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WHAT MAKES A COLLEGE?

Principal E. L. Williams, M.A.

It was not a large College, but it was the most significant that has ever existed. The Kingdom before which all kingdoms pale and pall was pioneered by the members of this first Christian College. At the human level, the Kingdom initially rested on the shoulders of these students who sat at the feet of One who was a teacher in a class all by himself. "And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach." The course took about three years, and at the graduation he commissioned them to go into all the world to preach the gospel. On one occasion he asked them what they believed about him. The most impetuous of the group answered for all, and, though he was impulsive, the abiding message of the group proves that his conviction was the considered judgment of all: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is what drew them to him, held them together and drove them on in an all-absorbing mission.

In the making of a College, to train men and women for the ministry of the gospel, the first thing is

Conviction.

The called-out ministry is possessed by the conviction that man is not left to his own opinions and speculations. There is a Word of God. Indeed, "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." A light from above has shone in the midst of our darkness. In the human situation of sin, fear and frustration, there is a gospel of redemption, hope and victory. Christ alone is the hope of the world. He is the way, the truth, and the life. There is none other name whereby man may be saved. The world needs Christ desperately.

As men needed to be with Christ to be trained adequately for the task he laid upon them, so in all ages it has been realised that disciples need to be trained to serve adequately as preachers, pastors, teachers, leaders, and overseers. As education moves in the whole community, the need of a trained ministry is ever more urgent. We require training for other functions in the community. Young men and women are ready to accept high standards of training in the service of man's common needs. We dare not require or offer less in the service of the Kingdom.

The first step in making a College is a brotherhood's conviction about the gospel of the Kingdom, and the need of a trained ministry to lead the Church in a mission to the world.

The twelve responded to his call. Conviction led to

Commitment.

They committed themselves to Christ, his service, and truth. These cannot be separated. It was not a matter of intellectual assent alone, or of emotional response to an altogether lovely One. The whole man is involved — his mind, emotions and will.

When devotion to the Person of Christ draws and drives disciples; when the doctrine of his deity is worked out in terms of Lordship over thoughts, feelings, attitudes, relationships, actions, and purposes, there is the kind of commitment that makes a College.

"I am the truth," said our Lord. The Christian Faith rests upon the great facts of revelation, the fundamentals of the gospel which find their centre in him. A brotherhood, students and teachers possessed by the conviction of these things, and all committed to Christ, have made a College.

The twelve came from various walks of life. They were of different temperaments and dispositions, and had all been conditioned by the Jewish tradition. Now they were to be confronted with a new revelation. They had to live and work with one another. This involved them in a

Confrontation.

Students come with a background of different local traditions, ideas and prejudices. Their experiences differ, and their range of knowledge is commonly limited. As true students they come, not to be confirmed in their prejudices, but to expand their knowledge and learn to adjust a wider range of ideas in a larger whole of truth and knowledge. Only thus can they maintain deeply rooted convictions in a world in which there will be a constant confrontation of ideas. Minds possessed by him who is the Truth, yet open and humbly seeking after truth, make a College.

He appointed them *to be with him*. They were drawn into a

Comradeship.

In fellowship with him they were in comradeship with one another. They learned through sharing life. A College is made and characterised by this sharing. There may be differences at a certain level, but there is a depth of conviction and commitment at which level there is a comradeship — a sharing of life and loyalty — by which we are trained to live out, and so preach, the gospel of reconciliation.

WHAT MAKES A PREACHER?

Let it be said at once that no College makes a minister, nor does it claim to do so. This Australian brotherhood will not easily forget its debt to some of its earlier leaders who never had the opportunity of College training, but who rendered outstanding service as preachers and ministers. In the truest sense, only God can make a minister; and those men who know themselves called of God, whose speech springs warm and winning from an ever-growing love of God and his Word, and the people to whom they preach; whose lives are clearly Christ's, in deed as well as word — these are the tools the Master delights to use.

For a daily, deepening experience of Christ is a prime essential in the making of a preacher. As Dr. George Moore, of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, put it, "People yearn for a deeply spiritual person to be their minister... It is their hope that he knows God in his life and work, and that what he concludes to be and do is deliberately considered in that Presence." A man may be deeply devout, and yet, for other reasons, never be preacher-material; but, granted everything else (natural ability, pleasing personality, keen intellect, etc.), if he lacks this true spiritual experience he can never be a God-blessed minister of the gospel. Samuel Pugh has well said that "The ministry as a life work will break through the soil if the soil is rich — and grow to maturity if there is rain and sunshine and careful cultivation."

A theological College is one supplier of that necessary "rain and sunshine and careful cultivation." Its teachers carry on the process begun in a man's own response to the call of God, and his sharing of the compulsion of Paul that "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" College training and experience reinforce decisions made under the wise guidance of a student's own minister, who has helped him to face the things involved in the making of a preacher; they give hands, feet, heart and mind to the winged ideals of youth; they give words expressive of the love of God, long struggling for utterance through a man's inexperience and lack of knowledge.

So the College plays a vital part in the making of a minister. If able men, who had been forced to dispense with College training, felt fifty-one years ago that the establishment of a Federal College was a matter of urgency, how much more vital is its maintenance and extension today. For the College also represents things which could never find a formal place in its curriculum, but which are none the less important in the making of a preacher — things like continuing practical concern and interest on the part of the brotherhood; the encouragement which friends and congregations give to a preacher in his student days and afterwards; the strengthening of devotional life among those of like mind; the inspiration of teachers' lives; the "learning to take it," an invaluable preparation for some stern days ahead; the development of that sense of humor without which any preacher's lot is much harder than it need be.

