressive of the gratitude of executive, and indeed of conference, for her leadership and chairmanship.

Most of the 350 women privileged to attend this conference left the building very conscious of the inspiration of the day-meeting those of whom they had read, feeling the reality of co-operation, loving the church more, and desiring to serve their Lord better.

The next conference will be held in Western Australia, and office-bearers are: President, Mrs. I. Digwood; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Gordon, Mrs. Jefferies; secretary, Mrs. Pollard; assistant secretary, Mrs. Carpenter; treasurer, Mrs. Beck; with Mrs. Humphreys as Executive Committee member.

At the evening service in the Adelaide Town Hall, Thos. Hagger spoke helpfully on the backward and forward look. A women's choir rendered several fine choral items.

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and America. By means of his reading he was led to the truth and was baptised. Other members of the church were discovered, and in 1852 meetings were held for worship and communion in the home of Albert Griffin, situated at the corner of Pitt and Goulburn-sts.

Churches of Christ were founded in Melbourne, Victoria, in 1853; in Tasmania in 1872; in Queensland in 1880; and were first established in Perth, in Western Australia, in 1891.

The need for a united church is as persistent now as it was in the days when the churches of Christ pioneered the unity plea. No one seriously believes that the present church organisations, Protestant or Roman Catholic, can meet the needs of the world today. A divided church cannot bring peace and unity to a distracted and divided world. Believing that to be true a century and a half ago, the plea for a united church was sounded out in England and America. Believing that to be true the plea for unity was sounded out in New Zealand and Australia one hundred years ago. Believing that to be true to-day the plea still sounds out for a united church. These churches now as always endorse Wesley's words:—

"Let names and sects and parties fall,
And thou, O Christ, be all in all."

Here and There

College of the Bible offering will be received on October 6. Special literature and envelopes are available from secretaries of local churches.

An in memoriam service to mark the life and service of the late R. Campbell Edwards has been planned for Sunday, Oct. 6, 3.30 p.m., in church of Christ chapel, Camberwell, Vic.

Mrs. Sargent, of 10 Audley-st., East Brunswick, a pioneer member of the Taradale (Vic.) church in Stephen Cheek's day, and who is still interested in brotherhood work, at 102 years and 3 months of age enjoyed a piece of the Centennial birthday cake brought back by a visitor to Federal Conference.

A. E. Rosendale, an officer of the church at Echuca, Vic., has been elected the mayor of the town. After his appointment he said to his fellow councillors that one thing which encouraged him was that all his colleagues were associated with the various churches of the town. That he considered was a great incentive to work together for the good of the people. We offer congratulations to our brother on his election to this important office.

The report of the Churches of Christ Boys' Home, Pendle Hill, N.S.W., presented by the chairman, J. L. Stimson, reveals a good year's work. There have been in residence 25 boys ranging in age from 5 to 14 years. In the 1945 scripture examination, conducted by the Young People's Department, 13 sat. One secured a second prize, four honor passes, and three merit passes. The financial statement revealed a surplus on year's operations of £306/9/7.

At Brighton, Vic., attendances of 160 and 130 were registered at morning and evening services of home-coming Sunday, Sept. 22. S. R. Baker was speaker at Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Soloists assisting were Miss Dorothy Clark, Mrs. Bernice Hall and A. Wallington. 110 present and past members sat to tea at 5 p.m. Greetings were read by T. R. Morris from many past members unable to be present. £188 has been received for fund to provide new baptismal and organ.

On Sept. 25, at Warragul, Vic., Mr. Byard was speaker at half-hour broadcast service from local station which is on the air each Sunday morning. Mrs. Robertson, from Maryborough, was received into fellowship. Sunday school scholars have begun practice for anniversary. Ladies' Guild held a successful stall, over £10 being raised. On Sept. 22 (Youth Sunday) S.S. scholars joined with all other schools of town in a combined youth service held at Methodist church.

Eighty-five superintendents and secretaries responded to the invitation to the Victorian Young People's Department fellowship tea and conference. The prize-giving demonstration followed the tea and was presided over by Mr. F. Broussard, chairman of the Bible school section of the department. Federal and State prizes were presented by Mr. B. F. Cambridge, conference president. 1165 candidates sat for examination. The report indicated an encouraging increase in the number of passes and number reaching the honor standard.

At Bendigo, Vic., a group of 20 young people joined with Castlemaine young people and journeyed to Maryborough on Aug. 31, when a combined gathering of Midland Youth Fellowship was held. Mr. Mathieson gave an illustrated address. Ladies' Auxiliary was visited by W.C.T.U. recently, and a temperance address was given by one of their members. Ladies' Auxiliary has also collected and repaired a large number of garments for UNRRA clothing appeal. On Sept. 15 Mr. Hargreaves, late of Shepparton, gave an appreciated address at morning service. 40 Castlemaine young people visited on Sept. 16, when an enjoyable social

evening was spent. Church regrets to report death of Alex Pollock, of Derby, on Sept. 13. Mrs. Costin is making good progress after operation. Jean Jones is still in hospital and progressing favorably.

