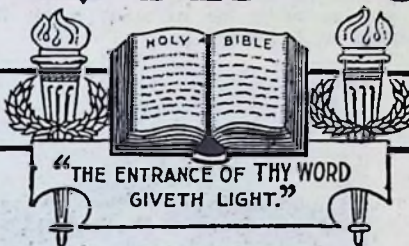


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Australia for Christ

THIS Home Mission Number sets out a peace-time programme. We have always been insistent on the need of making plans to win men and women into the church. This is another call for action.

We acknowledge these are difficult days. Materialism is affecting the outlook of the community. People do not attend church services readily.

Most communions are failing to make headway; in fact, membership in many churches is falling away. What are we to do about it? Are we to make these unpleasant facts a reason for indifference? Ought not the hardness of the times quicken endeavors to reach out and to win men for Christ? Because this generation is being held away from Christ, we must be more urgent in making efforts to break down the barrier of secularism.

What is the answer? The disciples of modern materialism are making advances. Why? Because they believe in their cause, and are announcing it without shame at every opportunity.

It is not the strength of their organisation that is so effective as the passion and zeal of the individual disciple.

Do we believe in Christ as much as we say we do when we sing such a hymn as, "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause"? Would not the church be more active if we applied to deeds what we sing?

If we genuinely hold that the present secular outlook of society will, if not checked, bring disaster to Australia, and if we believe that Christ alone can save, we shall not spare ourselves in making known our Lord to others.

The basis of successful missions is found in the love, and in the appreciation men have for their personal Saviour, Jesus Christ. Never has a revival or a mission advance occurred apart from the activity of those who have had a strong personal loyalty for Christ.

We must believe in Christ, in the truth of the Lord's cause and in the correctness of the "plea," if we are to win this age to Christ. Preaching and personal testimony must be given with such a positive and urgent note that people will take notice.

Revival might not come suddenly, but it surely could come if church members were to recapture the passion of the pioneers.

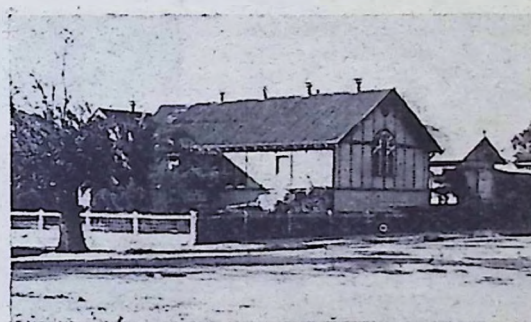
Those who are convinced of the saving power of the gospel, and of the need of New Testament evangelism for this materialistic age, will do all in their power to spread the good news. They will not only tell others of Jesus, but will also make it possible for new churches to be planted in country frontiers and in developing suburban districts.

We commend, therefore, most heartily this vital appeal, and trust that record offerings in all States will make it possible for peace-time advances in evangelism to be made.

Victoria at the Crossroads

WE are at the beginning of a new era. Industry is being dispersed to tap all resources of labor. Water storages on the Murray and Goulburn rivers are to be doubled and storages on other streams are to be provided in order to remove the drought hazard from Victorian life. Housing on an unprecedented scale is being undertaken by the government in vast new housing areas. Gippsland

is to be transformed by the erection of a huge new electrical generating station and briquette factory in Morwell-Moe district. Industry is sure to locate nearby — already Warragul has a large new rope, hemp and flax factory. The face of the land is being changed.



One of our chapels on Murray Valley Highway.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee is alive to the significance of this. Note in another place the committee's personnel and their own personal widespread interests.

They see in the new age just begun an unparalleled opportunity for the Restoration Movement and its plea for unity on the basis of return to the simplicities of the New Testament. They see no hope in the man-made policies of church federation, compromise, geographical, racial and clerical concessions. These all may be phases along the road, but the ultimate is the New Testament basis.

The committee has been greatly strengthened by having men from Swan Hill, Ballarat and Mildura.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee has made application for sites in every main housing area. It has given a promise to feature Gippsland at once—assisting the churches now at work in the Warragul-Moe-Morwell district in their developmental tasks. It will sustain the work in the huge section to be covered by the new irrigation forecasts. Within this area are the following churches, many of which are subsidised by home missions: Albury, Yarrawonga, Wangaratta, Shepparton, Echuca, Rochester, Boort, Pyramid Hill, Swan Hill, Woorinen, Ultima, Red Cliffs, Mildura, Merbein, Dareton.

Melbourne's suburbs are not to be overlooked, nor other opportunities which abound in the east and west of the State.

OUR picture represents scores of Bible school classes associated with home mission churches that are conducted in all parts of the State. In home mission churches over 1600 scholars and teachers are enrolled. Added to these are the clubs, Christian Endeavor societies and youth fellowships caring for many hundreds of children to whom home mission preachers and their associates minister weekly.



Victoria Plans Advance

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT WRITES

Dora Nankivell.

"THE deepest sickness of our modern world lies in its lack of any genuine conviction of truth."

Yet faith in something was never more admired or sought after. These past years of war have demonstrated the power of a faith, even though false. True, these false faiths have been defeated in battle, but they are still forces to be reckoned with.

Our great danger as Christians lies not in a possible failure to recognise these forces; but, rather, the failure to see they challenge us to use our best and prove the worth and power of the spiritual resources which are ours because of the living faith within us. To proclaim this faith in terms of a living Christ through whom God saves, and put it to the test of Christ-like living, is our task.

We hope for peace, but it is idle to expect any other institution than the church of Christ to provide the faith and the values on which to build peace. Through the centuries the church, by proclaiming that the gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation," has succeeded in producing men and women of power. It is the spiritual power which alone can redeem both individuals and communities.

May a keen sense of our responsibilities towards the sufferers of "the deepest sickness of our modern world" lead us to give our best on December 1.

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THE MEN

to whom you have entrusted the supervision of home missions. They come from eleven metropolitan churches. In addition, one comes from Ballarat, one from Mildura and one from Woorinen (Swan Hill district). The committee this year is more widespread in representation than at any time in our history. —W. Gale, secretary of committee.

J. McG. Abercrombie (Camberwell).
D. A. Cockroft (Woorinen).
B. J. Combridge (Preston).
R. Ennis (Lygon-st.).
R. F. Geyer (Gardiner).
J. Holloway (Malvern).
A. E. Hurren (Balwyn).
C. L. Lang (Hampton).
F. N. Lee (Thornbury).
A. D. Leng (Mildura).
G. L. Murray (Surrey Hills).
A. W. Stephenson, M.A. (Camberwell).
J. A. Wilkie (Ballarat).
E. L. Williams, M.A. (Boronia).
A. W. Cleland (Camberwell) (Chairman).
G. W. Mitchell (Malvern) (Treasurer).

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APPEALING CHURCHES

WHAT SHALL WE SAY TO THEM?

OUR picture is that of a hall wherein meets one of Victoria's youngest churches. It told the committee of its own efforts and of its possibilities, and asked for help to station a preacher. This was granted, and now they have a membership of 75, and a Bible school enrolment of approaching 100 teachers and scholars. Youth clubs, women's activities, and all that go with a present-day church, are there. They own their own land and are ready to build when a permit is granted.

Others, even some who have buildings, have made application for home mission help to provide resident preachers. Circuits are pleading for additional preachers so that they might more adequately cover their immediate territory.

Your committee asks for your response to their appeals that come to almost every meeting. Only a response—sacrificial, realistic and in keeping with a Christian's responsibility and privilege—will meet the need. That is why so much for so many hangs in the balance on December 1.



VICTORIA SEEKS AND NEEDS £2100 on DECEMBER 1

Send to W. Gale, Home Mission Office,
T. & G. Bldg., 147 Collins-st., Melb., C.I.



Valves of the mighty Hume Weir releasing water for huge irrigation systems downstream.

South Australia

"UNSHEPHERDED FLOCKS"

Dr. Trevor Turner, President of Conference.

"NO careful student of . . . our history . . . can fail to be impressed by the lesson that we must give much greater attention . . . to the spiritual needs of the unshepherded flocks among us . . . if we would present to the world . . . our conception of the New Testament church. One of the chief tasks set before the leaders among us is to devise some system by which weaker churches may be provided with pastoral care. Not until this task is completed can we carry out a supreme duty of the hour, namely, the training of our churches and membership in a more thorough knowledge of the scriptures, deepening their spiritual lives and securing their hearty co-operation in extending the kingdom of God among men."

Though these words were written forty-five years ago in review of our churches from 1850 to 1900, they have a peculiarly modern application.

One of the means devised to shepherd "the unshepherded flocks among us," is the Home Mission Department. It seeks to provide the pastoral care, the scriptural instruction and the spiritual force by which weaker churches may be made strong.

Without strong local churches there can be no vigorous or convincing expression of our faith in any sphere—home or foreign.

We have churches needing preachers; we have preachers needing churches, and we have new fields to be opened up.