So much goes into the making of a preacher at which this brief article can only hint. But there are those in our preaching ranks, still feeling themselves very much in the "making" process, who are confident that whatever else has gone into the fitting of their lives for the ministry, the creative College years were indispensable. It is a thrilling thought that, through such an instrument in God's hands as the Federal College has proved itself to be, we all, by our gifts on Sunday, October 6, can have a share in the making of preachers.



Magazine Committee.

A PREACHER to HIS STUDENT SON



H. G. Norris.



A. M. Norris.

Dear Allan,

Twenty-seven years ago I entered the College of the Bible to train for the ministry, and it gives me deep joy that you are treading the same path. Doctor Goodwin said, "Despise not the ministry, for God had but one Son and he was a minister." I am happy that my only son has chosen to train for the ministry, for it is the greatest task in the world, that of leading men and women to find cleansing from sin and lives filled with love of God. Out of my experience let me say,

Mold Your Convictions.

See the truth as it is in Jesus, from your own point of view and your own experience of him. I have a deep love and respect for your College teachers. You will profit from them, if you keep your mind open under their training. But no College training is a substitute for your own first-hand knowledge of Christ. This is the great essential before one can lead men to follow Christ.

Guard Against the Mood of Failure.

Every minister often faces apparent failure. If you are conscious that you are doing God's work, with God

near, you need never be distressed by apparent failure. It is our business to try to be faithful. It is not our business to succeed.

Don't Measure Your Ministry by Statistics.

A young minister is prone to measure his success or failure by the number attending church meetings, and the list of those added to the church roll through his ministry. The real value of your ministry is not shown by such statistics, but in lives that are developing in grace and spiritual growth under your ministry. No church or Conference statistics can measure your real ministry. Happy is the minister who can see lives changing, growing, developing in Christian grace under his ministry.

Finally, my son,

"Preach the Word."

In College you will come to know the old controversies on dogma. You will need to know them, if you are to preach the Word for tomorrow. The preacher's life tomorrow will not be easier than in my yesterday. The emphasis in tomorrow's preaching may be different from yesterday, but the main issue will still be between Christ and anti-Christ. You will find joy, understanding and encouragement from lovely, earnest members of the church, wherever you are called to serve Christ.

David Christie, in his book, *The Service of Christ*, surely had in mind a day like your tomorrow when he said, "The world has not heard its best preaching yet." The true preaching of tomorrow will be evangelical preaching. The best preaching is yet to come, for Christ's day is yet to come.

God bless you, my son: And may the friendships and fellowship of your College days prove as lasting a blessing to you as they have in the experience of your father.

Harold G. Norris.



A Class in Pastoral Counselling. A. E. White and Exit Students.

THE COLLEGE STANDS FOR—

CHARACTER

K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D.

The Apostle Paul's advice to Timothy was, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine." This stress upon character, as well as teaching, is a Biblical emphasis, for both Judaism and Christianity are ethically-centred religions.

When the twelve recommended that seven men should be appointed to "serve tables," they stipulated the standard of Christian character and experience required. A high standard of Christian character was set also in Paul's directions for the appointment of elders.

True to its name, the College of the Bible stands for Christian character and experience. This is set alongside the teaching of the Scriptures and related subjects in the total programme of training.

by studies which contribute to the development of a full cultural life.

For this reason the College curriculum includes a number of subjects which prepare the students for higher education. Some enter College with the advantage of University or technical training. Others continue studies after graduation with a view to University degrees.

It is well to remember that in these days of advanced cultural and technical training the preacher may have in his audience people well educated and able to think through the problems which confront the community. The preacher cannot be expert in the many branches of specialised knowledge, but he can be sufficiently cultured to be aware of his own abilities and limitations. Especially he can show an interest in the intellectual pursuits of young people, and can at times advise them in the choice of occupation and recreation.



Principal E. L. Williams, M.A. R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.

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Christian character is developed by the experience of community life. Students share in domestic tasks, such as serving tables and washing dishes, and in fellowship and worship, such as in the devotional service in the College chapel at the beginning of each day.

In training young men to preach, the truth is clearly presented that a preacher needs to prepare his own soul before preparing his sermon. In lectures on Christian Ethics, the students learn that Christian character is rooted in a supernatural Faith, inspired by supernatural resources. It is not a mere achievement of virtue, but is fulfilled in holiness in the heart and mind, offered to the Father and transfigured by the Spirit of Christ.

The College diploma is given not only for academic achievement, but also for Christian character.

The College Stands For

THE BIBLE

E. L. Williams, M.A.

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." How do we know? Because of the witness of the Apostolic community. Here was a group of people who met God face to face in an historical Person who walked and talked with them. They felt the impress of One who was truly man, but more than man. Their experience was unique, for they were there. Out of their experience, under the inspiration of the Spirit, they recorded some facts of his life, his sayings and teachings; they interpreted him, and presented the doctrines that grew out of the great facts of his life, teaching, death, resurrection and promised coming again.

The Church, as the community indwelt and guided by the Spirit, authorised this record as the 'hentic witness to authoritative truth. So we have the Scriptures as the primary and unique witness to Christ, and the whole system of truth revealed in him. "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (Jn. 20: 31). Through the witness of the Scriptures we know Christ, possess a gospel, and find final authority.

