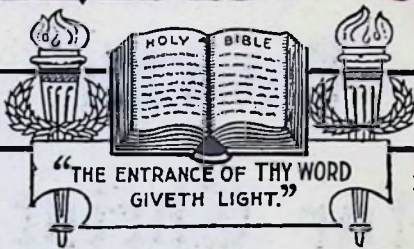


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INSIGHT AND FORESIGHT

A SUCCESSFUL business man must gauge beforehand what goods he will sell in this or that market. While he ventures and takes risks, nevertheless he does not gamble. Those who try to associate gambling on the uncertain performance of a horse or a dog in a race, with the decision and judgment of the business man in calculating the future demands of a community, do not appreciate the principles that guide the careful trader. The man who can discover human needs and find means to satisfy them will make his fortune. Henry Ford saw that common men and women sought a cheap and speedy form of private transport. By mass production methods he was able to offer to people a cheap but useful motor car. What a fortune that man made! Henry Ford's success was not due to what some call "good luck," but to his "insight" into human nature and to his "foresight" to venture out and try to satisfy a need. Professor A. N. Whitehead has shown in his book, "Adventures of Ideas," that success in business and in life depends upon "foresight." Those who are blind to the future's demands will be left groping in the rear, a melancholy and forgotten people. However, as Professor Whitehead has declared, "Foresight is the product of insight."

A man who penetrates the depths of human nature and the movements of history will not be misled by superficial impressions. Nor will he be deceived by the gaiety and lightness that float as foam on a deep, swift-flowing stream.

WHAT is true of the business of commerce is true of the business of life in general. The man who lives successfully is the one who exercises "foresight" and does not live in the light of a day, but in harmony with eternity. His "insight" enables him to see that man is a spiritual being, and will be called to give an account of his present behaviour in some future age. His actions and mode of life now must secure an advantage for eternity. This "foresight" will ensure righteous and temperate living now. In view of eternity no man can behave foolishly. The man who knows the spiritual depth of human nature and something of the eternal principles of life will remain steady, like a ship held firmly to an anchor.

Jesus condemned the lack of "foresight" in that farmer who had a record harvest. When he had built new barns and stocked them full with corn he had no higher aim than to "eat, drink and be merry." That man's "insight" into human nature was so faulty and weak he thought that to-morrow he would die and that would be the end. He was so foolish



Looking with Christ to the Future.

he did not perceive the eternal nature of man and that to-morrow he would not die, but be called upon to stand before God and give an account of himself. How differently he would have behaved if he had seen the significance of man and calculated correctly his future!

If a man has discerning "foresight" based on keen "insight" he will behave wisely in this life. Jesus taught that truth in several parables. The men who so trusted their lord that they used the talents given them to increase the wealth of the kingdom were commended for their faithful life. However, that fellow who misjudged his master and would not venture into a business transaction, but hid his wealth, was condemned. The Lord would rather we try and fail than do nothing. If we have "insight" into the Lord's nature we shall have the "foresight" to adventure in great undertakings on his behalf. The Lord has not much time for the over-cautious person—the man who so lacks faith in Christ he will not dare for Christ. What great victories men of faith and "foresight" have gained for their Lord! Remember Abram, Joseph, John the Baptist, Paul, Livingstone and Carey. To-day, in this land, the Lord needs an increasing number to whom he can say, "Well done, good and faithful

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THE Christian youth programme is two-sided. It is concerned with work *amongst* youth and work *by* youth. Both must find their place in any fully developed plan for holding youth in the church.

These are days of unrest. The war has ended, and now we are confronted with the problems of peace. Not the least of these problems is connected with our young people. Our big concern is, "How shall we deal with them? How can we best win them for Christ?" Youth is at the cross-roads, and the Christian church is being challenged to point the direction in which they ought to go in the formative days of the near future. In the light of this challenge the church is confronted with six vital problems.

1. The Problem of Leadership

Right leadership is essential. This has often been a problem to the church, for not infrequently a survey of the church membership fails to reveal any person really adapted for this type of service. Because this is so, it becomes obvious that we must give attention to the serious matter of training our youth leaders. That some churches do recognise the need is seen from their attempt to do something about it by providing "teacher training classes" and such like.

Right leadership begins with right leaders. Christian youth work cannot be done by anyone who is not Christian. How can a man (or woman) bring the child or young person under their care, to a Christ whom they do not know themselves? S. E. Weeden says: "It is nonsense to think of a teacher or leader, who is not a practising Christian, expecting to take a boy (or girl) into the presence of God." Our first problem concerns our leaders. We need Christian men and women, who are well equipped for their work.

2. The Problem of Aim

It is extremely important to know what we are after. Haphazard youth work is almost valueless. However, if we have a plan and a goal before us, even if we fail to fulfil it completely, we will at least be doing something worthwhile.

Well now, what really are we after? Ultimately this: (1) To lead our young people to a definite personal allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ; (2) To see them welcomed as a part of the Christian church; (3) To give them opportunities of practical service for the kingdom of God; (4) To help them, as we say, to "grow in grace and the knowledge of God." To help them to develop in many ways, but especially spiritually; (5) To lead them to a discovery of "victorious living," as a result of their personal surrender to and friendship with Jesus. If that aim is clearly recognised, and if all we do is directed at that goal, then we will make a vital contribution to the needs of our questing young people.

3. The Problem of Scope

By this we mean, "How wide is our programme to be?" If that programme is to be fully developed there are certain factors to be considered. It will need to be *educational*. We should aim to teach them something worthwhile, so that they will be better equipped to meet life. That education should include instruction in such items as the Christian sex ethic (under proper supervision), and any other subject regarded as important to the local group. It will also need to be *recreational and social*. If the church fails to cater for this side of the lives of our young people, they will go to outside, and often undesirable sources, for such activity. Most important of all, it will need to be *spiritual*. This is the climax to which we are striving throughout the whole programme, and it demands a careful and appealing approach.

Winning Youth for Christ

R. V. Amos, Chatswood, N.S.W.,
discusses various methods and
means of meeting modern prob-
lems facing young people.



4. The Problem of Type

Just here we do not mean the type of youth work we will do, but the means whereby we can carry out the spiritual side of our programme. How shall this best be done? A survey of the Christian youth programmes being used in various places shows that a number of methods are being adopted. Keeping in mind the two-sided nature of the ideal youth programme, the value of some of these will become obvious. Amongst them we will find the following:—

There is *house party or camp evangelism*. This is not continuous, but has a very real value when properly used. Of recent years many camps (and house parties) have been a splendid spiritual force. In some places there has grown up what is called "*evangelism by friendship*," making friends with other young people, to make them friends of Christ. This

is the method used by the 70 Club, as outlined by Geoffrey Pain. Based on the ideal that Jesus chose 70, and sent them forth to win others, young people are sent out two by two to go into the homes, and to become the friends of people they are seeking to win for Christ. The aim of the club is to re-introduce Christianity in the lives of men and women. Many kinds of service are used to attain this end. One of the most fruitful types of approach is that of *group evangelism* as seen in informal gatherings in homes, "squashes," and the like. The very informality of these gatherings is often the thing which first attracts. In America two movements are gaining prominence at present. They are named "Youth for Christ" and "Child Evangelism." The first of these is the very essence of informality, and would perhaps be hardly suited, in its present set up, for Australian conditions. The other movement is well prepared, and by attractive publications seems likely to play a big part in winning the younger children. In discharging the spiritual side of our programme, these or other methods may help to solve our problem.

5. The Problem of Locality

The kind of district in which we are working will in some measure determine the type of youth work we will try to undertake. Related to this side of things are such items as the number of helpers available, the amount of equipment at our disposal, and the vision of the local church. In addition, the number and kind of young people at hand will guide us in the kind of programme most suited to cope with their needs.

