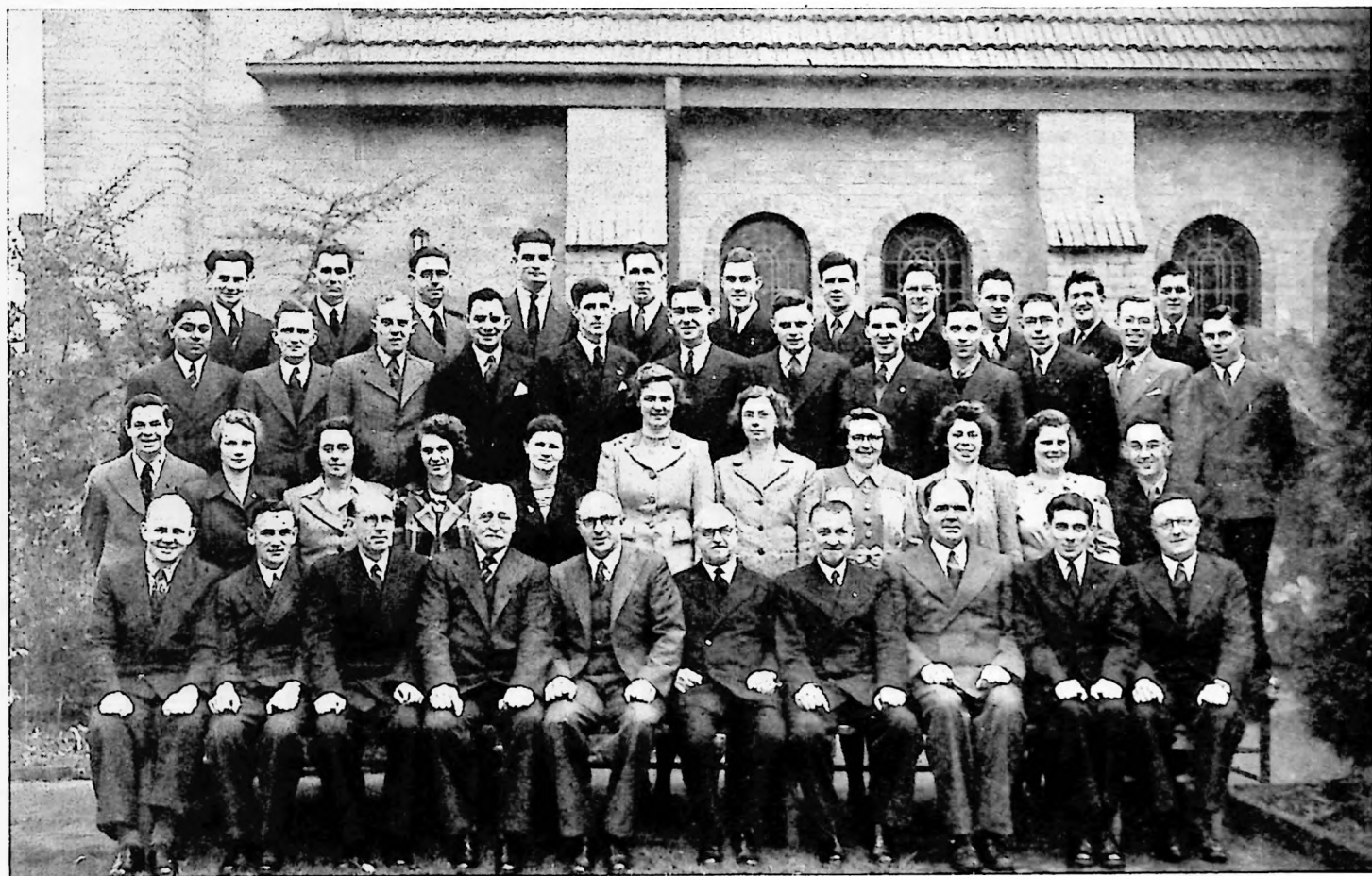


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● *Let me have a personal word with you about*

LARGER LEADERSHIP

● IF as W. C. Morro stated, at the meeting called early in this century with the idea of starting a college for our Australian brotherhood, that, "The preacher of the 20th Century must be an educated man" was evident to his and other minds of that day, the need is still more insistent as we approach the second half of the century. One's experience through the years since hearing the above pronouncement, both in Australia, in Great Britain and also a transient period in U.S.A., confirms that opinion and makes that opinion a conviction.

● I am glad that our teaching staff at the college is of such splendid calibre spiritually and intellectually, loyal to the fundamental principles of our movement and able to express such in modern matrix and diction so that "our plea" can be presented to all classes of people and levels of intellect. So we seek to lift our college standard to higher level.

