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A FAITH TO PROCLAIM

E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A.

"To-day as never before there is being laid upon the heart and conscience of the Church the burden of evangelism. Other generations have had their own specific tasks: confessional restatement, theological reorientation, ecclesiastical reconstruction. To-day the demand is more radical and basic. It is spiritual resurrection: it is—under God—the creating of life. To confront a bewildered and dishevelled age with the fact of Christ, to thrust upon its confusion the creative word of the Cross and smite its disenchantment with the glory of the Resurrection—this is the urgent, overruling task. 'Son of man, can these bones live?'"

This is the opening paragraph of Dr. James S. Stewart's book, *A Faith to Proclaim*, which is the 1953 publication of the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale University. The text of these lectures is taken from II Cor. 4: 13: "It is written, 'I believed, and therefore have I spoken'; we also believe, and therefore speak."

The faith to proclaim is expounded in five chapters under the headings: Proclaiming the Incarnation, Proclaiming Forgiveness, Proclaiming the Cross, Proclaiming the Resurrection, Proclaiming Christ. A reading of this book confirms and challenges us concerning the faith we proclaim. Readers will not be surprised to know that such a book is enthusiastically placed in the College library and recommended to students. Such a title and book set us thinking.

Why a College?

Why did our Australian churches, through Federal Conference, decide to establish a College which began in 1907? Why have the members of those churches supported the College for just on forty-seven years? Back of it all is the conviction of a faith to proclaim. And with that goes the judgment that training is necessary to efficiency. By some means men and women must be equipped for all that is involved in the ministry of the word. True to the vision of the founders Glen Iris has made education a means of evangelism. It lays no stress on education as an end in itself, but always as a means. Its formula is not "either or"—either education or evangelism, but "both and"—education and evangelism, education as a means to efficient evangelism.

Why a College Community?

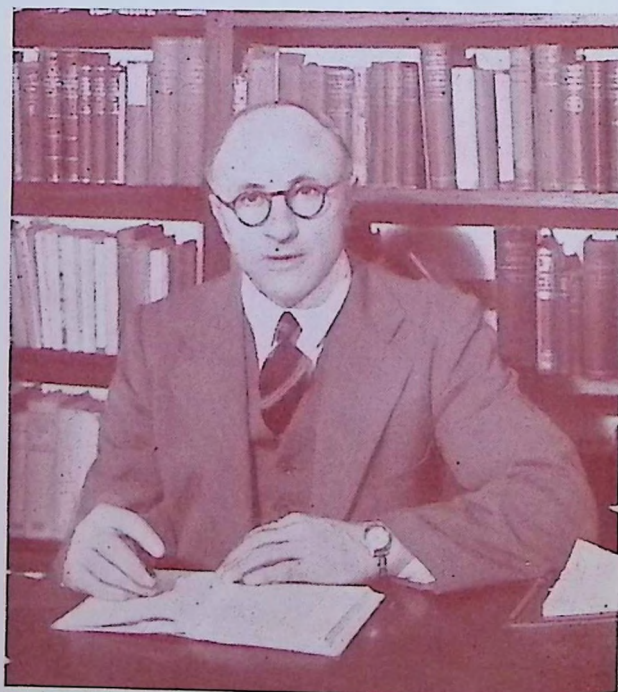
Why students and faculty? Why do we come here? Why do we stay here? Do students come

because they are in search of a profession, a career, a means of making a living? If some have, they are not representative. If some have failed or turned aside from earlier convictions they are not representative. Men and women come here because they are under the compulsion of a faith to proclaim.

Are members of the faculty here because they seek a profession, a career, a living? I speak personally and representatively when I answer, No. We are here because we, too, are under the compulsion of the faith outlined above.

The centre of this faith is Christ; the primary and authoritative witness to this faith is the Bible. Various text-books are used as helps to exposition, but the final ground of appeal, the final authority, is found in the text-book of revelation, the Bible.

The College is a co-operative venture. Brotherhood, faculty and students march together under the banner of a faith to proclaim. All who share this faith will want to share the burden of maintaining a brotherhood enterprise.



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A WORLD TO RECLAIM

FROM one narrow strip of oft-conquered land they came—men drunk with the dream of One who had said: "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. . . . Go ye into all the world." And, incredibly, other lands not only heard those men, but always there were some to believe in their Christ—and the vision grew.

Ever since it has happened like that. In some oasis of the Spirit the vision is kindled which sends a man to "the uttermost parts of the earth." Every Christian pioneer has known some "green pasture" where first he learnt to hold the world in his heart, and share his Master's passion for its saving.

Our Federal College of the Bible has been such an oasis of the Spirit for men and women, scattered to-day throughout the world. In those "green pastures" Christ, his Word and his will for man became supreme issues, and his imperative claim a force which love could not deny. Sometimes in College classroom or discussion group the heart leaped on ahead, eager to be already in the field of service. Life was always the finer for having known the dream, though some never knew its fulfilment; but those who did can never forget the debt they owe to Glen Iris College of the Bible. As missionaries, doctors, nurses, teachers, translators, administrators, preachers they consecrate everything towards the task of reclaiming the world—his world—for Christ.

But other Glen Iris graduates have flung themselves into the same task without ever leaving their home land. Whole areas of modern living need to be reclaimed by those who are sure they have "a faith to proclaim." It is some-

times argued that our College training needs to be more specialised and practical, in fitting students for such tasks as youth leadership, hospital and industrial chaplaincies, etc. It is certainly true that in every theological course there is a danger of remoteness from the really decisive issues of the day. But our College students are not left unaware of what these are, and what qualities of creative and courageous thought and action are demanded of the Christian leader to-day. Trained, consecrated minds, assured that Christ has the answer to man's sin, whatever form it takes, are among the College's best gifts to the brotherhood.

Halford Luccock well said in a Yale lecture earlier this year: "When a church no longer reaches out, it passes out." Because our Federal College has always reached out through the lives of its graduates to the whole of life in the whole world, it is as keenly alive now as ever. It surely deserves generous brotherhood endorsement on October 4.

