

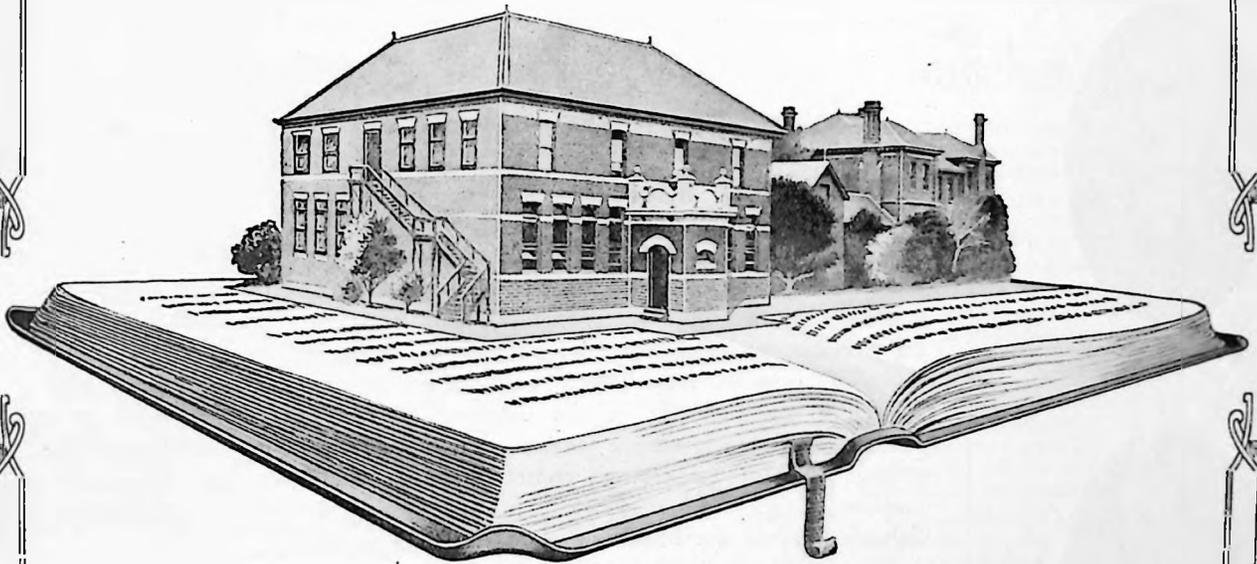
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The College Built on the Book

The Charter for the College of the Bible is of Divine origin, therefore our obligation is clear.

The things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.—2 Tim. 2:2.

ANNUAL OFFERING, 3rd OCT., 1926



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Message from the College Board of Management.

Members of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible send their greetings to all Churches of Christ and members associated therewith on this occasion of the Annual Appeal to the brotherhood for the necessary financial support to enable the College to be efficiently carried on. The generous help hitherto accorded is most gratefully acknowledged. In return for the work of the College during its operation over nearly twenty years, churches have received and are now receiving assistance from a large body of earnest and consecrated men who have been trained and prepared to serve more efficiently in the ministry of the Gospel, in Bible Schools, and in the Missionary Fields in foreign lands.

A special appeal is made for increased liberality and larger response if possible than ever before because the Board of Management depends mainly on the annual contributions from members of churches to provide for the ordinary expenses of maintenance. Special funds have been provided for scholarships which greatly assist our students. For some years, however, our general maintenance fund has been shortly supplied, and the yearly requirements have not been covered. This is not desirable. Remembering the great work the College has done, and, it is hoped, will continue to do to help the churches, members of the Board of Management confidently make this request to all interested that an abundant response should come from far and near on Bible College Sunday, October 3, 1926.

Best wishes are expressed for continued blessing on the work of our churches in the preaching of the everlasting Gospel of our blessed Lord. The College of the Bible will always co-operate with the churches in this high endeavor and great adventure.

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Supplying the Need of the Churches.

WE speak of this issue of the "Christian" as the "College Number" and as being published "in the interests of the College of the Bible." So far as it goes, this statement is correct. But it must not be forgotten that in a very special sense this issue concerns the interests of the churches. The College, as well as the "Christian," seeks to serve them and to supply their needs.

It will readily be admitted by almost every Christian that one of our greatest needs is a larger number of able and consecrated preachers of the Word. Almost every religious body feels the need. We ourselves have not escaped the difficulty. In recent years we have had many losses of preachers by removal from our shores and other causes. Our expanding work also makes the call for men the more insistent. The appeal, it should be noted, is not merely for an increase in quantity but for a higher standard of training and efficiency.

Some time ago the Archbishop of Canterbury's Committee on "the Supply of candidates for holy orders" named the following six causes for the present shortage of preachers in the Church of England. (1) Indifference; (2) The decay of religion in the home; (3) Misunderstanding as to the preacher's life and work; (4) The development of other openings for service; (5) Intellectual difficulties; and (6) Financial difficulties.

One or two of these reasons may possibly not be operating against us; but it is obvious that some of them are hindering our attempts to secure an adequate supply of preachers. In a different sense from that in which an archbishop's committee would use the words, we may suffer because of misunderstandings as to the preacher's work and position. We certainly are constantly confronted by the greater attractiveness of other openings for a life's service and by financial difficulties. This last reason is so operative that it is rare to find sons of well-to-do families giving themselves or be-

ing encouraged to give themselves to the work. One tremendous disadvantage of this is that the very men who presumably have had the privilege of a good education in early life, and an adequate foundation of knowledge whereon to build, are not available. We cannot wonder that young men to whom lucrative appointments present themselves hesitate to turn from these to a life of self-denial. But we wish more of our very best would be prepared for Christ's sake to do so. The remedy can never be the making of a preacher's vocation one which will carry with it the pecuniary rewards of a business career. But we can all help by giving better and more sympathetic support to our faithful preachers. It would be a sad thing if ever the temptations of worldly gain led men to make a profession of the ministry of the Gospel. No man unprepared for a self-sacrificing life can hope to be a successful preacher with us. Only let us not make the sacrifice unduly severe. Let us honor the men and women at home and abroad who are giving themselves freely to the service of the Master.

The churches plead for the best possible preachers and teachers. The College seeks the best possible material wherewith to work. The College cannot make preachers. It can and does help in the training and development of those who have within them the necessary abilities. We wish young men of head and heart, men of good natural ability, to come to Glen Iris for a period of study. We want them to come prepared to stay until they complete their course. The best of these should follow up their College course by more advanced studies.

It is very desirable that those who come to the College be those who have already proved their interest in the Master's work by diligent service. Only such should apply for admission, and only such should be recommended by officers or preachers. There is no use at all in recommending to the College a man or a woman who have been

neglecting the opportunities for service which present themselves in the local church. It is by faithfulness and success in such service that a person's suitability for the work is tested. It is not desirable that a new convert wholly unproven should at once apply for admission to the College. We want men of good ability, men who have a natural love of reading, men with mental power sufficient to ensure success first in study and then later in preaching and teaching. A sincere love for the Master and a consecrated heart are of course the first essentials; but we must also have the other gifts if our work is to be successful. We seek the co-operation of churches in the securing of such men.

As we review the past year, we are grateful for the blessing which has attended the College, and for the splendid service rendered to the cause by those who were formerly students in it. In this issue the magnificent contribution made by the College to our Foreign Missionary work is referred to. We are proud of our representatives. The ten who have gone to Africa, India and China during the past year are men and women whom we may gladly honor. In the home land notable work has been done by former students as preachers, teachers, and organisers. As we have followed the record of successful evangelism in Western Australia we have been thankful that the College had some part in the helping of that work. We wish to have at Glen Iris an increasing number of the pattern of those who have done such excellent service at home and abroad.

The need of money as well as men is stressed in this special number. We should like brethren and churches to understand that we are not making a merely formal appeal, but that the need is urgent. For the generous help of the past, sincere gratitude is expressed. But, unless the work is to be hindered, there must be continued liberality.

Federal Leaders Speak.

The Great Need of Preachers.

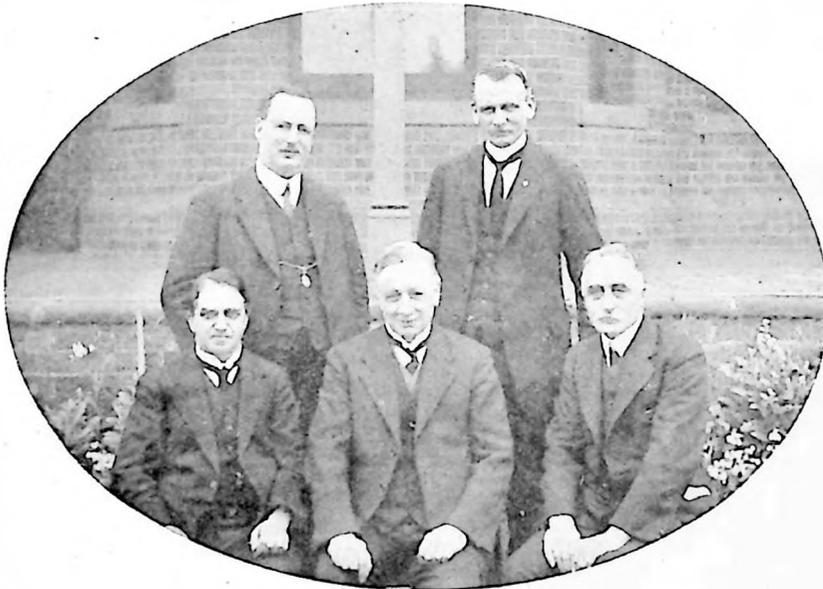
The young man who decides to invest his life in the work of preaching will, of necessity, need certain qualities of character and training, without which his work will accomplish little.

We will assume that the character is irreplaceable, and that there is an all-absorbing passion to win men for Jesus Christ. These qualities may be present in a very marked degree, and are essential to a successful ministry. But more than this is needed. There must be an intimate knowledge of the Word of God, and a close fellowship with Jesus Christ that will produce a deep humility, and strong development of all other Christian virtues. Preaching must not be "with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." There is an eloquence that does not

In the great majority of cases such training is most valuable in directing the student in right methods of study, and in making him conversant with such knowledge that will tend to enrich his manhood. Accurate and systematic thinking is indispensable in one who would be a true winner of souls.

Many Bible Colleges of the present day have become so saturated with modernism that they do not make of their students successful soul winners.

We are extremely fortunate in having our College of the Bible at Glen Iris, where modernism has no place, and those who pass through a course of training there become true preachers of the Word. The successful work of many of our preachers in every State bears witness to the value of the College training. This being so, it devolves on us as a brotherhood to



THE FACULTY AND ORGANISING SECRETARY.

Seated.—R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.; Principal A. R. Main, M.A.; J. S. Taylor, B.A.
Standing.—F. T. Saunders, Org. Sec.; T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.

persuade, and a reasoning that does not convince, when the eloquence and reasoning do not spring from a cultured soul that is in intimate fellowship with God. Mere facility of expression may even prove a weakness, when it seems to render unnecessary that prayerful consideration and preparation of the message, that will woo men and women to Jesus Christ. The Word must first be kindled in his own heart, and then given forth with a compelling earnestness that will inspire others to a nobler manhood.

In all this the preacher needs power that can only come through much prayer. He needs patience in all his dealings with men. There is much in a preacher's life to vex and annoy him as he comes in contact with the imperfections of men, and much forbearance on his part may be required. He needs moreover that sympathy with men, that will make him their friend, and give him access to their confidence. His object is to save men. This should never be lost sight of, and every faculty of mind and heart should be concentrated on it.

When one is well equipped in regard to the qualities I have indicated he may, or may not, need a special training in a College of the Bible.

see that the College does not lack that financial support that is necessary to enable the Board of Management to maintain the efficiency of its teaching staff and general equipment. To this end let every member in the Commonwealth have a worthy part in the annual offering in October next.—D. M. Wilson, President Federal Conference.

GREATNESS.

To live for God's sake, and for God's sake to become the servant of others; to soothe the sorrows, and lighten the burdens of the oppressed; to make the world's crooked places straight, and its rough places plain; to rescue the perishing, raise the fallen and cheer the desolate; to do all these offices of love with unwearying patience and self-denial and not grudge the expenditure of ease, and health and life itself, when called for; such is our Lord's idea of greatness.—W. G. Blaikie.

The Great Need for Preachers.

The One who has all authority has commanded the preaching of his gospel in all the world. If that command is to be obeyed there must be preachers. I know that all Christians should preach as they have opportunity, but I also know that to fully and effectively carry out the instruction of the Christ some men must make it the business of their lives to preach. Just so long as there is any inhabited part of the globe where there is no preaching, and just so long as there are any people who may be won by preaching, there will be a need for preachers.

So far as the great movement for the restoration of New Testament Christianity is concerned, a bird's-eye view of the world will show the great need for preachers of the old-time gospel. There are many European countries in which there are people groping after light to whom our plea would come as a message from God, many of whom would quickly and gladly accept it. I know that for English-speaking men to go to such countries would mean learning another language, but what of that? Our missionaries do it to proclaim the gospel to the people of non-Christian lands, and surely there are others who would do it to proclaim the liberty of New Testament Christianity to those who have been priest-ridden for centuries, and who are dissatisfied with what they have.

Then the non-Christian world is far from being evangelised. Men, and still more men are required for the work in India, China, Japan, Africa, Tibet, South America, and the islands of the sea. I am aware that the natives of these countries will make the best preachers to their own people, but, at the present moment, white missionaries are needed to win natives, to establish the work, to train the converts for the great work of evangelisation. And even then the problem of the work in these lands would be the problem of preachers.

But let us come nearer home. In America and Canada the churches with which we are associated need more preachers, for they have not sufficient men to man all their work. The great need of the cause in Great Britain is preachers. Given these, and Great Britain presents one of the golden opportunities of the day for the plea we love. Then the move now being made among the English-speaking people of South Africa—the greatest single effort for our cause since its inception—demands a supply of preachers to go into the twelve or more cities in which churches will be organised through the efforts of Bren. Knott, Kellems and Richards. New Zealand is famishing for preachers. And another twenty men, if they were available, could be put to work at once in the States of the Australian Commonwealth.