Many text-books and reference books are used to help students in an understanding, presentation and applica-

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CULTURE

Randall T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.

"Culture" is a term used of that refinement which comes as a result of broad education. "What sculpture is to a block of marble," said Addison, "education is to the human soul." It is desirable that a preacher should be able to take his place among people well equipped in various fields of knowledge. While training in Biblical and theological subjects is essential, much is to be gained

tion of Christian truth, but the ultimate text-book is the Bible, and final authority is found in its witness.

The College of the Bible, as always, stands four-square upon the great facts of revelation, the fundamentals of our faith, as known authoritatively only through the witness of the Bible. It is well-named — the College of the Bible.

The College Stands For

EVANGELISM

A. E. White, B.A.

"To evangelise is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through him, to accept him as their Saviour, and serve him as their King in the fellowship of his Church."

The Christian message is a message of rescue. Any gospel which lacks that message is no gospel at all. The College of the Bible was established to prepare men and

women to proclaim the fact that Christ Jesus came into the world to save.

The College has had the continuing ideal of the presentation of the whole of Christ for the whole of life. It has encouraged a view of evangelism as anything that extends the influence of Christ. At the same time, the College has emphasised a narrower view, which sees evangelism as an individual call to personal decision for Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The College doesn't make evangelists, any more than an evangelist makes a disciple. "Christ's gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists . . ." (Eph. 4). Evangelism is a gift. Those who have the gift have also the responsibility to develop and use it.

The College is justly proud of its calling by God to share in the development of our evangelists, and gives thanks to God for the thousands whom he has won through the word of his servants.

WORDS AND LIVES THAT COUNT

J. Gordon, President,
W.A. Conference.

It is not too much to expect, of a true follower of Christ, that he give emphasis to the words of Paul, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." However, too few of us live up to such an ideal, and as a people we are the poorer because of this failing. There is a richness in the Word, which has the power to change lives from the passive to the aggressive spirit.

There is, therefore, for those who have made the time to study, a privilege and a responsibility toward God and man. We have a deep sense of gratitude to God that men have taken up Paul's words, and are making their lives count for the Master's Kingdom.

Our Australian brotherhood has a grand record of faithful men, who, having entered "Our College" doors, later left with a fervor for serving Christ that has taken them over this vast Commonwealth and beyond the Seas.

They were able to study under near ideal conditions, because some people loved them and the cause of Christ. According to our love and understanding let us give, so that this College might continue to be a progressive instrument for Christian service.



College Chapel with New Additions.

OFFERING DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1957

SERVING CHRIST and the BROTHERHOOD

A. Anderson, President, Federal Conference.

For more than fifty years the College of the Bible has loyally served the brotherhood of Australia by supplying trained preachers, both for home and overseas service. Many other trained leaders have served usefully in local congregations.

These are days of intense specialisation and training for leadership. Unless a person is prepared to undergo several years' training in his own particular line, his future years will not bring the same satisfying reward.

Should we be satisfied with a lesser standard for our preachers and missionaries than is expected in the secular world? Only in exceptional and rare instances can a preacher develop habits of study and discipline without the support of sound Biblical training. Without these assets, his mental well-being and his ministry suffer accordingly.

Our Australian brotherhood College is equipped to supply this basic training, enabling young men and women to enter upon life's most vital role — that of winning

men to Christ, and helping them to grapple with life's most pressing problems.

Having served on a Preacher Placement and Advisory Board for some years, coupled with one's own vocation, supplies one with a wide knowledge, both of the needs of our home churches and of our missionary requirements.

The call for such trained leaders is more urgent today than it has ever been. All States need more preachers now. This demand will increase as new churches are opened, and as older preachers and missionaries are lost to the ranks.

The fear that was expressed at one time that we would have more trained preachers than our requirements has never been fulfilled, nor will it be in the near future.

The need for increased practical sympathy and support is pressing and urgent. If this were forthcoming, more young people would be encouraged to enter the ministry, and less gaps would be evident.

Let us encourage those who devote their time and talents in the training of these young lives by giving a worthy offering on Sunday, October 6.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS, 1957



Back Row — D. M. Hughes, A. M. Norris, R. W. Tippet, I. N. Richer, K. A. Mason, R. H. Holt, D. R. Hull, C. S. Badcock, A. F. Cant, C. R. Perkins.
Second Row — M. D. Hamilton, D. B. McIntosh, R. B. Elbourne, C. G. Henderson, A. S. Williams, G. K. Moyes, A. G. Mathieson, B. C. Snoxall, P. J. Shannon, D. K. Thoday.
Third Row — W. J. Edwards, R. E. Hillbrick, O. R. Clark, P. Andrews, M. A. Creed, R. M. Scott, N. R. Sleep, K. J. Hank, A. J. Emmett.
Front Row — K. R. Milne, K. A. Jones, K. J. Clinton, R. T. Pittman, E. L. Williams, A. E. White, L. A. Trezise, J. G. Bangsund. [Absent: C. H. Dow, E. C. Sanders].



Monday, Sept. 23

1 Samuel 17: 32-50.

Thought Text: "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts . . . thus will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand" (vv. 45, 46).

Life is very demanding. Shorter hours and higher salaries have added to, rather than lessened, the hectic bustle of daily living. It is easy to become the victim of fear. But it is not God's will that we should be bound by fear, or anything else.