6. The Problem of Youth

Our final problem is the young people themselves. We have been told that the marks of the modern youth are healthiness, frankness, self-confidence and optimism. It is easily seen that these qualities can be either good or bad. If these faculties are uncontrolled, uninstructed and undisciplined, our young people may readily become victims of the despoilers, such as gambling and drinking, which await to trap the unwary. For this reason we must know as much as possible about the problems and needs of youth. These young people of ours must be won for Christ. Youth work offers a wonderful field of service, and if we fail to capitalise it, a large number of young people who now have their "fingertips on glory" will drop back to drown in the stagnant pools of the world.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

GOD is the great Gardener; and he must love flowers, or else he would never produce them in such profusion. Look at the fields, what a wealth and variety of blossom; then think of the carpeted hills, intermingled with the yellow gorse or wild genista. I always think that flowers speak to us more than anything else of the great love of God—of his tender thought for our material needs. We could have lived without them, but he has given them to us because they please us and cheer us, and by their very fragrance do us good and speak to us of our Father.—Ruby Ellis.

Let each spot of earth be hallowed,
Shrines arise on every soil;
In the city or the forest
Serve thy God with loving toil.

—Tolstoy.

Sanctity of Sunday

C. W. Jackel, of Horsham, Victoria, points to the value of preserving the beauty of the Lord's day.

THE trends of modern life clearly indicate that unless a definite stand is taken by God's people in preserving the sanctity of Sunday it will soon fade out as a day of rest, worship, service and thanksgiving. There are signs that it will soon become like another Saturday. The misuse and desecration of Sunday call for Christian education on the importance of observing the day as it was originally intended by the Lord.

It can be gathered from widespread observations that Sunday is becoming a holiday, not a holy day. On every hand it is being used for pleasure. Crowds flock to the mountains and beaches every Sunday, and parents take their children motoring and they get little or no religious education. As far as spiritual things are concerned, children are growing up like pagans in a so-called Christian country. We are in danger of becoming no longer a God-fearing people.

Recently the State Government lifted certain bans that encouraged organised sport on Sunday. Municipal authorities are being beset by requests to do the same thing, and some have given way. In one case the Food for Britain Appeal was used to justify a great sporting function on Sunday; but no end, however good or charitable, can justify the means if those used are an encroachment on divine principles. The Victorian Football League is to be commended for its courageous attitude and decision to ban League players from participating in Sunday matches.

On the other hand, we have civic authorities, men in high places, who are supporting brewery interests by advocating freedom to introduce beer parks and dancing gardens on Sunday. This is desired in the name of a "brighter" Melbourne, which is really to be patterned after the Continental or European Sunday—a Sunday which has been shorn of its sanctity by disregard for God's law and degrading pleasure. Of course, we live in a free country, but we are free to do and be our best and not our worst.

A national peril is facing us unless we call a halt to the serious, disturbing and destructive inroads being made upon the sacred day of worship. Whether in the old or the new dispensation, God has given one day in seven, a day to be set apart and used for his glory and service. This day, when observed, has always worked out in man's best interests, physically, mentally and spiritually. Our Creator, who knows best what is good for us, has made this wise provision. The individual and eventually the nation is the loser if the day is neglected. The nation's attitude and use of Sunday determines its welfare and fixes its destiny. It has been truly said that the nation that loses its Sunday loses its soul.

Spain, in the zenith of her power, desecrated the day, and within fifty years her greatness was gone. To-day she exists, poverty stricken and uncertain of her freedom and future.

France, at the Revolution, loudly proclaimed the banishment of the divinely-given day and all it stood for, and again and again the flower of her manhood has perished on stricken fields.

Military ambitions of Germany led her to de-legalise the sacred sanctions of the day. She, too, has since trodden the highway to-

wards national disaster, until to-day she is existing under the shadow of humiliating defeat.

On the other hand, Great Britain has observed the day as a law of the land, more so than any other modern nation. In a remarkably short space of time, after the Puritans restored in Britain the sanctity of the day, Britain's prestige and power became respected throughout the world. The foundations of her greatness were laid. Great social reforms were made and spiritual revivals swept the land. Truly the British Isles became the moral and spiritual tablelands of the earth, translating and circulating the scriptures and spreading the gospel over the earth and made possible the protection of numberless tribes and helpless peoples.

During the last sixty years, however, citizens have become indifferent and even hostile to the divine purpose of the day. Religious leaders have compromised and parliaments have refused to safeguard the day. From that time it is interesting to notice that no revivals have visited the land; serious wars have followed with ever increasing evils in their train. The lowering of moral and spiritual standards has brought about a disregard for truth, honesty and purity of living that is truly appalling and menacing. One pleasing feature is that in 1941, when the Government attempted to enact an order for the opening of theatres and music halls on the Lord's day, lovers of the day took up the gauntlet, defeated the Government and the most powerful vested interests. It was a stinging rebuke to a most powerful sign of moral decay and paganism. Years ago, Disraeli challenged the nation with this significant statement: "The Christian Sunday is the cornerstone of our civilisation." Surely the lessons of history so aptly set forth by the late Rt.



Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., should appeal to all thoughtful people: "The secret of our national prosperity has ever been found in an abiding fear of God. As a people we have advanced and prospered, as we have been true friends of the Sunday and its sanctity."

To disregard the day is to disregard all that the day stands for—a memorial of the greatest event of history (the resurrection of Jesus Christ), the descent of the Holy Spirit, the establishment of the first church, the preaching of the first gospel sermon and the giving of the great commission to preach the gospel to every creature, for all of these took place on the first day, which came to be regarded as the Lord's day. Failure to keep the day means disregard for the Lord's Supper, worship of God, Bible reading and Sunday school teaching, without which the nation can never prosper. They who honor God will be honored by him. Righteousness exalts the nation, while sin is a reproach to any people.

Friendship With the King

Thomas Hagger.

IT is said that Charles Lamb, who amidst the storms of his life kept sweet and serene, was once asked to tell the secret of the beautiful life he lived. His reply was, "I have a friend."

A friend is a wonderful asset, providing that friend is of the right kind. How good when we have such friends! But a friend is more than a mere acquaintance. A little boy once said that a friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same.

Just a little before his betrayal Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15: 14). And Jesus is a King. So if we qualify for friendship with Jesus we shall have friendship with a King. To be a friend of Jesus, and to have Jesus as a friend, is wonderful.

Friendship with Jesus offers companionship. Although his bodily presence is not now here yet he said, "Lo, I am with you alway." And we may experience such.

It is a friend's privilege to help, and to do it without stint, and without counting the cost. This the King called Jesus does. He helps in the hour of trial and difficulty. He helps in the time of stress and storm. And

sometimes he helps by pointing out our shortcomings and weaknesses as any faithful friend would do.

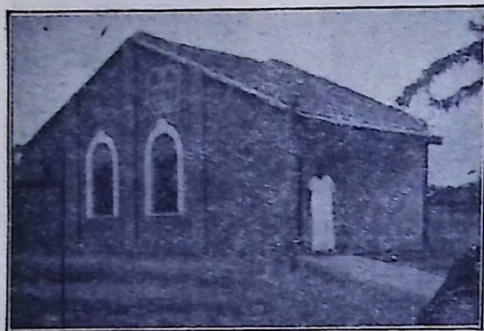
But his friendship will make demands upon us, for it is not a one-sided affair. It will call for separation from all that displeases him, and for the doing heartily of those things he likes. This will please him. And one always tries to please his friend.

This friendship with the King will have a transforming influence upon us. His friendship will bring to us an urge to purity, and to sweetness of disposition. Making a friend of Jesus will bring to us a driving force to all that is good, and to the doing of something worthwhile in the world, for nobody with Jesus as a friend could live an empty, aimless life. Friendship with the King will surely lead us away from the critical fault-finding that is so common in the world, and from the harsh, unforgiving spirit. Yes, friendship with the King will transform us.

We sing, "I've found a Friend; oh, such a Friend." But have we? Is it true? Are we his, and his for ever? Remember he has said, "Ye are my friends if we do whatsoever I command you."

X-Ray Clinic, Dhond, India

AN interested family in South Australia have donated a cheque for £500 for the establishment of an X-ray clinic at Dhond. The need of an up-to-date X-ray apparatus has been long felt in the hospital, and some interested folk in Western Australia are already creating a fund for this purpose. With the splendid gift of £500 the X-ray plant is assured. The board appreciate the generous



A Ward at Dhond Hospital.

gifts of these servants of the Lord, and respect their desire that they be simply recorded as "Inasmuch."