Years ago I heard brethren express the fear that, through the work of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris, we would soon have more preachers than we could use. But they were not good prophets. The supply is not yet as great as the demand.

I would be the very last to suggest that every man who preaches should have a University training, or have the brand mark of Glen Iris upon him, but I do say that Glen Iris presents a glorious opportunity to our young men who feel the urge of the command of Christ within, and who desire to have a hand in the world's greatest work, to make some preparation for their part in performing the great task.

Are there not more men of the heroic mould who will say with Paul: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel," and who will consecrate themselves to the great task? Let such enter Glen Iris, not to be made into parsons, but to be helped to equip themselves to render efficient service humbly in the great harvest field.—Thos. Hagger, Secretary Federal Conference.

The wealth of a man is in the number of things he loves and blesses, and which he is loved and blessed by.—Carlyle.

The College Close Up.

RALPH GEBBIE.

As a newcomer to Melbourne nothing has so interested me as the College of the Bible and its work. For years I have spoken and written urging its heartiest support. Because of what the College means to the cause we plead, I thus urged with all the earnestness of my soul. This appreciation was learned at a distance. The evidence upon which it was based was the work and character of those ex-students who found their field of service in the Dominion of New Zealand. This abundantly vindicated the claim of the College upon every member of our churches.

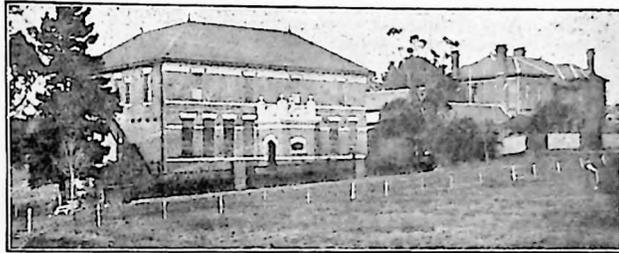
Now, with my home almost between the Ladies' Hostel and the College building, I live in closest touch with the work that means so much to the growth of our brotherhood. Has any disillusionment come through this closer association? Does the close-up view diminish my enthusiasm? Not in any regard! Each day gives additional reason for enthusiasm, for I find in our own institution all the elements of a successful enterprise for God, without which no college can do its intended work.

1. We have in our Principal and staff a body of instructors in whom our churches repose the utmost confidence, and who can inspire the students with the very highest ideals.

I write now of that which I know from personal experience with the student body. From what I have seen and heard, I know the strong influence these men wield over those who enter the College halls. Space forbids reference either to individual professors or to the various ways in which the impression of teacher on student is reflected. But the fact is patent to all. The College faculty are men outstanding in culture, character, and personality, and each is eminently qualified for his work. They are men of God who give first place to the things of his kingdom. Contact with personality is in itself a liberal education, and students at the feet of such men absorb the richest material of life. We should rejoice that God has prepared and brought into this work men who through instruction and example can train for efficient service our future preachers and missionaries.

2. The reaction of our students to the great opportunities about them is particularly gratifying. I am proud of the way I find these young peo-

ple attack the task of life training. In many an incidental conversation I have been impressed by the serious earnestness that sways them. On street or train, in church or classroom, one feels that they are folk seized with a great purpose. As the proverbial straw in the wind, little things indicate the way these students think and work. The class book carried for leisure moments, the ruses to keep awake at night for study, the tiredness manifest toward end of term, the interest in church gatherings, the sermon tasting,



the talk of missions, all show the grip of a worthy ambition, pursued with enthusiasm and dominating life.

The reports from churches where students work are clear proof of the rapid progress made in the course of training. Their willingness to go where there is opportunity for service, often without remuneration, denotes earnest desire for improvement, to learn to preach by preaching.

The writer has at times the privilege, and high privilege he counts it, to lead the devotional period before the day's work of College begins, giving a message to the student body. Never was speaker in more favorable atmosphere, he gets more than he gives in thrill of soul and response of mind and heart. The singing of hymns, chosen themselves, always expressive of devotion to the Christ, vibrates long in the visitor's soul. Whole-souled young men are these, and in the moments of relaxation one hears the echo of humor and remembrance of past escapade. These men in the future will serve our churches, not as a class apart, but as men among men, who by the manliness of their lives and their heartfelt message of the Christ, will win men to know him whom to know is life eternal. These are to be leaders among our

people, and the whole horizon is bright with promise.

3. An adequate plant is essential to the up-building of a successful College.

The Hostel is a fine property, splendidly situated, offering a delightful home to lady students. The College buildings have a distinctly prosperous appearance. Situated in a residential area on a quiet corner, with the open ground behind them, they seem to speak of the life intellectual and devotional. Passing by at night when the study lights are burning, one is reminded of the throbbing heart and brain of a progressive brotherhood. The buildings are useful for their purpose, but not too commodious. In my judgment more room could very advantageously be used, but in the meantime every inch of space is crowded into service. When we look at the College buildings and know that here we have classrooms, library, gymnasium, hospital, kitchen, sleeping and dining rooms for 58 students, and the home of the Principal besides, we realise how economically space must be utilised.

The College Board are to be congratulated on what has been accomplished and encouraged thereby to plan greater things.

4. A sympathetic brotherhood is absolutely essential to the maintenance of our College.

I find this sympathy among the Melbourne metropolitan churches. Others there are throughout Australasia who have a large and practical interest in this venture. But it is in the churches about Melbourne that I have come more directly into contact with this spirit. Because they know the most they love the most. "Our College" is on the lips of many. The work and welfare of the students are on the hearts of the faithful. The Principal and professors are beloved brethren engaged in a great work. This is as it should be. But as the College grows the number intensely interested should be increased. Without sympathetic interest the ends of the College must fall short of attainment. As we value the cause given us of God, and realise the need it has of faithful advocates, let us support the College in such fashion that it may ever efficiently train these advocates. The faithful faculty and enthusiastic students can only work to advantage as we provide the means. Let us do this on October 3, and declare how great things the Lord has done for us.



STUDENTS ENGAGED IN WEEK-END APPOINTMENTS.

After Twenty Years.

Justified? Yes!

We can never overestimate the wonderful blessing which the College of the Bible has meant to our brotherhood. Men and women have been and are being trained to fit themselves for service in the Master's kingdom, both at home and in far distant lands. We thank God for the noble souls of twenty years ago, who, in their vision, realised and proved to others the need of such an institution; we to-day are reaping the benefit of their wisdom.

Has it justified its existence? Yes! Think of the hundreds of souls who have been called out of darkness into the marvellous light of Jesus Christ, by the efforts of those who were trained therein.

Let us pray, work and give that the future of our College might be assured.—H. M. Clipstone.

Somewhere beneath the surface of these twenty years lie the dreams and visions and prayers of some few far-sighted souls who "dipt into the future," and saw that God would need a school for the prophets of the restoration in this great land of the Southern Seas. Their prayers made the College possible.

It is in keeping with spiritual law that that which began in faith and prayer should be maintained by the same. During a score of years the faith and prayers of the Australasian brotherhood have erected its buildings, kept its doors open, provided its honored teachers, and supplied its students. No moneyed interests have supported it. It has not been made to pay its own way and produce dividends. For twenty years it has been maintained by the faith and prayers of thousands who have deep-rooted in

students, now scattered in various countries, are by word and example drawing men and women to Christ. As an old boy I rejoice that the College still stands true to the Book. In this lies its value to the churches.—A. B. Chappell.

God Owned and God Blessed.

I am proud of the fact that I was the first man from Queensland to enter the College. With a wife and two children, and no income, ours was no easy task.

All I possessed was a burning desire to preach Jesus; with a natural gift (undeveloped, of course) for expressing myself. But at the College, under those grand, godly men, H. G. Harward and A. R. Main, who were my teachers, I was taught how to study the Bible—my natural gifts were trained, and my desire to preach Jesus was increased.

To me the College of the Bible is beyond human valuation, and I leave it for others to say to what extent God had used this first student from Queensland.

The College is God owned, and God blessed.—L. Larsen.

Our State Debt.

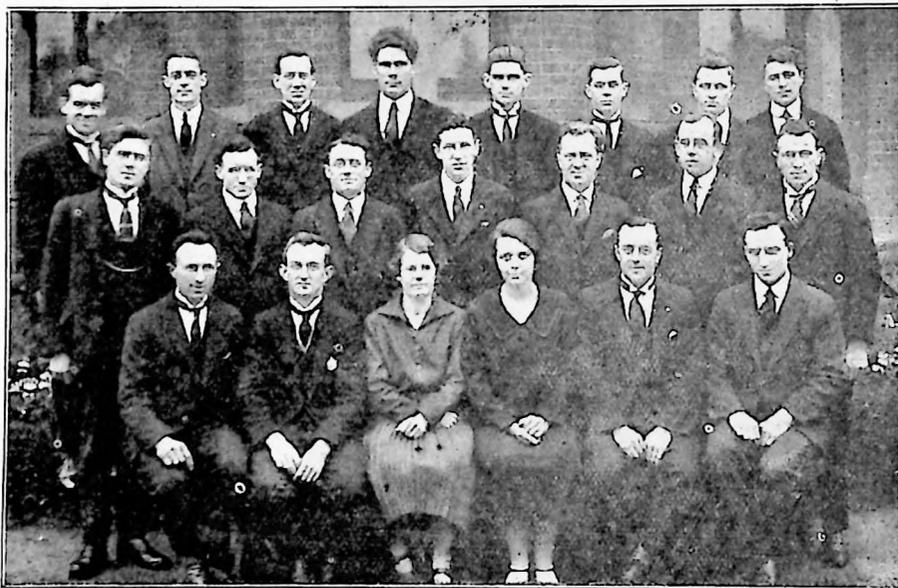
This does not refer to the burden which troubles the treasurer of the Government, and which sends us all so willingly to the taxation department to pay our income tax. We are thinking of the debt of Churches of Christ in New South Wales to the College of the Bible. Nine of the regular preachers in the State received their training at Glen Iris. They are rendering invaluable service to the State work. Without them so many of the churches would find it difficult to carry on their work. Other Glen Iris men have sojourned with us for years, and then have been called out of the State to the work of the Lord in other parts. Spiritual results cannot be tabulated. Statistics could not reveal the influences for Christ these servants of the Lord have exercised over the lives of others.

But we want the debt to increase. We are anxious to owe more to the College. There is need of young men in the churches of this State catching the vision of the waiting harvest, and the need of reapers, and responding to the call for trained workers, by entering the College as early as possible. There is need, too, of consecrated, Spirit-filled and educated young men to come in larger numbers to this State. The fields are admittedly hard. There is a conservatism in the communities of New South Wales not quite so manifest in other States. But this is just the challenge of the difficult, which ought to appeal to young men inspired with a passion for Christ and perishing souls.

It is not easy to open up new fields either in country or suburbs, unless there are young men willing to give a few years at a limited salary to pioneer work. This is done by the students who train with other bodies. Those who are Christians only should not come behind in this self-sacrificing endeavor.

This State needs the plea for New Testament teaching and practice. How shall they hear without preachers? And how shall we get them unless the Lord send them to us through Glen Iris? The College, with divine blessing, has been our help in the past; it is our hope for years to come. This is the encouragement to every member in New South Wales to present an offering for the work on October 3. That will be part payment of past indebtedness, and the expression of our desire to owe more.—H. G. Harward, N.S.W. H.M. Organising Sec.

Ideals are like the stars, you cannot touch them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them, you reach your destiny.—Carl Schurz.



VICTORIAN STUDENTS.

Increasing Appreciation.

Twenty years have not erased from my life the impressions, the influences and the direction given by the College of the Bible. I have an increasing appreciation of the value to me of the few years spent in the College. The founders and faculty never set out with either hope or desire to manufacture preachers, and no just person would ever charge the institution with nursing such ambition; but every honest person will acknowledge that it has been wonderfully used of God to help young people to develop their talents, to deepen their faith in God, and inspire their longings to be of service in his kingdom. Its blessing to the lives of the students and its competency to assist them are abiding convictions with me.—S. H. Mudge.

A Rich Contribution.

At the end of January, 1907, I left the farm in Lismore, New South Wales, to enter the College of the Bible, which opened its first term in the Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, in the middle of February of the same year. The late T. Bagley pulled me from the plough and sent me to the College. He told me that others could do the farm work, God wanted me to be a preacher. That was twenty years ago.

their hearts the conviction that qualified leadership is essential to the advancement of a plea which we claim to be the greatest of the ages.

And what of the achievements of two decades? Has it justified itself? To me, looking across the twenty years, the most arresting thing is the richness and variety of its contributions to the kingdom of God. These contributions are as widely representative as the men themselves. Missionaries, educationalists, doctors, pastors, evangelists, writers, singers, and organisers, trained within its walls, are giving splendid service in these spheres of activity.—Ethelbert Davis.

Still Stands True.

When in February 1907 a few young men, eager to prepare themselves for more efficient proclamation of the gospel, first met in Lygon-st. with the College of the Bible faculty, they scarcely realised how widely the work of that institution would extend before the end of the twentieth year of its existence. Our College has given and still is giving an increasing number of young men and women the opportunity of gaining a better knowledge of the Bible, God's inspired word. It thus leads them to know God better, whom to know is life eternal. These

Bible School Work Helped.

A Two-fold Need.

WHILE EVER IT IS TRUE THAT:—

- The church is an organism rather than an organisation;
- Its growth is governed by the laws of life rather than by the laws of mechanics;
- Its development involves a divine-human partnership;
- There are no conscripts in the King's forces;
- The church's advance depends on man's choice and character;
- Christian character is not a bequest but a conquest;
- The way to salvation is long and difficult, and beset by a multitude of hindrances;
- It is easier to win a man's assent to Christian doctrine than to encourage him to live Jesus' way;
- The religious thought of to-day emphasises life more than doctrine;
- It is better so but infinitely harder;
- Evangelism and religious education comprise our two-fold task;
- Men are needed to explore the life of the spirit in its social and individual aspects, and to show others the way forward.
- The College aims to provide these men, by turning the feet of some into the road of preparation;

SO LONG WILL THE COLLEGE BE OUR GREATEST ASSET.