Despite all the God-proving experience of the Israelites, there was lacking that faith which launches out. It was left to a youth, whose faith was not cluttered up and hemmed in by the possibilities of failure, to bring deliverance. This is the believer's birthright, though so few accept it and live by it. But only the strong in faith, who launch out in confidence upon God's promises, say with David, "The Lord is the strength of my life, whom then shall I fear?" Only the brave experience the deliverance that all things are possible to the one who has faith. Only they who confidently begin each day believing that they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them know that "this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." But you can be delivered. You can in turn bring deliverance to others, if you will take the plunge of faith, and live according to God's promises.

We thank you, our Father, for the growing confidence of a faith that works. We thank you for the challenge and the promises of Christ. We thank you for calling us to the adventure with Christ, which delivers us and brings deliverance to others. Lord, increase our faith. Amen.

—J. H. McCormick, Qld.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Matthew 11: 16-27.

Thought Text: "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

A Week of Daily Devotions, Based on Readings
Suggested by the "Book of Family Worship"

the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him" (v. 27).

In this passage we see mankind's reaction to God's messengers. John came as a Nazarite, an ascetic, separated from the world. Christ came and preached, mixing with men, joining in marriage feasts, and eating and drinking what was set before him. Of John, the ascetic, they said, "He hath a devil." Of Jesus, who lived as one of themselves, they said, "Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber." Both alike were rejected by that generation, for the "carnal man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." It was the message that humbles, yet transforms and sanctifies, that men would not receive, no matter how it was presented to them.

Those words, "to whomsoever the Son will reveal him," might suggest that Christ hides God from some people. That is not so. Christ came to reveal God to the world. It is, however, only in accordance with their faith in Christ that they can see God. Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen my Father also." The invitation is always extended to mankind. "And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." When a man responds to this invitation, then he finds Christ as a Saviour, and God is revealed to him.

Dear Father, we are thankful that through Christ we see thee. May we ever walk in the light of thy love, touching the lives of others that they may not stand in the condemnation, but in the glorious freedom of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray in his Name. Amen.

—Albert E. Brown, S.A.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Luke 4: 16-32.

Thought Text: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (v. 18).

The poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the blind and the bruised were all around Jesus; and to all of these he had a message — it was the message of understanding love and promise.

This was called the gospel, the good news. Indeed, it was good news — to that unfortunate woman caught

up in social evil; to that little tax-gatherer, bound by his own lust for power and riches; to the desperate soul who had suffered such shocking ill-health for twelve years; to the blind beggar, who had resigned himself to a life of darkness.

But to each of these deliverance went deeper than that. They had received forgiveness, physical healing, spiritual perception, but it was the will and promise of Christ to deliver them from the power of sin that brought forth their grateful love for him.

Is it not also true that we have been delivered? Some can praise God for healing and other blessings, but as we sit around the communion table we gratefully remember that, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us," and the promise that "No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

O Lord, how great is thy love and mercy towards us. Thou hast delivered us from all our foes. Thou hast established us upon a rock, and taken our feet from off the miry clay. Thou hast opened our eyes that we may see the beauty of thy saving grace in the person of Jesus our Saviour. We worship thee, we bless thy Holy Name. Grant thy Spirit to us, as we attempt to make known the good news to others. We pray in the Name of our great deliverer, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Mrs. A. W. C. Candy, W.A.

Thursday, Sept. 26

Romans 7: 11-25.

Thought Text: "I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate . . . Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord" (vv. 15b, 24-25a, R.S.V.).

Who does not see himself in the words, "I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate?" For this is not some high doctrine of theology but the everyday battle that we wage within ourselves.

Hugh Walpole, describing one of his characters, said, "Many things called him — the gutter one moment, the stars the next." Between the two lies the agonising situation of our living, in which is writ large, "How shall we escape?"

For all our human resolvings, for all the determination of our will,

for all the strivings of our living, we still live closer to the gutter than the stars.

"Wretched men that we are, who shall deliver us?" The voice of the ages roars in reply, "The Deliverer! The Great Redeemer! The Mighty God!"

"Yea!" responds the star-called heart, "He is the Deliverer! There is a way out through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Out of the weakness of our resolutions will issue his great resolve. Out of the waverings of our determination, will issue his great determination. Out of the wanderings of our living will issue his great life, when at his feet we pour our treasure store, when we are ever, only, all for him.

O Great Deliverer, out of our weakness, our waverings, our wanderings, bring thy great purpose. Take us, O Lord, as we are and make us as we ought to be in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

—R. N. Gilmore, Vic.

Friday, Sept. 27

2 Timothy 4: 1-18.

Thought Text: "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (v. 11).

In so much of this chapter, Paul's faith and courage seem far greater than our own. It was surely a brave and dedicated soul who could face his coming death with the noble words, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." When we think of our own waverings and fears we seem so little alongside this man.

Then we read words like those of our text, and, almost startled, we realise that after all this man was like us — heartbroken over deserting friends like Demas, clinging to the ever-faithful Luke, longing for the once-rejected Mark. Friends had been indispensable to Paul, from the day that Barnabas came seeking him for the service of the greatest Friend of all.

He was a big enough man to admit that he could have been wrong in the incident which had once severed his friendship with young Mark. With the end so near, there was no one he more wished to see than that young man.

Am I keeping my friendships in repair? Am I giving my preacher the friendship and loyalty he needs?

O thou Friend of all friends, help me to see where friendship is needed, and give it. Help me never to fail another, as thou hast never failed me. Amen.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Hebrews 2.