J. Inglis Wright died at his home, Mornington, Dunedin, N.Z. Many years ago he contributed articles for this journal. He was a vigorous leader for many years among New Zealand churches. An obituary notice will appear in another issue.

Centenary Hymn

THE following verses were written by Mrs. B. C. Beller, wife of W. Beller, preacher of church at Grote-st., Adelaide. They were sung, to the tune Stirewalt, L.M. No. 123, in Supplementary Tunes, by a congregation of 500, at the Grote-st. Centenary Sunday morning service.

*Lord of the years! To thee we raise
Our grateful sacrifice of praise.
Thy love has crowned the passing
years,*

We thank thee for our pioneers.

*Through circling years, thy light and
love*

*Led as a star of God above.
Firmly and strong thy temples stood,
High symbols of our brotherhood.*

*And through the years, each age
made known*

*Thy matchless love afar, at home.
In vibrant voice thy servants true
Have told the world the Christ they
knew.*

*One hundred years the Christ made
known!*

*Thousands of lives their Saviour own!
Through changing years and mercies
new*

His faithfulness so strong, so true.

*Challenged, our feet impatient stand
Keen to obey thy loved command.
In paths of truth our fathers trod,
We follow on with thee, our God.*

W. Gale writes: "The Macnaughtan-Saunders mission party are in action in tent mission work again. The campaign began in Ararat on September 22. During the Winter months these brethren were made available by the Home Missionary Committee to numerous churches that have been without preachers over a long period. A splendid service has been rendered to the brotherhood and many letters of appreciation have been received. Ararat is isolated and large delegations from neighboring churches will not be possible. Let us mention them in our prayers. Remember, evangelism is our brotherhood's primary task. Jesse Bader said: 'The church must evangelise or perish.'"

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

THE following resolution, passed at the recent Federal Conference, is of significance, and we draw notice of church officers to the suggestions and hope every effort will be made to carry out the aim of encouraging members to meet to remember their Lord.

"Since we believe in the centrality of the Lord's Supper which our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, himself, instituted; and

"Since we believe that every Christian among us on every Lord's day should be present at the Lord's table; and

"Since our Australian brotherhood believes in and seeks to promote co-operation with other Christian communions—

"Therefore we resolve at this Centennial Conference that:

"1. We call upon all churches to observe Sunday, Oct. 6, as World Communion Sunday.

"2. We seek to have every member of every one of our local churches throughout Australia present at the Lord's table that day.

"3. Wherever possible each church select and send out a group of workers to all members of every congregation on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29, and during that week, in order to urge each member to attend the world-wide communion service on the following Sunday."

KALGOORLIE ANNIVERSARY AND GOLDFIELDS CONFERENCE

BRIGHT sunshine, happy fellowship and inspiring messages characterised the five days devoted to anniversary services and conference meetings.

Commencing on Wednesday, Aug. 21, with a social evening arranged by Women's Mission Band, the series of meetings was given an excellent start. Mr. Elliott, conference secretary, and Mr. Robinson, youth director, arrived on Thursday. The former addressed Women's Mission Band that afternoon, while both addressed evening conference.

That meeting was preceded by a devotional session, giving the conference proper a prayerful commencement. Because of earlier warning, the visitors had come prepared to answer questions on brotherhood work, interests and programme of Youth Department receiving special attention. Much information was gleaned about the various conference activities throughout the State.

At youth rally on Friday night, Mr. Robinson, in an inspiring and effectively delivered message, threw out a challenge, using as his subject, "At the Cross-roads of a New Era." There was no mistaking the deep sincerity of his appeal for, and challenge to, a greater degree of Christian service.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to two periods of discussion on topics of use and interest to Bible school workers. Messrs. Elliott and Robinson led discussions, and gave opportunity for questions concerning child training and Bible teaching. Tea preceded evening session, which was in lighter vein. Mr. Elliott recalled some "off-the-record" occurrences in early history of churches in W.A. Mr. Robinson entertained with pictures of camp and picnic activities among youth of W.A. and New Zealand.

The 48th anniversary of church was celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 25. A combined C.E. meeting of 50 Endeavorers was addressed by Mr. Robinson. At communion service, when 73 broke bread, Mr. Elliott brought an appropriate anniversary message entitled "The Vision Splendid." The same speaker concluded the day with an address on "The Name of Jesus" to a congregation of almost 100.