TO MAINTAIN THIS VITAL
SERVICE TO THE BROTHER-
HOOD WE NEED

£4000 on OCT. 4

LET ALL SHARE IN THIS WORK.



First Year Bible Course Students.

GOD'S TRAINEES MAKE READY

S. Vanham, President of Queensland Conference and H.M. Secretary.

Preachers are never made. Preachers are always born of the call of God and their consecration to that call. They are as the prophets of the Old Testament in the one essential of true prophecy, that it is a proclamation of the message of God. In the call of prophets the Spirit bloweth where it listeth, coming upon men as diverse as Amos the cowherd, the seraphic Isaiah, or Ezekiel with his mind obsessed with squares and lines on wheels. Such diversity of operation characterises the calling of the ministry in every age. Because of this some have argued that the existence of a College is a limiting of the Spirit of God, that it is like trying to grow in a hot-house plants that can only live in God's free air.

"Sons of the Prophets"

Yet those original and unconventional prophets, Elijah and Elisha, gathered about them a group of fifty "sons of the prophets;" clearly this was a training school. Their own experience of a mysterious and mirosulous enduement of the Spirit of God did not blind them to the need of preparation for the prophetic ministry. The Saviour couched his first call to men thus: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." The divine call itself was but a prelude to a forming, developing and moulding of the men who were called. Paul, realising the need of preparation, urged Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Good Workmen

The point about training is not that it will make any student a better workman than some man uniquely gifted by God, but that it will make any man a better medium for the gift of God that is in him. A good tradesman can work well with bad tools, but the best tradesman does better work with good tools, and any man will be a better vehicle for the Spirit's message if he is equipped with a disciplined brain and a well stored mind.

The Best for God

Adequate preparation for the ministry can only come from the Church. No secular institution can fully equip men for the work of the ministry. The College of the Bible is the brotherhood's great gift to those who, responding to a call from God to his service, are resolved to be the best they can be for him. Into College have gone men of all kinds, and out of it has flowed a steady

stream of men and women into front-line service in every brotherhood activity.

The annual offering gives every church member the opportunity to have a real part in helping to supply our supreme and abiding need—an efficient ministry of the Word.

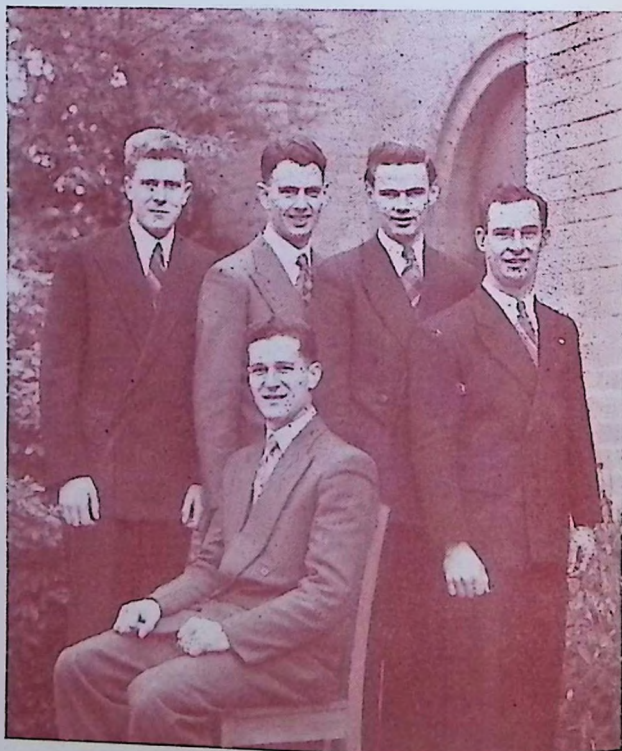


LET'S GET ON with EVANGELISM!

G. R. Stirling, B.A., President of S.A. Conference, Youth Director, Preacher-elect, Canberra church.

"Ye shall be my witnesses" applies as much to-day as it did when the Master addressed his first disciples. Christ is alive and can save, and the world must know it. We must tell them. Every Christian must be an evangelist. No one is exempted.

Our work of evangelism is more effective when we have spear-heading the evangelistic drive in



Third Year Bible Course Men.

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each local church, virile preachers, set apart for full-time service. The preacher is not appointed to take our place as evangelists. He is appointed to lead us to greater efforts still.

Glen Iris sets out to train men for the work of leading the churches in aggressive evangelism, breaking through the bands of sin and setting men free by the power of the living Christ.

The South Australian brotherhood is grateful for its team of Glen Iris graduates. There are forty-two of them. They have contributed greatly to the fact that this year has been for us a record year, with a substantial increase in membership. Nearly all of these men have been engaged in missions during this year, as well as successful evangelism in their own churches.

We do not minimise the work of our men who have had other training, or who are self-trained. They play a valuable part in our team. But we take off our hats to Glen Iris, and look forward to many more men of the calibre of those we have in the field now.

Money given for the training of the cream of our young men for the work of evangelism is money well invested. Let's have more of the best of our young men going to Glen Iris. Let's have more money to keep the training going!

Let's get on with evangelism!



Second Year Bible Course Students.

SIGNIFICANCE of the COLLEGE

J. Keith Robinson, President of W.A. Conference, and Secretary of Aborigine Mission Board.

Born out of a vision granted by God to men of his choosing over 50 years ago, the Federal College of the Bible has sent forth into the life and work of Australian churches of Christ a steady stream of consecrated men and women into fields of specialised ministry at home and abroad. True, the College received these men and women from the churches. They came at God's call to devote themselves to special service on a full-time basis, and the College infinitely enhanced the effectiveness of their ministry by the training it gave them.

The College has been true to its charter. It has been, and continues to be, a College. It is a training institution where human faculties are sharpened and tempered for a particular purpose. This means work—hard work. Neither faculty nor students waste their time. They do not major on sport or play. They are stewards of the grace of God.

It has been, and continues to be, a College of the Bible. Its charter is to send forth its graduates to break open the Word of God to men, and

to feed them with the Bread of Life. This has been done with singular success, for the number of souls saved and churches founded and strengthened through the ministries of men and women trained in the College is beyond calculation.