Many items relative to Dhond Hospital will be discussed with Dr. Oldfield and the staff when the Federal secretary is in India, some items being, new maternity ward, new children's ward, Indian nurses' quarters, and this latest proposal—an X-ray clinic.

The development of these projects will be the subject of conference between the Federal Board and Dr. Oldfield when he returns to Australia shortly. Dr. P. S. Messent, chairman of the board, will confer with our esteemed medical missionary professionally, and thus greatly assist in decisions on such important proposals.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR MISSIONARIES

AT this time of the year we are reminded of the rapidly approaching Christmas season of good-will, and naturally we are planning to remember our loved ones and friends with some expression of cheer. The Federal Board once again remind the brotherhood to remember our beloved missionaries and their native co-workers in India, New Hebrides and China. A donation from every church in the Commonwealth would enable the board to send a very substantial Christmas cheer gift to be distributed amongst the workers on the fields. Send a monetary gift to the Federal secretary or State treasurers this month. See list to whom gifts should be sent, in F.M. advertisement panel.

REST AND SERVICE

Extracts from a Recent Letter from Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Aoba, New Hebrides.

WE had a fortnight away at the Melanesian Mission hospital for a holiday recently. We enjoyed the change and meeting a few white people. It is the Anglican mission, and besides the three nurses at the hospital, there are the archdeacon and a schoolmaster and his wife; also a girls' school in charge of two sisters. They are all very nice people and were very kind to us.

Lolawai (where the C. of E. mission is situated) is a very lovely spot, the prettiest

place I have seen so far in the New Hebrides. The name means "big water." It is a bay formed out of a volcanic crater. When one enters this bay after tossing about on the ocean waves, one is impressed most by the beautiful calm water and the peaceful stillness of the surroundings. The hills around are covered by lovely trees varying in color from pale green and yellow to deep green. There was a nut tree that was just changing color to some lovely autumn shades. They say it always changes color at the beginning of the hot season. The grounds of the Melanesian mission property are very well laid out in tropical gardens. They have a much greater rainfall than we do at Nduindui.

We enjoyed swimming in the calm water after our rough surf. One day we drifted about in the dinghy over the coral reef, and it is a thrilling sight to see all the coral. It looks like a colorful garden under the sea. There is blue coral which just looks like mignonette, also pink, green, yellow and gold. The fishes were darting in and out. Some were blue and others had yellow and black stripes, and there were plenty of gold fish. After seeing all those we saw a couple of sharks, which were definitely not nice to meet in a small dinghy.

We have been very busy in the surgery lately. Every morning at 8 o'clock we have sick parade, when the halt and lame begin to arrive. There is a small boy of about seven years old, named Ngwerildooroo, who simply could not be persuaded to come for treatment for a long time. Finally he came. He had a shocking sore on his foot, and we thought he would lose two of his toes, but he is responding to treatment, and has only lost half of one toe. There are many boys and girls coming for treatment just now, and many more should come but are afraid of the injections. How glad we will be when we have a hospital, for there are many people needing constant attention and are unable to have it because we have no place to keep them. At present we have a young girl housed in a native hut near the medicine house, because her arms and legs are covered in yaws sores. She cannot walk, and needs daily dressings and many injections. Now we have had to put a small boy in with her, who came on Friday with a great gash in his foot. He had slashed it with a tomahawk.

Last Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Water-

DECLARING THE LORD'S DEATH

Action in the Lord's Supper

THE scriptural account of the establishment of the Lord's Supper is brief. Matthew set it down in about eighty words. But because the majority of words suggest action we are impressed by the vivid description. We are told that Jesus "took" the bread. He "gave" thanks. He "broke" the loaf. He "gave" it to his disciples. He said to them, "Take, eat."

In the same vivid style the actions relating to the cup are detailed. Jesus, we are told, "took" the cup. He "offered" thanks. He "gave" the cup to the disciples. He said to them: "All drink out of it." We cannot appreciate the significance of the Lord's Supper unless we recognise the dramatic action set out in this memorial feast.

Action was typical of Jesus. He was a person of deeds rather than of words. He was always on the move, going from village to village. Some may say he was a teacher. Yes, but he never settled into the rut of an

man and two native boys, we went to one of the villages about seven miles down the coast. We set off at 10 a.m. in our dinghy with the borrowed outboard motor. It was a lovely day. The sea was a bit choppy in parts, but it did not take us long to get there. As we approached the place where we land the boy blew the "boo-boo" (a large conch shell), and forthwith some men scrambled down the cliff. (I omitted to say previously that Lovu-tialou, the name of the village, means "big hill," and is situated on top of a steep cliff.) Then we had to leap out of the boat on to the rock, which would be no mean feat in a very rough sea, but it was comparatively easy on this occasion. After we were all out of the dinghy the men lifted it right out of the water on to the rocks. Then we had to climb the very big hill.

When we arrived at the village the people were very glad to see us, and gave us bananas and coconuts to refresh us. After the service they gave us some "lap-lap" (a delicious native food made from grated or pounded vegetables, wrapped in leaf and cooked very slowly in hot embers. When cooked it is covered with coconut cream and served in a neat bundle). When we had eaten our lunch, Mrs. Waterman took the children for a sing-song, while we gave 36 injections for "yaws." Then we left for home at 5 o'clock, tired but happy, after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

To-day we walked to a village called Lorni, about three miles from here, and had service. We like to visit three villages a month. Then every first Sunday we have a combined service here at Nduindui.

Insight and Foresight

(Continued from front page.)

servant." Churches in Australia are not lacking in wealth, in organisation, or in institutions, but in church members who possess courageous and self-sacrificing faith. Too many individuals leave too much work and responsibility to too few members. When the church is vigorous and successful, members will have the "insight" to appreciate human needs, and have the conviction that the Christian gospel alone can give satisfaction. By their "foresight" they will also discover ways and means of reaching the multitude and of convincing them of the "wisdom and power" in the gospel. We ought to remember the fate of those who were faithless and lazy, and try to use and invest our "talents" to promote the success of the kingdom of God.

established school. He went from seaside to mountain and from well to temple-court, announcing good news. We are told he went about doing good and helping others. In his death, presented again to us in the Lord's Supper, he was not passive but active. His life was not taken from him. He laid it down himself. He went freely to the cross as a willing sacrifice.

Now, in this feast, those who have any part with Christ do so in actions—actions most common to human life. Actions upon which physical life depends. To eat and to drink mean life. The eating of this broken bread and the drinking of this cup bring Christ to us. In these actions we have communion with Christ, making spiritual growth possible. In these actions of the supper we are reminded of the need of sharing in the full life of sacrificial service set out in the life of Christ. Let us do this, then, in memory of Jesus.

The Pure in Heart

PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER

Call to Worship—

"Draw thou my soul, O Christ,
Closer to thine;
Breathe in every wish
Thy will divine!
Raised my low self above,
Won by thy deathless love,
Ever, O Christ, through mine,
Let thy life shine."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 428,
"O gracious Father of mankind, our spirits'
unseen Friend."

Scripture Reading.—Phil. 4.

Solo.

Prayer.—"Our Father, we lift our thanks-
giving to thee for the disclosure of thyself in
nature, in the scriptures, in human life, and
in the character of our Lord Jesus Christ. In
the light of all these revelations we cannot
doubt thy fatherly care of all thy children,
nor thy purpose to assist us in our noblest
endeavors for character, for freedom and for
progress toward perfection. Help us to make
the life of Jesus increasingly our model and
our inspiration. And may no doubts obscure
our confidence in our ability, with thy help,
to win through to life eternal. Amen." ("The
Daily Altar.")

Meditation.—*The Pure in Heart.*

To have a great purpose in life, to be will-
ing to sacrifice, to suffer or even to die for
it, is to experience happiness which is unattain-
able to those who are changeable in their
loyalties.

When Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in
heart," the purity of which he spoke means,
in our modern English language, to be "with-
out alloy," "simple," "single-minded," to have
a singleness of purpose in seeking after truth
and the will of God.

If we have a singleness of purpose, a domin-
ating desire to do God's will, our vision in
life will enable us to see the best in others,
to observe their possibilities for good as Christ
did when he saw that the energy Peter used
in his impulsiveness could be re-directed to
successful leadership in the early church. Not
to try to see good in our fellow-men is to
raise a wall of partition between us and
God.