The church has been encouraged by contacts with these two prominent brethren, and helped by the meetings which they have addressed.

ADDRESS

R. W. Graham (preacher Boronia church, Vic.).—Boronia-rd., Boronia.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

to

R. CAMPBELL EDWARDS,

Church of Christ, Camberwell

(cor. Riversdale-rd. and Aird-st.),

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 6, 3.30.

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News of the Churches

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—In absence of S. H. Wilson at Federal Conference, services were ably conducted by A. Griffiths, R. Edmunds and J. S. Allen. Betty Bradford, a Bible school scholar, made the confession on Sept. 8. Men's Fellowship enjoyed address by G. Skilbeck on his City Mission work. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pitt were farewelled by church on their departure to reside in Devonport. A presentation was made to Mr. Pitt in recognition of his services at morning worship, he having been a church organist for almost fifty years.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—On Sept. 8, Family Sunday was held; 80 gathered for worship. Soloist at evening service was Sister J. DeOberitz. On Sept. 12, united church campaign prayer meeting was held in chapel. Mr. Dallinger has commenced a young boys' club, meeting each Saturday morning. There are now several auxiliaries functioning in the church.

Gympie-Monkland.—Good services were held on Sept. 15. E. J. Kernick exhorted at both places in morning. Monkland school has welcomed several new scholars, and is leading in school contest with Gympie. Mr. and Mrs. A. Lobgeiger were received by transfer from Kingaroy. At evening service one was baptised, and there were two further confessions.

Western Australia

Inglewood.—On Aug. 25 three young ladies were baptised. At after-church fellowship the question of local option or government control of liquor traffic was discussed by L. Peacock and V. Beames. L. Peacock is absent for several weeks visiting Eastern States. Sunday evening prayer meeting has been re-started with good attendances. On Sept. 8 a male quartette sang. On Sept. 15 Mr. Sherman gave helpful addresses on the Bible. At evening service Walter Brown was organist and Jean Brown sang a solo. Mr. and Mrs. Barnsley were received into membership.

Cottesloe.—Attendances are improving. Mr. Fewster's addresses are helpful. A youth council held in chapel on Sept. 11 was addressed by Mr. Fewster, and instruction on art of teaching was appreciated. Tom Scotland confessed Christ and was baptised recently. Good wishes of the church are extended to Jack Tunbridge on his marriage to Betty Mitchell. Intermediate Endeavor celebrated second birthday recently with a tea table gathering, to which younger and older Endeavorers were invited. Senior C.E. held meeting on Aug. 27 in home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and on Sept. 18 paid a visit to Presbyterian society.

Perth.—On Sept. 12 the church had a social evening to celebrate 40th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dawson's wedding. Many letters and telegrams were read out by J. K. Robinson. Presentations were made to honored guests in appreciation of their work in church and auxiliaries. Mrs. Robinson handed to Mrs. Dawson a bouquet of beautiful flowers from Dorcas Society. Competitive items contributed to an enjoyable evening. Supper was served. On Sept. 15 Mr. Robinson spoke at both services. In morning visitors included Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hoskin (Croydon, S.A.). Special reference was made to B. and F. Bible Society. At night the service was broadcast. Mrs. D. Ewers helped with a solo.

Harvey.—Building fund has reached £20. Guild sisters sent a large bag of clothing to UNRRA. A new runner carpet was placed up aisle of chapel, purchased with money from girls' club of years past. On Sept. 15 Mr. Thurrowgood stressed need to support B. and F. Bible Society, a retiring offering being taken. A number of people journeyed to Bunbury on Sept. 14 for special meetings. Claud DeEvelyns showed interesting pictures on fellowship work amongst troops, with possibilities of installing radio in islands north of Australia. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, who used to be resident at Harvey for many years. Their son Neville is part-time preaching at Bunbury while continuing his studies.

South Australia

Fullarton.—Fellowship has been enjoyed with interstate delegates in district and services. Church anniversary services on Sept. 15 and 17 were inspirational and encouraging. Over 80 sat to tea, after which B. W. Manning led family devotions. Over £60 was received during week-end toward debt reduction. Church faces future with brighter hopes.

Kilburn.—On Sept. 15, 44 attended 10 a.m. Bible school, including two new scholars. 11 a.m. service was conducted by A. E. Brown, 31 being present. A. W. Watson was received by transfer from church at Glenelg. This cause is now 25 weeks old. Church membership is 17, with 93 scholars on Bible school roll and 47 on cradle roll. Application of church to conference for affiliation was accepted and approved.

Unley.—On Sept. 8 W. F. Nankivell spoke in morning and A. L. Haddon in evening. Fellowship of many country and interstate visitors has been enjoyed. All were delighted to meet Hariba Wahgmodi, from India. Church congratulates Dr. Trevor Turner as he undertakes duties of State conference president. Mrs. Rich, an old and faithful member, is ill. Members learnt during week-end of death in India of H. H. Strutton, pioneer missionary of India. Sympathy goes to his relatives.