The College graduates do not go forth to "free-lance" ministries, but to serve within the framework of the Church and its agencies. They bring the Word of God to the Church and through the Church to the world. Because of this the life of the Church is enriched and given wider relevance. Many College graduates have been called to positions of leadership and responsibility, many more have fulfilled the measure of their stewardship in quiet ministries of great effectiveness, and some there are whose ministries ended in martyrs' graves.

The College serves the Australian churches of Christ and enriches their corporate life beyond all statistical computation. Let the whole brotherhood put aside all ill-founded criticism, take note of the vast measure of positive good that the College has accomplished down the years, and support it in prayers and gifts with a faith that will match God's purposes for it as a most significant and effective agent of his Kingdom.

THESE FORTY-SEVEN YEARS

R. T. PITTMAN, B.A., Dip.Ed., who has been intimately associated with the college from its beginning.

When the College of the Bible was established in February, 1907, a definite stage in the development of the Australian brotherhood was reached. The need was felt for a school in our own land wherein a thorough training could be given for the work of the ministry. It was realised that not all who enrolled as students would become full-time preachers, but it was hoped that there would be a continuous supply of workers for the fields at home and abroad, and that the churches would benefit greatly from the efforts of men and women who had received training and were well equipped to present the gospel and the plea.

Bible Centred Teaching

From the first the curriculum was Bible-centred. The school was essentially a College of the Bible, and it still is. Studies directly related to the Bible

occupy a large part of the programme—studies of the content of the Bible, doctrine, the original language of the New Testament, and the principles of interpretation. In some respects the work is more extensive and more intensive than in the earlier period. More attention is given to Biblical background, and three years of New Testament Greek are taken instead of one.

Plea of Churches of Christ

Through the years the plea of churches of Christ has received due emphasis in College teaching. In order to an adequate appreciation of the problem concerning Christian unity, much attention has been given to church history. Here again there has been development. In earlier times the history of our own movement was largely taken for granted; to-day a definite place is found for that study, together with a review of modern movements towards unity. In the volume, *That They All May be One*, published in 1909, C. M. Gordon wrote: "We plead for a complete restoration of New Testament Christianity in its doctrines, ordinances, and its fruit." It was realised then, however, and it is realised now, that there is need to distinguish between "essentials" and "non-essentials," that the principle must apply: "In things essential, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love."

Persuaded in Mind

College teaching does not encourage the exalting of matters of opinion to the status of matters of faith, but does encourage the careful enquiry into "views," allowing the student to become persuaded in his own mind. For example, there are variant views held concerning the order of events in relation to the second advent of our Lord. The College teaching stresses the fact of the Lord's coming, but does not insist that the student shall accept any particular theory. Theories are divisive; facts unify. A good College library makes available adequate sources of information.

Throughout the history of the College much stress has been laid upon evangelism. The course now includes three years of study concerning the theory and practice of preaching. There are also related subjects such as Religious Education and Elocution. Students are urged to make Christ central in their preaching, and advised to adhere to methods which will commend the gospel of Christ.

Has the College justified itself in relation to the aims of those who brought it into being? Emphatically, yes!



The Secular Class.

David Walter Chamberlain



He went so suddenly and unexpectedly from us—this vigorous, earnest and purposeful young man. We looked with hope to the future for such a splendid and utterly surrendered life. From childhood, David took a very keen interest in spiritual things, and before reaching his teens his life's course was set, when at Maylands, S.A., he was baptised into Christ by the writer. For him, the "putting on of Christ" was a tremendously significant occasion. Even though he was quite young then, it marked the beginning of a very fruitful life. He thrilled to the call and challenge of his Master. He truly "grew in grace and knowledge," and all that he possessed was freely given in service. The last time I saw him was in the College reading room, deep in thought, with an open New Testament on his knee. In the youth groups at Maylands, and among scores of young people and others, he was greatly esteemed for his wholesome Christian character. His thoughtfulness in his home, loyalty to the Church, and eagerness to serve Christ were always uppermost in his mind. He entered College in 1952, and quickly proved his worth. Whilst on his way to Montrose, where he helped the church during week-ends, he met with a fatal accident on August 1. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, and we commend them to the love of God.—K.J.

David, Our Friend

Strange how large the gap at the loss of a friend. For in friendship, there must of necessity be a giving of each other, and with one's loss, that given part, is torn out never to be replaced.

We who were David's friends may make others, but they will never replace him. Age cannot now bow those tall shoulders; the task they carried is ours. The cheery smile lives in the hearts of those who felt its attraction and knew his generosity.

But there will be many influenced who never knew him, for in discussions and debates our minds met and moulded each other's thoughts. In the chapel, where in common worship we each offered ourselves to God; around the washing-up, in our rooms, as evening hours passed, in fellowship; upon the playing fields, where he played "sport," not just football, cricket or tennis; as a member of the General and Concert Committees, as secretary of the Literary Society and Theological Committee; he came in eighteen months to be indeed a friend.

As such we mourn, yet are not cast down, for our hope is in the proven assurance of the God both he and we serve.

Though he die, yet shall he live.—*Frank Beale.*



The "Inside" Story

The College story from within! Of what shall we speak? Of fellowship? Much has been said of this—of its helpfulness, of its richness, but this seems to fail to express the College experience.

The experience of College is the experience of familyhood.

We live as a family with all its stress and strain, but as a family bound by the cords of love and loyalty to Jesus Christ. In heights of joy and in depths of sorrow we have gathered in our chapel, there to realise anew the thrilling sense of familyhood that binds us one to the other.

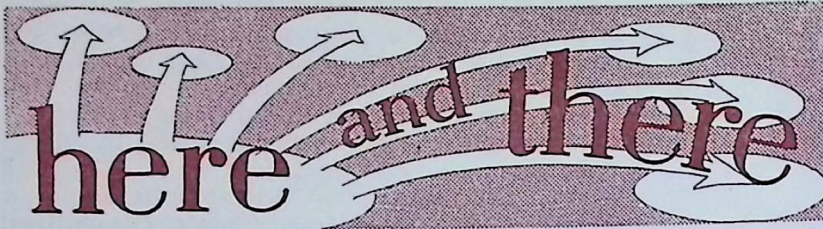
Shall we speak of instruction? Much has been said of the instruction—of its quality, of its stimulus, but there is no sense of instructor and instructed here.