—A. L. Haddon, Org. Secy. B.S. Dept., N.S.W.

The College and Bible School Work.

The College of the Bible at Glen Iris was among the first of similar institutions in Australia to place upon its curriculum a course of studies in Bible School Work and Methods; to-day there is hardly an institution that deals with the training of preacher that does not supply a similar course of study. That the influence of the course of study given at Glen Iris in Bible School Work and Methods was helpful is surely seen in the fact that in at least four of the States of the Commonwealth, those in charge of the Bible School Departments are men who were trained at Glen Iris. Further, every man who has gone out to do the work of a preacher has gone with a larger vision of service, and a greater capacity for usefulness, because of the training that he received in young people's work while at Col-

lege. We are still a long, long way from that state of efficiency and power that we hope will one day mark our work in the Bible School. Many difficulties still face us, but the church is giving more time and attention to this most important phase of her work than ever before. And we hope that from the young men who train at Glen Iris there will come thinkers, psychologists and educationalists who will be able to lift us up out of the present difficulties into a fuller and more efficient period of service for Christ and his church. The College has done much to further the work among the young people of our churches, and we pray that her power in this respect may grow mightily with the passing years.—L. C. McCallum, Org. Secy. B.S. and Y.P. Dept., Victoria.

The College and the Schools.

There is a vital connection between the preacher trained at Glen Iris and the work of the Bible School Departments of the States, for the fully-trained preacher that comes from the College of the Bible should be best fitted to lead and guide the affairs of Bible School work, and while not advocating that, generally speaking, the preacher should be superintendent of the Bible School (though in exceptional cases that is desirable) yet his knowledge and training should fit him to be the one looked to and capable of giving the best of advice regarding the school spirit, management and methods of work. These are days when efficiency counts for much, and no set of school officers and workers should be satisfied with the present standard of efficiency. To say, "We've always done it this way," may prove consistency but does not necessarily spell advancement. We should ever seek to increase in wisdom and in knowledge, and every help the preacher can give should be sought by the workers in the Bible School. Now we rejoice that the scope of teaching given at Glen Iris to the coming preachers of our Australian brotherhood embodies a course in Bible School work which should prove to be of incalculable value in its results upon the work of conducting our schools on the lines of sane and sanctified modern methods that will make for great results in this most fruitful portion of our work. Realising then that the Bible College exists to train men in every good work for the growth and efficiency of our army of consecrated and self-sacrificing

Bible School workers, and thus aid the better equipment of them for their great task, we wish for the College every success in its future ministrations, and trust the brotherhood will show its sense of value of this splendid institution by a glorious response on Oct. 3.—Will Beiler, Org. Sec. B.S. & Y.P. Dept., S.A.



NEW SOUTH WALES STUDENTS.

An Introduction to Life.

Members of the Old Boys' Club look back with a great deal of pleasure and gratefulness to the days spent at the College of the Bible.

There was much of real pleasure in the fellowship of men of like minds. There were sincere feelings of thanks to the brotherhood which made such a course of training possible.

College days were days of progress, progress in learning, but not alone in book learning. It is to the College that most of us owe our introduction to the world of knowledge. It may be true that at the beginning some were tempted to look upon a College course as final, but any such went away feeling that, full and complete as the course is, in itself it is but an introduction to the great field of study to be explored in the future days.

College days were days of wonderful and close friendship. When living together as a body of men we grew to understand each other, and to form ties that refuse to be broken, though many miles of land and sea may divide. It was a wonderful privilege to be pals with men who are in the forefront of the battle to-day. Some are taking a leading part in the work in the different States, while others are amongst the pioneers of the lands beyond.

College days were days of spiritual help, and of deepening love for the word of God. The strong confidence of the teaching staff in the Book of books was inspiring to faith, encouraging and uplifting.

Old boys will do their part to make 1926 offering a worthy one.—A. E. Hurren, Pres. Old Boys' Club.

What a fine world this would be if people would spend as much energy practising religion as they spend quarrelling about it.—San Francisco Chronicle.



NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS.

The College Serving the Homeland.

Why We Should Support the College.

My answer is because the College is achieving the purpose for which it was established, and in doing so is solving all brotherhood problems.

Many brethren and sisters already have been trained as preachers and missionaries and are serving the churches throughout Australia and on the mission fields with credit to themselves, to the College of the Bible and to the glory of God. Others are now being trained for the same purposes, others we know will follow in their footsteps.

As President of the State Conference in New South Wales, I am able to say that the greatest problem we have to face is "men." Men trained to meet the need of the time, men who stand four square for the word of God, men filled with the love and spirit of Christ.

In every direction throughout the State we have fields waiting for such men. We are receiving continually applications for assistance in that form from brethren in new districts willing and able to start a new work, from brethren in isolated country towns, where prospects are decidedly good, from churches that are languishing. Even the well-established churches find great difficulty in securing men.

We really have no other serious problem. Money for evangelistic purposes is easily raised. The brethren and sisters so fully realise the need in that direction, the money is always forthcoming. We have had ample proof of that from time to time. Church buildings are not the difficulty they used to be. Experience teaches us that if we place a man in a likely field, and a building is necessary, it soon becomes a fact, and while at one time we would have been quite satisfied with a small building in a back street, now we have a large building in the main street.

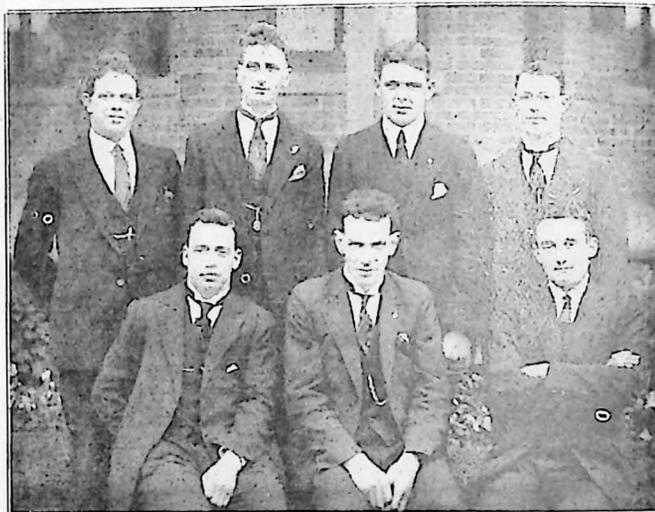
We certainly have the right message, and the people need it. Let us train and fully equip men to preach that message. Parliaments are trying to improve the conditions of the people, institutions and organisations of all kinds are striving to do the same thing, and while they do some good, do not accomplish very much.

Briefly our only real problem as churches is men. The College of the Bible can and will solve that problem. May we each have a part

in the solution by contributing as far as we are able to the funds of the College.—W. H. Hall, President, N.S.W. State Conference.

A Vital Factor in Western Australia's Advance.

The last few years have undoubtedly seen a strengthening and expansion of the work in Western Australia. With the aid of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission party, 1926 is consum-



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mating the previous years of careful planning and faithful work of the brethren throughout the State. Back of this State advance is the blessing of our heavenly Father. We may have planted and watered, but God has given the increase. In our endeavor to recognise and appreciate the various factors contributing to State successes we would be most ungrateful if we did

not attribute much to the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. Estimate the splendid contribution in the six vital factors that follow:—

(1) To this institution, Western Australia has sent young men to be trained for leadership and in spiritual fitness for the ministry of our Master. In this present year alone, Glen Iris willingly accepted six young men and promised to equip them intellectually and spiritually for their life work.

(2) The State has appealed to this institution for man-power to increase the preaching force to meet the growing needs of the State. Glen Iris has responded, and has certainly been a factor in aiding the State to double the preaching force within the last five years. Including the

mission party, there are now 17 evangelists in the State, 12 of whom were trained at Glen Iris. The churches served by these 12 men reported at last Conference additions totalling 260.

(3) A constructive policy has demanded that certain centres must be built up and evangelists located, who would make things go and grow. To these positions young men have been called, and in most instances from Glen Iris.

(4) Aggressive evangelism was the determination of Conference. It was agreed that we should swing wide the gates of evangelism. To achieve the aim men specially adapted for this work were needed, and in due time the Hinrichsen-Brooker party were directed to the State. The evangelist of the party credits the College with his training. During a period of less than six months, in which five missions have been conducted, over 350 have publicly confessed their faith in Jesus, and over £1,000 given to this special mission work in cash and promises.

(5) Six years ago the State Executive found themselves in need of one to act as secretary and organiser. Glen Iris had already sent to the State one who was called to this task of leadership.

(6) The Western Australian churches have won a place of pride in missionary giving, but in no instance did this enthusiasm abound more than when one of our young men, Glen Iris trained, went forward to serve in the foreign field as a herald of the cross.

A review of the activities of the Western churches during the last few years reveals that they have undoubtedly made great progress, and that Glen Iris has been no small factor in the progress. Western Australia's indebtedness to the College of the Bible is without question. Therefore let us endeavor to repay our debt of gratitude by liberal gifts on Sunday, October 3, to the annual College offering.—W. R. Hibbert, W.A. H.M. Organising Sec.



QUEENSLAND STUDENTS.

GIVE US MEN.

Give us men!
Men from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank;
Men of thought and reading;
Men of light and leading;
Men of loyal breeding,
The nation's welfare speeding;
Men of faith and not of fiction,
Men of lofty aim in action.
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

Give us men!
Strong and stalwart ones;
Men whom highest hope inspires,
Men whom purest honor fires.
Men who trample self beneath
them,
As her noble sons,
Worthy of their sires;
Men who never shame their
mothers,
Men who never fail their
brothers;
True, however false all others,
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

—Anon.

Victoria and the College.

Great are the potentialities of Australia for the production of cereals, of fruits, of minerals, and of preachers. But especially in the category of the latter do I pen this article, as it relates the Churches of Christ of Australia to that great institution, the College of the Bible, at Glen Iris, Vic. No doubt the College is well situated, for the State of Victoria surely has the best to offer for a centrally-situated Australian Bible College. In all spheres of achievement men must have the practical as well as the theoretical, and Victoria is the best State of the Common-

wealth and tuition will be trained to "handle aright the Word of God."

At present there are 36 preachers occupied in full-time service with the S.A. churches. Of this number 14 were trained at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. They are doing useful work. Another one will come to us in December. Success is not proven by so many additions to the membership of a church, or by counting heads. But the additions are necessary; we look for and expect decisions. As an evangelical people we must "preach to win the people for Christ Jesus." And we plan to do aggressive

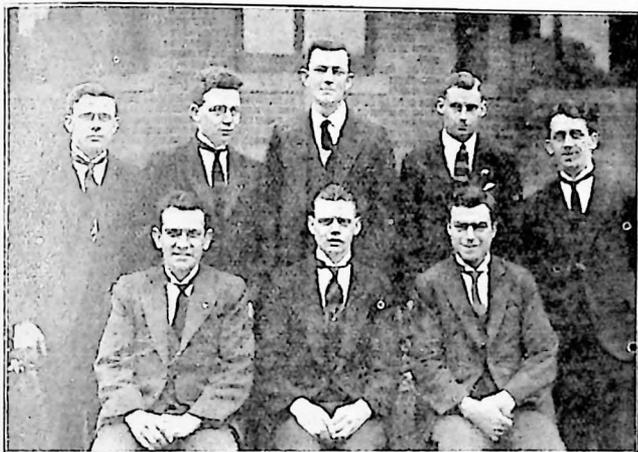
land but has had a College-trained man laboring with it or receiving some help. At present we have Bro. F. E. Alcorn in charge of the work at Ann-st., doing a fine work, and President of Conference, and engaged for his fifth year; Bro. C. Young at Annerley and Sunnybank, doing a splendid work; Bro. Larsen, ex-President of Conference, one of our ablest preachers, at Ipswich.

Then we had Bro. E. Davis at Albion, who ably filled the position of H.M. Secretary and later President of Conference; Bro. E. P. Aderman, B.A., who also was a most capable H.M. Secretary and Treasurer, and who labored in several fields; Bro. A. J. Fisher, whose indefatigable work as H.M. Organiser we shall never forget.

Bro. J. I. Mudford, whose zealous work at Ann-st. we cannot forget; Bro. Arnold, whose work at Boonah was much appreciated; Bro. C. H. Pratt, who was for five years at Gympie, and also in W. Moreton. Bro. C. Cockroft, who was also in West Moreton and gave good help in other places.

Then we are receiving splendid assistance from men who were at the College and went into business such as Bro. E. Reeves at Annerley, a member of the H.M. Committee; Bro. C. S. Trudgian in professional work in Gympie, yet preaching every Sunday and often during the week; W. H. Morton, a capable plumber and orchardist at Sunnybank; Bro. Kothery, builder and contractor, who often takes services for our churches; Bro. E. Rosenberg, a successful agriculturalist, of great help to the church at Ma Ma Creek; Bro. O. Polter, who we feel sure is going to do no end of service for God.

Then we think of the glorious work for Queensland God has accomplished through Bro. E. Hinrichsen, the missionary of the successful missions at Bundaberg and Wynnum and other places. Bro. W. H. Hinrichsen also gave us great help organising our H.M. offering one year, and Bro. G. H. Oldfield, who did a similar work for us. There are, I feel sure, others I cannot bring to mind, but if the Queensland brethren would only reflect seriously on what we owe to the College of the Bible, and if we are all concerned about the advancement of the work of Christ in our State, and the great need the College supplies in providing the men for the work, it should surely inspire us to support it by our gifts at the annual offering.—W. A. C. Wendorf, Secretary Qld. H.M. Committee.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS.

wealth to give the practical. As our men develop at the College, they need week-end preaching stations, and Victoria can supply that need. We have more rural churches than any other State in the Commonwealth, and we have more metropolitan churches than any other city in the world. But Victoria is not the only State that has benefited from the College. Diverging in all directions her heralds of the cross have gone forth, until in every State of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, India, China, South Africa, the voices of her messengers are heard proclaiming the everlasting gospel of our redeeming Lord. If one could tabulate the souls saved, the lives made happy, the homes cheered, the mourners comforted; yea, and the families grown since the commencement day, we feel sure it would make a worthy record indeed.