Thought Text: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (v. 3).

In this passage the writer con-

siders the present in the light of the past. Foremost in his mind is the all important matter of escaping. How can he find a way out of the unhappy position in which he finds himself — held in bondage by the powers of sin and Satan, and under the just judgment of God, against whom he has sinned.

Those who lived in disobedience to God in times past failed to escape. But he seems to ask, "Is there a way out for me, and for others who are occupying a like position?" Yes, there is, he concludes, for he has discovered a door which his captors have not been able to close against him ("I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it."), and so now the way is open before him. All that he has to do is to pass through that open door into a great salvation, to enjoy "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

But the unanswerable question still confronts us all: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

"Oh, hear my cry, be gracious now to me,

Come, Great Deliverer, Come!

My soul, bowed down, is longing now for thee,

Come, Great Deliverer, Come!"

"My path is love, and weary are my feet,

Come, Great Deliverer, Come!

Mine eyes look up thy loving smile to meet.

Come, Great Deliverer, Come!"

—E. H. Randall, Vic.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Hebrews 11: 30-40.

Thought Text: "Out of weakness were made strong" (v. 34).

This chapter records the great exploits of the Old Testament heroes of faith. The circumstances were different in practically every experience, but the underlying principle was this unwavering faith in God. Realising their own weakness and inefficiency, and casting themselves upon God, they found that out of weakness they were made strong and triumphant.

This is what Paul also proved in a later day. He had his particular weakness in an acute form. But the promise wonderfully sustained him, "My grace is sufficient, and my strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, he would rejoice, "For when I am weak, then am I strong."

We, too, in our little experiences, can surely trust God to fit us for life's tasks and enable us to say, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

Heavenly Father, we humbly thank you for past strength. May we have grace for today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

—A. Hutson, W.A.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for

Sunday, Sept. 22

1 SAMUEL 18: 1-11; 19: 4-7.

These selections tell of the high honor and acclaim won by David following the slaying of Goliath; the strong friendship of Jonathan and the murderous jealousy of Saul; and Jonathan's courage in reconciling Saul to David.

"Jonathan stripped himself, etc." (v. 4). — "An exchange of armor or clothing was a common way of sealing a new friendship" (Caird).

"behaved himself wisely" (v. 5). — Better, "was successful" (R.S.V., Moffatt).

"as they played" (v. 7). — "Literally, 'sported.' The word is used of festive sports, and especially of festival dancing" (Dummelow).

"he prophesied in the midst of the house" (v. 10). — Frenzied utterances were included in the ancient meaning of prophecy; hence R.S.V. has "Saul raved within his house" — an outbreak of jealous madness.

"avoided out of his presence" (v. 11). — That is, evaded him.

COLOSSIANS 4.

This closing chapter of the Epistle continues Paul's earlier sound advice on matters of Christian conduct, before presenting personal greetings and farewells.

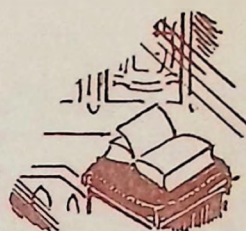
"ye also have a Master in heaven" (v. 1). — "Christ holds the same authority over the master as the master holds over his slave; the master must learn to exercise his rights over others in the spirit in which Christ governs him" (Beare).

"continue (steadfastly) in prayer" (v. 2). — "The same Greek word is used by the historian Polybius to describe the obstinate continuance of a siege. . . We are urged to besiege the throne of God with our prayers" (Beare).

"redeeming the time" (v. 5). — "Make the very most of your time" (Moffatt); "make the best possible use of your time" (Phillips); "making the most of your opportunities" (Goodspeed).

"your speech with grace . . . salt" (v. 6). — "Always put your message attractively, and yet pointedly" (Goodspeed).

"the epistle from Laodicea" (v. 16). — Either the Epistle to the Ephesians, or a letter lost or destroyed before Paul's letters were collected.



HERE AND THERE

Material for this Federal College of the Bible issue was arranged by K. A. Jones, Organising Secretary. The College looks to the Australian brotherhood for a great offering on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive reports a most successful venture for the One Day Convention held at Horsham, Vic., on Sat., Sept. 7. A full report will appear in next week's issue.



A. Cant, Exit Student, W.A.

In perfect sunshine on Sept. 1, A. A. Glastonbury (S.A. Conf. Pres.) unveiled the foundation stone of the new chapel at Ascot Park, S.A. Other brotherhood representatives present were: C. W. Hoffmann (Building Extension), D. J. Lawrie (H.M.), F. K. Glover (Youth), and A. Anderson (Federal President). The Mayor of Marion, Cr. K. Synnott, addressed the gathering. After the ceremony, much interest was shown in the building, which has several interesting features of construction. During the inspection, £22 was voluntarily donated by visitors. Construction of the chapel and rooms is progressing rapidly, and it is expected that the official opening will be in the near future.

Les. Hall, of Mosman, N.S.W., a Jewish Christian, is in the midst of a September campaign at the Church of Christ, North Parramatta, N.S.W. Clive Way and other leading singers will be assisting. Prayer is sought that souls may be won.

On Aug. 24, the first Conference of Churches of Christ of the Upper Murray was held at Moorook, S.A. Churches represented were Moorook, Loxton, Berri and Barmera. Delegates were also present from Merbein and Dareton. P. C. Woolford (Loxton) was president, delivering a devotional message on "The Winning Church."