We all have different talents and oppor-
tunities. Some of us live on farms or in
country towns, others in large cities or in
outer suburbs; but most women, wherever
they live, find their greatest opportunities for
revealing the qualities of this beatitude
through the home. To make a home a happy
place and to train the children that they may
experience the happiness which comes from
an unswerving loyalty to and faith in God are
no mean tasks.

But most of us experience many distrac-
tions which make it difficult for our hearts to
be pure—without alloy—and we say in distress,

"We have not loved thee as we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by thee;
Thy presence we have coldly sought,
And feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart
To feel and own the love thou art."

It will be impossible for us to be pure in
heart unless we practise the habit of prayer.
For it is in communion with God that we
can more readily sense his presence, and the
dross in our natures is removed. Then with
a childlike faith we will be able to see our
heavenly Father directing and supporting us

even through the perplexing experiences of
life.

"If clearer vision thou impart,
Grateful and glad my soul shall be,
But yet to have a purer heart
Is more to me.

"Yes, only as the heart is clean,
May larger vision yet be mine,
For mirrored in its depths are seen
The things divine."

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall
see God."

Prayer.—"Gracious Father in heaven, admit
us into the secret of thy presence, that we
may worship thee in spirit and truth. Guard
us in those points of our characters that are
most weak. Keep us from vanity and pride,
from evil thoughts, and from unkind speech.
Help us to love thee with all our hearts and
to cordially love one another. Aid us as
we try to serve thee by administering to our
fellowmen. Amen."

Business session.

Programme—

Home mission notes.

Missionary letter.

Extemporaneous prayers.

Address.—Social service.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 589,
"The call of God resounding."

Benediction.—May God, the fountain of all
blessing, fill us with the understanding of
sacred knowledge. May he keep us sound in
faith, steadfast in hope and persevering in
patient charity. And may the blessing of
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and
the peace of the Lord be with us all. Amen.

EXECUTIVE NOTES

Tasmania

At October meeting Mrs. Hughes presided
and Mrs. Ayers led devotional session. Mrs.
McQueenie and Mrs. Ashlin, delegates to
Federal Conference, gave interesting talks on
their trip and of conference activities.

South Australia

Mrs. McQueen (president) led devotional
half hour and presided over business session.
This being first meeting of conference year,
president extended a welcome to delegates.
Mrs. J. Graham was elected representative on
Management Committee (State conference) for
establishment of Christian Guest Home. Re-
ports were given by treasurer, home mission,
overseas, obituary and catering superinten-
dents. It was decided that balance from
catering committee, £20, be donated to Chris-
tian Guest Home.

Victoria

October meeting of delegates and friends was
held in Chown Memorial Chapel of College of
the Bible, Glen Iris, on Friday, 4th. Mrs.
Nankivell, president, was in the chair. Miss
J. Chapple led devotions.

Among visitors welcomed were Miss L. Fore-
man, India; Mrs. Madel-Cole, Tasmania; Mrs.
W. Ewers, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Cosh,
Western Australia. Mrs. Cosh brought a
beautiful message in song as well as a greeting.

During past few weeks two delegates had re-
ceived home-call—Mrs. Lennox, of Coburg, and
Mrs. Washbourne, of East Kew. Sympathy
was extended to loved ones.

Through a letter from Mr. Hibburt, of Youth
Department, an announcement was made that

Miss I. V. Gill had accepted an invitation to
serve as a field worker amongst girls and
young women, under Y.P. Department, and
in co-operation with Women's Conference. Much
joy was felt and expressed at this appoint-
ment. Words of goodwill were spoken, to
which Miss Gill replied in her usual thought-
ful manner.

New South Wales

"Echoes of Federal Conference" being theme
for October meeting, Mrs. D. Wakeley spoke
on the social activities, Mrs. P. D. McCallum
on business and reports, and Mrs. A. Day on
inspirational side. As many of delegates were
helping in Temperance Alliance fair (Social
Service Committee having charge of refresh-
ments), the meeting was not as large as
usual.

Queensland

In absence of president, Mrs. Lade, the vice-
president, Mrs. P. C. D. Alcorn, presided at
the meeting of Women's Conference Auxiliary.
"Food for Britain" appeal was discussed. All
churches have been approached for donations.
Plans for women's session at half-yearly con-
ference were completed. Mrs. Calvert, Queens-
land secretary of World Day of Prayer, gave
an address on "Prayer, Privileges and Power."
Mrs. Mills read a paper prepared by Mrs. H. E.
Greenwood on Federal Conference, which was
very informative.

JOTTINGS

THE women of all church organisations will
wish for Mrs. Waterman a very happy
furlough with her two daughters in the home-
land. We rejoice with her that she has been
able to do so much for the people on the island
of Aoba.

Miss Anne Ball, our "living link" in the
aborigines work, has returned to Norseman
after her trip to Federal Conference and a
visit to her mother in Melbourne.

Mrs. Bates, who was secretary of the Federal
Women's Conference when the executive was
in Queensland, has been in hospital for an
operation, but is home again.

DR. KAGAWA AND JAPAN'S FUTURE

"THE Shane Quarterly" for April has
come to hand from America. There are
several interesting articles and a report of an
interview with Dr. Kagawa, of Japan, by E. L.
Kirtley. In answer to the question what was
he doing now, Dr. Kagawa stated that he
had started two watch factories in two former
precision instrument factories. Christian
leaders were in charge of these, and were
operating them as schools where students
could come from all over Japan and learn
watchmaking and watch repairing. Then
they could go back to their homes and earn
a living from a work bench like the Swiss
people. He said, "Japan cannot keep her
big towns, since her industries have been de-
stroyed, and she will have to have some-
thing like this in order to survive. Japan
has long needed the Christian religion in
her industry which will give her the proper
ethics in industry. Later we will create new
schools and scatter them throughout Japan
under Christian leadership. Even now a
former member of the faculty of the Imperial
Japanese University, a Christian, is instructing
in the schools."

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Here and There

Miss F. Cameron has arrived in India after her furlough in Australia, and has resumed her work at Shrigonda.

W. J. Crossman, who has been invited to serve the City Temple, Sydney, as minister, will commence his ministry with the church on Sunday, November 10.

On a recent Lord's day morning six were received by letter at Frankston (Vic.). Two of these were from Langwarrin, and one from Mornington. A week-night service is held monthly at the latter place.

The Victorian Churches of Christ Students' Fellowship was entertained by Brighton church on Sunday, Oct. 13, at tea. In the worship service that followed the choir anthems, congregational hymns and sermon by W. S. Lowe, interpreted the progressive activity of God in human history.

W. Gale writes: "In a recent circular to the Victorian churches an error crept into a reference made to certain new housing areas in which the Home Missionary Committee has made application for church sites. Unfortunately East Malvern was named when it should have been Ashburton."

It is now two years since the first week-night service was held at Moorooduc, on the Mornington Peninsula (Vic.). At first they were held monthly and later twice a month. The attendance has never been below twenty; frequently it has been over thirty, and on a few occasions has gone higher than that. As a result there is now a church of 29 members in that fruit-growing district.

The Collingwood-Richmond-Burnley Christian Youth held their first talent quest at South Richmond church of Christ on Saturday, Oct. 19. Mr. Long, College of the Bible, acted as compere over a gathering of 102. Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mr. Dyer adjudicated. A very successful evening was experienced as a result of the interest taken by members of various churches. The presentation social is to be held on Nov. 23 at Burnley.

R. A. Berry has completed three years of active leadership as secretary of church at Emerald, Victoria. Within that period additions to membership have been steady; nine by transfer, five by faith and baptism and one reconsecration. Assets have increased from £62 to £635. Of this, £465 has been paid on account of manse now being erected. The balance used to make provision for electrical hearing aids for chapel, piano for school, an organ for church, church furnishings, etc. A resident preacher is to commence work on Dec. 22. Mr. Berry has expressed sincere thanks to members for their splendid co-operation and sacrificial efforts during the years. Mrs. A. E. Legge has been appointed secretary.