The experience of College is the experience of expansion.

We have not stood still. Early horizons are no more—our field is the world, our horizon eternity. In a pilgrimage of spirit we have come from an unthought faith to a realisation of the fulness of the gospel of Christ—that fulness which is life in itself, and demands that it be passed on to the world.

College fellowship and instruction may pass away, but the experience of familyhood and of expansion will continue, for we are part of an expanding family and the qualities of familyhood—faith, hope and love—live on.

—*R. N. Gilmore, President of Students' Committee.*



Keith A. Jones, organising secretary of the Federal College of the Bible, is thanked for special material featured in this issue.

Albert Anderson reports excitement on the Indian Mission Field when a food consignment of 102 cases and packages arrived on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 30. Read the full story in next week's issue.

Members of the church at Albury, N.S.W., deeply regret that ill-health has forced the resignation of their preacher, N. Kingston, as from Aug. 30. Presentations were made by the church (wallet of notes), Y.W.F. and C.E., in appreciation of faithful service. Mr. and Mrs. Kingston are going to Queensland. Albury services will, for the present, be conducted by local brethren.

Christian work among the "young marrieds" is rightly receiving more attention these days. An interesting arrangement marked the recent launching of the Home Makers' Club at Moorhouse-ave. church of Christ, Christchurch, N.Z. Members of the church Y.P. Club have promised to "baby-sit" for the young married couples for "five shillings per home per night," proceeds going towards a new motion picture projector.

E. Davis, preacher of Burwood church, N.S.W., is now home from hospital after six weeks of serious illness following a major operation. Although still weak, he is progressing slowly. A. W. Stephenson addressed the morning meeting on Sept. 6, and J. Ellerby conducted the evening service. Appreciation is felt for all who have helped in recent weeks with services. B.S. anniversary practice has commenced.

Though improved in health, Dr. Patil is still undergoing treatment. Some early improvement took place after return from Australia, and some light duties were undertaken at hospital. Later, it was considered he should go to Bombay for further treatment. He has now been under skilled treatment at the King Edward Memorial Hospital for about two months. He is not confined to bed, but can move about the hospital grounds. When visited by Albert Anderson, his final words, spoken with deep emotion, were: "Re-

member me to the brotherhood in Australia."

Bruce Craven, a member of Brighton church, Vic., and B.S. pianist, has been awarded his Master of Science degree, with honors, from the Melbourne University. He is at present on a visit to Great Britain.

The many friends of Mrs. W. B. Payne, of Echuca, Vic., will be sorry to learn that she has been admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

John Ridley was evangelist for the mission at Fairfield, Vic., Aug. 23-30. The church was spiritually strengthened by Mr. Ridley's messages, and some first decisions were registered. Soloists and instrumentalists co-operated well with Fairfield's song-leader, George Bowman, and T. A. Fitzgerald as minister did excellent preparatory work. Each night of the week the chapel was packed to capacity. Neighboring churches all sent delegations of young people, while such distant churches as those at Clayton and Hurstbridge were represented.

R. S. Wigley has succeeded E. H. Randall as president of the Council of Churches in Victoria. R. Caradoc Hughes, B.A., is the new vice-president.

After an extended furlough period, Edna Vawser will be returning to India on the "Strathmore," leaving Adelaide Sept. 24. She has been granted leave of absence from our Mission from Nov. 1, 1953, to May 31, 1954, to undertake a position with the Missionary Language School Board, Poona.

The secretary of the Baptist Union of Russia recently reported that, despite the Soviet control of children under the age of 18, the number of Baptists in Russia has grown from 40,000 a generation ago, to 3,200,000 as of last year—an increase of eight hundred per cent.

Albert Anderson, after visiting the missionary children's schools in Southern India, embarked on his return journey at Colombo, Sept. 14, on the "Stratheden."

Workers of Gospel Recordings Incorporated, of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., have been in New Guinea since August last year, making recordings at the rate of approximately one language a day. These recorded messages are then available to help a missionary give the gospel in new areas while he himself is still struggling with the language. Gospel Recordings Incorporated send out 12,000 records a month, free of charge, in well over 600 languages.



(Notes supplied by A. Anderson,
Sec. F.M. Board.)

VISITING VILLAGE GROUPS (Part 2)

Proceeding to Dhorja, we were met on the hill overlooking the village by the boys of the Boarding (orphan home). Their welcome was enthusiastic and sincere, and as the car drove slowly past they sang one of their own songs:—

"We are all brothers and sisters
In the Name of the Lord.
Praise his Name!
Americans or Europeans, Africans
or Asians,
And the people way down south in
Australia—

We are all brothers and sisters
In the Name of the Lord.
Praise his Name!"

A few Endeavor choruses in English were sung very nicely. After a short rest, we proceeded to the school where a service was held. The service was well conducted, and all very attentive.

One notices a steady growth in these villages over the years. At night, a few hours were given over to hymn singing followed by a bhajan (Indian music and Christian story).

Next day a visit was paid to the school, and the discipline and efficiency of the school are marked. The village tried to prevent this school by establishing an opposition one, but the opposition soon faded. Now the Christian school is well established under

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Kissen Master and two other teachers. There are eighty-five names on the roll, seventy-five being in attendance. Considering some people are away, this attendance is high. The Maratta farmers, who some time ago were opposed to any work being done, are much more friendly.

In the Boarding, there is an average of thirty to thirty-five boys who come from the poor homes of Christian families from surrounding districts. The home not only helps these Christian families—it also provides education for the children. In the whole Mahar community at Dhorja, there are only two families who are non-Christian.

This piece of work is more Indianised than any in "Our India." The work carries on under Kissen Master, with the occasional visit and encouragement from the missionary.

In this group of villages, over three hundred people are being given daily milk rations, and some receive grain. Such distribution is under Government supervision, and is given to all castes without distinction. Thus children, aged and sick, are assured of some nourishment. Teachers and preachers pay a large part in the distribution of such food.