Such being so, there should be then, a great Australian effort towards the continual upkeep of such a worthy institution as the College. You can't maintain and develop a College without money, any more than you can run a motor car without petrol. True our College has attained a great reputation, but its standard of efficiency will not as yet allow it to travel on its reputation alone. It must have the necessary oil. And we are persuaded that in our Australian churches there are great material oil resources in the form of big banking accounts that have not yet been tapped for our College cause. What we need, and need badly, brethren, is an Australian gusher. Let our own State lead the way on Lord's day, Oct. 3.—J. E. Shipway, President, Vic. Conference.

Proven Faithful.

Churches of Christ in South Australia appreciate the work of the Principal and staff of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. We are blessed of God as a brotherhood in having such brethren as the College faculty. We have every confidence in them. Young men coming under their

evangelistic work. Preachers from Glen Iris have been used in winning many people in common with our preaching brethren during the past year. Generally speaking we find that they are doing a good constructive work, and as they grow in years and experience are proving themselves. Some of these brethren are ministering to large and important churches in this State and are esteemed. They have occupied the offices which it is the privilege of the Conference to bestow. Our present State President was trained at Glen Iris College.

The Home Mission Committee look to the College of the Bible for future preachers. We shall need young men who will be prepared to go out into the difficult country fields of this land, men of grit and determination. Some of such men are now in the back country and doing magnificent service; we honor them for faithful work in pioneer districts. They will not be forgotten by the people with whom they labor. Encourage more of such men to enter the College, devoting their lives in the preaching of the gospel. We need bright, consecrated young men equipped for a noble service as preachers of the Word of Life.—H. J. Horsell, S.A. H.M. Organising Sec.

Queensland is Grateful.

It is a great delight to me to write a word of appreciation of our College of the Bible. I hardly like to think of what position the Queensland churches would be in to-day, but for the men the College has supplied from time to time. Right on from the time of Bro. Nightingale, who did a great deal of pioneering work at Ma Ma Creek, and was afterwards in Ann-st. and Boonah, we have drawn for supplies from men who received their training and owe the success of their work to the splendid teaching they received under the capable and faithful teaching of Bro. Main and his able staff. Scarcely a church in Queens-



TASMANIAN STUDENTS.

What the Bible College Has Done for Our State.

In Victoria our churches are more numerous than in any other State. In all we have 117 churches, with a membership approximating 13,000. More than 50 per cent. of these churches have been established in the metropolitan area, but reference to the map shows that our work is fairly well distributed throughout the State. Practically all Victorian churches are doing good progressive work, a healthy tone being noticeable throughout.

Many factors have contributed to this happy condition of things. Victoria has been singularly blessed with consecrated and capable preachers, and with commercial brethren having

The following students passed with credit, having obtained a grade of 80 per cent. or over. A grade of 60 per cent. is needed for a pass.

New Testament.—A. W. Ladbroke, 94; A. N. Hinrichsen, 91; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 85; R. L. Arnold, 82; L. R. Beaumont, 81. 16 others passed.
Old Testament.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 89; A. W. Ladbroke, 88; Miss R. Hay, 87; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 85; R. L. Arnold and E. L. Williams (equal), 83; L. R. Beaumont and R. Greenhalgh (equal), 82; J. Methven, 81; A. Blackwood and V. C. Stafford (equal), 80. 11 others passed.
Homiletics I. and Practical Church Work.—E.

88; A. W. Garland, 85; H. G. Earle and R. O. Sutton (equal), 81; C. J. Williams, 80. 4 others passed.

Apologetics.—A. W. Garland, 90; H. G. Earle, 85; F. A. Daws, 83; R. O. Sutton, 82; C. F. Hinrichsen, 80. 4 others passed.

Logic.—A. W. Garland, 96; C. J. Williams, 89; C. E. Hinrichsen, 82. 5 others passed.

Psychology.—A. W. Garland, 82. 9 others passed.
N.T. Greek.—L. R. H. Beaumont and F. G. T. Turner (equal), 92; E. L. Williams, 89; E. H. Gray, 84; V. C. Stafford, 82. 8 others passed.

Elocution I.—V. C. Stafford, 83; E. L. Williams, 82; R. L. Arnold, 81. 9 others passed.

Elocution II.—R. J. H. Greenhalgh, 88; A. N. Hinrichsen, 83; A. W. Ladbroke and J. K. Martin (equal), 80. 4 others passed.

Ancient Civil History.—E. L. Williams, 94; R. L. Arnold and L. R. Beaumont (equal), 89; J. O. Methven, 86. 8 others passed.

English (Intermediate).—12 passed.

English (Leaving).—7 passed.

French (Intermediate).—3 passed.

Geography (Intermediate).—Miss L. M. Foreman, 87; I. J. Chivell, 85; R. L. Williams, 82; J. English, 81; T. Bamford. A. R. Lloyd and L. Vincy (equal), 80. 11 others passed.

British History and Civics (Intermediate).—J. English, 90; T. Bamford, 80. 12 others passed.

British History (Leaving).—6 passed.

Economics (Leaving).—5 passed.

Greek (Intermediate).—A. N. Hinrichsen, 80.

Geometry and Trigonometry (Inter.).—1 passed.

Algebra (Intermediate).—L. A. Trezise, 92; C. G. Payne, 90; A. R. Lloyd, 84; R. L. Arnold, 82. 7 others passed.

—A. R. Main.



MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS.

a profound interest in the things of the kingdom. But probably much of the success in Victoria is due to the work of the College of the Bible. In America it has been found that the work has grown rapidly where colleges have been founded, and similar results have followed the establishing of the College of the Bible in this State.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee, while much interested in the College of the Bible, has never established a rule of preference for Glen Iris men. The one consideration of the Committee is as to the suitability of men for the work to be done, without regard to the place or circumstances of training. Yet it is remarkable how largely the men prepared at Glen Iris have in recent years figured in the State's Home Mission activities. It may safely be asserted that no one man in the past decade has meant more to Victorian Home Mission work than Ernest C. Hinrichsen, a former College student, whom God has so wonderfully blessed in evangelistic work.

Time was when churches struggled and sometimes died for lack of oversight and help; the College now makes available the men necessary to shepherd the work. Take two up-to-the-minute examples of work being done by weekend students. In April, two students were appointed to Hartwell. A gradual improvement at once commenced. Meetings for the wintry month of July show a record, attendances having improved 50 per cent in three months. St. Arnaud involves a student in 330 miles travelling at each week-end. He reaches the town at about midnight on Saturday, and must leave there early on Monday morning. These are not conditions favorable to progressive work. Yet evening meetings there have doubled in three months, while both Sunday School and morning attendances have greatly improved. Both at Hartwell

L. Williams, 90; F. G. T. Turner, 86; L. R. Beaumont, 85; V. C. Stafford, 81. 6 others passed. (Homiletics alone: Miss R. Hay, 88; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 80.)

Homiletics II.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 90; A. W. Ladbroke, 88; R. J. Greenhalgh, 83. 4 others passed.

Homiletics III.—A. W. Garland and V. R. Griffin (equal), 80. 7 others passed.

Comparative Religion.—A. W. Ladbroke, 96; Miss E. M. Drysdale and A. N. Hinrichsen (equal), 94; Miss R. Hay and E. L. Williams (equal), 91; R. L. Arnold, 90; F. G. T. Turner, 89; R. J. Greenhalgh and V. C. Stafford (equal), 85; L. R. Beaumont, 84; J. O. Methven, 82; G. M. Mathieson, 80. 9 others passed.

Church History I.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 89; A. W. Ladbroke, 86; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 85; R. J. Greenhalgh, 80. 4 others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—A. W. Ladbroke, 89; A. N. Hinrichsen, 86; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 83. 6 others passed.

Church History II.—A. W. Garland, 84; H. G. Earle, 83; C. E. Hinrichsen and R. O. Sutton (equal), 81; F. A. Daws, 80. 4 others passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—C. E. Hinrichsen, and St. Arnaud God has blessed this work to the salvation of souls.

This year the Committee is operating in twenty-one fields. All save two of these are ministered to by Glen Iris and ex-Glen Iris men. Further, out of eleven brethren who have offered and who will during the spring conduct brief missions in Home Mission churches, seven are Glen Iris trained men. These facts establish the great value of the College to the work in Victoria. Without this institution progress would of necessity be slow; by its aid we may help largely to bring Christ to Victoria and Victoria to Christ. —R. Enniss, Vic. H.M. Organising Secretary.

Second Term's Results, 1926.

Of Interest to Intending Students.

Secular Subjects, 1926.

It is compulsory for students to pass in three subjects, including English, at the Intermediate Examination of the University of Melbourne, or at a similar examination at any other University, before commencing the work of the Biblical Course at the College of the Bible.

The Principal urges all intending students to commence study before they enter the College, and to enable them to do this, the following partial details are now given. The books included in the list will be used in class in 1927.

1. (a) British History, 1763-1919.—Warner and Marlen.

(b) Civics.—Marshall and Hoy.

2. Geography.

(a) Intermediate Geography.—James.

(b) Australia, Physiographical and Economic.—Griffith Taylor.

(c) Political Geography (to be announced at a later date).

3. English.

(a) English Grammar, Grades VII. and VIII.—Lawson and Eliiah.

(b) Palgrave's Golden Treasury of Lyrical Poems.

(c) Austral Garden of Verse.—Hansen and McLachlan.

(d) Shakespeare (play to be announced at a later date).

(e) Selected Essays.—E. Lee.

(f) Novel (to be announced at a later date).

4. Algebra.—Hall and Knight.

5. Geometry.—Hall and Stevens.

6. French.—Siepmann, Part I. and Part II.

7. Latin.—Postgate's Latin Primer

Composition.—North and Hillard.

Literature (at a later date).

8. Greek.—Rutherford's Grammar.

Underhill's Exercises.

As the University has not, at the time of forwarding these notes, published details of work for 1927, it is impossible to give full information in this number. Further particulars will be given in a later issue, when the new regulations for matriculation will also be discussed.—J.S.T.

As the Women See It.

About the Father's Business.

At the age of twelve, when missed from the company of his friends and relations, Jesus was found in good company, learning from the best authority and best books. Jesus was a busy boy, and intimated to his mother that "He must be about his Father's business," and so it is with the young men and women who enter our College. They are about our Father's business. It does not fall to the lot of many of us to have the glorious privilege of attending our Bible College, but we can manifest our love and help to those who do. Everywhere to-day there are open doors, and being conscious of the universal and eternal purposes of God, shall we not go in and possess the land? Our College can compare very favorably with any like college in the Commonwealth. The consecrated lives of the many young men and women who have emanated from our College will be a lasting monument. They have gone forth spiritually equipped, ready to spend and be spent in our Father's business both at home and abroad. Have they not earned our affection and loyalty through their labor of love? Does it not stimulate us to greater giving and encourage us to greater efforts in the future? Let us count it a joy and a privilege to assist in every way possible the work of our College, for is it not worthy of our best prayers, our best interest, and our best gifts? We know that every sister in Victoria is vitally interested in the saving of precious souls. May we as a sisterhood encourage our young people to enter our College and so co-operate wholeheartedly in the work our College is endeavoring to do. Also let us urge a wider participation in the offering to be taken on October 3.—G. Hayward, President Women's Conference, Victoria.

"Culture for Service."

One writer has said, "Culture for its own sake is the worst form of idolatry. Culture, as the preparation of self for the service of others, is as the preparation of a plot of ground entrusted to us that it may bear a harvest in which many may rejoice." The College of the Bible seeks to impart true culture, i.e., spiritual and intellectual discipline and training to the young men and women students. The Lord's work demands the very best we can give, and we have proof, both in home and foreign fields, that the College is helping greatly to develop the spiritual, intellectual, and physical life of the students, and to send them forth thoroughly equipped for service, some as evangelists, some as missionaries, and others to enter business life, but each and all better fitted for a life of usefulness.

Many appeals come to us for financial help, but none more deserving than the appeal for support of the College. I would urge upon the sisterhood of South Australia not only the duty but the privilege of giving to an institution to which we owe so much, reminding them of those words which appeared in the "Australian Christian" a short time back—

"And must I keep giving again and again?"

"Oh, no," said the Angel, and his glance pierced me through,

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

—(Miss) C. Norman, Pres. Sisters' Conf., S.A.

Do We Forget.

Sisters of the Western State, are we interested in the proclamation of the gospel, or are we indifferent regarding the work in Western Australia? Our outlook is widening, and the Master's kingdom is being extended throughout the State. Our old churches are well established, but who will build up the new centres? We need men—preachers to man our flourishing

districts, but where will the men come from? Have we forgotten—there is a place in Victoria called Glen Iris that requires our help and support? The College of the Bible is the school of preparation for preachers. Therefore, if we wish to have a part in the gospel plan, we must give of our best to the College offering, praying that God will bless our gifts for the extension of his work, not only in this State, but throughout the whole world.

What of the future? It will be necessary to train the younger generation, so that in time to come they may be able to replace the workers of to-day.

The College of the Bible is invaluable to the church as a means of producing men and women who will successfully propagate the gospel.

It is our privilege, as well as our duty, as sisters, to stand by this worthy cause and give willingly. The College needs our help. The young people of to-day, who are to become leaders in the future, need our help. Christ needs our help.—A. C. Elliott, Pres. W.A. Auxiliary.

The Prerogative of Love.

Amongst the many wonderful results which have accrued from the advent of Christianity into this world, there is none more effectual and important than the elevation of woman. Before Jesus came, and even now, where Christ is not worshipped and acknowledged as Lord and Master, woman was, and is, a mere chattel. The moral as well as the spiritual code introduced by Christ has changed all this, and to-day in most phases of life woman is man's equal, particularly regarding opportunity in service for Jesus. There are no limitations in the service of Christ to the consecrated woman.