Hindmarsh.—Visiting speakers have been R. Greenhalgh, L. Dewberry, E. L. Williams, H. E. Greenwood and F. T. Saunders. The latter visited in interests of college offering. Miss Giffen is home from hospital and seems to be doing well. T. Flint is again in hospital. Men's class has good discussions on Sunday afternoons. E. G. Williams has been baptised and welcomed into membership. A brother of Mrs. Shipway passed away suddenly in Melbourne on Sept. 14. Church extends sympathy.

Cottonville.—Mr. Atkin (Victorian Social Service Department) was speaker in morning on Sept. 8. Mr. Brooke delivered evening address, and spoke at both services on following Sunday. Members supported conference meetings very well, and were much helped by the addresses and fellowship. I.C.E. Society held a hike to Somerton on evening of Sept. 14. Twenty-two Endeavorers enjoyed the walk and games on the sand. W. F. Nankivell (Camberwell, Vic.) was present at morning service on Sept. 15. Ray Aird is at Daws-rd. hospital with malaria.

Forestville.—Recent conferences have brought in their wake happy services. A large number of visitors were welcomed. Ray and Cliff Killmier gave the address and presided, respectively, and Mr. Jackel preached at night. Church recently paid off last of remaining interest bearing debt to Extension Committee. This has been greatly helped through benefits of Mutual Fund scheme. A campaign has now been launched to repay contributing members of the fund by 21st anniversary of laying of

foundation stone of new building. Amount required is approximately £340. Young people's club paid a visit to Gawler recently, a happy time being spent.

York.—During August, S. E. Riches, secretary of Mission to Lepers, gave an interesting address on a Sunday morning. On Wednesday evening following a lantern lecture on the mission was interesting. Some from Flinders Park attended. The meeting was preceded by a baptismal service. Happy times have been spent with country and interstate visitors to conference. Helpful addresses were given by Mr. Funston, C. H. J. Wright and D. A. V. Thomas, all of Victoria. A number of members are sick; some are recovering.

Nailsworth.—Mr. Manning was welcomed back on morning of Sept. 1 after two weeks' annual holiday. Speakers in absence of preacher were Messrs. Lambert, Green, H. Steward and A. Anderson. Mr. Manning has commenced fourth year with church. Many visitors, some interstate, were welcomed over conference week. Mr. Morgan (Box Hill, Vic.) was morning speaker. R. Saunders and Miss A. Barton were speakers at evening meeting. Mr. Manning has tendered his resignation to church. This was received with regret. His ministry will conclude on Jan. 31. T. Dale is in hospital, having undergone a serious operation. David McQueen is in Royal Adelaide Hospital. Both are making satisfactory recovery. Mrs. Farrow is meeting with church after absence through illness. Mr. Bristow is also able to leave his bed after five weeks.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—The first Lord's day of second century (Sept. 15) proved inspiring. Morning service was broadcast; 130 communed, and Dr. Trevor Turner, conference president, gave a stirring address. Mrs. deHoghton was welcomed by transfer from Dulwich. A number of interstate delegates who had not yet returned home were present. Bible school resumed session in afternoon. T. Hagger was preacher at night, and was much appreciated. W. W. Watson was soloist. Sympathy was extended to J. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Manning in sudden homecall of Mrs. Dulcie Brooks (wife and daughter of above). Prayer was also offered for T. P. Dale, who was operated on in morning. Bible studies on books of Bible were resumed at Wednesday night services on 18th.

New South Wales

Kingsford.—On Sept. 1, inspiring addresses were given by Mr. Read. Church welcomed Eric Hart and wife on holidays from Boonah, Qld. On Sept. 14, a social was held in honor of approaching marriage of Miss C. Richards. Church wishes her and her future husband God's blessing.

Earlwood.—During absence of A. Hinrichsen at Lismore on Sept. 8, R. Graham exhorted and J. Gibb conducted gospel service. On Aug. 31 Miss J. Caspersohn, of Earlwood, was married to H. Renison, of Wagga. Their future home will be in Wagga. Church and school entertained bride-to-be at a kitchen tea on Aug. 24. School holidays and sickness have kept attendances down, but recovery was noticed on Sept. 15. Visitors have been welcomed. Church anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 21 and 22.