A YOUNG GIRL'S WITNESS.

Pyare was just an ordinary village girl. Her parents just struggled along and made a bare living, and her gods were the gods of the Hindus, worshipped by her forbears for countless generations. At an early age, she came to Shrigonda, entered the girls' home, and attended the school. Gradually she came to know Christ, and finally accepted him.

For a village girl, she was reasonably bright, and at the early age of eleven years, she passed her vernacular final. During school vacation, she returned to her village home, and took the opportunity of reading the Scriptures to her parents. "Throw away your idols," she implored her parents, and in due course the idols were thrown away and the family became Christian.

Pyare is no longer with her family, for at the age of sixteen years she died, a victim of T.B. So many young lives fall victims to this scourge. Though she has left her earthly home, her influence continues; no longer idols reign supreme. As we approached this home for morning meal, the family were in the midst of prayer, conducted by a son who had come home from Bombay to be present for the week-end.

Village work is hard, and sometimes has little lustre, but ever and anon "a gem of purest ray serene" shines out into the darkness and continues to light up the hearts of men.



(4) Jesus Christ, the Only Hope of the Church and the World

Many of us too easily despise the hopes inspired by communism, scientific humanism and "democracy." But let us ask what takes their place when they are gone? Too often their room is occupied by either a savage nihilism or by a pathetic lethargy of spirit. The attitude of the man who "could not care less," in whom all sense of man's creative powers is numbed. In the West, at least to-day, influential leaders do much to encourage the latter mentality by their bland assurance, for instance, that man will accept as inevitable the continual disappointment of reasonable political and social hopes, and that scruples concerning the methods and manners of modern warfare can be stilled by a little gentle casuistry. There is a point at which the common man, conscious of the moral meaninglessness of the setting of his day-to-day life, and aware of his own powerlessness to mend it, may cease to care, and may lapse into a hopeless and aimless indifference to all that is going on around him.

ECCE HOMO.

To those in utter despair, whose lights have gone out, the voice of Pilate rings across the ages—*Ecce Homo*. Men and women driven to the brink of suicide, the homeless, the refugee, the persecuted, the desperate can look upon the thorn-crowned Christ, with the spittle of derision running down his face, and find in him one who in all things "was made like unto his brethren"—"yet without sin."

So on his way of the cross, Christ the hope of the world, meets men and women in all their complex hoping and fearing. It is upon the way of the cross that he meets them because it is upon that way that he is so wholly consecrated to his Father that he can make their every state his own for judgment and for salvation. So we may say that he, the second Adam, recapitulates upon his road of dedication the experience of humanity, and bids all men find their every hope sifted in the judgment of his cross, yet somehow affirmed in the mysterious promise of his resurrection. "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth

alone." "Behold I make all things new."

THE CHURCH'S TASK.

The Church has failed and still fails in its task of interpreting to man this all-inclusive hope of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever, whose continued prayer is the very Atlas on whose shoulders the world is borne. This failure is not simply or primarily an intellectual one; it is the failure of the churches to live in inward conformity to the image of the Crucified. It is a failure of service, of patience, of compassion of which we are all guilty; for we all of us shrink from the task of self-identification with Christ, as we encounter him in the desperately needy of to-day. Yet how, save by such identification, can we reveal in practice and in fact that only in Christ is to be found what men dimly and in demonic form seek, for instance, by the diabolical cruelties of communism?

It should be emphasised again and again that this identification is no mere pious act or sentimental notion, but something which must involve varied forms of concrete service. Thus many may find themselves led actively to participate in the political struggle against racial oppression, and for the achievement of a more just economic order. There is absolutely no sanction in the Christian gospel for indifference to crying human needs; rather the imperative is clear that we must do all that is in our power to meet them and find the Son of Man himself in the very least of his brethren. If indeed we say that the deepest level of our existence lies in the love of God made concrete in Jesus Christ, it is ours to show this forth not in word only but in deed. Here as always the Church must remember that the context of her life on earth is her continuing mission.—(From the Second Report on the Theme, "Christ the Hope of the World," of the 1954 Assembly of the World Council of Churches.)

—Contributed by R. W. Graham for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union.



It is estimated that well over one and a-half million copies of Coronation editions of the Bible and New Testament were distributed by Scripture publishers in Great Britain.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

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Pam Mitchell and Peter Macsween, Kingsford, N.S.W.
Peter Connor, Thelma Forbes and Barbara Speak, Coburg, Vic.
Beverley Fulston, Trevor England, Peter Johnson and Don Holmsey, Unley, S.A.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, from Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas., to Invermay, Tas.
Miss L. Murgatroyd, R. Murgatroyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. Murgatroyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark, Mrs. R. Cousins, Miss L. Matheson and Mrs. F. A. Dean, Invermay, Tas.
Mrs. Gladstone, Mrs. Lawson, and Ann Lawson, from Brighton, Vic., to North Richmond, Vic.
Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Jessup, from Unley, S.A., to Glenelg, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, from Wellington, N.Z., to Rockdale, N.S.W.
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Marriage

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Gwendalyn Rowe to K. Morey, Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.
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Dorothy Marsh to T. Williams, Echuca, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Webb, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Kevin Wing, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Mrs. M. Johnson, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Mary Jenkinson, Carnegie, Vic.
Mr. Knights, snr., Dandenong, Vic.
Mr. Doig, South Yarra, Vic.

Western Australia

Cottesloe (J. Sewell).—Ladies' Aid held an "at home" on Sept. 3, with representatives present from district and sister churches. Mrs. R. Christie presided over gathering of about 140. Items were appreciated. K. Beazley, M.H.R., spoke. Mrs. Digwood as president brought greetings from Women's Auxillary.

Tasmania

Margaret-st., Launceston (J. A. Luff).—Average attendances at services during Aug. showed increase over July. Youth service on Aug. 2 was addressed by A. J. Griffiths. Several Y.P. took part. Interest in J.C.E. continues at high level, Gregory Foot recently obtained 100 per cent. in Question Box exam. Aug. meeting of C.M.S. was "Father and Son" gathering. Enjoyable after-church Fellowship Hour was held on 9th to honor Lois Younger and Viney Longthorp on their forthcoming marriage. At gospel service on Aug. 23 three members of J.C.E. made decision. Ladies' Guild sponsored evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffiths to raise £12 for Christmas Cheer in India. In His Name was screened at the gospel service on 30th. Recent visitors included Mrs. Peters (Box Hill) and Mrs. and Miss Seal (West Preston). Bethany offering exceeded £35.