In the forty-five years since the opening quotation was written, we have neither fully met nor outgrown the necessity to "give much greater attention to the needs of the unshepherded flocks among us."

Of course it takes money to do this and the brotherhood's instrument, the Home Mission Committee, confidently tells the churches that at least £2000 is needed to carry out its present programme.

A brotherhood that realises the need will surely provide the means.

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THE WHOLE SITUATION

C. Schwab, Home Mission Secretary.

THE newly-commenced cause at Kilburn represents an excellent encouragement for the whole brotherhood. A valuable block of land is held. Plans are in hand for a school hall. A large school enrolment with prospects of much increase. Hosts of families have taken up residence in Trust homes. More homes will be built which means more families. The practical interest of the brotherhood is required to make Kilburn a strong and flourishing cause at an early date.

Albert Park is also a new suburb. It is situated to the south of Port-rd., near Queens-town. Many families are comfortably housed in Trust homes. There is an urgent need for Sunday school and church facilities. A fine site has been secured. A small sum of money is in hand. There is no Sunday school anywhere near the chosen site. A number of church members reside in the area. The annual offering should be in the nature of a mandate from the brotherhood for something to be done immediately at Albert Park.

Woodville Gardens is a suburb near Croydon. Trust homes cover a vast area, and the locality is teeming with children. An excellent block

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Says Teach . . Evangelise . . Expand

of land is held. A tremendous opportunity challenges our brotherhood. Giving day should provide results which will make expansion possible in Woodville Gardens.

Whilst the department desires to reach out into new fields, it is also necessary to maintain a strong witness in locations where we have served for many years. The following churches are now being assisted by the brotherhood through the Home Mission Department: Berri, Winkle, Moorook, Broken Hill, Brooklyn Park, Torrensville, Colonel Light Gardens, Edwardstown, Gawler, Williamstown, Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, Naracoorte, Strathalbyn, Tumby Bay-Wudinna, Whyalla, Victor Harbour and Goolwa. It is a great and urgent thing that some Christian witness be made in every place, for only the gospel of Christ can save mankind.

A vigorous teaching ministry within the church membership, an aggressive evangelism in all fields now occupied, and expansion in new areas comprise in broad terms the Home Mission Department's policy for 1946-47.

The Home Mission Department seeks the assistance of the stronger churches in the interests of the weaker causes. At least £2000 is needed on Sunday, December 1.

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HOME MISSION OFFERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

T. Butler, Chairman, Home Mission Dept.

What is Required

1. *A Greater Interest by Our Brotherhood in the Work of Home Missions.* Home mission evangelism is the centre of the whole of our work—to strengthen our home fields is to strengthen all branches of our evangelistic obligations.

The stronger our home mission the stronger our overseas missions.

The stronger our home mission the stronger the activity in combating social evils.

The stronger our home mission, the stronger our youth development.

The stronger our home mission, the greater our sphere of activity.

2. *A Greater Knowledge of what is Being Done in Your Home Mission Department.* Much time is being given to the administration of the department. Nineteen churches are receiving assistance, costing over £200 per month. Murray Bridge became self-supporting this year. Home mission churches have added 59 members to the church this year.

3. *The Earnest Prayers of Every Member of Our Churches.* Prayer is still vital to the success of our work. Prayer is not a farce; it is a tremendous force. Pray earnestly for the work of evangelism at home. Give yourself to much prayer in preparation for Sunday, Dec. 1, Australian Home Mission Day.

4. *A More Generous Giving Interest in Home Missions.* The committee you appointed to administer the department, can only function effectively as far as your giving permits. The progress in recent years has been much restricted through the weakness in giving. Last year our membership averaged 4/51 per member per year. This year, on Dec. 1, you are asked to give £2000. Accept the slogan in this lay-away period, in preparation for Home Mission Day. The utmost for the Highest!

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New South Wales Outlines Home Mission Plans

"BASIC"

P. T. Thomas, B.A.

FOUNDATIONAL work is mostly arduous and not very spectacular. It is, however, of immense importance, for upon it depends the stability of the entire structure. The greater the building, the greater the need for adequate foundations. The Woolworth building in New York goes up sixty stories to a height of 792 feet. It is a lovely piece of architecture, admired by almost every visitor to the city. Such a building must have commensurate foundations. Sixty-nine caissons, 19 feet in diameter, averaging 110 feet in length, go down to the solid rock where the pressure is 24 tons to the square foot. A bulder wanted to erect a brick wall. He pondered whether to put it on a 14 inch, 18 inch or 22 inch base, and chose the last because he wanted the job to stand.

Home missions are the foundational part of

happened? Why is your head bandaged?" He replied, "I was walking along the street when two thugs attacked me. They struck me on the head and took the money I had on me." It seems that every night a hold-up (some with murder) takes place in Sydney. Some of it no doubt is due to the fact that in the days of war mother went to work as well as father and the children roamed the streets. The result is a carnival of crime, much of which is committed by youth.

However, there is another hold-up in the writer's mind. It is the shortage of building materials and the exorbitant price of that which is available, which is making the erection of church buildings almost impossible.

The New South Wales Home Missionary Committee has plans for the entering of many new fields. The plan is the old one of having a big mission and at the same time



Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole Creation... MARK 16:15

our State work. Upon this depends the superstructure of all our brotherhood activities. The day was when we, as a people, were satisfied with a building of just a few stories, foreign missions, Bible school and social service. Now we have added quite a few others, Bible college, boys' home, aborigines, youth centre, preachers' provident, etc. Some are talking of even more additions. Manifestly if our building is to stand, the foundations must be strengthened. We cannot expect that which was fashioned to carry three stories to carry whatever load we may care to add. As home mission work is extended, so will we have a more adequate base of all our other activities. It is a grand thing to have a stately brotherhood edifice, and we should be glad of it, but let us see to it that our foundations are enlarged.

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"A TERRIBLE HOLD UP"

E. C. Hinrichsen.

ONE Sunday night I saw in my audience at Enmore a man with his head covered with bandages. At the door I said, "What has

erecting a church building. In that way several churches have been started in recent years. Starting with nothing—no land, church or school—in two months' time self-supporting churches were left with full-time preachers. To start a church and leave it in a hall usually means a subsidy from the committee for ten or twenty years, and sometimes the church is no stronger. Hence a slight hold-up until the whole task can be completed. However, it is hoped that soon these difficulties may be removed.

A Correction.—The foregoing does not mean that the Home Missionary Committee is idle. The work of subsidising weak causes is going on. The director is helping at Enmore. On the anniversary Sunday night just on 300 people were present.

14 Reasons for giving to home missions are found in the fact that there are 14 people on the pay roll of your Home Missionary Committee. Think of the gigantic task being done by this band of workers. If the home base suffers, every department must suffer. Help strengthen the home base by a worthy offering on December 1.

Queensland

Adopts Progressive H.M. Policy

WRITING in the Jubilee History, the late Principal A. R. Main said among other things, "There are many towns such as Townsville which we have not touched at all."

Queensland's Second City

We rejoice to know that in this city, the largest outside Brisbane, we still have a cause and a full-time preacher. For a number of years the work here has been most difficult, and one of the reasons given was the unsuitable location of the chapel which also carried a heavy debt.

A progressive plan is now well under way to sell land and chapel, and remove to another site situated in a residential area in the centre of an area housing half the population of the city. On this new site a good secondhand building twice the size of the present one will be erected without involving any further debt.

The work at Townsville since its inception has had the constant heavy financial aid of the Home Mission Committee, and it certainly looks as though faith is being justified. C. Beale is the energetic preacher.

Great Sugar Cane Producing Centre

The work at Mackay is brighter than it has been for years. It is good to know that in this thriving town, with an annual sugar crop of £3,000,000 and a harbor which cost £1,000,000, we have what has every promise of becoming a thriving church.

G. T. Millar continues to give excellent service as home mission preacher, particularly in his outside contacts. The church has made big efforts to increase payments to the committee. Eight have accepted Christ during the year.

Progress in the Metropolitan Area

The late Principal A. R. Main also said when he was preacher at Ann-st., Brisbane: "It is a great pity that in Brisbane and suburbs we have only one church, the ratio of members to the population being 1 to every 540. Had all those who began in the capital continued to run, there might have been two or three other churches."

To-day we rejoice that there are ten churches in Brisbane. The committee is alive to the fact that in a city of 350,000 there should be twice that number. It is also,



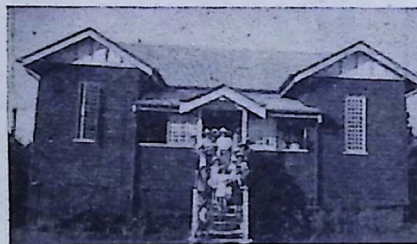
A Group at Boondall.

however, acutely conscious of the fact that at least four of the ten Brisbane causes are extremely weak. The sound policy has been adopted of helping the weak to self-support.