Bexley North.—On Sept. 1 Mr. Bingham, of B. and F. Bible Society, gave a challenging address to church. G. E. Burns (Rockdale) gave constructive advice in his morning address on 8th. J. Henderson at gospel services is giving a serial story for young people on life of Schweitzer, and sermons on our plea for adults. Attendances average close on 60. Women's Fellowship conducted doll and toy show during school vacation, when mothers and children were entertained with games and items. 32 Bible school scholars passed examination, two gaining State prizes. Church notes with regret the passing of R. C. Edwards, a great helper in the early work here.

Victoria

Emerald.—On Sept. 22 F. J. Conroy, of Northcote, took all services, his addresses being appreciated. Building of manse is proceeding.

Dunolly.—The church mourns the loss of Mrs. Anderson, a member for over thirty years. Mr. Mackenzie conducted services at chapel and graveside. Sympathy is extended to all her loved ones. Auxiliaries are in good heart and working well. Sunday school is practising for anniversary. Mr. Mackenzie continues to give helpful addresses. After his sermon on Sept. 15, Ray Freemantle made the good confession.

Reservoir.—Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn were welcomed at morning service on Sept. 15. During their absence in Adelaide Les. Lofts, J. Plummer and V. L. Russell gave appreciated addresses. On morning of Sept. 8, Mrs. Alcorn, mother of the preacher, was a visitor from Queensland. Bible school is practising for anniversary under direction of G. Hing. Interest is sustained in newly-formed men's club, which meets each Friday.

South Richmond.—Children's Foreign Mission Day service was held on Sept. 15. During evening service Bible school scholars brought their Children's Day boxes, and F. Dawson delivered an excellent lantern lecture on missionary work in Pacific Islands. On Sept. 8 R. Muller conducted evening service, speaking on hymns and their origin. Women's Sunshine Circle, under leadership of Mrs. Nichols, has pleasant and helpful meetings.

Harcourt.—Sunday school anniversary was held on Sept. 8. A new feature was the children being present at morning service and rendering items. Mr. Methven was speaker. At afternoon service the chapel was full. Visitors from Castlemaine and district were present. Mr. Ball was speaker. Mrs. V. Symes was organist; Mr. Lacy assisted with violin. Scholars trained under Mrs. Methven again rendered items. Prizes were distributed.

Maryborough.—On Sept. 8 Mr. Young was speaker at both services, which were conducted as a thanksgiving for coming of Spring, answer to prayer for a preacher, and for first £500 reached in the building fund. 110 broke bread for day, and offering was toward building fund and totalled £40. On Sept. 11, Women's Guild was in charge of weekly prayer meeting. Mrs. J. Pascoe presided, and Miss Lee gave a helpful address.

Camberwell.—On Sept. 22, Sunday school anniversary services were commenced. W. F. Nankivell spoke at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and R. Graham at 3 p.m. Mrs. E. Peters, cradle roll superintendent for ten years, has resigned and Miss E. Bulcraig has taken up the work. On Sept. 17, at second meeting of Men's Fellowship, R. K. Whately, M.L.A., spoke on "Adult Psychology." 28 men were present. Miss Clements was able to attend services on Sept. 15, and fellowship was enjoyed with Miss A. Ball, from Norseman Mission, W.A.

Gardiner.—R. Bolduan was speaker at both services on Sept. 9. Church anniversary services were held on 16th. O. Sanders, home director China Inland Mission, delivered a splendid address in morning, and Mr. Bolduan preached at night, Miss Dorothy Clark assisting with solos. Anniversary was concluded with church social on Sept. 19, when opportunity was taken to make presentations to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Whittington for splendid services rendered as church secretary for over eight years. Recent cottage prayer meetings have been held in homes of Mrs. R. Kemp, Mrs. H. Squires and Mrs. R. F. Geyer. Sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. McCann in home-call of her sister, Mrs. Williams. Mr. Bolduan was speaker for both services on Sept. 23. L. Peacock, president Federal Conference, from W.A., with family was welcomed at morning service. Twenty members from Gardiner attended Adelaide for Federal Conference.

Ascot Vale.—A happy time was spent by Mission Band when they celebrated Mrs. Greenwood's 80th birthday. She was given a pair of slippers and a cake made by Mrs. Rose. Children's Day was observed on Sept. 15 when service was taken by scholars, and school formed a choir. Mrs. and Mrs. Hendry held a birthday party in honor of their son Gordon on attaining his 21st birthday.

Malvern-Caulfield.—On Sept. 15, evening service was taken by J. B. Cameron, who gave an illustrated presentation, "The Lord God and the Garden." Chapel was decorated with a thousand daffodils supplied by Mr. Cameron. Service was appreciated by a large congregation. Flowers were later distributed among hospitals. Misses Jean McConchie and Alice Stainforth and Mr. E. Holloway were married recently. All are delighted to hear that Mrs. V. Kettner is recovering from illness.