Invermay (R. M. Wilson).—Sickness and school holidays have reduced attendances over recent weeks. Gospel services have been well attended, with many new members. Baptismal services continue. On 23rd a lad made decision, and on Sept. 6 a young lady, who was baptised same night. Mr. Wilson's morning addresses on Revelation are appreciated.

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street).—Men's Fellowship was inaugurated with good attendance. Dr. Knight was elected pres., N. Clifford, vice-pres., and L. Moore, sec. On July 26 Mr. Rusthon (Dover) and L. Moore were speakers. Choir members held nic-nac evening for Lois Younger, who resigned from choir and B.S. staff prior to marriage. Overseas offering was £80. On Aug. 23 choral service was held at night.

Queensland

Toowoomba (E. T. Hart and F. J. Winter).—Teachers of three schools met for quarterly tea and conference, which included film, Methods of Teaching. 13 Y.P.F. attended Y.P.D. rally at Rosewood on Aug. 22. Special gospel services continue at Margaret-st. On 23rd quiz between Margaret-

st. and Harlaxton scholars was held. Teachers spoke concerning teaching, and there were special recitals about boys and girls. On 30th Fifth Sunday Fellowship was introduced, whereby on any month with five Sundays, members are encouraged to invite friends home and conclude day of fellowship with gospel service. Y.P.F. conducted service on 30th at Epileptic Home, and choir conducted service of song at Brodribbe Home. Visitors have included Betty Morris (Albury), Mr. and Mrs. Benham (Mildura), Joan Davis, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. and Miss Green (Qld.), and Joyce Turner (London).

New South Wales

Broken Hill (J. McCormick).—Judith Palmer and Brian Hosking and Alan Hilford (son of former minister of church) have been welcomed. Vacation school for two hours a day, Mon. to Fri., was successful. On Thursday evening children demonstrated their work. Offering was received each day for Norseman Mission. Project book was compiled, and will be sent to Indian orphan adopted by church. Ladies held meeting in home of Mrs. Garner, who has been ill. Ladies have despatched aprons to Norseman Mission. Anniversary practice has commenced.

Gilgandra-Dubbo (V. S. Dallinger).—Gilgandra meetings have improved after much illness among members. Mrs. W. Butler is improving in health. Visit by Mrs. E. Roffey, Women's Conference Pres., was appreciated by both churches. About 20 ladies attended ladies' meeting on Aug. 24, and about 40 attended evening meeting on 25th, when Mr. and Mrs. Roffey spoke. Newly formed Ladies' Fellowship at Dubbo is to help church. B.S. in both churches is maintaining interest and preparing for annual picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull (Padstow) have been among recent visitors.

Wagga (A. W. Morris).—Visit of Miss E. Vawser was of great interest. Attendance at weekly cottage prayer meeting and services is increasing. Visitors have included S. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralton (Manly), Sis. MacDonald (Lockhart) and Sis. Butt (Sydney). Mr. Turnbull has been sick for some weeks, and also Sis. Frisk (Coff's Harbour). Tennis club has commenced season.

Lidcombe (Arthur Baker).—Church is preparing for seventieth anniversary. Kappa Sigma Pi has been revived. Delegations from Lidcombe have been attending tent mission at Parramatta North, P.B.P. members helping with singing. J. Christison has rejoined

teaching staff. Beverley Baker is new agent for "A.C." Phone recently connected to manse is proving helpful to preacher. Reserve Fund has been established so as to help church to self support. C.E. appeal for missionary box met with splendid response. Choir is rendering appreciated service.

Rockdale (G. J. Andrews).—On Aug. 16, 66th church anniversary was held. Mr. Elliott spoke in morning, and C. Way was soloist. Minister spoke at night, and Mrs. McDonald was soloist. On 18th Y.P.S.C.E. gave re-union tea for ex-members, followed by film evening. About 75 sat down to anniversary dinner on 20th. At public meeting which followed, Mrs. Morrison and C. Way were guest artists, and Mr. Saunders summarised church history. Anniversary continued on 23rd, when Mr. Henderson was morning speaker, and Miss I. Green soloist. R. Amos spoke at night. Anniversary offering to extension fund was £102. S. Morris and Mr. McNeil (C.E. Union) spoke on 30th, in absence of minister at Wagga and Albury on presidential visit.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).—On Aug. 30 A. Surtees spoke in morning. There was excellent attendance at monthly fellowship tea. Mr. Griffiths (South Sea Evangelical Mission) showed movie films. At gospel service Misses J. Bishop and P. Kynes brought message in song. Table tennis evenings commenced on Sept. 5. B. Roberts spoke on evening of 6th.

Kingsford (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.).—Morning message from Mr. Bowser (Belmore) on Aug. 16 was much appreciated. Mrs. McWilliams and Mr. Hudson have been recent gospel soloists. Aug. 30 was observed as Bible Sunday, when special reference was made to gift of two volumes of new Pulpit Bible (A.V.) for church. George Elliott gained Commonwealth Prize in J.C.E. Question Box Exam. J.C.E. picnic was held at Centennial Park on 27th.

South Australia

Whyalla (K. N. Roberts).—Services are being well attended. Work among Y.P. is affected by sickness. Ladies' Fellowship is working hard, and has another parcel for mission field. Youth tea was held on Aug. 23. C.E. has many active members. Minister has been invited for further term of one year.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Several church ladies renewed acquaintance with Mrs. F. Collins on occasion of her 85th birthday, taking with them gifts of love. Y.P. supported Show march. Mrs. G. Wormald and Miss L. Dinning are in hospital. Sisters' Guild continues to meet fortnightly, with Mrs. Norris as pres., and good work is being done. Two of girls' basketball

teams will play in finals. Boys are also doing well. Special messages in preparation for mission were given by preacher on 6th. Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. Royals are again attending following sickness.