Brisbane (Ann-st.) church is celebrating 63rd anniversary, anniversary theme being "Christ's Call to Loyalty." It commenced with women's session on Oct. 17, when 90 sisters were present and speaker was Mrs. Brigadier Taylor, of Salvation Army. On Oct. 19 a young people's rally was held, when Mr. Ham, of Joyful News Mission, was speaker. Oct. 20 was "every member present" Sunday, when Mr. Hunting paid a tribute to pioneers of church. All elder brethren of church took part in service. There were three sisters present who were over 90 years, four over 80 years. Attendance was 212. At evening service, Men's Fellowship took part. There were 132 present. On Oct. 22, anniversary tea was held. A birthday thanksgiving offering was taken to provide equipment for Bible school; offering to date is £39. Mrs. Gordon, 93 years, cut birthday cake. C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., was speaker. Several alterations have been

made during this month. A suction fan has been installed in chapel, also new lighting, and back portion of chapel has been altered to make more room for kindergarten.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, A. C. MacLean (N.S.W. conference president) concluded an eight years' ministry with City Temple congregation. Our reporter says: "His was an effective ministry. He served the church well. During those years, difficult war years, he won his way into heart and home, being always a friend to the friendless, a good visitor, a wonderful help in the sick room. His was a teaching ministry. City Temple owes a great deal to Mr. MacLean. His keen enthusiasm and organisation brought about a much-needed change in the structure, the building now serving as a brotherhood centre. His Saturday night meeting for men



A. C. MacLean.

and Monday afternoon meeting for women stand out in his ministry. In addition to his duties in the local church, Mr. MacLean served on the Council of Churches, and is a past president. He made a valuable contribution to the civic righteousness of the city. At a farewell social on Wednesday, Oct. 9, N. D. Morris, a vice-president of conference, occupied the chair. He conveyed good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. MacLean and family, and was ably supported by representative brethren and sisters of the church. Mrs. MacLean and her daughters were presented with flowers, and Mr. MacLean received a wallet of notes. Mr. MacLean suitably responded."

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY CONFERENCE

CHURCHES at Toowoomba, Ma Ma Creek, West Moreton District, Boonah, Silverdale, Ipswich and Bundamba have organised a conference. Their first meeting was held on Oct. 12.

An enthusiastic reception was given to a proposed combined evangelistic plan to begin in 1947 to strengthen established causes and to open up new work.

Delegates of nine churches met in morning, and in afternoon general conference assembled. J. B. Grant addressed this session. During tea adjournment H. E. Greenwood presented the story of the pioneers, per medium of lantern slides.

Over 400 people were accommodated in Farmers' Hall for the festival of evangelism,

when W. Giezendanner and N. G. Boeltcher preached the gospel. One young lady made the good confession.

Special items were rendered during conference, by Rosevale choir and Miss Merle Haworth.

Motor buses conveyed delegates from Toowoomba (70 miles away) and Ipswich. L. Larsen, first conference president, splendidly led the various sessions. Officers elected for ensuing year were: President, H. Christensen (Rosevale); vice-presidents, W. Giezendanner (Ma Ma Creek) and R. Draney (Toowoomba); secretary, E. T. Hart (Boonah); assistant sec., C. T. Jenner (Boonah); treasurer, T. C. Stubbin (Boonah).

PALESTINE, A LAND OF PROMISE

DR. WALTER LOWDERMILK, Assistant Chief of the American Soil Conservation Service, writes of the agricultural features and possibilities of the Holy Land, and gives many facts of deep interest to Bible students. He was sent by his Government to the East to study soil erosion and ways of preventing it, in order to throw light on similar problems in America. The neglect of the terraces on the hillsides has meant that through centuries the fertile earth has been lost. "Here before our eyes the remarkable red-earth soil of Palestine was being ripped from the slopes and swept down into the coastal plain and carried out to sea, where it turned the blue of the Mediterranean to a dirty brown as far as the eye could see."

Under Arab domination this went on unchecked, but remarkable improvements have been witnessed since Jewish immigration. This began in force after 1917. The population of Palestine has fluctuated considerably throughout the historical period, and authorities differ in their estimates. Prof. G. R. Driver thinks there are now more Jews in Palestine than were there in the golden days of the monarchy; that is to say, the Jewish population to-day equals, perhaps exceeds, the number of those over whom David and Solomon ruled. In A.D. 70 the population might have been two-and-a-half million, but it fell to its lowest level of 200,000 in 1850. In thirty years the Jewish population has trebled, and the Arab residents have doubled their numbers. Out of a total number of inhabitants in the land of 1,600,000, there are 900,000 Moslem Arabs, 550,000 Jews and 125,000 Christians.

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Queensland

Gympie District.—Monkland chapel has been greatly improved by completion of a canite ceiling. Good services were held at Monkland and Gympie on Oct. 20, with one young man welcomed in at Monkland and two confessions at Gympie.

Charters Towers.—Mr. Greenwood (State conference secretary and organiser) visited church on Oct. 1. A special illustrated address presented by Mr. Greenwood on Oct. 2 was enjoyed. He also addressed W.C.F. meeting on Oct. 3. Mr. Greenwood conducted all services on Oct. 6. His addresses were helpful and inspiring.

Bundaberg.—Services on Oct. 13 were well attended. Soloists in evening were Sisters J. De'Oberitz and A. De'Oberitz. Women's Guild held an evening on Oct. 15, when a nice array of aprons was displayed, games were played and items rendered. Church tennis club, in recess for a few weeks, has commenced competition play. Boys' Club, which has been functioning since Mr. Dallinger commenced his ministry here, has had good attendance. Boys have been on fishing, boating and swimming trips.

Roma.—On Oct. 13, Bible school commenced anniversary services. At night several teachers assisted and superintendent gave an address. On evening of Oct. 15, school gave a demonstration, children excelling in song, recitation and dialogue. Prizes were presented; every child on roll received one. C.E. Society commenced anniversary services with a social on evening of Oct. 17 with over 50 present. C.E. demonstration on Oct. 19 was of a high order. R. W. G. Pitman, vice-president, presided, and C. J. Mackenzie, of Kedron, who came to Roma for special services, brought a greeting. On Oct. 21, church commemorated 58th anniversary. Mr. Mackenzie spoke in morning, and at night was assisted by several members of C.E. After a splendid address four members of C.E. and a married lady presented themselves for re-dedication and a full surrender to Christ. Mrs. L. R. Pitman, after a recent operation in a Brisbane hospital, has returned home.

Western Australia

Subiaco.—Church held 48th anniversary on Oct. 6 with G. T. Fitzgerald (S.A.) as speaker. Other S.A. visitors of recent weeks were Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. T. Butler. The Young Married Women's Fellowship spent an enjoyable evening with Girls' Club on Oct. 8, a debate being conducted. On Oct. 13, evening service was conducted by students. G. Moignard, G. Smith and J. Doble gave addresses and D. Dunwoodie sang. George Smith had to go to hospital two days later with appendicitis. Oct. 20, Bible school began anniversary celebrations. At evening meeting two scholars made the good confession.

Kalgoorlie.—S.S. anniversary has been held with good attendances. Afternoon of Oct. 13 was devoted mostly to kinder items, singing and prize-giving. R. Haley was speaker. In evening, senior school sang anniversary hymns and gave items. The demonstration was held on Oct. 15, when prizes were presented. On Oct. 16, both kinder and senior schools had anniversary tea. Endeavorers held a rally on Oct. 14, when R. Haley, Australian field organiser of Endeavor, gave an address. Visitors have been welcomed. Mr. Fitch and his broadcast choir are doing splendid work. Church

plans to use Wednesday and Sunday evenings for evangelism for month of November. Mrs. Durbridge is home after three months in hospital. All auxiliaries are doing good work. Fred Stephenson gave a fine address at morning meeting on Oct. 13.

Perth.—At weekly prayer meeting each one attending is given a copy of booklet, "Pictures of the Kingdom," published by Young People's Department of conference. Discussion on parables of Jesus precedes a period of prayer. Church is pleased that Walter Brown is back after absence in Air Force. He is helping as Sunday evening organist. Dorcas Society had a successful home mission afternoon. £31/5/- was raised. On morning of Oct. 20, visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Pearson (Ballarat, Vic.), Mr. Marshman (Owen, S.A.). J. K. Robinson gave an informative talk. At 7.30 p.m., service was broadcast. Miss Lynda Jeffery (City Temple, Sydney) helped with a solo. Mr. Robinson preached.