Zillmere and Boondall churches have been very greatly helped by the appointment, last January, of J. B. Grant as full-time preacher, and the next move is the appointment of a full-time preacher for the small churches at Hawthorne and Sunnybank. It is expected that this new venture will commence in January, 1947.

Remarkable Progress at Kedron

Kedron, assisted by the Home Mission Committee, is making great progress under the leadership of C. J. Mackenzie, and within eight months attained self-support. The building debt has been liquidated, and many have accepted Christ.



The Chapel at Kedron.

Appreciated Hospital Ministry

W. J. Campbell continues to render part-time service as hospital chaplain. His visits include the Brisbane General, which is the largest hospital in Australia; South Brisbane Public, The Mater, and St. Martins (Anglican). Mr. Campbell's work has earned the appreciation of not only our own brethren, but of the Baptists and Congregationalists who co-operate in the scheme. Financial responsibility is borne by the Home Mission Committee.

Basis of All Missionary Expansion

Home missionary enterprises are basic to brotherhood expansion overseas. Conscientious concern about the spiritual needs of the homeland expressed in liberal giving on December 1 will enable an advance in all departments of the Lord's work.

Strengthen and Enlarge

HOME MISSIONS.

The Basis of All Missionary Expansion
SHARE IN ANNUAL OFFERING, DEC. 1.
QUEENSLAND NEEDS £900.

W.A. Leader

"FOLLOW ME"

Allen G. Elliott, M.A.

FROM the quiet shores of the Sea of Galilee that glorious challenge thunders down the corridors of time, reverberates across the centuries, and re-echoes as a clarion call in our hearts to-day: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4: 19).

The home mission challenge is a threefold demand upon those who will dare to lose themselves in the service of our victorious Lord and Master.

1. The Field

There is always a certain amount of glamor surrounding the propagation of the gospel in far-distant places. Undoubtedly the history of modern missions, and in fact, all foreign missionary enterprise, bears out the truth of the statement that "distance lends enchantment to the view." However, it must also be borne in mind that without the strong home-base no effective evangelism could be carried out in the regions beyond. Thomas Carlyle was right when he urged his readers always to "do the task that is nearest."

The field demands men of vision. Jesus said, "Follow me." The home mission field presents a mighty need, and men of vision will readily see that the field begins on our own doorsteps. We must unitedly strengthen the work at home. In order to maintain our witness overseas, among our young people, in social service, and in every other activity of our churches—we must strengthen the home field.

2. The Faith

Jude exhorts us all to "contend earnestly for the faith." The faith of our fathers is still a living faith, because its very core, its centre, is the Christ and his cross. Jesus Christ is the central pivot of all our thinking, our planning, and our preaching. "We have no creed but Christ." Hence our faith is personal, and is vital and powerful in so far as we give the Lord Christ the pre-eminence in all things. The faith for which we contend is "that which is believed by Christians; not the expression of the doctrine, nor the holding of it, but the substance of it."

The faith demands men of conviction. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you." Very often he has to "break us" before he can "make us." Only sacrificial service is acceptable unto him who is our sacrifice. If the homeland is to be won for Christ, we need a greater faith in him—not so much in our plans and our purposes, but rather in his ability to use us in his plans and his purposes.

3. The Fire

Such a faith must issue in action. As James has truly shown, "Faith without works is dead." We must translate our faith into action. We must be "on fire" for Christ. The fervor of our prayers must be matched by the sincerity of our sacrifices and the vigor of our practical service. Just as the field demands men of vision, and the faith demands men of conviction, so

The fire demands men of action. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." We must evangelise—or perish. And evangelism does not necessarily mean one man preaching the word and everyone else sitting back and doing nothing. We are all in this—a royal priesthood, a chosen generation, a peculiar people." The homeland calls

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Says Evangelise or Perish

for zealous, faithful, personal evangelists. The field awaits us! The faith for which we contend demands the fire of enthusiasm.

The Master calls us to follow him. He calls us to be "fishers of men."

Therefore, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught."

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KEEP THIS WORK GOING AND MORE

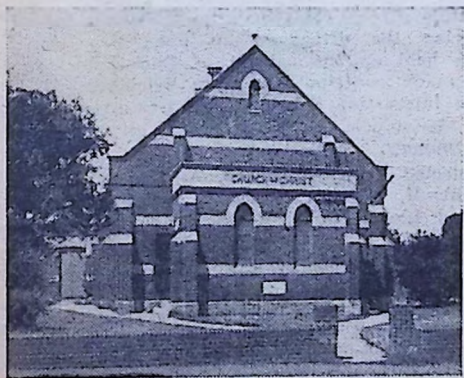
F. Fewster, Secretary Home Missionary Committee.

THIS is a day of opportunity, and there comes to us the challenge to press on in the work of evangelism. The Home Missionary Committee has undertaken the big responsibility of subsidising eleven causes. Recently a new venture was made in the Morawa-Gutha district where Mr. Clapp is now doing an excellent work.

On October 6 the president and secretary, together with other members of the Home Missionary Committee, journeyed to the Wheatbelt churches' conference, which proved to be a great success and inspiration.

The enthusiasm of the delegates was shown not only in words, but in a very practical way. £41 was collected at the conference and handed to the secretary for the Morawa-Gutha car fund. A further £11 offering was taken up for the Radio Sunday school work. The spirit of these generous people is exemplary of the Master, who said: "I must preach the gospel in other towns also."

An earnest request by our Wheatbelt brethren was made for a full-time preacher to be



Chapel at Cottesloe, W.A.

placed in the Muckinbudin area. This request was backed up by the guarantee by four brethren of £175 towards the preacher's salary. A brother has also offered the use of his car for six months.

We cannot fail such a people in their desire to extend the work of the Master.

Now is the Time to Prove

Our Faith by Our Works.

SUPPORT HOME MISSIONS!

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Tasmania

"The Challenge of the Untouched"

ACCORDING to latest statistics just published, Tasmania's population has passed the quarter million mark. In comparison the membership of our churches in the State, as published in the Conference Hand Book for 1946, was not quite a thousand, representing approximately one in every 250 or a mere .375 per cent.

"In Which We Serve"

The locality of our already established churches tends to divide the State into two distinct divisions. We have groups of churches in the southern and northern dis-



Caveside Chapel, Tas.

tricts with nothing in between. Hobart, the capital, "magnificently situated, nestling under the imposing Mount Wellington on a harbor without rival for depth or beauty," is the centre from which our southern work radiates. We have two churches only in this city of more than 60,000 people, which, in itself, constitutes a challenge to further expansion. In addition, we have some half dozen churches situated in the outlying country districts. These are Highcroft, Nubeena, Dunally and Kelleve in the south-eastern or peninsula area, and Dover and Geeveston in the south-western or Huon River district. These churches, which have been magnificently served by local brethren for many years, would respond to intensive evangelistic work.

Launceston, described by Arnold Haskell as "altogether charming," is the pivot of the northern districts. This "prosperous and peaceful city" has three churches of Christ ministering to its 30,000 people. It is the hub of our northern churches at Devonport and Ulverstone on the prosperous North-west Coast; and at Mole Creek and Caveside situated further inland in a fine dairying and scenic area at the foot of the splendid Western Tiers.

In Which We Could Serve

All the above-mentioned churches are old-established causes of many years' standing. Outside these centres are many populous areas in which no aggressive work has been attempted in the interests of New Testament Christianity. These include such places as Burnie, situated in the heart of the prosperous north-west, the third town in the island, showing rapid industrial expansion. It is a constant challenge that we have no church in this splendid place. The north-western districts comprising rich dairying, farming and mining areas have untouched centres of population at Scottsdale and Ringarooma, and constitute a challenge for us to "go in and possess the land." In the Midlands, where grazing and woolgrowing provide much of the State's wealth, there are such large towns as

Campbell Town, Oatlands, Ross and Tunbridge. There is no assembly of people known simply as churches of Christ in any of these places, and the establishment of churches in these districts would bridge the geographical gap between north and south.

When we look at these fields, literally "white unto the harvest," we remember the words of Paul to the Romans, "Herein I made it my ambition not to preach the gospel where Christ's name was already known, for fear I should be building on another man's foundation. As scripture says, Those who have not been told about him shall see, and those who have not heard shall understand" (Rom. 15: 20, 21, Weymouth).

The Need for Consecrated Lives

Tasmania's untouched places are a constant challenge to all who have the extension of God's kingdom at heart. They provide an opportunity for evangelists and preachers to use their God-given talents in aggressive work supported by the prayers, goodwill and money of a brotherhood consecrated by the grace of God to the point where, like the churches of Macedonia, they "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8: 5). And when the surrender of self to the will and mind of God is so utter and complete, it follows as a natural consequence that "according to their power . . . yea, and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord" (2 Cor. 8: 3).

Thos Orr, President.
R. Edmunds, Secretary.