Any active service in these days requires much preparation, mental and spiritual. To the sister who has a definite call for service either in Home Mission or Foreign Mission work, it is incumbent that she should fit herself as far as possible for the duty that lies ahead. There should be a sense of deep gratitude to God for the provision that is now made possible for earnest women to prepare for Christian service at the College of the Bible in Victoria. The Church of Christ, Margaret-st., Launceston, hopes to show the way to all other churches in Tasmania by sending the first sister to Glen Iris "in the near future."

I appeal to all the sisterhood in this fair island home to pray much for the management committee and staff of the College of the Bible in their labor of love, their work of faith and patience of hope in this work of preparing the young womanhood of our Commonwealth for the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As opportunity offers let us give our utmost. Abraham received a special blessing because he withheld not his son, his only son, from the call of sacrifice for God. Mothers, what a joy is ours to give our girls to Jesus for service!

Love ever gives, forgives, outlives,
And ever stands with open hands;
And while it lives, it gives,
For this is love's prerogative—
To give and give and give.

—A. Prichard, President Women's Conf., Tas.

The College Justifies Anticipations.

A review of the almost twenty years of our College history will satisfy any reasonable person that its highest anticipations have been fully realised. If, in some few cases, students have developed tendencies undesirable, it does not affect the fact, that unbiased minds will readily concede, that the College has accomplished the purpose for which it was established, and has avoided the weaknesses apparent in many training institutions of other religious bodies. In past days a theological training, based on rigid Calvinism, utterly crushed the evangelistic fervor of many promising men. To-day similar results are accomplished by a departure in different direction—that of the destructive critic, who regards the Bible's teaching concerning salvation as antiquated. Many graduates from these institutions are helpless when asked to direct a sinner to Christ. Recently I heard a leading city minister, who regularly addresses a large audience, candidly make a startling admission. He said that in his first appointment a man came to him and said, "What shall I do to be saved?" The minister replied, "I really don't know what to tell you, but let us get on to our knees and ask God about it." He continued, "As we looked each other in the face after we had both prayed, we both felt we were saved persons." I do not think that, from the hundreds who now have been trained in the College of the Bible, there would be one who would make the admission when asked the above question, "I really don't know"; but all could give an intelligent Scriptural reply.

Our institution stands for the highest standard of evangelistic fervor. Many young men who would never have been able to deliver a gospel sermon, are now preaching with acceptance and fruitfulness. Some of these entered with their only equipment, a zeal to preach Christ; but through their diligence and patient efforts of instructors assisted by all that is helpful in the College environment, latent powers have been discovered and developed. Hundreds of souls in home and foreign fields are being won for Christ by past and present students every year. The future of our movement is wrapped up in our training institute. Specially would I urge its claims upon our Tasmanian brotherhood. Many congregations on this island State suffer for lack of trained, efficient leadership. The institution that will supply these should have our utmost and heartiest support.—L. Johnston.



THE MATRON AND LADIES OF THE HOSTEL.

Reaching Out Into the World.

A Great Missionary Institution.

As to what aspect of our work, as a brotherhood, the College of the Bible has made its largest contribution it would be difficult to determine. That it has, directly and indirectly, greatly helped every phase of the work cannot be questioned: we are to-day a bigger, and more powerful brotherhood by reason of its existence. In this respect it has more than answered the highest expectations of its most sanguine supporters. As I try to visualise the extent and value of its achievements in the homeland, immediately there passes before my mind's eye a procession of young men whom I readily recognise as those whose lives have been wonderfully enriched. Young men who, like Amos of old, have been taken from honorable, but limited vocations, and fitted for a larger sphere of usefulness. They have come from following the plough, from the tradesman's bench, from behind the counter, from the desk, and other honorable callings, some in younger years without any definite defined outlook on life, just at the cross roads where wise counsel and direction meant so much to the making of life. In such lives the College of the Bible has discovered, unlocked and developed latent powers of mind and heart, investing them with a knowledge that always means power and leadership. Thus equipped for the great purpose of life they are to be found in various parts of the Commonwealth doing a work for God and humanity that provides the most eloquent testimony as to the invaluable contribution the College is making towards the work in the homeland. But the sphere of its influence, or the extent of its usefulness, can in no sense be confined to our Commonwealth, for great, if not greater, is its contribution to the regions beyond. When we think of the number of cultured consecrated young men and women it has furnished for the foreign field, and the magnificent work they are doing in their respective fields of labor, we cannot but regard the College of the Bible as one of the greatest missionary agencies associated with our brotherhood, and as such it is worthy of our best support.—W. Morrow, President Federal Foreign Mission Board.

A Great Foreign Missionary Ally.

Since the Great War the word "allies" has a pleasant sound. We remember how cheering was the news when one after another almost all the nations of the world and at last the United States became the allies of the British people. Unfortunately "once an ally always an ally" has not been realised. Some of them have forgotten Britain who laid her all on the altar of national sacrifice.

The Glen Iris Bible College has been an ally

Since the Annual Offering of 1925, the following have gone to the mission fields from Australasia, after training received at Glen Iris:—

- Miss Myrtle Cole.
Poona and Indian Village Mission.
- Miss D. C. Ludbrook, R.T.V.N.A.
Hucilichow, China.
- Miss E. D. Vawser.
Baramati, India.
- Mrs. A. A. Hughes.
Baramati, India.
- Mrs. S. E. M. Riches.
Rhodesia, S. Africa.
- C. A. Bowen.
Rhodesia, S. Africa.
- H. A. G. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Hucilichow, China.
- G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S.
Dhond, India.
- A. A. Hughes.
Baramati, India.
- S. E. M. Riches.
Rhodesia, S. Africa.

of Foreign Missions from the first day she received a student till the present. The Principal, every professor and the organising secretary are men of the loftiest Foreign Missionary ideals. The late organising secretary now supports his own living link, Dr. Oldfield, in India. Every student who sits at their feet whether he goes into the Foreign Mission fields or works in the homeland has the Christ-like slogan "the whole gospel for the whole world."

This Ally does not forget, but increasingly and enthusiastically brings all its resources of brain and heart to the help of those who are in spiritual darkness.

Since the last Bible College offering eleven missionaries have been sent forth by our New Zealand and Australian churches. Ten of them were Glen Iris students. We now have on the Australian Foreign Mission field 24 supported missionaries of whom 14 were trained at Glen Iris. The numbers have so grown that in India and China they can have each year a "Glen Iris Celebration." When our Australian Foreign Mission Board seek for new missionaries, they look to our College to supply the need. All our interior China missionaries were Glen Iris students, and eight of our Indian missionaries were from Glen Iris. Do you wonder after reading the above that the Foreign Mission Board and State F.M. Committees "thank God on every remembrance" of the Bible College? Brethren, when you give to the Glen Iris Bible College

you are helping a great Foreign Missionary and Home Missionary ally.

There are approximately 28,800 members of our churches who have not been able to attend our Australian Bible College. These, however, are interested in those, who have been, and are now students of the College. They can pray for those who have turned aside from the ordinary vocations of life and chosen not the easiest way of serving God. They can give to the support of this Alma Mater of preachers, teachers, church workers and missionaries. What a pleasure to know that by our gifts to the College we become partners with these splendid men and women who are helping churches in the homeland, and carrying the gospel to the Christless in foreign lands.

How often fathers who have not been able to secure a college education are yet willing to deny themselves to allow their boys to have a help in life denied the father. Shall we not enter into the spirit of these wise, self-denying fathers, and though we cannot attend Glen Iris glory in denying ourselves to help others to forge the splendid educational and inspirational equipment given by the Australian Bible College.—G. T. Walden, Federal F.M. Sec.

The Future.

I can tell you what the future has in store for you, but I
 Can't tell you what you're going to be, however I may try.
 The future has a job for you, just what I cannot say;
 But there's something more important to be thinking of to-day.
 The thing to be concerned with now is not what you will do:
 A more important matter is the man that's known as "you."
 Will you be ready for the task, and fit for any test?
 Will you go at it with the will and wish to do your best?
 Will you be cheerful when you work, courageous when you fail?
 Will you stand fast at duty's post whatever foes assail?
 Will you think less of pleasure's lure and more of serving well,
 And measure time by tasks complete and not the quitting bell?
 The sort of man you're going to be is up to you to say.
 Some make the most of every chance; some toss the chance away.
 But let the job be what it may, if well with it you do,
 Don't fret about the future—it will have a place for you.
 —Edgar A. Guest.



G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S., India.



A. A. Hughes.



Mrs. A. A. Hughes.



Miss M. Cole.



Miss E. D. Vawser.



H. A. G. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed.



Miss D. C. Ludbrook, R.T.V.N.A.



C. A. Bowen.

Preparation Necessary to Success.

It must be frankly admitted that for a man to succeed in business, in politics or education, he must be thoroughly and efficiently prepared. The times demand that a man shall understand his job, and he who presumes to stand before men and women to address them must know "whereof he speaks." This is not only true of worldly institutions but also of the greatest calling—the call to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. To do this successfully the preacher must be prepared in mind and heart. The day of "open your mouth and the Lord will fill it" is long past, and the statement is not popular to the best minds. The Lord only gives a message where the heart and mind are stored with the love and truth of God.

The greatest preachers have been those who have used every means at their disposal for preparation. When Jesus called twelve men to be his ambassadors he saw that they were the right kind of men for the task; and before he sent them forth he saw to it that nothing lacked in their preparation. Paul wrote to Timothy, a young evangelist with natural gifts, advising him "to give attention to reading, to doctrine, and not to neglect the gift that was in him, but to give himself wholly to these things that he might be an example to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity and in spirit," and again, "Study to show thyself approved unto God," etc. The need for preparation was felt then and is greater now. With the advance that has been made in every branch of learning, the need has become more acute. The man who continually stands before an intelligent audience with the message of life and salvation must know the doctrine and how to present that doctrine in a clear, attractive and intelligent manner. This can best be achieved by training.

Not only the advance in education and the greater intelligence of the average congregation, but also the existence of dangerous cults and general trend of modern thought which would deceive even the elect of God, greatly add to the need and value of a prepared ministry.

This need has been recognised by our Commonwealth brotherhood, and the College of the Bible has been brought into existence. The question whether or not the College has justified its existence in sending forth men prepared for the ministry is answered threefold. (1) By the records of the twenty years of her existence; (2) The men now in the fields, both at home and abroad; and (3) The glorious achievements of these men for the kingdom of God. Whether or not the College will continue to supply a prepared ministry will depend largely on the amount of prayerful interest in, and financial support given to, the work of the College by the churches in Australia. At once, then, the responsibility of maintaining a prepared ministry becomes a brotherhood one. May God help us to accept our responsibility. It is with the greatest pleasure and the highest anticipation that I com-

mend the annual offering to the Queensland churches, praying for something more than ever before for our College.—F. E. Alcorn, Pres. Qld. Conference.

A Land of Promise.

Tasmania is the garden of our Commonwealth, and a paradise for tourists. It is a goldmine for commercial travellers from the mainland. The potential wealth is infinite, and at present is rich enough to waste thousands of pounds on the legalised gambling of "Tattersall's," and on the "Beverage Alcohol Traffic." Tasmania's wealth sustains a very high taxation. Progress drains the coffers of the State, and requires a supplementary grant from Federal funds. New industries are ever brightening the prospects, and a slogan of "Back to Tasmania" has gripped the imagination.

Here, as elsewhere, there exists the need for greater loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ by those who claim the merits of his cross. There is a great future for the Churches of Christ in Tasmania. Already we have some strong churches. The history of our progress is read in terms of evangelistic effort of ministries and missions, long or short. Local talent has done much valuable supplementary and interim work. Churches or circuits without evangelists usually rot around a few ideas and persons, or gradually stagnate. Unwillingly perhaps, some churches have become supporting "self," instead of self "supporting," and have drifted under the Master's observation of the Laodicean church. Self-satisfaction sterilises growth, whilst Satan and the sects of partial truth advance their aim.

Dismay nor criticism do not redeem our loss of time or opportunity. Each one of us must,

in season and out of season—(1) "Lift up your eyes and look"; (2) "Unto the fields already white unto harvest"; (3) "Pray ye," that "The Lord of the harvest send forth laborers." Some Christians may presume to attempt what, said Jesus, God would send others to do. Thus his above command includes "home" as well as "foreign" missions, since he said, "The field is the world." Tasmania needs men of good heart, mind and body. Yes, the best. Our College of the Bible is the most fruitful (though not the only) source of prepared and devoted ability. We are becoming increasingly indebted to our College, and hope on October 3 to discharge our grateful obligation in a very liberal manner throughout Tasmania.—N. G. Noble, President, Tasmanian Conference.

How the College Helps Tasmania.

For some time the ministry of the Tasmanian churches has held the unique position of being 100 per cent. Glen Iris. With all their trained leadership coming from the College of the Bible, the churches should realise their proper share in its up-keep. However, it is pleasing to note that the churches which contributed last year gave more towards the College than ever before. All of our churches should come into line this year with a worthy offering on Oct. 3, and thus help the institution which has helped them.

A FEW FACTS.

Through the special efforts of the three preachers who are giving the whole of their time to the Lord's work, coupled with the co-operation of the churches and the blessing of God, at least 90 people were brought to Christ in the Scriptural way since the last appeal went forth on behalf of the College. Two new churches were established by the same enterprise. Over 600 addresses were delivered, 10,000 miles traversed, and 2,000 visits made in order to stimulate churches and individual members, and win souls to Christ. These brethren are entrusted with the State Conference presidency. State F.M.C. presidency, and the State organising secretaryship.

Numbers of young people are being helped through training classes and correspondence courses. One young man entered the College of the Bible therefrom this year, and others contemplate doing so. In a little while Tasmanian churches will have the joy of seeing their own sons and daughters telling out the glad message of redeeming grace, both on home and foreign fields. May God hasten the day, and bless the College in preparing them for the task.—W. H. Nightingale, Tas. H.M. Organising Sec.



Mrs. and S. E. M. Riches.

"Only in Christianity does the love of God heat down upon the sinful; only in Christianity does a Saviour stand at the door of the hardening heart; only in Christianity is it written, 'The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost,'" says Harold Begbie, in "Souls in Action."

Facing the Issue: As Seen by Exit Students, 1926.