Harvey.—Youth Fellowship combined with Methodist club in celebrating second anniversary. Opening of tennis court was held on Oct. 5. On 11th, players were invited to Methodist court, play and afternoon tea being enjoyed. College of Bible offering was £6/19/6. Mr. Thurrowgood spoke at both meetings. Church was happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Roesner back after two months in Eastern States. At Bible school anniversary on Oct. 20, Mr. Livingstone led singing. Misses Ottrey and Robinson trained kinders, who gave special items and received books. Miss Ottrey handed each mother and child a posy and card from cradle roll. Mr. Thurrowgood gave a special talk. On Oct. 2, sisters enjoyed a combined social afternoon at invitation of Anglican ladies; and on 16th, Methodist ladies entertained them.

South Australia

Flinders Park.—On Sept. 29 H. Patching was evening speaker, F. Hollams preaching at Hindmarsh Christian church. Oct. 5 was set aside as communion Sunday, when F. Hollams spoke to a full chapel. M. Smith and his sister Vida were received into fellowship by transfer from Whyalla church. J.C.E. won churches of Christ banner, also Hindmarsh district banner.

Murray Bridge.—Church expressed sympathy with Mrs. A. Grundy in sudden death of her husband. Church has united with Salvation Army, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in a combined mission. Girls' Club held a successful evening, raising £7. Ladies' Guild continues to function actively. Sunday school is practising for anniversary under leadership of L. Fitzgerald. Work has commenced on a tennis court for young people. Attendance at gospel service on Oct. 20 was excellent.

Cowandilla.—The Mason family, who have returned from country, have been welcomed back. In scripture examinations P. Docking came top of her division in State. Mr. Dixon has resigned as Sunday school superintendent, and in his place D. Hemer has been elected. On Oct. 12 B tennis team opened season by defeating Richmond Baptist. On Oct. 16, church gave a social to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dawson. They were presented with a small gift by Mr. Dixon on behalf of church in appreciation of services. On Oct. 13, visiting speakers were Dr. Trevor Turner and Mr. Graham. On Oct. 19, Sunday school held picnic enjoyably at Belair.

Killburn.—On Oct. 15 F. Lawrence, of Prospect church, presided over a meeting called to receive a deputation from Home Mission Committee. Church accepted a recommendation from the Home Mission Committee to co-operate with church at Prospect. A. E. Brown consented to remain as preacher until end of

November. All expressed appreciation of splendid honorary ministry of A. E. Brown, ably assisted by Mrs. Brown (senior and junior), and Miss G. Bartlett, resulting in foundation of work at Killburn being solidly laid. B. L. S. Mann was elected an officer in place of F. Stone. On Oct. 20, 41 attended morning Bible school, and 27 were present at 11 a.m. service. A. E. Brown conducted both services.

Cottonville.—During Mr. Brooke's absence, taking anniversary services at Glenelg and Unley, D. Pike and Dr. Trevor Turner were speakers. Mr. Brooke spoke at all other services for fortnight ended Oct. 20. At gospel service on 20th, Isobel Sweetman and Aileen Uren confessed Christ. Special mention was made on Oct. 6 of commencement of preacher's fourth year of service with church. Well attended meetings were an encouragement to Mr. Brooke. On same day, church participated in world brotherhood aim to have every member present at communion. Mrs. Shearing is home from hospital, improving in health. Mr. Aird has been ordered by doctor to have complete rest for three months. Tennis club elected J. Ferris secretary and treasurer, Mr. Brooke president, and W. Ferris vice-president. Girls' basketball club held wind-up social on Oct. 26.

Long Plains-Avon-Owen Circuit.—N. G. Noble's Youth Week addresses on Oct. 6-13 were appreciated. Soloists were Mrs. Maurice Carslake and Miss Shirley Parker. At Owen guild on Oct. 8 Mrs. Noble was in chair, and more parcels for UNRRA were received. College of the Bible assessment (£10) was oversubscribed. Youth of circuit churches attended well northern C.E. Union half-yearly rally held at Shannon on Oct. 11. Arthur Pigdon, preacher of Port Pirie church, addressed Long Plains Bible school anniversary services (3) in chapel on Oct. 13, and gave an effective illustrated address on the Restoration Movement in Memorial Hall, on Oct. 14, following tea. D. J. Daniel, superintendent, gave a fine report of a year of school progress, presiding over a large public meeting. Mr. Pigdon's fellowship and addresses added inspiration and instruction to a well-prepared anniversary weekend. Mervyn Jenkin was the effective conductor. Will H. Parker, circuit treasurer, is improving from serious illness. Circuit preacher was at Owen all day on Oct. 13. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hermann, from Queensland, are at present in helpful circuit fellowship. Northern Conference sisters' executive met in Long Plains chapel on Oct. 22.

New South Wales

Bankstown.—Work is progressing well. At half-yearly business meeting of church in September, Mr. Hallop was invited to labor with church for further period of three years. Manse is nearing completion. During month of September one young man was baptised. Young people's work is in good heart in every department. Talent fund has been recommenced to help manse fund. Sisters held a successful anniversary on Oct. 10. Over 80 sat to lunch in kindergarten hall. Chapel was crowded at meeting which followed. Mrs. Wakely spoke. Messrs. Schofield, Crossman and Stephenson have helped in services whilst Mr. Hallop has been on holidays. Ex-Servicemen took night service on Oct. 20; Geoff. Crossman was speaker.

Broken Hill.—On Oct. 17 and 18 social evenings were held at Wolfram-st. and Wills-st. in honor of Muriel Skewes, who was married to Walter Best, of Cheltenham, S.A., in Wills-st. chapel on Oct. 26. Gifts were presented from members of Wolfram-st., and parents, children and staff of Wills-st. school in appreciation of outstanding work Miss Skewes has done for a number of years among kinders and juniors in both churches. Meetings on Oct. 20 were good. Mr. Paddick spoke at both services at Wolfram-st. and Mr. Evans conducted Wills-st. communion service. On afternoon of Oct. 27 a pleasant Sunday afternoon service was conducted by scholars at Wolfram-st and the

occasion taken to present certificates and awards gained in this year's scripture examination. H. G. Alexander brought a message to children.

Earlwood.—On Oct. 22, Women's Fellowship anniversary was held. Mrs. Day, conference president, gave an inspirational talk; visiting sisters gave messages in song. Afternoon tea was served at close of a happy session. Mrs. Graham, president, was unable to be present through illness, and Mrs. Edwards presided. Sunday services by A. Hinrichsen are helpful and inspiring. W. J. Crossman was a recent preacher at a Sunday morning service. C.E. work is strong and working smoothly with good attendance of 26.

Taree.—Bible school anniversary services were held successfully on Sept. 22. A. B. Clark brought appropriate messages. Mrs. W. Walmsley conducted school choir, and a Bible school student responded to invitation at evening service. Demonstration and prize-giving took place on Oct. 4. Miss Marjorie Hall, of Naremben (W.A.), returned to her home after spending over six months with local church. She was thanked for many services, and a presentation was made on behalf of young people. Congratulations were offered to tennis club in connection with Taree church in winning district competition. During October, addresses have been given by A. B. Clark with exception of morning address on Oct. 20, when L. P. Breusch, of World-wide Evangelisation Crusade, was speaker.

Bexley North.—A basket tea was held on Sept. 28, when lantern slides on pioneers of Christian unity were shown, and reminiscences of Adelaide Federal Conference given. This was followed by an open-air service and an evangelistic rally conducted by Woolwich college students. Over 100 were present when E. C. Hinrichsen and Mr. Caldicott preached. On afternoon of Oct. 5, J.C.E. presented a splendid programme. P. E. Thomas gave an illustrated talk, and offering was taken for work of European Christian Mission after an appeal by L. C. Yelds. Scenic views were shown at combined Endeavor tea, after which Intermediates displayed talent in music and dramatisation. L. Dewberry gave a challenging address. Both J.C.E. and I.C.E. presented gifts for building fund. On Oct. 13 A. W. Ladbrook gave the church a helpful address planned in connection with Christian Unity Committee's work.