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EVANGELISM ON NORTH-WEST COAST, TASMANIA

D. R. Hill.

I CAME to this coast in July, 1945, anticipating a stay of four months. Seems I was not to go, for I'm still around. Many predictions were heard of great material developments after war. Surely, thought I, there should be some spiritual developments as well. "The children of this world are wiser than the children of light," i.e., in planning for the future, e.g., "the Unjust Steward." Why should not we plan and prove wiser than they? Burnie and Devonport as ports are certainly fulfilling predictions. Why should not churches of Christ be established at Burnie and elsewhere? A few donations have been promised toward purchase of land in Burnie. More will be forthcoming when the opportunity to extend is grasped.

The paper mills' extensions and a very large new paint manufacturing industry at Blythe River Heads will bring more people to these districts. I have been doing personal evangelistic work from house to house with the spoken and printed word, throughout Ulverstone (besides attending to the needs of the church there), at Penguin, Burnie and its seven suburbs, also at Wynyard. Many thousands of homes have been visited.

It is my intention to revisit within the next few months all homes in Burnie, town and suburbs, also all farms in country parts of such municipality, the Lord willing and helping, with supplies of our distinctive folders, "Churches of Christ: Who are They," etc. A start has been made. By such means we are far better known already, and must become so as the months pass by. Such work is with a view to tent or intensive missions and the planting of new churches where possible. It can and should be done.

Here and There

A. Anderson, secretary Federal F.M. Board, reached India on Oct. 31.

"Wilson-Greenhalgh mission entered sixth week at Dubbo, N.S.W., with three baptisms."

Mr. and Mrs. F. Manning are expected to arrive from Africa at Melbourne Nov. 15 or 16.

We regret to hear that H. G. Payne has entered hospital in Brisbane for observation. It is hoped that he soon will return to his normal health.

We are indebted to W. Gale, secretary of H.M. Committee, for providing Victorian section and gathering material from various States for this special issue.

M. Fletcher, 14 Blandford-st., West Croydon, S.A., formerly at Darwin, N.T., and treasurer of church meeting there prior to Japanese raids, desires to contact the former secretary of church, Mr. Madgwick. If any one is able to help please write to Mr. Fletcher.

During October united service of Christian witness and C.E. rally were held in chapel at Ma Ma Creek, Qld. A number of local members visited Toowoomba during mission conducted by Mr. Burgin. Bible school regrets loss of Ellis Dallinger, who passed away suddenly at Toowoomba Hospital.

P. Patrick, of Wangaratta, Vic., is an enthusiastic supporter of home missions. He realises the need of reaching out into country districts to witness there for Christ. By issuing 35 saving boxes to members this year he hopes to encourage local church to exceed its splendid last year home mission offering of £34.

Launceston Churches of Christ Badminton Club held a banquet tea and social at Margaret-st. chapel on Saturday, Oct. 19, to mark closing of season. Presentations were made by president (C. Orr), secretary (Miss P. S. Munden) and treasurer (Miss B. Gullidge) to successful contestants in tournaments, and most improved players.

Brunswick (Vic.) 64th church anniversary on Oct. 27 was successful. Speakers were S. R. Baker, F. T. Saunders and Hariba Waghmodi; soloist, Mrs. C. Taylor. On Nov. 3 Mr. Barry was received by letter from Bentleigh. S. Prentice's addresses were appreciated. Miss Valerie Fisher has been baptised.

After weeks of prayer and preparation, the Macnaughtan-Saunders mission opened successfully at Ormond, Vic., on Sunday, Nov. 10. 11 a.m. service in chapel was well attended. Mr. Martin addressed church. Opening service was held in tent at 7 p.m., with excellent attendance; Mr. Macnaughtan preached. These successful opening services encourage hope that mission will result in great blessings.

A color film, showing something of churches of Christ mission in Dadaya, Rhodesia, is to be included in a series of meetings being conducted by the Mildmay evangelists, Trevor M. Morris and Frederic Levett, in Collins-st. Baptist church from Nov. 18 till 21. The Rhodesian film was taken by Mr. Garfield Todd, one of our New Zealand missionaries, and is said to be outstanding in color and interest. The Rhodesian film is on Tuesday the 19th; other films include "London in Blitz," "New Zealand" and "Fiji, Land of Miracles."

A new publication is being issued by Victorian Young People's Department for youth constituency of the State in the form of a newsheet, "Youth Newsreel." It is a monthly paper, in broadsheet form, designed to serve as a medium of information for department, youth auxiliaries and district fellowships. The department solicits the assistance of preachers and youth leaders to secure prompt distribution to all youth of local churches. The November issue has been despatched to all churches in the State, and contains registration form for youth camps at Monbulk and Hall's Gap.

The quarterly meeting of the South-eastern District Officers' Association (Victoria) was held at Malvern-Caulfield chapel on Oct. 25. Despite transport strike there was a good attendance of officers. The programme took the form of a discussion, the subject being: "That missions are still the most effective means of evangelism." J. Wiltshire, of Parkdale, and S. Neighbour, Oakleigh, ably presented the respective viewpoints. Officers were permitted to ask questions or give their own viewpoints. Discussion proved informative.

A bright and helpful series of services, which extended throughout the week, was brought to a close on Nov. 10 at Parkdale, Vic. The theme was "The Unchanging Christ," J. Wiltshire being preacher. Closing service was preceded by a young people's tea and conference, when work of church and plans for reconstruction of spiritual assets injured by six years of war were freely discussed. Barry Ward, Brian Coleman and Miss Jean Cock took part in service, and attendance was heartening. Misses Foreman helped by their presence and words. Plans are in hand for Macnaughtan-Saunders mission to commence on Jan. 19. P.B.P. club continues to secure prominence in the inter-church contests.

A young lady made her decision at Horsham, Vic., on Oct. 20. Several parcels have been contributed towards China appeal. A party enjoyed fellowship at a cottage prayer meeting at Murtoa. A united Christian witness and second-coming convention was held on Oct. 26. Delegations from nine Wimmera towns attended. Features were testimony session, open forum and two splendid addresses by W. E. Jackel, of Moonee Ponds. At a fellowship tea the effort was highly commended. Church has suffered loss by death of aged Mrs. Reynolds and Harold Stokes. Sympathy is extended to bereaved. W. E. Jackel addressed all services on Oct. 27, being occasion of Bible school anniversary. Two illustrated addresses were given to fine attendances. Singing was conducted by J. E. Smith. C. W. Jackel has resigned after a helpful and fruitful ministry of seven years.

At Melbourne (Swanston-st.) home-coming day (the church's 81st anniversary), on Nov. 10 was very successful. In the morning the meeting opened with two minutes' silence in memory of those who fell in the two world wars. A special printed order of service was used. The usual communion service followed, and C. B. Nance-Kivell gave the address. H. B. Robbins presided and choir also assisted. H. M. Arrowsmith, vicar of St. John's Anglican Church, Toorak, addressed afternoon meeting. L. Davies gave an organ recital, and H. Helmore sang a solo. At night the meeting took the form of a thanksgiving service, at which C. G. Taylor gave the address. Choir presented Mendelssohn's "42nd Psalm," with H. T. S. Brown conducting, L. Davies at the organ, and Misses Joan Arnold and Wilma Whitney and Robert Hardy as soloists. Excellent attendances all day. Lygon-st. congregation joined in afternoon and evening meetings and were entertained at dinner and tea along with many former members and visitors. Lieut. R. M. Lyall recently spoke to Young People's Group on his experiences in England as a member of the Australian contingent at the Victory Parade in London.

Toowoomba church (Qld.) has just celebrated 64th anniversary. A two-weeks' mission, with L. Burgin, of Ipswich, as missionary, was most helpful, and through it four have so far decided for Christ. The fellowship tea and thanksgiving service on Oct. 26 was attended by over 150 people, including isolated members and visitors. There were crowded meetings on Oct. 27, with three confessions at night. The thankoffering is expected to reach al-

most £200, sufficient to clear amount owing to bank for church property. Over 30 Toowoomba people journeyed to Rosewood for district conference of country churches. Great plans were discussed for extension of evangelistic work in district and a meeting of executive appointed and delegates from churches already established will take place shortly to make definite plans for campaign. Mrs. I. Harris passed away suddenly on Oct. 18. Church has extended love and sympathy to her three sons and two daughters, her father (P. A. Tanzer), and other relatives. It is only four months since Mr. Harris received the home-call.

At Fremantle, W.A., Mr. and Mrs. H. Verco are in S.A. on holiday. This makes possible a family re-union for Mr. Verco, after 36 years of absence from that State, and it is hoped will result in improved health. Each received from the church a gift expressing good wishes, and appreciation. Following have been received by transfer from sister churches: Mrs. Kirman, Miss Entwistle, Miss Ruth Edgell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richards, T. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cressie, and Mrs. Whitman. Miss Margaret Connelly is able to attend services again after absence of seven months because of illness. Mr. Tout received congratulations from the church on attaining his 90th birthday. His health still permits him to attend and enjoy morning service. Since accepting an appointment as student preacher under H.M. Committee, Colyn Lansdown is missed in local church work. On Oct. 20 an evening offering was taken in support of British Sailors' Society, of which C. H. Hunt is chaplain-manager in Fremantle. Church is encouraged by a recent letter received from living link in India, Miss Kathleen Taylor. Living link fund for May-October period reached £70. Mrs. James Gordon was welcomed by sisters on return from East.