Glenelg (W. B. Burn).—Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh (Vic.). Annual business meeting reported that all phases of work were making headway. R. Beaumont, H. Wenham and M. Langley were re-elected as deacons, and E. R. Bassham was elected to complete Board. Mrs. Menz was re-elected as deaconess. Happy Hours conducted recently by G. R. Stirling have increased B.S., and attendances are high. Mrs. Dicker has relinquished position of Cradle Roll supt. Mrs. Gloyn has been appointed in her stead. Only remaining foundation member, Mrs. Webb, who celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 28, still maintains regular attendance at Lord's Table. Choir has been formed under leadership of L. Hughes.

Unley (I. J. Chivell).—Women's month concluded with well attended meeting, when Mrs. Lawton spoke. Fine attendance marked women's service on Sunday evening. One young man made decision. Happy song fellowship after church crowded kinder room. Appreciation was expressed to A. and Margaret Jessup for their service prior to transferring to Glenelg. New peak in attendance at B.S. was reached during month, and four more Y.P. were added to church. Value of school reorganisation, especially in senior branch, three years ago, can now be seen. Kinder teachers and C.Y.F. have improved appearance of kinder room. O. R. Redman and A. J. Ingham spoke in absence of minister at Dareton jubilee services.

Victoria

Carnegie (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.).—Y.P. spent week-end of Aug. 30 at Monbulk. L. Crisp was leader, and in

his absence services were conducted by E. Eaton and R. Hindman. On evening of Sept. 6 Decision was screened. Ian Field was on leave from Naval Training Service.

Northcote (W. G. Graham).—There was one decision on Aug. 30. On Sept. 6 Mr. Abercrombie was morning speaker, and V. C. Stafford at night. Minister conducted anniversary services at Ararat. On Aug. 26 J.M.B. celebrated seventh birthday. Miss E. Vawser was speaker, and showed films. A large number of visitors attended. Christian Education offering was £8/6/-.

Camberwell.—Preaching of E. L. Williams is much appreciated. J. H. Cain commences ministry on Oct. 4. B.S. is conducting efficiency and new scholar campaign. Mrs. Tucker is progressing after operation. Mrs. T. Hall, Mrs. Cook and T. Clements are all confined to homes. Choir assisted in P.S.A. at Ringwood on Sept. 6.

Coburg (A. R. Lloyd).—Successful concert on Aug. 28 raised £25 for equipment for B.S. kinder dept. On 30th at 7 p.m. St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Coburg-Brunswick Division, held parade. Four were baptised on Sept. 6, when auxiliaries of church paraded. Anniversary practice for B.S. has commenced under Mr. Barber. R. Parker relinquished conductorship owing to health. House to house canvass for new scholars is being made in N.W. section of Coburg. Women's Fellowship held competition after meeting on Sept. 2, when many articles were brought for spring fair.

Dandenong (A. R. Pigdon).—Betrayed was screened on Aug. 2. At prayer meeting on 5th, C. E. Thomas spoke. On 8th, Junior B.C. held social evening. Walter Albiston spoke on evening of Aug. 11. C.W.F. combined with Methodist ladies to visit Cheltenham Home for Aged. On 13th, C.W.F. held birthday evening. Y.P.F. met at



COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM.

manse on 15th. C. Young was speaker. W. H. S. Mellisop (C.I.M.) spoke on morning of 16th. Youth service, with Y.P. helping, was conducted at night. Family service was held on 23rd. W.M.B. held social afternoon on 26th. Y.P.F. held combined meeting with Springvale on Sept. 5. On evening of 6th, L. Dyer, children's missionary, gave lantern service. Men of church are working at Olinda to grow potatoes to raise money for building fund.

East Kew (D. W. Mansell).—W.M.B. gave surprise birthday party to Mrs. W. Woodbridge at her home on Aug. 26. Also they conducted pantry tea on Sept. 2 at home of Mrs. S. Barnes. in honor of approaching marriage of Mr. Mansell. On Aug. 25 P.B.P. witnessed demonstration by Singer Sewing Machine Co. Miss G. Mott has been appointed editress of church paper. Officers have prepared alternate building projects to be placed before members at annual business meeting. Mrs. W. Woodbridge was well enough to attend church on Sept. 6.

Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).—Preacher conducted Bible study at Ladies' Aid on Aug. 26, after which ladies packed mission box for Aborigine Mission. On evening of 30th, framed baptismal certificates were presented to all who had made decision during last 6 months. Grandfathers' night was held in evening of Sept. 6, when 3 grandfathers gave short addresses, and duet was rendered by two grandfathers. Special singing was feature of evening. Special prayer meetings are being held for sick. Fellowship has been enjoyed with B. Coleman (Qld.).

Newmarket (D. W. Hibburt, B.A.).—Florin Fund has been adopted to raise money for Canberra Appeal. On Aug. 23 Rim of the Wheel and Unto Thyself be True were screened in evening. Eleven boys from Burwood Home spent day in church homes. During school holidays, B.C. and minister painted front rooms of building. On Sept. 8 shower tea was held in honor of Dulcie Findlay and L. Croft on occasion of approaching marriages. Offering for Christian Education in Schools was £3/16/-.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks).—Services have increased in size, and work shows promise. £240 was raised by Temple Day on Aug. 28 and 30, at which Dr. Oldfield was speaker. Both meetings were well attended. Several visitors have attended recent services.

Middle Park (J. Plummer).—Members have unanimously invited minister to continue in service of church. At conclusion of message on Sept. 6, a young lady made decision. Sis. Annear is slowly improving, and other members are ill.

S.O.S.

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August 28-30.

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The Sermon on the Mount was taken for study, and the motto was **My Utmost for the Highest**. During the month of August, campers in preparation studied daily selected passages from the study booklet.

Our studies, devotions, vespers, "To-day's Look at the Bible," and the religious film entitled **The Rim of the Wheel** presented a challenge and inspiration to all.

As Christ descended from the Mount to work among his fellow men, it is our sincere desire to strive our utmost to apply Christ's teaching to daily living.