Victoria

French Island.—Mr. Heard's monthly visits have been appreciated. F. Collingwood conducted service on Oct. 20 at home of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, and gospel service at hall at 3 o'clock, 11 being present.

Middle Park.—Mr. Randall addressed morning service on Oct. 13; gospel address was given by Mr. Heard, of Montrose, who exchanged with Mr. Fisher. A gift of a beautiful Bell organ was left to church under will of late Mrs. Duncan. Sympathy of church was extended to Miss E. Jerymn in loss of her sister.

Shepparton.—On Oct. 20, Bible school anniversary services were held. School choir was led by Frank Young and his orchestra. Preacher at the three services was J. K. Bond, from Springvale, who gave very interesting addresses. On Oct. 21 scholars enjoyed a tea meeting which was followed by prize distribution.

Stawell.—Mr. McLean, student, has given helpful service in absence of Mr. Mudford, who has been attending Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Ararat for past month. Members and friends have paid several visits to the mission. Young People's Club held a social on Oct. 21. Church's 40th anniversary was held on Sept. 29, when W. W. Saunders was speaker at morning service and Mr. Mudford in evening. On Sept. 30 a social was held to celebrate 40th birthday of church. Mrs. King cut a cake which was made by two sisters.

Oakleigh.—Prior to Bible school anniversary, teachers and helpers visited over 300 church and Bible school homes with a personal invitation to attend. Anniversary services were held on Oct. 20 with attendance of 400 in afternoon and 330 in evening. C. T. Ferguson, of Essendon, conducted singing, and W. F. Nankivell and W. T. Atkin were speakers.

North Richmond.—On Oct. 20 the church held successful 56th anniversary celebrations. Attendances at all services were exceptionally good. Speaker at 11 a.m. was A. B. Withers and soloist Miss D. Clark. At 5 p.m. many past and present members gathered for tea, and a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed. Concluding service for day was held at 7 p.m., when J. E. Searle was speaker. Special singing by choir was appreciated, soloists being Miss E. Chipperfield and H. B. Graham.

Hartwell.—Services during October had marked increase in evening attendances. At conclusion of Mr. Robinson's address on Oct. 6, a young lady confessed Christ and was baptised following Sunday. On Oct. 13, Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held a rally and tea at which R. A. Gardiner, M.L.A., was speaker; there were over 130 present. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Webb and family, on holiday from Mile End, S.A. Mr. Webb, a former preacher of church, gave an inspiring gospel address on Oct. 26, and one young lady from Bible class accepted Christ.

Warragul.—Attendances continue good. On Oct. 20 L. Collyer exhorted church. Many relatives and friends gathered on Oct. 19 for marriage of Betty Waters (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Walters) to Bruce Owens, of Sydney. W. Clay officiated. Afterwards the wedding breakfast was celebrated at home of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald. Earlier in week a kitchen tea was given in Betty's honor by church. Ladies' Guild had arrangements for supper and programme. Many useful gifts were received. Betty will be much missed, as she has been a worker in S.S. and church, also organist.

Burnley.—While Mr. Long was assisting at Frankston with mission services, T. R. Robinson, E. W. Herd and H. W. Bartholomew assisted here. Mr. Long has presented a series of addresses at morning services on prevailing heresies. Ladies' Guild arranged a successful concert presented by Hartwell Merry-makers entitled "Isle of Dreams." Ladies gave afternoon at Christian Guest Home, and also at Prahran, where they presented a play, "The Patchwork Quilt." Cricket club held a garden fete and raised approximately £45. Anniversary services were held on Oct. 13 and 20, speakers being L. Crisp, R. Geyer, Mr. Long. Concert and presentation of prizes took place on Oct. 23, when Alan Rowe and Ken Searle assisted. Birthday party was held on Oct. 26. A happy time was enjoyed at all services.

Camberwell.—Thirtieth church anniversary services held on Oct. 27 were most successful. Address in morning was given by W. S. Lowe. In evening W. F. Nankivell preached. Special anthems were rendered by choir, Mrs. C. Taylor being soloist. At both services there was a large attendance, 140 breaking bread. A thankoffering for new school hall totalled £216. Amount in hand is now £725. Members are generously supporting this proposed enterprise to consolidate for future. Church dinner on Oct. 25 was well organised by B. F. Huntsman and an outstanding success. Interesting aspects of recent Federal conference were presented to members by means of moving pictures and various speakers outlined experiences and impressions of conference. Two religious films were shown and the children entertained by film. A suggested plan of new hall was also screened. Hospital Sunday collection was £20. Bible school work and other auxiliaries are doing splendid work, and a fine spirit of fellowship is prevailing throughout church.

Surrey Hills.—E. L. Williams continues his interim ministry. With largest attendance for a long period, World Communion Sunday was observed on Oct. 6. College of the Bible offering reached record of approximately £33. Sunday school anniversary services were held on Oct. 13. Special children's singing was conducted by Miss Friece. Mr. Wigney was speaker in afternoon and Mr. Page at night. On Oct. 19 a "Bible School on Parade" was held at which items were given by scholars. Prizes were presented to senior school. Kindergarten anniversary was held on Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. Parents attended to see this department in action. Prizes were presented to scholars and those on cradle roll. There are two cricket teams in Eastern churches competition. Tennis club has been reorganised.

Bendigo.—On Oct. 12, boys' and girls' clubs were well represented at National Fitness Council youth rally. Boys' Explorers club held a successful "penny night" on Oct. 10, when £7 was raised to help purchase equipment, etc. At concluding evening service of S.S. anniversary, Fay Langley and Joan Buchan confessed Christ and were baptised on Oct. 21. At this service Max Hughes and Louis Thornton also took their stand for Christ. Mr. Mathieson has commenced his fifth year of service with church. Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated birthday on Oct. 17, when 3CV ladies' choir rendered musical items. R. Streader, H. Hargreaves and E. H. Duus have given helpful addresses recently during absence of Mr. Mathieson in Melbourne and Echuca. Promotion Sunday was observed in S.S. on Oct. 21. A full teaching staff has now been obtained.

Northcote.—Bible school anniversary was a wonderful success. L. Brooker, F. Morgan and A. A. Hughes were special speakers. Anniversary concert was well organised and items well presented. Offerings totalled £44. Intermediate Endeavorers arranged a splendid concert on Oct. 21 in aid of Christian Guest Home. Proceeds taken, £17. Win Crawford has resumed church fellowship after three months' absence in country. Kappas and Betas had a return debate with Carlton Chinese Mission Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. S. Hamilton, from Bendigo, have been received by transfer. Mrs. Emmett and Mr. Barnes are away on account of illness. Mrs. Ramsden and party, from Epiphany Church, presented an excellent concert for Women's Guild. Mrs. N. Brown, Miss I. Sando and T. Howe are now on teaching staff. Les. Stirling is co-leader of Young People's Fellowship with R. Hing. Church offers sympathy to Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Hinrichsen, whose fathers have passed away, and to Mrs. Smith, who has lost her son Leslie. Church cricket team is doing well, having won first two matches. Shell Oil Co. presented a talkie show under auspices of cricket team. Hospital Sunday collection was almost £29. J. E. Webb spoke at gospel service recently. On 27th, W. G. Graham exchanged with T. Fitzgerald, of Fairfield. Average attendance for breaking of bread during month was 162 and at evening service 156.

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LEE.—In loving memory of our dear nephews, Lionel Auburn (Aub.), ret. M.E., N.G., died suddenly Oct. 29, 1945; Mervyn, R.A.A.F., missing, presumed killed air crash Gibraltar, Feb. 12, 1945; Kenneth, ret. M.E., died of wounds Wau, Jan. 30, 1943. Brothers reunited.

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To think we never said good-bye
Will always bring regrets;
But the happy days we spent together,
Will live in our hearts for ever.

—Inserted by their loving mother, father and brothers Ray and Rod.

LEE.—In memory of our loving nephew and cousin Lionel Auburn, who was called home Oct. 29, 1945.