Certainty of Purpose.

Our thoughts at present are chiefly occupied with the future.

Future fields of activity, future lines of study, future methods of work. Questions concerning such things constantly present themselves to our minds.

Such questions, however, cannot yet be answered definitely, as the future is always overshadowed by some degree of uncertainty.

But, ere we venture forth to fuller service, there must be absolute certainty concerning one question; that is the question of purpose. What is our purpose? Briefly this: "to glory God and strive to uplift a fallen humanity."

Should it be other than this, then far better that we should never attempt to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.—C. J. Williams.

Ready and Unafraid!

There is something tantalising yet challenging in facing the issue. Zeal, enthusiasm, anticipation awaken excitement as we do.

We have faced issues all through our College course. These have steadied us, and no longer do we think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

God and the individual alone know how each issue has been faced. We have not shirked. We faced them, and now face the issue.

Our years of training; our experience with our Lord; and our Father; our work among the churches; our belief in a sympathetic brotherhood: all have prepared us to face the issue.

We are ready and unafraid!—H. G. Earle.

The Upward Slope.

In the familiar passage of Phil. 3: 13-14 Paul reveals a reason for his successful life. He stands commanding a view behind and before. He must press on in spite of what has befallen him.

The "exit" student has a similar sensation as he views the upward slope. The thought of past failures, lost opportunities, worries, fears, disappointments; of successes, souls gained for the Master—these are "things behind" which may hinder efficient service, and so to that extent must be forgotten. He inhales deeply and braces himself for the climb with deep gratitude to all who have helped him to his present position.—H. Cave.

The College Meets the Need!

The Australian brotherhood has only one College but it meets the needs of those who seek training for service.

Our teachers realise that zeal without knowledge, and knowledge without zeal, avail little. They are living epistles, illustrating the compatibility of simple evangelical faith with scholarship.

Our College benefits only those who come, and leave, for the purpose of preaching a positive gospel.

The College and all connected with it deserve the brotherhood's support, for it partly answers the man who prays:

"Oh, strengthen me, that . . . I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea."—C. E. Hinrichsen.

Apprehension and Trust.

As one stands on the threshold of a realised ambition and gazes into the untrodden pathway, it is with mixed feelings of apprehension and expectancy; apprehension of human inability, expectancy and trust in God's unfailing promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—W. A. Wigney.

Answering the Call.

Ten years ago as a country we were facing the issue. At the call each man responded to do his bit for King and country.

The world faces a crisis to-day, and so does the church. The outcome will be failure for both unless the church can give to the bruised and bleeding world the gospel of healing and love which he came to bring. God help us so to do! The first period of training over we go out under our great Captain. Having answered the call we now strive to do our bit to carry that gospel into all the world.—Allan W. Garland.

Increased Vision.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." Increased vision is one of the great benefits Glen Iris confers. Our work will bring us into touch with life in a great variety of phases, each presenting its problem.

We face the problem of sin and its consequences, and see the possibility of each life being transformed and beautified: we come into contact with sorrow, but see the greater possibility of God's grace working: we meet people who present an appearance of contentment, but whose hearts are burdened, never experiencing true joy, and to them we preach with greater power the peace Christ alone gives.—R. O. Sutton.

One Thing to Do.

The title seems to indicate that there is one issue that stands above others, and that students going out this year face that issue now. We do, but we faced it before entering College. Our experience has shown us how great the issue is and also how to face it.

The issue we face is this: that Jesus bids us go into all the world and preach the gospel. This we must do despite discomfort, distress, disappointment and persecution. The world needs the message, and we must preach it, namely, Christ the Crucified and Exalted Saviour.—F. A. Daws.

Life is More Real and Wonderful.

College life has been for me a valuable and joyful experience.

It has given me, amongst other things, a greater realisation of life in its deeper meaning and opportunities.

God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is more real. Life is more wonderful, and more worth living.

For all things which have contributed to College life, I am thankful both to God and man.

I look forward to the wider church work with joy, confident that by the help of God, and the preparation at Glen Iris, I shall be able to do something worth while for the kingdom of God.—V. R. Grimm.

Impelling Motives.

Leaving College! It is like leaving home in some respects—it is a separation from sacred ties and associations.

The motives impelling to action also are similar.

The desire for greater service.—The ministry of helpfulness, giving opportunity for expressing this desire, is at once a privilege and a responsibility.

The challenge of a world of sin.—Sin that has spread through our moral, social and industrial life brings a challenge to our manhood.

Conviction born of personal experience.—The Saviour who has met our every need can do the same for all.

Here am I Lord—send me.—A. W. Ladbrook.



Here and There.

Bro. W. Waterman is about to begin work with the church at Invermay, Tas.

We learn that Bro. Geo. Hughes has consented to assist the church at Collingwood, Vic., for a few months.

Bro. A. Hutson expected to leave Sydney en route for Perth, W.A., on Wednesday, Sept. 15, by Commonwealth Line steamer "Jervis Bay."

Miss L. I. Redman left Melbourne by the "Moldavia" on Tuesday. After visiting South Australia and Western Australia she will return to her work in India.

Mrs. Ludbrook and Miss P. C. Ludbrook left Melbourne on Monday last for a visit to China. Miss Dolly Ludbrook will shortly be married to Mr. H. A. G. Clark at Yunnamtu.

On Wednesday morning we received the following telegram from Western Australia:—"Hinrichsen-Brooker mission opened Northam Sunday; splendid meetings.—Buckingham."

A meeting of the S.A. Southern District Officers' Fraternal will be held in the Woolwa chapel on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Subject for discussion, "The Deacon and his Office in the Church."

Bro. S. H. Mudge, who has been faithfully and successfully laboring with the church at Fremantle, W.A., has accepted an engagement with Oakleigh church, Vic., and is expected to begin work there at the beginning of January next.

Bro. F. T. Saunders, organising secretary of the College of the Bible, was the preacher at Collingwood anniversary service on Sunday night. At the conclusion of his address eleven responded to the invitation and made the good confession.

The photographs of the College which are used in this issue are the work of Bro. W. C. Craigie, who generously devotes time and skill each year in the interests of the College. Bro. Craigie is more than treasurer of the College. He maintains a warm interest in all its affairs.

The treasurer of the Victorian Church Extension Committee has received a cheque for £10 from the Cresco Fertiliser Company, being one year's interest on shares donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Black of Lillimur. As requested by the donors, the interest has been divided between Foreign and Home Missions, and the College of the Bible.

Another Victorian brother has undertaken to provide for a radiator at the College for the students' studies. This makes five radiators (complete) supplied by Victorian brethren and Endeavor Societies, and one power point by Hobart C.E. The organising secretary would be glad to hear from young people in other States on this matter.

At Collins-st., Hobart, helpful morning and evening messages were delivered by Bro. L. Johnston on Sept. 5. The State Temperance Committee is holding a temperance rally in the chapel on Sept. 16. The Sunday School is preparing for the anniversary. Meetings for breaking of bread are being held in the homes of aged and sick members.

Bren. Vickery and Hearle are faithfully preaching at St. H. Wellington, N.Z., pending arrival of Bro. W. R. Highburt. Three persons recently decided for Christ. The church has purchased a six-roomed house as preacher's residence. The various clubs and auxiliaries are busily working. The school reports twelve new scholars for the month. Bro. Downey is superintendent, and Bro. G. Nelson secretary.

Prospect, S.A., reports good attendances on Sept. 5. Bro. Clive Taylor took both services, his addresses being much appreciated. A farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister Beiler and family on Sept. 1. Bren. Wright, Roberts and

Haines spoke appreciative words on behalf of Endeavor, school and church. A presentation of a beautiful rug and silver dish, and notes for children, was made by the church secretary, Bro. Crosby.

The following lettergram reached us on Tuesday:—"Hinrichsen-Brooker mission party left Kalgoolie for Northam Thursday. Five further confessions farewell social; grand total, 297. Town Hall engaged to carry on Sunday services. 289 broke bread Sunday; 67 received into fellowship, making 258 additions during mission, each receiving New Testament. Four baptismal services last week; several candidates arranged for.—Hunt."

Berri church, S.A., has been strengthened by the four weeks' tent mission conducted by Bro. Forbes. The evangelist proclaimed the New Testament plan of salvation to large numbers of hearers. The mission closed on Sept. 6 with 30 confessions and a thank-offering of £43. The following night a social was held to welcome new members, and say farewell to

THE IMPULSE OF LOVE.

"Facing the issue"—some of us only wish we might face it sooner. Years of preparation are past; there are yet years to come before we may stand beside our comrades in our Lord's "dark places."

Preparation means to many the recasting of the entire life; having always at heart this one desire, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come."

However, if years of further preparation pass as quickly and happily as this last year at Glen Iris passes, they also will "seem but a few days" for the love that is in our hearts.—Ruth Hay.



Bro. Forbes, who gave a short address and appealed for decisions, and eight adults confessed the Saviour, making 38 decisions in all, and 36 additions to the church.

Meetings will be started at Sunshine, Vic., in the next few weeks. The work is being commenced as a branch of the Footscray church. The Home Missionary Committee will help in the establishing of the work. Sunshine is a splendid industrial suburb, and a good church should result. Meetings are to be commenced in a room at the Mechanics' Institute. There is no organ available, and the brethren are wondering whether some church could loan a small folding organ for a few weeks. The Victorian Home Mission organiser, Bro. Ennis, will be glad to hear in regard to this matter.

A concert arranged by the students of the College of the Bible took place in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday evening. It was a great success, a very good programme being presented. The chairman of the College Board (Bro. R. Lyall) presided. Musical items, both vocal and instrumental, and a Shakespearean scene, were rendered by the students. The kind help of Miss Pittman, Mrs. Howgate, Mrs. Bennett, and Messrs. L. Stevens, P. Jordan and Val Woff, was much appreciated. The orchestral selections by students were a new feature of the annual concert. On another page in this issue appears a picture of "the College orchestra." Some former students left their instruments behind them when they came to Glen Iris. Intending students will be encouraged to come prepared to help in this new way.

A large assemblage of members from the three Ballarat churches welcomed Bro. and Sister Fitzgerald. On the next Lord's day a large gathering was present. The presiding brother conducted a short "recognition service" prior to Bro. Fitzgerald's address. The collection exceeded £60. There was a fine attendance at night, and these increased numbers have continued each subsequent Sunday evening. The Bible School anniversary on Aug. 29 was marked by much enthusiasm and hearty singing, accompanied by orchestra. Bro. J. Morrison trained and conducted the school, with Miss Connor as pianist. Bro. Fitzgerald was the special speaker. The superintendent, Bro. H. Malin, presided in the afternoon. The customary tea, concert and prize distribution occupied the Monday evening. The school is making good progress, the increase rally reaching a total of 52 new scholars; this is largely due to the personal work of Bro. H. Reed, the secretary. The teachers are looking forward to a short training session for three evenings, beginning Sept. 18, which is being arranged by Bro. L. McCallum.

VICTORIAN DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

Positions sought for Grocer, married, highly recommended; Carpenter, good hand; Tanner, buffer and fluffer; Accountant, go anywhere, do anything; Engineer, excellent references; Book-keepers—one, a young man, will serve part-time, country if necessary; Caretakers, Liftman, Laborers; Housemaid—day work only, Kew district preferred. Applicants for service of any kind are requested, in the first place, to communicate with the office, 49 Elizabeth-st., Melb.

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DEATH.

PRATT.—On September 9, at the Alfred Hospital, after a long illness, Elizabeth Ann, relict of the late George Pratt, loved mother of Horace, Alice and Edgar.

"Not gone from memory, not gone from love, But gone to our Father's home above; Rest in the Saviour, sweetly rest.

We miss you most who loved you best."
—Inserted by her sorrowing children, Horace, Alice and Edgar.

IN MEMORIAM.

MACDONALD.—In loving memory of William Morrison Macdonald, who died at Beaufort on Sept. 19, 1925, after a lingering illness (late A.I.F.).

God saw what was before him,
What trials he had to bear,
And, smiling down, He thought it best
To take him to His care.
—Inserted by his loved ones, Horsham, Vic.

WANTED.

Rooms wanted for lady and son (adult). Glen Iris, Gardiner, or situation handy to Glen Iris by tram or rail, church members preferred. Canterbury or Balwyn would suit. Apply, stating terms, etc., W. Hendry, 24 Donne-st., Coburg.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 3, 7, 10.—Cheltenham Bible School Anniversary Oct. 3, speaker, 11 and 7, Danl. Wakeley; 3 p.m., T. R. Morris. Special singing by the scholars led by Bro. Val Woff. Oct. 7, Tea in Schoolroom at 5.30. Annual Demonstration in the Cheltenham Soldiers' Memorial Hall at 7.45. Fine programme, and plenty of room in this large hall for visitors. Oct. 10, at 3 p.m., Distribution of Prizes. Old friends and new friends cordially invited.

[For other "Coming Events" see page 594.]

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. P.

Monday.

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.—1 Tim. 6: 10.

"William Blake was unselfish and cared very little for money. 'Were I to love money,' he said, 'I should lose all power of thought, and my business is not to gather gold, but to make glorious shapes, expressing godlike sentiments.' Sometimes he would become so absorbed in his imaginative work as to neglect the means of earning money. As soon as the larder became bare, his wife would quietly put an empty plate before him when mealtime came round. 'What, no money again?' he would exclaim, 'it's always the money—nothing but the money!' and at once go to work on the usual cash-producing drudgery." It may be added that in his disregard for money, probably William Blake allowed himself to swing to an unwarranted extreme.

Reading—1 Tim. 6.

Tuesday.

I know him whom I have believed.—2 Tim. 1: 12.

To an old college friend Dr. Charteris wrote—"I concern myself no longer with trying to construct logical and consistent theories of inspiration. It is enough for me that I see, running through Old and New Testament alike, such an ever-brightening and broadening way of divine revelation, centring and culminating in our blessed Lord and Saviour, that I find it impossible to doubt the Book's own testimony regarding itself, that it is from God and inspired by his spirit. . . . With the witness of my own spirit to the truth of Bible revelation, and the witness which springs from the renewed hearts and purified lives of Hindu idolaters brought to the foot of the cross, no shadow of doubt dare linger on the grand truths and their heaven-born origin; and like Paul, I rejoice to say, 'I know in whom I have believed.'"