J. Manallack (Berri) conducted the pre-lunch study on "The Message of the Movement." E. P. C. Hollard (H.M. Organising Sec.) addressed the Conference in the afternoon on "Operation Increase." The Conference sermon, "Know Your Brotherhood," was delivered by I. J. Chivell (Unley). During the business session held in the afternoon, officers elected for the next twelve months were: president, P. C. Woolford; sec., H. J. Solly; treas., H. Agg. Conference directed its committee, with J. Manallack to arrange the following: (1) Easter Fellowship; (2) Two Combined Socials; (3) Next Annual Conference. Moorook ladies were hostesses for the day.

The church at Essendon, Vic., has received with regret the announcement by its minister, M. D. Roberts, of the termination of his ministry there on Dec. 31, 1957, after a period of nearly 3 years. Suitable tributes were expressed when his resignation was received at the recent half-yearly business meeting.

As we went to press we received news of the passing in Perth, W.A., on Saturday, Sept. 14, of Albany Bell, father of A. Maston Bell.

A contribution for When Soars the Soul (Thurs., Sept. 19) appeared in last week's issue as from Josiah Park, Vic. We regret this error, for

Mr. Park is well known in our brotherhood as Tasmanian Vice-President of Federal Conference, and a member of the church at Hobart.

Hayden McCallum, well known among our Australian churches before he entered the Anglican ministry, is scheduled to conduct the "Plain Christianity" session over A.B.C. stations on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 7.30 p.m. Australian Eastern Time, and also at 7.30 p.m. West Australian Time (6 WN).

We were interested to receive through Geo. Gray, of Auburn, N.S.W., copies of Cross Roads Crier, attractive weekly publication of Perry Christian Church, Perry, Ohio, U.S.A. They are sent regularly to Mr. Gray from Raymond Gaylord, minister at Perry, who visited Australia for the Fourth World Convention, Melbourne, in 1952. He preached at South Auburn church during his visit to Sydney, and as a result Mr. Gray began sending to him copies of The Australian Christian, receiving from him the Cross Roads Crier and Christian-Evangelist in exchange. Mr. Gaylord and H. C. Winter (to whom Mr. Gray also sends the Christian) have expressed their appreciation of our national weekly.

Gladys Davey, Gardiner church, Vic., was awarded first prize for her watercolor landscape entry in the "Herald" Art Competition for artists in the under-16 section.

From Kevin E. Crawford, student president of the N.S.W. Bible College, we have received a copy of the Woolwich Bible College Magazine, 1957-58. Some excellent articles and illustrations are used in this well prepared publication.



Members of the Faculty.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. G. West, Lynn Cordy, Joy, John and Ross Dagger, Wangaratta, Vic.

Elise Thomas, Helen and Anstace May, Whitfield, Vic.

Freda and Harold Dare, Invermay, Tas.

Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Sisley, Mrs. Armitage, Noble Park, Vic.

Lois and Phyllis Brough, Pat Sherwood, Margery and Shirley Hooker, Warragul, Vic.

Edwin Hendy, Northcote, Vic.

Miss Mary Wilde, Hurstbridge, Vic.

Membership

R. Baker, from Reservoir to Thornbury, Vic.

Mrs. G. Webb, from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Invermay, Tas.

Mrs. Andrews, from Wallaroo; Mr. and Mrs. M. Rhilstone, from Whyalla to Berri, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, from Barmera to Enfield Heights, N.S.W.

Dawn Watson, from Wambo-Sixteen Mile; Mrs. G. Gwynne, from Rockhampton; Mr. and Mrs. L. Dipple, from Annerley to Wynnum, Qld.

Mrs. Bicknell, from Camberwell to Gardiner, Vic.

Don Horsburgh, from Launceston, Tas., to Ballarat, Vic.

Marriage

Faye Castner to John Sheriff, Wynnum, Qld.

Miss V. Winch to J. Combridge, Albury, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. N. Gee, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.

J. E. Allan, Box Hill, Vic.

H. Ball, Castlemaine, Vic.

Mr. Yeung, Mrs. Wing Dann Chen, Chinese Church, Melbourne, Vic.

Mrs. M. Borowski, South Melbourne, Vic.

TASMANIA

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — Aug. averages: morning, 107; evening, 79; communion, 117. F.M. offering exceeds £118. Bethany offering to date, £51. C.Y.F. Executive arranges fortnightly after-service fellowship hours in homes of members. B.S. attendances in Aug. decreased owing to sickness and school holidays. Mrs. Allen was speaker at C.W.F., when she continued her talk on Norseman Mission. Owing to

any Boys' Home, was a morning speaker during Aug. Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hays in recent loss of Mrs. Hays' brother, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Alderton in loss of Mr. Alderton senr. B.S. concert on Aug. 27 was an outstanding success. As a result, £15 was added to school funds. Jocelyn Clements was soloiste at gospel service on Sept. 1. C. Peart led evening service on 8th, and Joan Smith was soloiste. E. K. Morrison delivered address. A lady was welcomed by transfer on Sept. 1, and two Y.P. baptised on that date were received into fellowship on 8th.