NORTHERN TASMANIAN CONFERENCE

MEMBERS of Northern Tasmanian churches met in conference at Ulverstone on Oct. 12. R. L. Pitt, president, extended a welcome to visitors from Sandhill, Margaret-st., Invermay, Caveside, Mole Creek, Mayberry and Devonport. During the afternoon an open discussion was held on the subject of Christian unity, and many contributions from delegates provided an interesting debate. G. A. Grainger introduced the subject, H. E. R. Steele giving a closing summary.

Officers elected were: President, A. Harvey; vice-president, M. T. Burt; executive members, J. Byard and Lloyd Cooke.

Next conference is to be held at Caveside. The building was crowded for an inspirational gathering in the evening. S. H. Wilson gave a challenging address. At a social hour Colin Orr entertained the people with moving pictures taken at previous conferences. R. L. Pitt thanked all who had taken part in the day's programme, especially mentioning the ladies of Ulverstone, who had arranged refreshments.

Special services were held on Sunday, Oct. 13. Some conference delegates stayed over the week-end. Well-attended meetings were addressed by J. Byard, G. Grainger and R. Edmunds. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hill are ministering to Ulverstone church.

ADDRESSES

F. G. Burden (secretary Croydon church, Vic.).—Oxford-rd., Croydon.

Mrs. M. Legge (secretary Emerald church, Vic.).—Beaconsfield-rd., Emerald.

I. W. Nixon (preacher Bassendean church, W.A.).—27 Broadway, Bassendean. UL127.

A. S. Smith (secretary Dandenong church, Vic.).—Belfort-st., Dandenong West.

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Queensland

Albion.—On Oct. 2, Sunday school anniversary concert was held with a full chapel. Teaching staff in Sunday school has been increased by three. £50 was contributed by members of "League of 500" towards erection of chapel at Goodwood. In response to an appeal from UNRRA, 38 parcels of clothing and a donation of 5/- were brought to chapel on Oct. 6.

Annerley.—Excellent meetings were enjoyed during a "go to church" campaign. On Oct. 13 (home-coming Sunday), 71 broke bread at morning and evening services. Other special Sundays were "fathers' and mothers' day," Oct. 20; "youth Sunday," Oct. 27; and "all the family day," Nov. 3. All services had good attendances. Visiting speakers during campaign were Mr. Laney, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Ferguson.

Mt. Walker.—Mr. Larsen keeps church in good heart by his inspirational preaching. Two scholars from Bible school have been baptised and received into church. On Oct. 23 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hinrichsen celebrated golden wedding, Mr. Larsen officiating. They received many gifts, including one from church. Mr. Greenwood visited church in interests of home missions. Work of Sunday school is progressing under leadership of Mrs. D. Kruger and A. Baills. Three new scholars have been added. Mrs. T. Baills and A. Grunhagen have not been enjoying best of health for some time.

Gympie District.—Anniversary services of Gympie church, commemorating 60th year of work, passed off with great success on Oct. 27. Both at Monkland and Gympie there were excellent attendances, and total offering for all purposes for day was £59. Greetings were received from many isolated and absent members, and morning service from Gympie was broadcast. It was brought to a fitting conclusion by confession of faith by Fayre Johnson, granddaughter of one of the pioneers. Sunday afternoon and evening were observed as Bible school anniversary with delightful singing by youth choir trained by N. Phipps. Prizes were distributed and presentations made to Mr. Phipps for his help and to V. T. Fittell in appreciation of his twenty years as superintendent of school. Mr. Fisher preached at all services of jubilee. He has also announced his acceptance of call to labor with church at Nailsworth S.A., to begin in new year. Monkland has completed installation of a caneite ceiling which greatly improves chapel. On Oct. 30 both churches united for a dedication service when thankofferings and jubilee gifts were acknowledged, after which young people gave testimonies. Half-yearly conference on Nov. 2 and 3 passed off successfully, with delegates from 13 churches and crowded attendances. 54 delegates enjoyed hospitality extended by Gympie and Monkland friends. Addresses were inspirational, and were crowned with two decisions on Sunday night. Mrs. W. Biddell, one of the aged members, passed away on Nov. 7 after prolonged sickness, and sympathy of church is extended to husband and family. On Nov. 6 church held annual meeting, when all reports were given in an optimistic spirit, and told of active work during year. Church funds and all auxiliary funds reported a credit, while final payment for new ceiling at Monkland was made. Secretary reported increase of ten in membership, there having been twelve baptisms during year. Election of officers and auxiliary workers resulted in all positions being happily filled.

Tasmania

Mole Creek.—On Oct. 27, church enjoyed visit of conference president, A. Heard. On Nov. 3 A. Harvey spoke impressively.

West Hobart.—During October attendances were good. Speakers included J. C. Woolley, B. J. Golder, J. Park, W. Cooper. Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 13 and 16, singing being under leadership of R. Lillye. Building was filled on each occasion. City Missioner, Mr. Frisken, was speaker in afternoon, and open-air missioner, Mr. Tate, was speaker in evening. Concert and prize-giving night took place on Oct. 16 with very good attendance. Collins-st. school was present on afternoon of Oct. 13. On Oct. 27 school attended Collins-st. Bible school anniversary.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Sunday school anniversary was held on Oct. 27, and on evening of 30th, preceded by tea meeting for scholars. Attendance was good, and singing by children and items were enjoyed. At annual Sunday school business meeting, following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mr. Park; secretary, Mr. Mason; treasurer, Mrs. Staples. At Women's Mission Band on Oct. 17 Mrs. Tate, of Tasmanian Gospel Campaigners, gave an interesting talk on their work in isolated areas. On Nov. 3 Reuben Boxhall was speaker at youth fellowship tea on his experiences in Japanese prison camp.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Annual Bible school picnic at Newnham Hall Estate on Nov. 4 was well attended, and many church members enjoyed the day of fellowship. Christian Endeavorers took opportunity in welcoming Miss Muriel Best back from holidays to make presentation to her in recognition of her 17 years' service as a convener. Mrs. Johnson and Miss Betty Johnson have been welcomed back to services after holidays, also Sister Neville after long absence due to accident. Isolated members, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Byard and daughter, of Caveside, and K. Mitchell, of Melbourne, were present on Nov. 3. Bible class held a useful working bee in their room and church grounds. Badminton club wound up season with dinner and social evening at which trophies were presented.

Western Australia

Perth.—Miss Elsie Wilson has returned after a visit to Eastern States. On morning of Oct. 27, J. A. Stabe (Rockhampton, Qld.) gave a valued talk. In evening E. R. Berry and V. Conigrave rendered a duet. J. K. Robinson was preacher. Junior Girls' Club has secured the services of Miss Mary Ryan, a trained club leader. On morning of Nov. 3, service was broadcast. Mrs. K. Campbell contributed a solo. A talk by J. K. Robinson encouraged all. At 5 p.m. young people had basket tea. In evening a duet was rendered by Mrs. C. Ewers and Miss Griffiths. Mr. Robinson preached.

Inglewood.—Sunday and Thursday evening prayer meetings have re-started with good attendances, and apparent accompanying results; good addresses from Messrs. Matsky and Morehouse. On Sept. 22 one confessed Christ and was baptised following Sunday, when two more made the good confession. Mr. Taylor was morning speaker. On Oct. 13, Mr. Whiting gave morning address. In afternoon many members attended Morley Park first school anniversary. Mr. Hilford addressed scholars, who sang well. Prospects are bright. In evening at home church a baptismal service was conducted by Mr. Sherman, and A. Anderson, F.M. secretary, gave an address to a fine audience. Some Morley Park scholars helped with musical items, parents attending. After church a welcome home was extended to Mr. and Mrs. L. Peacock.

South Australia

Kilburn.—46 attended 10 a.m. Bible school on Nov. 3, including two new scholars. 11 a.m. service was conducted by W. Molsher, of Prospect church, 32 being present. A. E. Brown gave an excellent address.

Prospect.—Services on Oct. 27 were addressed by R. Vincent. Members of P.B.P. held a concert on Nov. 2 in aid of Youth Department. 2nd degree members have re-formed Order of Damascus. Keen interest is being taken by members. R. Vincent led church in worship on Nov. 3. In morning fellowship was enjoyed with Miss Leonhardt (W.A.) and other visitors. At evening service Geoff Tosack rendered a solo. Mrs. Cousins and Mr. McKenzie are improving in health.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Morning service on Oct. 27 was broadcast. The speaker was W. Beiler. Choir rendered two anthems, and soloist was Miss Mossop. A church social was held on Oct. 30, when plans for future work were discussed and a social time was enjoyed. Messrs. Perkins, of N.S.W., were visitors at communion service on Nov. 3. Speaker was W. Beiler. H. Neuling is progressing favorably after recent operation. Church misses valued services of W. Harris, who is still under doctor's orders to have absolute rest.