North Essendon.—Bible school anniversary services were commenced on Sept. 15, when Mr. Muller held attention of all with his talk and cradle roll awards were distributed. L. A. Trezise spoke delightfully in evening. There were splendid attendances. On Sept. 22 R. Mathias was speaker in afternoon, and kindergarten awards were given. L. A. Trezise spoke in evening and prizes won by Bible school were awarded. Throughout anniversary, singing of scholars reflected credit upon conductor, J. W. Burns. Members express sympathy with Mrs. N. Smith in the loss of her father, and to Mrs. J. W. Burns, whose mother was called home last week.

Hartwell.—Over 40 young people were present at a tea on Aug. 25. Miss Nancy Jenkins, of W.C.T.U., was speaker. C.Y.F. held a social evening on Sept. 7 with over 100 present. Victorian table tennis champions staged exhibition games. At annual meeting of Y.P.S.C.E., Marjorie Greenwood was appointed secretary. Speakers during C. J. Robinson's absence on holidays included J. H. McCracken, Mr. Flengey (Burwood Methodist), Mr. Shepherd (B. and F. Bible Society), A. Pocklington, L. Butler and R. Story. L. Piper has been obliged to relinquish all church activities because of illness. L. Butler has taken over Bible school anniversary practice. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Westaway, of Brisbane.

Collingwood.—Anniversary of Sunday school was held on Sept. 1 and 8, when staff welcomed many parents of scholars, and old friends. Children sang excellently under direction of Mr. Hopkins. Of special enjoyment were kindergarten songs. Illustrated talks were given by T. Fitzgerald on 1st, and by S. Giles on 8th. T. Westwood spoke at both evening meetings. Tea was served by ladies. Scholars' tea and prize distribution took place on Sept. 3, Ladies' Mission Band being responsible for tea preparation. Evening's entertainment was prepared and directed by Miss V. Biggs. On Sept. 15, R. Burns, of Sudan United Mission, gave a talk illustrated by films. T. Westwood spoke at both services on Sept. 22.

Balwyn.—During Mr. Hurren's absence in Adelaide, services have been taken by C. Burdeu, F. E. Buckingham, Dr. L. Hare, H. J. Patterson, of N.S. Wales, and Mr. Smith, of Mont Albert. The church is grateful for such help. All addresses have been appreciated. Mid-week service has been conducted by various auxiliaries of church. Each week a special subject has been dealt with. Attendances have improved. Mrs. N. J. Warmbrunn has been welcomed back after three months' sojourn in N.S.W. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have been received into membership by letter from Williamstown. The church has enjoyed fellowship with visitors, including T. Spencer, of Chatswood, N.S.W.; Mrs. Ashlin and Mrs. McQueeney, of West Hobart, Tasmania. Bible school is preparing for anniversary. Scholars are attending well.

Springvale.—On Sept. 13, Explorers' Club held a "dads" night at home of Mr. Marks. Bible school anniversary was successful, good congregations enjoying the bright singing, and

splendid addresses by L. Dyer, J. K. Bond, F. Youens and L. Brooker. For first time two Sundays were allotted to anniversary. On Sept. 19 a social was held and Bible school prizes were presented. J. Anderson showed films which were appreciated by a large audience. At gospel service on Sept. 22 one young woman was baptised.

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BIRTH

ADAMS (MacDonald).—On August 30, at Jessie McPherson, to Jeanette and Fred—a son (Richard Alexander).

DEATH

COY.—On Sept. 19, at Strathhearn Hospital, Castlemaine, Louisa, daughter of the late James and Caroline Coy, loving sister of William (dec.), Ellen (Mrs. Aberdeen, dec.), Emily (Castlemaine), Adeline (Mrs. Stephens, W.A.), Benjamin (dec.), Caroline (Mrs. Kosoof, N.Z.), Grace (Mrs. Keruse, N.Z.). Aged 86 years. "Resting where no shadows fall."

IN MEMORIAM

COOPER.—In loving memory of mother, who fell asleep Sept. 27, 1943. Too dearly loved ever to be forgotten.

—Inserted by her loving daughter Ethel, son-in-law Fred, and dear Nana of Neville.

PEDERSEN.—A tribute of love and remembrance to our dearly loved mother, who was called to higher service on Sept. 19, 1944, "Carried by the angels to a home above."

—Inserted by her loving son Clarrie and daughter-in-law Alice.

SAUNDERS.—In ever loving memory of A. G. Saunders, B.A., late minister of churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand. Called home Sept. 26, 1944.

"Until he come."

—Inserted by his wife and daughter.

WINSOR.—In loving memory of my dear ones, who passed away, father, William Andrew, Sept. 29, 1913; mother, Clara, July 16, 1941; and my dear sisters, Myrtle, August 6, 1921; Clare, October 24, 1938. Sweet memories. —Inserted by their loving daughter and sister, Kitty, and their son-in-law, Perc. Coe.