Jesus is calling us all to an adventure. "Help us, O Lord, to live our lives in thy presence, to love the truth, and to believe in its power."—A.E.A.

IN MEMORIAM.

QUAIFE.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Francis E., who passed away Sept. 15, 1952.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

DEATH.

LANGLEY.—On August 28, at Hill-st., Box Hill. Robert, loved husband of Emily, loved father of Roy, Elsie (Mrs. Hammond), Inez (Mrs. Murray), Arthur, Vera (Mrs. Rogers), Gordon, Maisie (Mrs. Winch), Rene (Mrs. Aldersea). Aged 84 years. At rest.

ENGAGEMENT.

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that you are doing, meeting whatever
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steadily preaching the gospel and carry
out to the full the commission that
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the preacher, but they must always
believe in the preacher. And the
preacher must always believe in the
people. . . . To the preacher who is
willing to pay the price there is re-
leased great power. When the long
preparation has been made, the care-
ful study protected, the pastoral work
undertaken, and the life yielded to
God, then come the words to change
lives. With tenderness the preacher
brings healing to the sorrowful, and
with assurance he brings triumph to
the warriors of Christ. But for these
great gifts he must give a strict ac-
count. He can so easily come to
believe that the brilliance of his per-
sonal performance is an end in itself.
Such a man does not carry a church
with him nor give its life any perman-
ent enrichment. To some extent, the
measure of a man's ministry is what
happens to the church after he leaves
it.—Gerald Kennedy.

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preachers of thy Word and those who
train men for thy high ministries.
May the young be truly humble and
the aged strong in thee; may thy
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thee. Grant them receptive minds,
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OBITUARY

Edwin William O'Neill.

The church at Prahran, Vic., together with a wide circle of friends, mourns the passing of a beloved brother in Christ. After a prolonged illness, in which he was the victim of meningitis, Ted fell asleep on Thursday night, Aug. 27, aged 45, in St. Vincent's Hospital. Baptised with his wife in June, 1941, he became an ardent servant of Christ, and during two periods at Prahran ministered as a deacon, B.S. teacher, and sec. of C.M.S. His final work, which he carried on with enthusiasm and ability, was as supt. of the thriving kinder dept., where he was greatly loved by every child. For some time our brother and his wife served as the principals of our Bethany Boys' Home in Tasmania. A service was conducted on Sat., 29th, in the chapel at Prahran, by the writer, and at Springvale later, where he was assisted by close friends, C. Young and B. Burt. The whole church, which is feeling this sorrow, commends Betty, his niece, just arrived from Ireland, and especially his wife Dora, who has shown magnificent courage and fortitude, to the grace of God.—**Lloyd E. Jones.**

George Cook.

George Cook was suddenly called to higher service on Aug. 20 after a long period of ill-health. Together with his wife and children he came to Hartwell church, Vic., over two years ago. He had joined the Brighton church as a boy during the Kellems Mission 30 years ago. While at Brighton he took an active interest in church affairs, both local and elsewhere, and was at different times ass. sec. and secretary of the Bible School. After coming to Hartwell he became a teacher in the Bible School there. Services held at Brighton funeral parlors and afterwards at Springvale Crematorium were conducted by the writer. At Brighton T. R. Morris paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of our late brother. The deepest sympathy of the church is expressed to Mrs. Cook and family of four young children. Where we cannot see we trust until the day break and the shadows flee away.—**H.J.P.**

Clem Hill.

The sudden death of Clem Hill on the evening of July 24 was a grievous loss to his wife and family, and to all the Ballarat members as well as to the community. He was on his way home after work, and crossing the street when the sudden passing of cars in the dusk caused the fatal accident. Mr. Hill was a Ballarat native, but in early life he worked a few years in Melbourne, and was baptised at Lygon-st. church about 1913. After returning to Ballarat, he helped

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for a period in Peel-st. church, and
later on he transferred to Dawson-st.
where he took an active part. About
1939 when the branch work at Dove-
ton-st. was begun, Mr. Hill, with
others from Dawson-st. church, gave
his hearty support. As secretary, B.S.
leader, and occasional speaker, he was
a most faithful and loyal worker for
the Lord Jesus and his Church. His
cheerful presence is greatly missed.
Mr. Hill was a prominent official in
Benent Lodges and their representa-
tives, and some from other organi-
sations, as well as numerous church
members, filled Dawson-st. chapel for
the service conducted by F. C. Hunt-
ing prior to the funeral, thus manifest-
ing a wide and heart-felt sympathy
to Mrs. Hill, his son and daughter,
and also to his aged father and other
relatives.—J.A.W.

F. G. Cleveland.

When F. G. Cleveland passed away
on July 20, the church at Dulwich,
S.A., lost one of its most faithful mem-
bers. Mr. Cleveland became a mem-
ber of the church at Grote-st. fifty-
one years ago, and more than thirty
years were spent in membership at
Dulwich. During that time he was
actively engaged in the work, being a
member of the board of officers and,
for a period of twelve years, secretary
of the church. He helped in numerous
other ways as well. His natural
friendliness and readiness to help en-
deared him to a wide circle of friends.
For almost fifty years he and his
brother Frank were in business to-
gether, and he was well known and
highly respected in the business world.
A large gathering met at his home,
where a service was conducted by the
writer, assisted by H. Cave. Many
more were present at the grave-side.
To Mrs. Cleveland, daughter, son and
family, and to his brother and sister
and family, the church expresses sin-
cere sympathy, and commends them
to the Father of us all.—G.A.W.

Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn.

After many months of weariness
and several years of indifferent health,
Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn on Aug. 12 was
called to higher service. She was
baptised at Echuca 48 years ago, and
for the past 34 years was an honored
member of the Northcote church, Vic.
Her specific interest was in the
W.M.B. Like Dorcas, she "was full
of good works and almsdeeds." Our
sister worked with her hands, and
found great joy in her practical minis-
try. She was patient and cheerful
right to the end of the earthly pil-
grimage, then God took her to be
with himself, which for her was very
far better. We thank God upon every
remembrance of her, and commend
her dear partner and family to the
God of all comfort and Father of all
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