Reading—2 Tim. 1.

Wednesday.

He abideth faithful.—2 Tim. 2: 13.

"It fortifies my soul to know
That, though I perish, Truth is so;
That, howso'er I stray and range,
Whate'er I do, thou dost not change.
I steadier step when I recall
That, if I slip, thou dost not fall."

Reading—2 Tim. 2.

Thursday.

Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.—2 Tim. 3: 16.

"Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be thou forever near;
Teach me to love thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there."

Reading—2 Tim. 3.

Friday.

Demas forsook me, having loved this present world.—2 Tim. 4: 10.

In Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," "Demas stands 'gentlemanlike' a little off the road over against the silver mine in the hill Lucre and calls to the pilgrim to come and see."

Reading—2 Tim. 4.

Saturday.

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting.—Titus 1: 6.

"The Greek is, 'the things that are left'; that is, those which were left unfinished; referring, doubtless, to arrangements which had been commenced, but which for some cause had been left incomplete. Whether this had occurred because he had been driven away by persecution, or called away by important duties demanding his attention elsewhere, cannot now be determined."

Reading—Titus 1.



The College Orchestra.

Sunday.

For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men.—Titus 2: 11.

"Thy undistinguishing regard

Was cast on Adam's fallen race;

For all thou hast in Christ prepared

Sufficient, sovereign, saving grace."

Reading—Titus 2.

The Larger Prayer.

*At first I prayed for Light,
Could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly, would I walk
To everlasting day!*

*And next I prayed for Strength,
That I might tread the road
With firm, unflinching feet, and win
The heaven's serene abode.*

*And then I asked for Faith,
Could I but trust my God,
I'd live enfolded in his peace
Though foes were all abroad.*

*But now I pray for Love,
Deep love to God and man;
A living love that will not fail,
However dark his plan.*

*And Light and Strength and Faith
Are opening everywhere!
God only waited for me till
I prayed the larger prayer.*

—Edna Dean Cheney.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 19, 26 & 28.—Bible School Anniversary, Raleigh-rd., Footscray, Sunday, 19th, and 26th. Afternoon, 3; evening, 7. Concert, St. John's Hall, Pickett-st., Tuesday, 28th, at 8 p.m.

SEPT. 26.—Church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Lord's day services. Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7 o'clock, Mr. John L. Brandt will commence his ministry with the church. Special services.

SEPT. 27 (Monday, 8 o'clock).—Church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne. Public Welcome Meeting to Bro. John L. Brandt to mark commencement of his ministry with church. Cordial invitation extended to members of all our churches and friends. Representative speakers. Musical items by choir. Please keep date free.

SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 3 and 5.—Carnegie Bible School Anniversary. Sunday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m., R. Gebbie; 7 p.m., J. E. Shipway. Sunday, October 3, 3 p.m., Kindergarten; 7 p.m., J. E. Shipway. Tuesday, October 5, 7.45 p.m., Demonstration, Distribution of Prizes. Special singing by scholars. Come and spend a happy time with us.

OCTOBER 1 & 2.—On Friday evening, Oct. 1, at 7.45, Saturday afternoon and evening, Oct. 2, the Surrey Hills Ladies' Guild will hold its Annual Quarterly Sale. The Women's Conference President (Mrs. Hayward) will officiate at the opening. Friends everywhere are cordially invited to attend and participate in this social function.—E. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

September 22.

THE UNJUST STEWARD.

(Luke 16: 1-12.)

F. J. SIVYER, B.A.

In the parable preceding this, "The Prodigal Son," we have a spendthrift who wasted his substance. In the "Unjust Steward" a spendthrift wastes his master's goods. This, however, is not the connection in thought, but it is to be found, if anywhere, in the fact that publicans and other rich folk were present, and the message of this latter parable was meant more particularly for them. Dr. Marcus Dods says—"They were to be taught that, whilst their past is forgiven, they have a duty to do with the gains they have made. And the aim of this parable is to impress on them the necessity of carrying over with them into the kingdom of God the qualities which made them successful in the kingdom of Mammon. They were to use the world's opportunities, and especially what we significantly call "means," with the same vigor and sagacity, but for higher ends; they were to use their opportunities that, when they terminate, they shall have served to provide a competence for eternity.

Commended Sagacity.

R. M. Lithgow in "The Expository Times" contends that this parable is "absurdly designated." The title he suggests, "The Sagacious Steward," besides taking us to the very point of the story, safeguards us against the erroneous idea that Jesus commended a piece of deliberate rogerly and proposed it as a pattern for Christian people. What is proposed is not dishonesty but foresight, business acumen. The steward's conduct was thoroughly unprincipled, yet it was "admirably ingenious." The steward was a rogue and "a rogue is always a roundabout fool."

But although the steward's master had suffered because of his dishonesty, he had insight sufficient to praise and commend the ingenuity and foresight of the rogue.

Derogatory Comparison.

"The children of this world," said Jesus, "are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Frequently it happens that a man may be quick and determined in all his worldly affairs but exceedingly slow and dilatory regarding his spiritual interests. The Christian church would be revolutionised, if Christian people would practise their virtues with the same sagacity as they do their worldly pursuits.

Dr. Alex. Maclaren once exclaimed to his Manchester congregation, "Why, a boy would spend more pains in learning to whistle, than half of you do in trying to cultivate your Christian character!"

Dr. John Laidlaw in "Studies in the Parables," says: "We profess to be working for eternity, using our earthly all for God, seeking a home for our immortal nature. But how we dawdle and delay and procrastinate over the mighty task, while hour after hour of life's little day is running and the night gathering fast, when we must leave our clay cottage and our stewardship together, and where is our security for an everlasting habitation?"

Wealth—a Friend.

Riches may become our worst enemy, but God intended it to be a good friend. "Money must be always a beautiful thing," said J. M. Barrie, "it is we that make it grimy." Truly we cannot serve God and Mammon, but we can serve God with Mammon. It is the love of money which the apostle declared to be the root of all evil. The possession of it is an opportunity of much good.

It is well to remember that millionaires are not the only folk who are liable to misuse wealth. Sometimes it takes very little to blind us. The advice of the ancient Roman philosopher is always timely, "Wealth is the slave of the wise man, the master of the fool."

TOPIC FOR SEPT. 29.—THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.—Heb. 9: 24-28.

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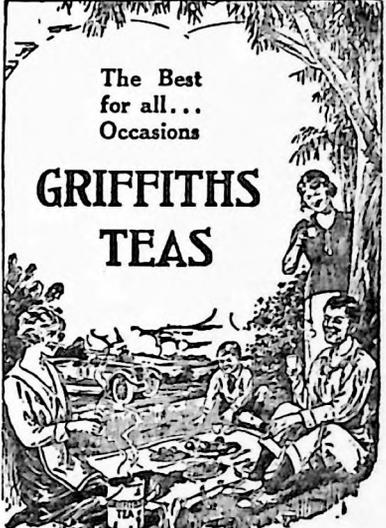
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News of the Churches.

Queensland.

At Maryborough on Sept. 5 Bro. G. E. Burns preached the conference sermon of the Queensland W.C.T.U. convention, his subject being, "The Purpose of the Gospel." About 70 convention delegates attended, and were much impressed. Bro. Burns also addressed the morning meeting on "Unity in the Church."

The work at Wynnum is progressing favorably. A woman and a girl were recently baptised. The church has been blessed by a series of addresses Bro. Bassard has been giving on the Lord's second coming. The Bible School did well in the annual examination. Naomi Bassard, daughter of the preacher, secured the silver medal for Queensland in her division.

Since last report Brien. Woff, Krygger and Jenkins have given acceptable messages to Sunnybank church, which is also greatly indebted to Bro. F. A. Bignell for enlarging platform, and for staining platform and seats. Bro. Young was present for both services on Aug. 29. After his earnest evening address on "Man's Right Place," a man and wife stepped forward for Christ. On Sept. 5 Bro. Swan gave helpful messages at both services. Bro. Button, of Mosman, N.S.W., was present all day.

South Australia.

The work at Fullarton continues to grow. Five were received into fellowship on Sept. 5. The church hopes to be in the new building the first week in December. Bro. Graham won the patrons' gold medal for best player in the united church football association.

At Queenstown on Sept. 12 Bro. Brooker exhorted the church. The chapel was filled. Sunday School attendance was good. In the evening Bro. Brooker's subject was "Heavenly Service." Special mention was made of the departure from this life of Sister Vagg. Sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives.

On Sept. 5 Balaklava choir rendered the cantata "Esther" before a good and appreciative audience. Bro. Doley and his choir deserve great commendation. Requests have come for repetition. The male quartette is a great acquisition to the gospel service. Morning meetings are splendid, and there is a fine spirit in the church.

Good meetings at Semaphore. The sisters' guild has prepared a nice parcel for the Indian orphanage, and one for Armenian Relief. On Sept. 11, the young men's football club had an enjoyable social; three gold medals won by members were presented to the winners. Last Lord's day a brother was received by transfer from Kadina.

Strathalbyn Bible School anniversary services were held on Sept. 5. These and the annual birthday party on Sept. 6 were an unqualified success. Bro. Raymond, from Nailsworth, conducted all services. His addresses created a fine impression. The church has begun to rebuild and enlarge the porch and renovate the outside walls of chapel.

At a recent teachers' tea and conference at Glenelg Bro. Beiler (Y.P. organiser) was the speaker. School is preparing for anniversary. Two baptisms since last report. One received by letter. Special meetings for "People's Month" a great success. Building packed. All extra seating accommodation occupied. Theme, "Jesus is Coming Again." Choir is rendering faithful service.

Meetings at Bordertown are steadily increasing. At the close of a good sermon by Bro. Cornelius on "The Symbolism of Baptism," one made the confession, a young woman from the Bible School. She was baptised the following Thursday. Some of the singers have been helping the gospel services with special items. An-

nual Foreign Mission collection was good this year—Bordertown, £74/14/-; Mundalla, £84.

Bro. C. Caldicott spoke at Norwood on Sunday morning while Bro. Paternoster visited the Stockade to address the prisoners. In the evening a special missionary programme was given by scholars of the school and a visiting missionary. Over £6 was raised for the Dhond Hospital. At the close two girls from the Bible School confessed Christ. Bro. Will Watson trained the scholars for the item. Bro. Paternoster finishes the last Sunday in Sept.

On Thursday afternoon Kadina women's guild had a good meeting. On Saturday night the J.C.E. had a splendid social. Lord's day morning, Bro. Lionel Moignard, of Collie, W.A., gave a nice talk to the young people. At the morning service Sister E. Knebsch was received by letter from Strathalbyn church, and Bro. E. G. Warren gave a heart-searching message on "Self-Examination." Good attendance at school. At the evening service Bro. E. G. Warren preached on "The Signs of the Times."

The church at Col. Light Gardens held a business meeting on 8th inst. Additions for half-year, 68. Membership now 125. Forbes-Warren lent mission a wonderful uplift. Financial strain somewhat keen. Mission expenses, and new furniture necessitated by increased attendance cost £40 in addition to £70 thankoffering. New members loyally accepting responsibilities. Bro. J. Warren engaged as preacher from Sept. 5, church contributing £3/5/- towards support. Bible School doing good work, 212 attending, 82 in kindergarten. Teachers doing splendid work under great disadvantages as regards accommodation. Finances right. C.E. Society increasing in interest and attendances, sharing in support of Dhond Hospital. Three received into church membership since last report. A married lady confessed Christ on Sept. 12.

Murray Bridge church work continues steadily. The school has lost a number of scholars through removal to Tailen Bend. The Y.P.S.C.E. has enjoyed united temperance and missionary meetings with the W.C.T.U. and Presbyterians. Further necessary renovation and alteration of the chapel building have been accomplished by working bees. On Aug. 19 a young man, led to a knowledge of the truth by a simple reading of the word, came over 60 miles from Galga to be baptised. At the annual church meeting on Aug. 26, reports revealed splendid work by the sisters' guild, C.E. and Bible School, and over £300 raised for all purposes by the church, on Sept. 2 Sister Lila Whisson and Bro. Jack Harper were married, Bro. E. Arnold officiating. On Sept. 7 the Bible School creditably rendered the missionary exercise, "Healing the Sick," and £3 was raised in aid of the Dhond Hospital.

Western Australia.

Bunbury reports good meetings morning and evening. Two additions during August. A "wayside pulpit" has been installed. Week-night meetings are satisfactory. The recovery of numerous sick folk is bringing much joy.

Bassendean Y.P.C.E. paid a return visit to Inglewood Senior Endeavor on Sept. 6. On morning of Sept. 5 Bro. H. Berry exhorted. At the gospel service the building was again filled, Bro. Pencock preaching. Sister P. Robinson is progressing satisfactorily.

At Subiaco the average attendance at the Lord's table for August was 150. Four additions to membership. Great interest in all auxiliaries. Special messages are being delivered on "The Life Story of Christ," at the gospel services to large and interested congregations. Much sickness prevails in the church. The "Wayside Pulpit" messages create growing interest in the

Victoria Park continues to progress. Bro. Brown's messages are appreciated. Evening attendances are increasing. Bro. Jones preached in the absence of Bro. Brown; and there were two decisions. Bible School enrolment now is 160; average attendance, 101. Bro. and Sister Mann have been received by letter from North Perth. Mission converts are still all in fellowship, many in active service.

On Sept. 5 Bro. Willie Thomson exhorted at Fremantle. Bro. Mudge preached at night. The Bible School rendered a number of songs very sweetly to a good audience. A number of brethren have been ill, and Sister Mrs. Fussel is now seriously ill. At the church business meeting Bro. Mudge tendered his resignation, after five years' successful work. The sisters are busy preparing for a sale of work.