EXIT STUDENTS



C. R. Perkins.



Miss M. Creed.

amount of sickness among members, ladies did not hold meeting on Aug. 28, but spent afternoon in sick visitation. C.M.S. attended Sunday tea and training class and then followed up by conducting gospel service and providing male choir. Y.W.F. meeting concerned Choice of Children's Books. On Aug. 19, Y.W.F. held an audio-visual discussion For the Record. Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree senr. have returned home from N.Z. Recent visitors have included Mrs. C. C. Dawson (Canberra) and Misses J. and N. Bowering (Edwardstown). For several weeks now church has been opened for prayer each Thursday between 8 and 8.45 a.m., 1.30 and 2.30 p.m., and 5.15 and 6.15 p.m. In this way about 30 have been able to share fellowship of prayer and meditation. Wednesday evenings are now given over to Bible study. The change is an experiment to increase the number which usually took part in the former midweekly prayer meeting. Minister spent last week of Aug. visiting isolated members on North-West Coast.

Invermay (E. K. Morrison). — Dr. Knight (Hobart), representing Beth-

QUEENSLAND

Ann-st., Brisbane (C. G. Flood). — Minister gave address at annual blessing of the plough service, which was a feature of the Brisbane Royal National Show. Get-together concert for church members was well attended; J. H. Smith arranged the varied programme. Annual garden party conducted by Women's Fellowship was great success; so far it has yielded £140 for Building Fund. B.S. has farewelled 4 teachers—Mesdames G. Parkinson and M. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. R. Tinney—who have transferred to new cause being established at Camp Hill. Mrs. R. Culbert succeeds Mrs. Parkinson as kinder. supt. Ann Street has offered its full support for new church. Well attended meeting of Men's Fellowship heard M. Gericke discuss archaeological discoveries on the site of Ur of the Chaldees.

Wynnum (W. Giezendanner). — Murarrie B.S. had record attendance on Sept. 7. G. McKelvie (Conf. Pres.) addressed gospel service. Whilst minister is conducting mission at Moorooka, local brethren are responsible for services, both at Wynnum and Murarrie. Church sec., R. H. McNulty and daughter, June, are visiting U.S.A.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury - Wodonga. — Attendances have been good in spite of much sickness. Mrs. Sproule senr., is in Murray Valley Hospital; Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Kercher and Miss Rapsey are all ill. Church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson (Woolwich College), Mr. Stephenson taking all services on Sept. 1. Good meetings on 8th, when a man and wife and eld-

est son confessed Christ. Interest is maintained at Wodonga, where a fine B.S. meets after 9.30 morning service. New Australians from the Lavington area are taking a great interest in the work; it is hoped to soon purchase a building for a block of land already secured.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Owen, Long Plains, Avon (M. A. Coombs). — At recent meeting of Circuit Board plans for **Operation Increase** were discussed. Letter has been sent to all members of Circuit enlisting support, and detailed report of ideas and plans will be presented at next meeting. Second combined service of Circuit was held last month at Long Plains. Once again extra seating was needed for large congregation. After impressive worship service, during which a choir of 22 voices sang, congregation adjourned to Memorial Hall for fellowship. On Education Sunday special service was held in Owen Civic Hall, when 200 were present. Service was led by Mr. Penna (Methodist Circuit), and M. A. Coombs preached sermon. Successful B.S. anniversary was held at Avon, Sept. 1-2. K. Russack, K. Heath and H. Daniel were speakers. Due to generosity of some members of Circuit Board a new duplicator has been purchased for Circuit work.

Berri-Winkie (J. Manallack). — Annual business meeting was held on Sept. 4. The four retiring officers, A. G. Chapple, H. Solley, J. Searle and W. E. Campbell were re-elected. J. Searle and A. G. Chapple were re-elected sec. and treas. B.S. supts., A. G. Chapple (Berri) and D. W. Hunt (Winkie) were re-elected. Figures showed that church has membership of 110, with an increase of 25 over past year. Temple Day Thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 18, when members donated £100 in special offering. First S.A. Upper Murray Conference was held at Moorook, guest speakers being E. P. C. Hollard and I. J. Chivell.

Enfield Heights (A. E. Brown). — Meetings are on improve; a number of members have been sick. Film, *This, My Son*, was well received on Aug. 25. K. J. Patterson was welcome visitor at morning service on Sept. 1. Father's Day and Men's Fellowship service was conducted, men taking part. Church business meeting revealed that good progress had been made during year. Membership is 65. Deacons elected were Messrs. Bunyon, Burbidge, Brake, Dahlenberg and Wallage; A. E. Mauger (sec.); H. Dahlenberg (treas.). Youth Council is organising youth activities of church. Mrs. Thompson senr. is in hospital, and Mrs. Allen has returned home from hospital. Ministry of A. E. Brown is appreciated.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — J. R. Allison (Oriental Mis. Soc.) addressed prayer meeting on Sept. 3, and screened slides of work in Korea. Special church meeting was held on 4th, when plans for **Operation Increase** were presented to members. Film, *The Unfinished Task*, was screened. It was also planned to commence a **Community Over 60 Club**, in an endeavor to contact older members of community. Vocal and musical items contributed to an enjoyable evening. Services on 8th were depleted by sickness and school holidays. D. Creeper conducted song service prior to gospel meeting.

EXIT STUDENTS



R. B. McIntosh.



W. J. Edwards.

VICTORIA

Brunswick (A. O. S. Baker). — C.M.S. held meeting at home of R. Neate. After evening service of Aug. 18, many members enjoyed happy hour of song at Gore-st. church. A. Cornish has filled vacancy on Board of Officers. Sympathy is expressed to Miss E. Reid in passing of her mother. C.M.S. enjoyed tea together before evening service on Sept. 1, when W. W. Saunders (Local Option Alliance) was speaker. Leader of service was A. Marsh; readers, L. Ladgrove and G. Ward; soloist, A. O. S. Baker. W.M.B. had good attendance on afternoon of 4th.