Ewardstown West.—On Oct. 19 Mrs. Leggo (president Ladies' Sunshine Circle) suddenly received the home-call. At morning services on Oct. 20 and 27, suitable reference was made to her great devotion to her Lord and splendid services for church. On Oct. 19, at "Youth for Christ" rally in Town Hall, two young ladies of the church decided for Christ, and on Oct. 20, after address by Mr. Cornelius, two more and a married woman took their stand. A successful Y.P. social was held on Oct. 25. Tennis club started season with a win in first match against Grote-st.

Dulwich.—On Oct. 25 a "father and son" banquet was held in connection with K.S.P., and which was a great success, all expressing appreciation of club members' improvement. On Nov. 3, Bible school anniversary was held. B. W. Manning's address to church in morning was appreciated. G. R. Stirling gave interesting illustrated talk to boys and girls in afternoon. H. Cave gave gospel address at night. There were excellent audiences. On Nov. 5, school gave a full programme of singing, piano pieces, violin selection, elocution, and the boys' club dramatic act all being well received by parents and friends. An offering for Dhond hospital was taken. Church has purchased an Army hut for erection on church grounds for activities of boys' and girls' clubs.

Hindmarsh.—Recent speakers have been W. L. Ewers, Don Beiler and Harold Steward. Thos. Flint has returned from hospital and is able to attend services. Miss Giffen is improving following hospital treatment. M. Manuel and Reg. Price, two of the younger men of church, have presided at Lord's table. Miss Vera Allan has been visiting from Tumut, N.S.W. School is practising for anniversary. Tennis club is in full swing again, some 20 members having joined. Good social fellowship is enjoyed. Mrs. Shaw has resigned as kindergarten superintendent, but Mrs. Chas. Hallett, with Mrs. J. Allan and teachers, are doing good work in this part of school. Work in church in general is happy and helpful. J. E. Shipway has recently visited Naracoorte for special services.

Maylands.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 6 and 13, speakers being W. Beiler, S. Miller (minister Flinders-st. Baptist), Mr. Norris, Mr. Cartmell and K. A. Jones. Annual picnic was held at "Brookside" on Oct. 9; between 400 and 500 people enjoyed a happy day. Concerts held on Oct. 14 and 16 provided happy and enjoyable evenings. At a recent social gathering after midweek meeting, best wishes for future were extended to the preacher and wife who have completed five years' service with church. Fifth Temple Day was held on Nov. 2, when

it was sought to fulfil centenary aim of clearing debt on chapel (£425). At a thanksgiving service in evening, it was announced by Mr. Jones that result was £392. F. Collins, a former preacher of church, gave a message. At close of morning meeting on Nov. 3, further gifts had brought total to £418, and latest advice is that full aim of £425 has been achieved.

Murray Bridge.—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 10. G. Stirling was special speaker. On Nov. 11 a combined C.E. rally was held, when Mr. Haley was speaker. Church appreciated a surprise visit by C. Schwab, who congratulated church on becoming self-supporting. F. Sharp and Mrs. Matthews are making progress after operations in hospital. S. Weeks, Miss J. Harper and Miss P. Mogg have commenced a Sunday school at Long Flat, 22 being present first Sunday. All services on Nov. 3 were well attended.

Queenstown.—Several special services were held during October. Members of football club took part in gospel service, when Mr. Carey, chairman of club, presided and Mr. Brooker gave the address. Following Sunday was observed as Youth Sunday. Thirty young people formed choir at evening service. Mr. Myall, one of the youth leaders, presided, and Mr. Brooker gave the address. Church 77th anniversary services were held on Oct. 27. Mr. Brooker gave appropriate addresses to good attendances. Several excellent members of long standing present were Mrs. J. Hill, 63 years; Mr. J. Hill, 54 years, and Mrs. J. Hastings, 54 years. Girls' Wattle Club has held several social evenings in preparation for Christmas cheer fund. Football club held a successful premiership social in conjunction with cricket club, when trophies were presented. Joyce Scudds and Barbara Holman have been married in chapel, Mr. Brooker officiating. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. A. Foote and Mrs. D. Hall in the passing away of a sister.

Balaklava.—Church anniversary services were held during October with excellent meetings. K. A. Jones, of Maylands, was preacher. Choir rendered anthems under baton of E. Long. Anniversary tea was followed by enthusiastic public meeting on Monday evening with special singing and an address by Mr. Jones. School held picnic on Eight Hour Day holiday on property of Mr. Shepherd. C.E. society attended half-yearly rally at Shannon in connection with Adelaide Plains District C.E. Union. Mr. Hutson, president, presided, and Mr. Samuel, State C.E. president, spoke. The society also attended anniversary of Owen C.E. society in force—a combined society, Methodist and church of Christ. Young people held successful concert in church hall in aid of guild funds; boys' club gave demonstrations of gymnastic work. Tennis courts are being reconditioned. Mrs. Prodenoff was bereaved of her husband recently, and sympathy of members is extended to her. At gospel service on Oct. 27, Mr. Hutson gave a lantern lecture to a very good audience on work of church among aborigines of W.A. An offering was taken for mission funds.

Cottonville.—Morning attendances have been very good, with gradual improvement in evenings. Aileen Uren and Isobel Sweetman were baptised on Oct. 27, and Rhonda Roberts, Judith Rostrom and Peggy Hazel made the good confession. It was a fine youth service, young people contributing by singing "The Lost Chord." On Oct. 26 Mr. and Mrs. Ferris entertained officers and wives at a musical evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brooke, to mark commencement of their fourth year of service with church. Mr. Brooke was presented with two volumes of The Speaker's Bible, and Mrs. Brooke with sweets. Presentations were also made to Mr. and Mrs. Mableson in recognition of their services. £6/14/9 was received for College of Bible offering. Average weekly general offering for October was £9/17/-. Bob

Berry has been assisting as song leader prior to gospel services. Ladies' Auxiliary annual meeting was held on Oct. 23, with Mrs. Duguid speaker and Mesdames McArthur, Burgess and Coventry artists. Girls concluded basketball season with a social on Oct. 25. Don Mortimer has been added to school teaching staff. Because of ill-health Arthur Williams has been forced to resign as station master at Mitcham, and has taken lighter clerical duties. I.C.E. assisted at South Suburban C.E. Union half-yearly rally with a choral item.

New South Wales

Inverell.—Elsie Lowrey and Stan Barnes were married in chapel on Oct. 26. Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, from the church at Chatswood, and Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, from the church at Marrickville, have been welcomed by transfer. Mrs. W. Fox passed away on Oct. 23.

Earlwood.—On Oct. 26 a social for J.C.E. was held, arranged by Margaret Tumelty and Gloria Powell. The afternoon was a great success. On morning of Oct. 27, E. Davis exhorted; at night A. Hinrichsen preached and Mrs. Francis and daughter Dawn were baptised. Midweek prayer meetings are well attended with average attendance of 16.

Lismore.—Mr. Jenner, representing Sudan United Mission, was speaker at morning service. He also gave a lantern lecture for united churches. Sympathy goes to family of Mrs. Hancock, who passed away. For many years she took an active part in work and worship of church. Sunday school is practising for anniversary. Ladies' Guild recently visited Baptist guild.

North Auburn.—On Oct. 18 some of the members went to Hamilton to join in a rally. Mr. Caldicott stayed to conduct services. E. C. Hinrichsen gave church a stirring address on morning of Oct. 20, and Mr. Tinker preached earnestly at night. On Oct. 27 Mr. Caldicott spoke morning and evening to good audiences. Sunday school is practising for anniversary. Wednesday night prayer meetings are well attended and uplifting.

South Auburn.—Visiting speakers in October included S. Stevens and A. Hinrichsen, E. Davis taking other services. Sunday school on Oct. 20 had best attendance for three years. Endeavor societies keep up well. Scripture quiz session at C.E. is a variation to usual service. Y.P. Club continues activities among youth. Dorcas class is untiring in efforts to help others. Men's fellowship and adult Bible class add their service to upbuilding of church. On Oct. 19 a successful Sunday school picnic was held at Parramatta Park. C.E. clubs were presented again with senior shield for C.E. sports, 1946, and also point score awards, at Macquarie Hall, Parramatta.

Bexley North.—On Oct. 20 R. Wilson, of Paddington, spoke to church; J. Henderson preached in evening. Members were called to prayer on Oct. 25 and 26 for E. Baker, who met with serious accident necessitating urgent operation. Mrs. Sutcliffe, in R.P.A.H., and Mr. Sutton, in St. George Hospital, are seriously ill. On Oct. 31 J. Henderson officiated at wedding of Miss E. (Sue) Bates to Mr. A. Gardiner, when chapel was crowded with well-wishers and friends. Anniversary services began on Nov. 3 with 260 present in afternoon; 130 at night. R. Amos and J. Henderson were speakers. Singing was led by W. Baker. A. McAllister, school superintendent, and Miss J. Toyer, kinder superintendent, presented good programmes.