S.A. Conference

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The Social Service Department has continued its vigilant and educative work. Betting shops have been banned in the metropolitan area, and because of strong Christian efforts very few have been licensed in the country.

The Christian Union Committee has done valuable work through its Centenary free literature campaign.

F. T. Saunders helped the discussion of the college State committee's report very greatly. The urgent need for preachers in the next few years means a great expansion of the college work.

There was disappointment that Mr. and Mrs. Hammer could not attend conference because of illness among the aborigine children. Messrs. Albany and Maston Bell, however, led discussion and showed pictures of the work.

The work of Morialta Protestant Children's Home was again warmly commended to churches.

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S.A. Alliance.—J. T. Train, H. S. Watkins; (one from Social Service Committee).

Council of Churches.—W. Beiler, J. E. Shipway, J. E. Webb, H. Cave.

Morialta Protestant Children's Homes.—Mrs. H. Bartlett, F. A. Halleday, T. M. Glover.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 4.—Women's Conference Executive Council will meet in chapel, College of the Bible, Elm-rd., Glen Iris, at 2 p.m. Leader of devotions, Miss J. Chapple.

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Oct. 6.—11 a.m., T. A. Fitzgerald.
3 p.m., R. N. Holland.
7 p.m., D. D. Stewart.

Singing of special hymns by school, assisted by orchestra.

Oct. 13.—3 p.m., Special Kindergarten and Cradle-Roll Department Service.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6:

3 p.m., Mr. A. Hurren; 7 p.m., Mr. M. Williams.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13:

3 p.m., Mr. T. Hagger; 7 p.m., Mr. F. Langford.

MORELAND S.S. ANNIVERSARY.

October 6.—11 a.m., W. R. Hibburt; 3 p.m., E. J. Miles; 7 p.m., E. J. Miles.

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Tuesday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Auxiliary Service.

Former members of church auxiliaries cordially invited. Young people's choir.

Thursday, Oct. 24, 6.15 p.m., Home-coming tea.

Will all former members intending to be present please notify secretary, L. W. Morfrew, 261 Tyler-st., Preston, not later than Oct. 12.

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Mrs. Cornelius (president) occupied the chair and asked the secretary (Mrs. Trowbridge) to read the precis of minutes; this and the annual report were received.

Mrs. A. McCallum (superintendent) read the obituary report, after which two verses of a hymn were sung.

The Dorcas report was given by Miss Grant, telling that 1970 garments, mostly new, 34 pillows, jam and groceries were made and sent to various homes and hospitals during the year; for UNRRA 6285 garments, also several sacks of clothing and 495 lbs. weight of clothes forwarded to this appeal. Many food parcels have been sent to Britain.

Mrs. Dodson (literature superintendent) read her report; 300 books and magazines had been sent to homes, institutions and hospitals. She had received some lovely letters from several of the matrons.

Temperance report was read by the superintendent, Mrs. Tippet, and it deplored the action of the Returned Soldiers' League in asking for liquor bars in their club rooms, to be open of an evening, and hoped that Parliament would not grant their request; also that our prayers are needed that this voted 6 o'clock closing is not lengthened. The Alliance Fair realised £175/5/7.

In the absence of the Prayer Meeting superintendent the report was read by Mrs. De Laine, stating that 24 visits had been made to various shut-in and sick sisters of the churches, and Christmas and birthday cakes given to them. This work is much appreciated.

Hospital report was presented by Mrs. Thomas (superintendent) stating that during the year 769 visits had been made to various public and private homes, hospitals, institutions and private sick folk; 200 magazines and books were distributed. Gifts from sisters of Mile End and Unley were a great help to the committee. Mrs. Read and Miss Grant spoke words of appreciation for the untiring work of this committee in cheering the sick.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. H. Charlick read 18 reports from country churches telling of the wonderful work that our country sisters are doing both in work and money.

Morialta Children's Homes report was given by Mrs. Bartlett, who said what a capable secretary they had in Mrs. Sexton. Further work has been undertaken to improve the property. She thanked all those who have helped the home in any way. The annual meeting of the home will be held in the grounds the latter end of October, and all will be welcome.

Mrs. Green moved that the Federal missionary papers report be received. A sister from Queensland spoke of appreciation of the topic papers, and said they were used there.

W.C.T.U. sent an invitation for all country and interstate sisters and executives of the S.A. and Federal Conferences to morning tea on Thursday, Sept. 6, at Willard Hall.

Election of Officers.—President, Mrs. D.

McQueen; president-elect, Mrs. W. Green; vice-president, Mrs. W. Fax; secretary, Mrs. Trowbridge; treasurer, Mrs. J. Graham; recording secretary and assistant treasurer, Mrs. H. Charlick.