Wangaratta (B. A. Roberts). — On Sept. 8, meetings were large as church resumes regular services following mission. Two were baptised at gospel meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Parker (Maylands, S.A.) were welcomed. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Trippett in death of her sister. B.S. anniversary practices are in progress. At Whitfield, one young girl made her decision, B. A. Roberts preaching, making 4th in recent weeks.

North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon). — Monthly gospel film service was well attended. Assisting soloists have been E. Forbes and Mrs. Myers-

cough. C.M.S. assisted in Father's Day service. Girls' "A" basketball team was defeated in semi-final. Ladies' tennis team won their premiership, but men were defeated in their final match. District Officers' meeting was held in chapel on Sept. 6. Speaker at morning service on 8th was W. W. Saunders (Local Option Alliance). At close of the meeting farewell was said and presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. L. Ogden senr., who, after a life-time of service in the local church, are transferring their residence. Fellowship is being enjoyed with the Firth family (Colac).

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER. — In loving memory of Emrys, my beloved husband, who passed to higher service, Sept. 19, 1953. "And in 'God's house' he lives for ever more."

—Inserted by his loving wife, Fay.

CURZON. — A tribute to the memory of our only daughter, Marjorie, called Home, Sept. 8, 1943. "Resting where no shadows fall."

—Mum, Dad, Brother.

HALLIDAY, Margaret Jane, called Home, Sept. 24, 1952. Lovingly remembered by son Fred, sisters, brother and grand-daughter Rose.

RITCHIE, John. — Loving memories linger of our dear father and my dear husband, passed away, Sept. 18, 1955.

—Dulce, Anne, Margaret, Gwenda.

WOODBIDGE. — Treasured memories of George, called Home, Sept. 18, 1953.

—Inserted by Rene, Alva and Tres.

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CARNEGIE (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, OCT. 6 and 13. Speakers, Oct. 6: 3 p.m., L. A. Trezise; 7 p.m., B. F. Huntsman. Oct. 13: 3 p.m., E. J. Miles; 7 p.m., A. R. Lloyd. Special singing; conductor, C. Gadge. Concert: Oct. 9, at 7.45 p.m. in Methodist Hall, Neerim-rd., Carnegie.

HAMILTON (Vic.) 30th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Sept. 21, Social Evening. Sept. 22, V. L. Gole, Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres., guest speaker. Greetings may be sent c/o J. Lunn, Digby-rd., Hamilton, Vic.

MORELAND (Vic.) 49th SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, SEPT. 29-OCT. 6. Sept. 29: 11 a.m., Communion Service; Preacher, J. Luff; 3 p.m., School Choir and Kindergarten; Cradle Roll Service; 7 p.m., School Choir. Speaker, C. G. Taylor. Oct. 6: 11 a.m., Communion Service; Preacher, C. Dunse; Scholars and Staff participating; 3 p.m., School Choir and Kindergarten; Speaker, R. V. Longthorp; 7 p.m., School Choir; Speaker, C. Dunse.

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Arthur Edwards.

On Aug. 29, Arthur Edwards, of
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passed away in a private hospital,
after a painful illness of six months.
He confessed his faith in his Saviour
on Feb. 1, 1892, and, except for a
break at Norwood, had kept his mem-
bership with his original fellowship.
As an experienced city business man,
he used his qualifications in faith-
fully carrying out the duties of church
treasurer for many years, besides
rendering other essential duties. He
habitually walked three miles to the
Sunday morning service, even in his
last, his eighty-first year. Arthur
Edwards was respected for his integ-
rity of character, revealed in his
business relationships, and admired
for his loyalty to Christ and untir-
ing service to the Church. During
his illness, his faith was expressed
again and again in the words of the
apostle, "Patient in tribulation, re-
joicing in hope." A private funeral
took place at the Centennial Park
Cemetery, the writer and C. M. Verco,
a lifelong friend, conducting the ser-
vice at the crematorium. Mrs.
Edwards and the family are com-
mended to the Heavenly Father for
comfort in their bereavement.—H. R.
Taylor.

Mrs. Wing Dann Chen.

Members of the Chinese Church at
Queensberry-st., Carlton, Vic., were
saddened by the Home call of one
of their faithful members, in the
person of Mrs. Wing Dann Chen.
Mrs. Chen came from China 35 years
ago, attended the church meetings,
and three years later was baptised,
being helped to know the love of
the Saviour by her husband, his
brothers and other members. Her
kindness was a blessing to many,
both Australian and Chinese, her
home being a real place of friend-
ship. Mrs. Chen had been an invalid
for many months, but the Home call
came suddenly. R. J. Duckett (Lygon-
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service at the Chinese chapel, which
was overcrowded with many friends,
even the footpath being covered with
flowers in tribute to Mrs. Chen. Mr.
Duckett and Mr. Leu also conducted
the service at the grave-side, where
she was lovingly laid until we meet
again at Jesus' feet.

Mr. Yeung.

The Chinese Church at Queens-
berry-st., Carlton, Vic., was also called
upon to part with Mr. Yeung, who
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BIRTH

ALLISON (Ashley). — On Sept. 11, at Oakleigh Community Hospital, Vic., to Alice and David, a son — Clyde Robert.

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