Marrickville.—Bright singing, inspiring talks, beautiful decorations and crowded congregations combined to make Bible school anniversary on Oct. 27 an outstanding success. Speakers for day were R. Amos (Chatswood), morning consecration service; H. Brienne (Sydney City Mission), afternoon; and P. E. Thomas evening. A special welcome was given to Chaplain Clark, from Victoria, at evening service.

Georgetown ✓
Bible school anniversary services were continued on Nov. 3, when representatives of Benson and Jeffress houses gave a splendid programme of musical and orationary items, followed by presentation of prizes for year's work. At evening service Mr. Thomas gave an illustrated talk. Concluding service was on Nov. 5, when a delightful play, "The Magic Basket," was presented. Another item, "Scenes from the Bible," and songs by Bethany girls' choir, were specially good.

Georgetown.—Sunday school anniversary was held on Oct. 27 and 28. Kindergarten used Sunday afternoon for presentation of items, and in evening combined school again presented a worthwhile programme to another packed building. Scholars from baby school at East Lambton co-operated in items on Monday evening, and "Joe Silvafros" the fishmonger is commended on his fine effort. Mr. Bingham, of B. & F. Bible Society, gave an address on Sunday afternoon, and Mr. Vanham had charge of two remaining sessions. Two morning services have been broadcast over 2HD. Visitors to midweek and C.E. meetings have been Mr. Anderson, from Allahabad, India; Messrs. Barker and Brusch, of Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade; Miss Gertrude Stargatt, of A.S.U. Mission to Jews. Excellent addresses were given. Junior C.E. entertained at a birthday party one of their isolated members, Ron McPhail, on Nov. 2. Ron is eight years old and bed-ridden, but enjoyed his first trip to Georgetown. Ron Fraser arranged transport both ways. First of a series of quarterly youth rallies was held in chapel on evening of Oct. 4, and the address of R. V. Amos was enjoyed.

Victoria

Hawthorn.—W. W. Baird furnished an excellent ministry throughout October. On 20th evening service took form of a talking picture presentation, "Barabbas" and "The First Easter" being shown by Mr. Deutcher. W. T. Atkin spoke at both services on Nov. 3. Mr. Duff, from Tasmania, had fellowship with church. Mrs. Tucker, sen., has been very ill, but is improving.

Dandenong.—On Oct. 31 church held annual fellowship tea, when a record number enjoyed a well-served and plentiful meal. Mr. Cambridge addressed gathering later in evening. On Nov. 3 church anniversary was celebrated, J. K. Bond, of Springvale, speaking to a large congregation in morning, F. A. Youens preaching at night.

Warragul.—On Oct. 27 half hour broadcast service was again on air, when Mr. Byard was speaker. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Adams in death of her mother. Morning meeting on Oct. 3 was well attended, numbers being increased when a bus load of visitors arrived from city. 51 broke bread; Mr. Byard was speaker.

Cheltenham.—Thirty members journeyed to Red Hill on Nov. 2 and enjoyed fifth conference of southern district bay-side churches. A meeting of officers of Presbyterian, Methodist and church of Christ was held on Oct. 31, when a proposal to hold a united witness campaign early next year was considered. Meeting recommended to the three churches that the venture be proceeded with. £19 was raised for hospital appeal.

Ascot Vale.—Sunday school anniversary services were a success, children singing well under leading of Mr. Green. They received prizes for year. A hobby exhibition was held in district. One boy received a first prize and some of the girls received prizes. Mrs. Hendry and Miss McCallum have been laid aside but are recovering. Mrs. Thorpe was welcomed back at morning service after so-

journal in country. Mr. White, of Local Option Alliance, gave an appreciated morning address. £4/10/- was raised by Sunday school for Hospital Sunday, and £4 for hospital for Oakleigh Guest Home. £4 was received from church for Hospital Sunday.

Preston.—Home-coming tea was held on Oct. 24, when a good number, including many former members, enjoyed tea prepared by ladies. C. J. Robinson, now of Hartwell, a former preacher, spoke at a service following, his address being appreciated. Anniversary celebrations concluded on Oct. 27, members of K.S.P. club taking part in morning service, and a young people's choir at night. B. J. Combridge spoke at both services. Mrs. Harman passed peacefully away on Sept. 28 after a lengthy illness. Sympathy is extended to relatives.

St. Kilda.—Church-school anniversary celebrations were held during October. On 17th a concert was conducted by Men's Fellowship, tennis clubs, and members of school. Visiting artists helped to make a good evening's entertainment. Anniversary service was held on following Sunday under leadership of L. Finger, who also addressed children. A happy time was spent. Kinders received prizes in afternoon. Celebrations continued to evening service, when speaker was H. B. Robbins. Prizes were distributed. Singing by children was excellent. Church regrets that A. Finger is ill.

Wangaratta.—Y.P.C.E. enjoyed a visit to Peachelba at home of Mrs. F. Johnson, 16 miles away. Several Endeavorers attended North-eastern rally at Wodonga; Mr. Wakefield addressed meeting in afternoon. Ladies' Guild held meeting at home of Mrs. Scott-Brown on Oct. 30, in aid of talent fund. South Wangaratta held anniversary on Oct. 27. Children rendered items under baton of Mrs. Scott-Brown. Mr. Wakefield gave an interesting address. Prizes were given to all scholars in school. J.C.E. had a bike hike to Worley Ranges under care of superintendent, Florence Green, and Mrs. H. Scott-Brown. Attendances have been good during warmer weather. J. O. Workman, of Moreland, has been recuperating after serious illness in Wangaratta.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Geoff Barnett, from college, was speaker on morning of Oct. 27; C. G. Taylor preached at night. J. Osbourne was soloist. Youth Fellowship held monthly tea and discussion. On Oct. 28 many church members helped UNRRA at Exhibition to pack goods for China. Men's C.F. held second bright meeting on Nov. 1. Nov. 3 was home-coming day. Many old members renewed fellowship and were guests at dinner and tea. There were large congregations. C. G. Taylor preached at 11, Principal J. D. Northey at 3; Miss Ella Johnson was soloist. At night Swanston-st. members were guests at tea, followed by a combined meeting, when C. B. Nance-Kivell was preacher, Mrs. C. G. Taylor soloist, and choir rendered anthems. Avril Adams made the good confession. Mrs. R. Witherwick, from Wollongong, N.S.W., had fellowship with church.

Ivanhoe.—During recent months Mr. and Mrs. Jones and family, of Yarrawonga, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Thurgood, of Thorubury, were received into fellowship. Good progress is being shown in auxiliaries. A cricket club has recently been formed. Bible school reports increase of several new scholars obtained recently from Housing Commission area at Heidelberg following visitation of homes by preacher. Following were elected at annual church business meeting: Secretary, E. Anderson; treasurer, J. Hamilton; Bible school superintendent, A. Lauder; deacons, C. Bain, F. Chipperfield, A. Harris, A. Lloyd, T. Pettigrove. Bible school

anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 13 and 20, under capable leadership of Miss J. Milne. This was followed by tea, presentation of prizes and social evening on Oct. 25. Following address by K. Patterson on evening of Oct. 27, Cynthia Clemens, of Bible school, made the good confession.

Red Hill.—Ladies' Guild met on Oct. 31. Three visitors were present. Betty Holmes sang a solo. Southern Districts Bayside churches' conference was held at Red Hill on Nov. 2, between 140 and 150 brethren attending. Business matters were discussed. Reports from Cheltenham, Parkdale, Chelsea, Moorooduc, Frankston and Red Hill church secretaries were given, all reporting satisfactory progress. V. Stafford, of Cheltenham, gave a fine address at afternoon session. A duet by Sister McLearn and Mr. Barnett was appreciated. Mrs. Cunningham (Frankston) addressed a ladies' meeting. Ladies' Guild and co-workers provided tea, 143 being seated. At evening service chapel was again packed to capacity. E. L. Williams was speaker; V. Stafford song-leader. Two solos and an item of song were given by S.C.E. society. It was a great day of fellowship. T. Robinson was speaker at morning service on Nov. 3, at which 44 broke bread. Evening service was conducted by S. Ryles.

BIRTHS

FRASER (nee Verity).—On Nov. 8, to Freda and Don—a daughter (Ngarie Madeline).

HOWE.—On Nov. 4, to Stella and Trevor, 12 Vauxhall-rd., Dennis, Vic.—a daughter (Valmai Jennifer). Both well.

DEATHS

BEASY.—A tribute of love to our dear nephew Dudley, passed away at Mildura, Oct. 26, 1946, aged 18 years. "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

—Inserted by Auntie Sylvie and Uncle Eli (South Yarra).