There were splendid congregations all day at Lake-st., Perth, anniversary services on Sept. 5. Bro. Hagger spoke morning and evening to a full house. 213 broke bread. Bro. Hagger's morning subject was "What Makes a Church Great?" At the men's class in the afternoon three young men—Bren. A. Panton, W. Yeomans and J. Bevans—addressed a full house. This was the best session the class has ever held. Bro. Hagger's evening subject was, "The World's Need of Christ's Mission." Three young ladies made the good confession.

Victoria.

Colac had splendid meetings on Sunday. A young men's club has been formed. A mission will begin at end of October, with Bro. Paterson as preacher.

At Glenferrie Bro. T. H. Scambler spoke morning and evening. The choir rendered efficient service, the quartette party sang, and Mrs. Bennett contributed a beautiful solo.

At Blackburn on Sept. 9, the P.B.P. club held a birthday evening, when about 70 friends were present and a most enjoyable time was spent. Over £9 was contributed towards building fund.

A great many Echuca members are sick. At the morning service Sister Mrs. Austin, of Balwyn, and Bro. and Sister Waters, of Footscray, were visitors. One new teacher in Bible School.

Red Cliffs church had good meetings on Sept. 5. Bro. R. G. Cameron exchanged platforms with Bro. J. H. Bird, of Mildura, for the morning service, and Bro. Bird's visit was appreciated. Satisfactory services on the 12th.

Highest attendances as yet at both Bible School and gospel service at Keilor-rd., North Essendon, on Sept. 12. A gift of £5 has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Miller (parents of Sister Mrs. W. Mason) towards the building fund.

Peel-st., Ballarat East, is having good meetings. All branches of work are steadily progressing. Grand attendance on Sunday night, Bro. A. W. Ladbroke preaching a powerful address on "A Weak Strong Man." A young man and a young married woman confessed Christ.

A series of special services is being conducted by Bro. Les. Clay in preparation for a mission to be held at Ormond from Oct. 3 to 17 (Saturdays excepted). Bro. W. H. Clipstone, from Castlemaine, will be the evangelist. A Junior C.E. (named Sunshine League) has been formed.

Fine meetings at Warrnambool on Sunday. In the evening Bro. Fisher's subject was, "Can We Understand God's Will?" This was followed by an impressive baptismal service. Sisters Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Bryant have rendered musical assistance at evening meetings.

Meetings continue very good at Yarrowonga. Fine attendance at worship service last Lord's day. Good attendance at Bible School. Fine gospel service at 7.30. At the close of Bro. Pratt's address on "The Great Salvation," a young lady made the good confession. Great interest is shown in week-night prayer service.

During College vacation, whilst Bro. Bolduan was on holiday, Bro. Viney, of the College, conducted Montrose services acceptably. The meetings, especially the morning services. The Sunday School is having a number of excellent scholars. Bro. Bolduan is giving excellent addresses, and doing a good work in the district.

Doneaster church celebrated its 63rd anniversary on Sunday, 5th inst. Bro. Lang addressed the church. Good attendance morning and evening. The choir rendered anthems at night. At the tea and public meeting on the 9th, Bro. R. Gebbie spoke. Anthems by the choir, solos, recitations and musical items were enjoyed.

Drummond reports record attendance at all meetings and Sunday School. The church is glad to welcome back Bro. and Sister D. Gilmore and family, who are a splendid help. Bro. Williams' messages have been greatly enjoyed, and all are sorry to lose him. One confession at his farewell meeting. Bro. L. Williams is taking Bro. Williams' place.

Splendid meetings continue at Mildura. On Sunday, Sept. 5, Bro. R. G. Cameron exhorted splendidly. At night Bro. Bird preached to an almost full house on "The Fatal Night." A young woman made the good confession. Sept. 12, Bro. Bird exhorted, and at night another large crowd attended, and Bro. Bird spoke powerfully. The Sunday School has started anniversary practice. Good meetings at Middle Park last Sunday. Two ladies were received into fellowship in the morning. Bro. Baker's address was entitled, "Christ-made Men." The gospel message was, "A New Start in Life." Miss F. Phillips rendered the message in song. The Mutual Improvement Society is increasing in numbers; 34 present at last meeting. Bro. Meekison has attractively redecorated the chapel interior.

Gore-st., Fitzroy, reports that all branches of work are running smoothly. A concert in aid of building fund raised over £7. The interest on debt is met by weekly offerings. On evening of Sept. 5, 71 were present; Bro. Hunt spoke on "Baptism." Record prayer meeting on Sept. 9; 32 present. A good cricket club has been formed. We regret to report the death of Bro. and Sister Garth's baby at Fairfield Hospital. Sympathy is extended to those bereaved.

At Cheltenham on Sunday all meetings were well attended. At the morning service Bro. Frank Butler, a former deacon, but now of Launceston, was a visitor. Much enthusiasm in school work in view of anniversary. Bible School year activities have also helped the school. At the gospel service Bro. D. Wakeley preached well on "The Lordship of Christ." One confession at the close. A fine lecture was given last Thursday night by Mr. Grogan, of the Melbourne City Mission.

On Sept. 5 the evening service at Shepparton was effectively conducted by Phi Beta Pi members. Bro. Stewart speaking on "Friends of the King Forever." On 12th, the church welcomed Bro. and Sister Dunn, by letter from Mildura, and Sister Mrs. Peterson, visiting from Invercargill, N.Z. In the evening a young man made the good confession at the close of Bro. Stewart's gospel message. Tennis club annual meeting was held recently, and the use of an additional court has since been secured.

Meetings at Merbein are well attended. Bro. Orford is holding the folk with his fine addresses. Bro. Quirk addressed the church on Sept. 12. The address by the evangelist on "Impossibilities" was given with power to a fine meeting at night. The brethren were pleased to greet Bro. Ludbrook with his wife at the morning service. The Y.P.S.C.E. are to purchase a fence for the front of the church property. The prayer meeting is gaining ground, and things are looking well for a good time with Bro. Lang in October.

Carnegie had a record attendance of 193 at Bible School last Sunday. For three weeks the school has been fully staffed, not one teacher being absent. Mr. Robert Powell, of China Inland Mission, gave a lantern lecture on "The Miao of China" last Tuesday to a large audience. Last Monday evening the Ladies' Aid held a birthday night; over £5 was raised in connection with the sale of work. The Young People's Society met a challenge from Murrumbidgee Methodist Club in parlour games. Prayer meeting attendance last Wednesday was double that of previous week. Inspiring services last Sunday.

Lygon-st. church had fine meetings on Sept. 12. Amongst visitors were Bro. and Sister Rodda, Mile End, S.A., Bro. Maston Bell, Perth, W.A., and Bro. Mudge (son of the evangelist at Fremantle, W.A.). A young lady was received from the Baptist church. Bro. A. G. Saunders spoke in the morning upon "When Christ is Judge," and at night on "Heroic Faith." After the breaking of bread and before the address Sister Edna Bagley sang a beautiful solo. The anthem at night was of a high order, solo and duet being taken by the Misses Hilma Dickens and Doris Gibson.

Moreland Y.P.S.C.E. celebrated its first anniversary on Sunday, 5th inst., continuing with a demonstration on Wednesday. Good singing was rendered under the baton of Bro. Cecil Watson. The secretary's report showed splendid work done, especially in giving useful commodities to three local institutions. Presentations were plentiful: a piano trolley for the church; six curtains for the S.S. classrooms, and a gold C.E. pin to Cecil Watson. Sunday, 12th, good meetings; one received in, and two young men (associate members of C.E.) made the good confession. The Rasmussen family, of Fairfield, are welcome additions.

At Berwick during August and September Bro. Garland has given an interesting and educational series of addresses on "How We Got Our Bible," "The Inspiration of the Bible," "The Biblical Doctrine of Sin," of "Sacrifice," of "Atonement," and of "Salvation." Aug. 29, Bro. Dawson addressed the morning meeting, and Bro. Auriach preached at night. Sept. 12, Bro. Wanke, of S.A., addressed the morning meeting. He has been instrumental in leading a soul into the light of the gospel in his home-town, Galga, S.A. Bro. and Sister Reynolds were present from Finley, N.S.W. A kitchen tea was given by the members to Sister Addie Wanke on the eve of her marriage with Mr. Blowbell, of Templestow. Many useful presents were given.

Since last report work at Footscray has steadily progressed. P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs held anniversary meetings with great attendance. A musical evening held by the married ladies of church proved a great success. On Sept. 5 Bro. and Sister Whelan were present at a tea provided in the school hall; about 40 were present. The evening service was well attended, when Bro. Whelan preached on "Whom will Ye Have?" At the close a young man confessed Christ. In the morning two young ladies were received into fellowship, having been baptised the previous Sunday night. The church officers met with Bro. Ennis and have decided to work in conjunction with the opening of a church in Sunshine. Junior boys' club is growing splendidly.

On Aug. 22 a violet and orange day organised by Box Hill Intermediate Endeavorers was held, and gifts received for Melbourne Hospital. A collection for Children's Hospital the same evening amounted to £3. On Sept. 12 there were fine meetings all day. In the morning Bro. Theo. Edwards gave a helpful exhortation. On Sept. 8 Mr. Grogan, of the Melbourne City Mission, gave a lantern lecture. A good offering was contributed for the work. On Sept. 9 a successful social evening was held, when the men of the church in conjunction with the K.S.P. club entertained the ladies. Sister Hammond has been very ill, but is recovering. Bro. Hammond, song-leader, has had to relinquish the position owing to his wife's health. Bro. Salisbury has succeeded him in that work.

At Swanston-st. last Lord's day there were good meetings. Bro. B. W. Huntsman presided and delivered an excellent address. Sister Mrs. Lewis was received by transfer from Brighton. Best wishes were expressed for Bro. Huntsman's safe voyage to America. Bro. Gibson conducted the evening service and his sermon was interesting and attentively received. On Sept. 6 the annual church business meeting was held and reports submitted of past year's work. Officers were appointed to serve for ensuing three years as follows:—Deacons: F. A. Kemp, R. Lyall, A.

R. Lyall, A. E. Kemp, A. Wilson, A. L. Gibson, C. G. Lawson, E. A. Lawson, R. Leane, Drummond; secretary, R. Lyall; assistant secretary, A. R. Lyall; treasurer, A. E. Kemp. Bro. B. J. Kemp and W. Wettenhall, who did not desire reappointment as deacons, were appointed deacons emeritus, and specially thanked for long and faithful service. Bro. Kemp having been in office for more than 50 years. Bro. T. White-law, who also retired, was heartily thanked.

New South Wales.

Good meetings at Wagga on Sept. 12, 63 breaking bread. Bro. Brown is taking the meetings until Bro. Stitt arrives. Bro. and Sister Cosh were present from Epping. Sister Mrs. Gillman passed away on Aug. 30 after a long illness.

At Enmore morning service Bro. C. S. Rush was the speaker. Visitors included Sister Hancock, from Tasmania, and Bro. J. Hunter, from New Zealand. Bro. Haddon at the gospel service commenced a series of addresses, "No Creed but Christ."

At Hurstville on Sept. 5 Bro. Sorrell, from Rockdale, exhorted. Bro. F. Coxhead, Belmore, gave the gospel address. Good congregations all services. On 12th a married sister made the good confession. Bro. Coxhead preaching. School is practising for anniversary.

Bro. H. G. Harward is in the second week of his mission at Lismore. Splendid messages are being delivered. Four of those who confessed Christ were baptised last week. Bro. Harward has addressed meetings for women, and also spoke to the High School students.

On morning of Sept. 12 Bro. L. Rossell gave a helpful address to Chatswood church. Sister F. Morris is progressing favorably after serious operation. The church welcomed Bro. and Sister Whelan back. Bro. Whelan preached to a full congregation on "The Virgin Birth of Christ." A young girl from the school confessed Christ. Soloist, Bro. E. Parker.

Meetings have been keeping up at Canley Vale. The adult Bible Class has received an impetus under the able leadership of Bro. Thomas, smr. Bro. Adams, of Granville, continues to give valued help in preaching. On Sept. 5 a "Spring service" was held. 68 met for worship, and Bro. Greenhalgh ably exhorted. Bro. Adams conducted the evening service. On Sept. 4 the Bible School rendered some fine items, including combined choruses. Bro. G. Stimson, smr., is still sick.

Bro. Harward and Pond closed their mission in Murwillumbah. Bro. Harward went to Tyalgum and baptised three, two of whom had confessed Christ during his Tyalgum mission. Bro. Snow received them into fellowship on the Sunday following. Bro. Harward's faithfulness and ability interested many who had not previously heard our plea. Hopes had been entertained that an evangelist would be stationed in the district, but members have decided to press on with a building project instead.

At Auburn since Bro. Aderman's coming attendances have increased considerably, and a fine spirit prevails. Almost 100 broke bread on Sept. 5. At gospel service the local troop of boy sentinels attended. Bro. Aderman gave a splendid address on the "Unchangeable Saviour." The K.S.P. conducted the worship service on Sept. 5. Bro. Aderman was tendered a welcome social by the P.B.P. and K.S.P. societies on Aug. 30. A good programme was presented. Junior Endeavor and Bible School are active.

The church at Taree were pleased to have recent visitors from Sydney. Bro. and Sister Shelton and daughter were received from Wingham by letter. On Aug. 31 presentations were made to Bro. Roy Saxby and Sister Isobel Murray, also Bro. C. Redman and Sister A. Nerton, in view of their approaching marriages. Both parties were presented with stainless cutlery. A set of stainless carvers was also presented to Bro. Saxby and Sister Murray from the tennis club. On Sept. 5 Bro. Crossman spoke at both services. A married man responded to the invitation. He was baptised on 8th.

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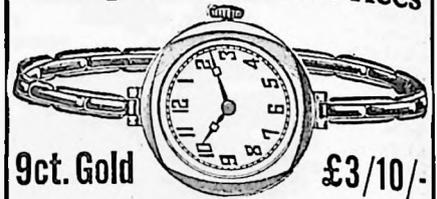
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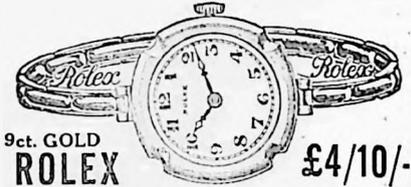
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