Though his smile has gone for ever,
His voice we cannot hear,
We will always have sweet memories
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Obituary

Henry Hercules Davis

AT Nhill public hospital, Vic., on Wednesday, August 7, there passed from this life one of the pioneers, Henry Hercules Davis, at the ripe age of 87 years. For more than sixty years he had been in fellowship with churches of Christ in the Kaniva district. Born at sea during the voyage to Australia, he and his mother landed at Geelong, where they were met by father and husband. From Ballarat Mr. Davis and his mother came to the Kaniva district, where Mrs. Davis selected land, on portion of which a Bible Christians' chapel was erected. A convert of Andrew Rankine, Mr. Davis journeyed to Adelaide, where he was baptised. He became a close friend and fellow-worker of A. B. Maston, and was an original shareholder of the Austral Publishing Co. His zeal in witnessing to Christ led many to know him as Saviour and Lord. Many splendid tributes have been paid to Mr. Davis for his great service to the public life of Lillimur, where he resided during the later years of his life. Foremost in educational matters in the early days, he maintained his interest in the children of the district to the last. The chapel at Lillimur was filled for a service of remembrance, and a large assemblage gathered at the cemetery on Thursday, August 8, where the writer conducted the funeral service. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them."—H.E.

Miss Tressie Edwards

VERY early on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 17, Miss Tressie Edwards completed her life's work and passed on to the great beyond. Our sister became a member of the church at North Fitzroy, Melbourne, over 50 years ago, when quite a young girl. While still young she came to N.S.W. with her parents, and the family took membership at Enmore. There she entered fully into the activities of the congregation. A keen Bible student herself, she also taught a girls' Bible class. Her later years were spent in membership with the church at Hurstville, in which suburb she was for long a music teacher. Some 15 years ago Miss Edwards suffered a serious accident, and it left her with permanent physical weaknesses which made life increasingly difficult for her as time went on. Yet through it all she maintained a cheerful and courageous spirit, and those who visited her to minister to her often found that they had been ministered unto. Truly here was a triumphant spirit tenacious a frail body. When she passed on, all who knew her felt that it could be truly said in her case, "The divine Physician called and ordered rest." The sympathy of the Hurstville church is extended to all those whose lives have been saddened by the loss of a true friend, and especially to her sister, Mrs. Woods, now the sole surviving member of the family. "My grace is sufficient for thee."—A.W.L.

E. M. Hall

ON August 29, at Burwood, Vic., Edward Mackie Hall went home to his Lord after a short illness, at the age of 85. Throughout his long life, our brother was an earnest worker for his Lord and an ardent lover of the Restoration Movement. In his young manhood he came into contact with the Christadelphians, by whom he was baptised; but he joined the Prahran church of Christ nearly 60 years ago, and just prior to his marriage. With his bride he went to reside at Williamstown, where he remained for 30 years, exercising an extensive Christian influence as a deacon of North Williamstown church, and as superintendent of the Bible school. A keen student of the word of God, he laid a foundation on which some of our notable preachers

built. For a short period Mr. Hall and his family went to live at Prahran and transferred membership to the South Yarra church, but he later removed to the Burwood district, where he spent the remaining 18 years of his life zealously serving Christ in the Hartwell church as an elder and as a devoted teacher in the Bible school, and giving religious instruction in the State school. He never tired of working for God, and to within a few days of his death attended with his faithful partner the services on the Lord's day, and the mid-week service, with a regularity that was remarkable for his years. Throughout his life he seldom missed an opportunity of speaking to workmates, tradesmen and neighbors about the Lord and the church he loved, and his greatest memorial is a family that has grown up in the fear of the Lord to carry on his work. To Mrs. Hall and the honored members of her family the church at Hartwell extends deepest sympathy, and assures them that their loved one is remembered by what he has done.—C.J.R.

Mrs. G. A. W. Mott

HARRIET EMMA MOTT was called to her rest on Sept. 9, at the age of 74 years. Born in Milan (S.A.) in 1871, she moved to Bordertown when quite young. In 1937, as Mrs. Harriet Emma Bradshaw, our sister married G. A. W. Mott, and came to live in Victoria. The following year Mrs. Mott was baptised by H. C. Bischoff, and entered into fellowship with the church meeting at Swan Hill. She proved a valued and loved helpmeet, and an earnest and devoted member of the church. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, our sister never sought office for herself, but was faithful and wholehearted in her support of others. Her regular attendance at the Lord's table was an encouragement to many. In her last weeks of trial she displayed a brave and patient spirit. In her home-call the church at Swan Hill has lost one of its most faithful and humble members. We thank God for such a life of devotion, and commend her husband and her loved ones to our Father's care. "Rest after weariness, joy after pain."—H.I.W.

Elizabeth Adeline Williams

ON Saturday, Sept. 14, at her home in Camp-st., Kaniva, Vic., Elizabeth Adeline, loved wife of Richard M. Williams, passed from this life after a brief illness. With her passing another link is severed with the devoted band of Christian men and women who laid the foundations of the work of churches of Christ in this district. Mrs. Williams was born at Lucindale, S.A., in 1887. The eldest daughter of the late John and Martha McCallum, she came with her parents from Yorke Peninsula, S.A., in 1890 into this district. Mr. McCallum selected land at North Yanac, where the family remained for some years. They were Baptist folk, and during the ministry of the late Mr. Tomlinson, entered the fellowship of churches of Christ. Later the family moved to Kaniva. The surviving members of the family are Eva (Mrs. S. McCann, of Hawthorn, Vic.); Ethel (Mrs. L. E. Verco, of Bordertown, S.A.); Cecil (Alliance, Ohio, U.S.A.); and Carey (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A.). In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Williams were united in marriage, and made their home in Kaniva. Five years later they moved to Miram. In 1912 they came again to Kaniva, with their young family. There were six children of the marriage: Harold, John, Lily (Mrs. R. D. Main, of Port Kembla, N.S.W.), Richard (deceased), Donald and Addie (Mrs. J. Cunningham, of Lismore, N.S.W.). Of a quiet disposition, Mrs. Williams endeared herself to many by her kindly interest and helpfulness. Into a large circle of homes she went and brought comfort and cheer. Her friendly smile warmed many a heart. Ever a worker, she gave her strength to the care of her family. For more than fifty years Mrs. Williams was in fellowship with churches of Christ. It was her joy to turn the key in the

door of the new chapel in Kaniva, and declare it open for public worship in 1929. Always keenly interested in all the activities of the church, in her earlier years she gave devoted service in the Sunday school, and in later years to the Mission Band with its special interest in home and overseas missions and social service. She served with much devotion in the preparation of the communion table each Sunday for a long period. It was her highest joy to know her children followed in their parents' steps and gave themselves to the service of Christ. A large number gathered in the chapel for a brief service on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14, and at the graveside in Kaniva cemetery. Many who could not gather sent telegrams and messages and there were many beautiful floral tributes. The church extends loving sympathy to all who mourn, yet rejoices with them in the blessed hope that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—H.E.

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CONFERENCE AND RESOLUTIONS

THE peace resolutions passed by the Federal Conference for submission to the Federal Government are full of good advice to the world, full of pious wishes for world peace, but contain not the slightest indication that the framers of these resolutions are prepared to do anything in the matter themselves. What they really meant to say to the Federal Government was, "We would very much like you to outlaw war, but we ourselves tremble to do anything so drastic until we have your expert advice and permission. We wish ardently for peace, but if another war is unfortunately forced upon our country we shall keep as quiet as mice about the teachings of Christ and assure you of our continued silent consent as in times past. Always your obedient servants, the churches of Christ."

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By way of something definite, I suggest to the churches of Christ that instead of writing to Canberra, we set about solving this problem for ourselves.—S. H. Wattleworth, Exter, Tas.

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Fears are assuredly dealt with when a preacher, e.g., Clovis G. Chappell, leads us into fellowship with the wisdom and resources of "The Woman of the Fearless Face" (Esther 4: 16). (1) She was a young woman of natural courage. Though taunted by fears, she defied these fears by doing the thing that she knew she ought to do. (2) Then her natural courage was strengthened and undergirded by her faith. She had faith in her people and in the God of her people. (3) She was further undergirded by a high sense of mission. It is a source of measureless courage to be able to look into God's face in times of difficulty and say, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I might do this particular task and make this particular stand." (4) Finally, Esther was nerved for her task by a sane view of the facts.

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