BROAD.—On Oct. 20, Barbara Elsie, beloved infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Broad, "Deloraine," Pyramid. Loving sister of Arthur, David, Frances and Raymond. "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

JERMYN.—Mr. F. Jermyrn and sisters wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for beautiful floral tributes, cards, letters, telegrams, visits and personal expressions of sympathy in our recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. Withers, Dr. Killmier, College Board, Faculty, Old Boys, Present Students. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of our very sincere gratitude?

—E. Jermyrn, 31 Benambra-st., West Preston.

IN MEMORIAM

BENN.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, A. R. Benn, who was called to higher service on Nov. 13, 1939.

Some day, some time, our eyes shall see
The faces kept in memory;
Some day their hands shall clasp our hand,
Just over in the morning land.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

BROAD.—In loving memory of our dear one, Lawrence Broad, who was called to higher life on Nov. 16, 1946.

When I soar to realms of glory,
And an entrance I await,
If I whisper, "Jesus only!"
Wide will open the pearly gate;
When I join the heavenly chorus,
And the angel hosts I see,
Precious Jesus, "Jesus only,"
Will my theme of rapture be.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family at Mossman, N.Q.

WHELAN.—Treasured memories of Joseph, loved husband of Florence Whelan, who was called home Nov. 9, 1938, at Chatswood, N.S.W.

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(Rom. 8: 38, 39).

KING.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband and father, William Gordon, who departed this life for higher service on Nov. 16, 1940.

When the beauties of the homeland burst
upon my ravished sight,

And the King in all his beauty I shall see,
Then how small will seem the trials which
did here my soul affright,

And how radiant heaven's splendor seems
to me!

—Inserted by his loving wife and daughter Gloria, son-in-law Bill, and grandchildren Gloria and Bill.

STURGES.—In fond memory of my dear wife and our loved mother, Lylia, who was called home suddenly on Nov. 11, 1942.

A wonderful mother laid to rest,

For each of us she did her best;

Her love was great, her heart was kind,

A better mother none could find.

—Inserted by her loving husband and daughters, Myrtle (Mrs. J. E. Searle), Constance (Mrs. C. Daniell) and Alice (Mrs. N. White).

WOODBIDGE.—The widow and family of the late George Bartlett Woodbridge thank God for the memory of a beloved Christian husband and father, who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 19, 1938. "Till the day dawns, and the shadows flee away."

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 20 (Wednesday).—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. At 2.15 p.m. we will hold our annual gift sale. All are invited.

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CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

THE contribution of S. H. Wattleworth to "Open Forum, "Australian Christian," 30/10/46, on the above subject, offers the "framers of these resolutions," the Federal Social Questions and Services Board, an opportunity to correct his erroneous impression. He is not the first or only one to refer to such motions as are presented to conference on social questions as "pious wishes," and he is not the first or only one to conclude that nothing is done about them afterwards. He will be interested to know that following the sending of the resolutions on peace and war to the Prime Minister, and to the press, my board has undertaken to reprint a booklet on the subject at a cost of about £40 which, we believe, shows the teachings of the New Testament with regard to war. Extracts from the writings of Alex. Campbell, David King and J. W. McGarvey are also being reprinted. This booklet will be available to all churches in the near future. If Mr. Wattleworth is in earnest, we may expect a substantial order from him. Further to this, my board has arranged at considerable expense a dinner and discussion in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, the subject being, "Can the Church Stop the Next World War—Now?" This event will have taken place before this reply appears in print, but we hope to publish a report of it later. Invitations have been issued to leaders of all the Protestant denominations, including the Archbishop. Several leading Christian professional men have indicated their intention of being present. What a pity our brother could not be present; we need men of action of his type over here. Now, Mr. Wattleworth, what are you prepared to do about it? What do you suggest?—Will H. Clay, secretary.

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Obituary

Miss Louisa Coy

AT Strathearn private hospital, Castlemaine, Vic., on Sept. 19, there passed from this life Louisa Coy, at the age of 86 years. Until failing health confined her to the home, she was a regular attender and active member of the church at Castlemaine. Her cheerful Christian disposition endeared her to all who were privileged to know her. Despite the infirmity that caused her to be confined to the home, she remained cheerful, and her faith never wavered. It was always a blessing to be in her presence. After a service in the home, her mortal remains were laid to rest in Castlemaine cemetery. To her sisters and nieces the church at Castlemaine extends deepest sympathy, and assures them that she will be remembered by what she has done.—J.O.M.

Mrs. W. H. Rich

THE church at Unley, S.A., suffered loss in the call to higher service of Mrs. W. H. Rich on Oct. 9 at the age of 86 years. None among our people did more for the churches in the south-east of South Australia. Together with her husband and her parents (Mr. and Mrs. W. Newbery) she played a part in the early church at Millicent. Mr. and Mrs. Rich moved to Kaniva, Vic., and the first meeting of Kaniva church was held in 1888 in their home. Mrs. Rich was able to be present at the jubilee services at Kaniva in 1938. From Kaniva these pioneers moved to Bordertown, and were towers of strength in the church. On Feb. 26, 1911, they were received into membership at Park-st., Unley, and both have been active during the years. Both were teachers and workers wherever there was a task to be done. Many leaders in our churches were trained by Mr. and Mrs. Rich. Mr. Rich passed home on May 7, 1934, when in England. Mrs. Rich continued diligently serving Christ, working in the guilds, teaching in the Bible school, visiting the sick and lonely, loyal in attendance at the Lord's day services and the midweek meetings. She was a great lover of young people, an encourager of her minister, a true mother in Israel. She had a gracious, kindly disposition. She was a sympathetic, practical, efficient and loyal Christian. She lived "looking unto Jesus." A true pioneer, her example calls us to renewed efforts to extend the kingdom of God in the place where we live. To Mrs. P. S. Messent and all relatives we extend Christian sympathy.—H.G.N.

Edith May Symes

ALTHOUGH in indifferent health for some time, the death of Mrs. Edith May Symes came as a shock to her friends and relatives in Harcourt and Castlemaine districts, Vic. Suddenly on Sunday, Sept. 22, Mrs. Symes passed to be with her Saviour. Born 63 years ago in the Narioka district, our sister married Mr. Arthur Symes and came to reside in the Harcourt district until recently, when she and her husband took up their residence in Castlemaine. For many years she was a loyal worker at the church at Harcourt, where she was organist and a Sunday school teacher and later in charge of the kindergarten. Many in that district call her "blessed" for the teaching and encouragement that she gave during her years of faithful witness to her Lord and Master. The large number that gathered at the home and later at the graveside at Harcourt was a testimony to her life and work.

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Mrs. M. Washbourne

A GREAT loss has been sustained by the church at East Kew, Vic., in particular, and the brotherhood in general, in the very sudden and unexpected home-call on Sept. 28, at her home in Clyde-st., of Mrs. M. Washbourne. When about 20 years of age she came from England to join her late husband in Melbourne. She was led into New Testament ways under the preaching of Mr. Coward, and was baptised in Collingwood chapel. Soon after her baptism she moved to Preston, and after a few years to East Kew, where her membership has been for the past twenty-two years. She served her Lord faithfully, and was always keenly interested in the progress of the work. Her time was given largely to the women's work in the church, especially in connection with overseas missions. For many years she was most regular in her attendance at the monthly council meetings of the executive. The loving sympathy of the assembly is extended to her family. With them we sorrow because of the sudden parting; with them we rejoice because her name is written in the Lamb's book of life.—W.A.W.

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on Oct. 27 and 28. All meetings were well
attended and appreciated. A men's fellow-
ship tea was addressed by Mr. Wiltshire, and
evening service at 7.30 was again addressed by
Mr. Wiltshire.

On Monday the annual business session was
held and following officers elected: C. Mott,
president; G. A. Mott, vice-president; F. R.
Jermyn, secretary and treasurer; executive com-
mittee, E. Mott, J. Leach, D. A. Cockroft,
R. Thomas, S. Harrop, A. Staley, D. W. Cock-
roft.

Two features of the business session were
the meeting of isolated members at Murrabit,
and a report putting forward aims and ad-
vantages of forming a district youth council.
This report was adopted, and conference
pledged support to youth council.

A tea was followed by a meeting at
7.45 p.m., when new president was introduced
and Mr. Wiltshire addressed the gathering.

Members are looking forward to another
year's service with Mr. Walmsley, whose term
has been renewed for twelve months.

AN APPRECIATION

THE Swan Hill district churches, Vic., held
a annual conference on week-end, Oct. 27
and 28. I was a privileged guest for the oc-
casion. There are four churches meeting in
the district, all coming under the pastoral
oversight of H. I. Walmsley. Nearly 60 miles
separate the two extreme points of the cir-
cuit. Reports were presented to conference
from all the churches, and in every case a
spirit of optimism and happy fellowship was
very evident. The care for the isolated, for
the youth and for the sick were marked features,
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in this way his visitation is aided. A vigilant
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