Superintendents.—Home Mission, Mrs. C. Verco; Overseas Mission, Mrs. Read; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. F. Harding; Obituary, Mrs. McCallum; Hospital, Mrs. F. Thomas; Literature, Mrs. Dodson; Dorcas, Mrs. Kemp; Nominating, Mrs. Shipway; Catering, Mrs. Bartlett; Temperance, Mrs. Tippet. Morialta Children's Home representative, Mrs. Bartlett; Overseas Board representatives, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Cornelius; State Board representatives, president and president-elect. Pianists, Miss Bristowe and Miss Manning.

After election of officers a hymn was sung and then the treasurer's report was read and received.

Roll-call of churches, 97 from city and suburbs responded, and 23 delegates from the country. The meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

At afternoon session 193 delegates from city and suburbs and 40 from country answered to the roll. Mrs. Fax had charge of devotions, and took as her message, "What Jesus Saw." Mrs. Burns rendered a beautiful solo, and Mrs. Green offered a prayer.

Business Session.—Mrs. Cornelius occupied the chair and Mrs. McQueen (president-elect) gave a warm welcome to all visitors.

Posies were presented to our three missionaries—Misses Cameron, Foreman and Ball—who in turn responded with a few words and a greeting. Greetings were then given by representatives from Baptist, W.C.T.U., Congregational, Y.W.C.A. and Methodist; other representatives who could not stay for afternoon gave their greeting during lunch.

Posies and words of love were given to three pioneer sisters—Mesdames G. Mauger, Hemer and Trowbridge, also to others who had held office for over ten years.

Greetings were read from N.S.W., Queensland, W.A., Victoria, Tasmania, College of the Bible, Mrs. Coventry, Miss Caldicott, Ireland, Foreign Mission Board, Federal Women's Executive, Evangelistic Union Churches of Christ. Mrs. Edwards responded for the visitors.

A hymn was sung, after which Mrs. Cornelius gave her president's address—"Have You Anointed Him?" This was a stirring message. After the offering the home mission report was given by Mrs. C. Verco. This was a splendid report, and a lot of work had been done and money raised during the year. The committee is endeavoring to seek the co-operation of all churches to adopt a system of regular giving. Mr. C. Verco received the £130/10/6, and thanked the sisters for this large cheque and for their excellent work. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Prior.

Overseas mission report was read by Mrs. Read, in which she thanked the women of the churches for the way they have prayed, worked and given—in some cases 100 per cent. increase—greatly helping with the result of £175/6/- being result. 38 churches gave last year, and 45 this year to this offering. Miss Messent received the cheque, and thanked the superintendent and her committee and the sisters for their splendid work and for the wonderful cheque. Miss Cameron offered the missionary prayer.

Mrs. Cornelius then introduced the incoming president and officers. Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Fax responded. A Bible and spray of flowers were presented to Mrs. Cornelius, who suitably responded.

Miss Grant proposed a lovely vote of thanks

and appreciation to all who had helped in any way on this sisters' day (conference).

The pianists were: morning, Mrs. W. Bristow; afternoon, Mrs. E. J. Fletcher.

A splendid conference was brought to a close when the president pronounced the benediction.

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Our act of giving to the treasury of the Lord's house is really significant in very many ways. It should represent a worthy contribution on our part toward meeting the financial liabilities incurred by the on-going work of the church. It should represent what Paul mentions as "bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" in some given area of need (2 Cor. 9: 11). It should have an enlarging and enriching effect upon our own lives; something of what Jesus had in mind when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20: 35). Moreover, our act of making an offering ought to be good as an example of faithful stewardship and helpful in the impression it makes upon any who may chance to observe.

Jesus saw something splendid and praise-worthy in the humble act of the poor widow in Jerusalem who placed two small coins in the temple treasury. And the act is challenging us still. Once when Dr. Parker was at the door of the City Temple when some retiring offering was being received, a lady passing put a sovereign in the plate and said, "The widow's mite, doctor." Parker bowed and said softly, "But the widow, we are told, gave two mites, madam." Whereupon the lady gave another sovereign. "The widow's two mites, doctor." "But, madam," said Parker, "we read that the widow gave all her living."

Jesus saw the excellence of the sacrificial act of Mary of Bethany, when she broke her alabaster box of ointment, "very costly," and declared, "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."

As we reach forth a hand towards the offering plate, we might well do so prayerfully, and in the spirit of one putting a token of loyalty and love into the hand of our Lord. We might, indeed, have ready in heart and mind some such word as this, for offering time: "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt. 10: 8). "They shall not appear before the Lord empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee" (Deut. 16: 16, 17).—G. J. Andrews.

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