● Much of our future advancement as a people is dependent on a trained ministry — the many ramifications of our church life and work, reaching back to the men who are given wholly to its promulgation. It is wise and necessary that the whole of our brotherhood throughout Australia feel the call to loyally support the Federal college in all its undertakings and see that it is placed on an increasingly sound position financially. We need greater accommodation in room and equipment, both for staff and students.

● We are careful in our approval of the students entering the college in regard to their church standing, their loyalty to Jesus Christ and his way of life and their earnestness to serve Christ and the church and to win men and women to our divine Lord. And we have a fine body of students. At the same time we recognise that devoutness is no substitute for scholarship. For the students for the ministry to-day there are many needs and the college helps to fill these needs.

1. Foundation in a faith that will stand.
2. Seeking the dynamic that comes from a real sense of the Christian mission of his or her life.
3. Renewal of personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a more complete giving of the whole self — heart, soul, mind.
4. Seeking the fullest possible understanding of the total Christian message.
5. Need for a more, and yet more, informed faith, intensified because of increasing difficulties in world problems.
6. Recognising the "isms" and being able to meet them — secularism, humanism, materialism, intellectualism, scepticism, liberalism.
7. Appreciation of the fact that "the tools placed in one's hands through modern education can be turned to destructive as well as constructive uses."

Each day the College of the Bible offers a new chance for digging deeper toward "the truth which makes men free."

● So — will you, my brethren scattered through the Commonwealth, help to provide more men for the ministry of the word — to meet the needs of an increasing population and new housing areas so that the opportunities of extending the work of the church in the life of the people of this wonderful land and beyond be made possible. May God bless us all in our endeavors.

W. A. Kemp

Chairman of College Board of Management.



"Here Am I, Send Me"

Principal E. L. Williams, M.A.

"CHRIST comes to you to-day and frankly asks for your comradeship and help. As you know, he has set himself to put down every evil, to right wrong, to save and uplift and glorify this ailing earth of ours. 'Does that appeal to you?' he asks. 'Would you care to spend your life for such an end? I can promise you the happiest of lives, though your material comforts will be lessened, and many things upon which you are laying stress will have to go. I can't manage alone; I know that you could help me if you wished. Well, will you? Dare you?' And his face is eager and his eyes are full of hope." So Dr. Gossip presents the challenge of Christ.

The Call to Every Christian

In various ways this call comes to every Christian. Peter and others were called from a fishing trade, Matthew from a tax-gatherer's desk, Livingstone from a loom, Chalmers from a plough, Moffatt from a garden, Carey from a cobbler's bench, and Mary Slessor from a mill. God has called many from the common tasks of life, but many more have been called to the common tasks. If God's will is to be done on earth and his kingdom come, he must have his ministers in all the common occupations as well as called from them. All Christians are partners in the work of Christ. When someone with a missionary mind said: "There is a gold mine in India, but it seems as deep as the centre of the earth; who will go down and explore it for us?" Carey promptly replied, "I will go, but remember, you must hold the ropes."

There is a kingdom upon the advent of which depends the destiny of the world, but from the human side it is contingent upon those who take up the cross of service and sacrifice, and, in one way or another, co-operate in the task of presenting the gospel of Christ as the divine Saviour and Lord. Who will go and who will hold the ropes?

Since the inauguration of the College of the Bible by the resolution of the Federal Conference, 505 have said, "We will go." Not all have kept the original vision, but in all parts of the world, in a variety of ways, men and women, who have been helped by a training in the college, are serving Christ.

The Spirit of Sacrifice

Those who go make a very real sacrifice. On the average, a young man entering college leaves behind an annual income of at least £350. This earning capacity is sacrificed for the normal four years of the college course, during which years earnings are very small. The total earnings of a student from gardening, etc., preaching appointments and vacation work, over the four years of his course, would amount, on the average, to approximately £370; that is, £92/10/- a year. Nothing has been deducted for the cost of books and fees. On this estimate a student sacrifices a total earning capacity of £1400 for the four years of his course, and actually earns £370. His training costs him a monetary sacrifice of £1030; that is, £277/10/- a year, or over £5 per week.

Some may say that these men are equipping themselves for an occupation like other students and will be reimbursed later for the cost and

sacrifice of their education. If they were training for medicine, or law, or accountancy, or some expert trade, they would be reimbursed, for the scale of charges and income in these occupations takes into account the cost of training, but the salary of a preacher takes little or no account of such a factor. Not that the true preacher of the gospel looks for an income according to training. His is not a business venture. Nor does the college encourage students to think this way, for its whole purpose is to train men for a life rather than a living. However, the facts of a student's sacrifice remain real.

It may be estimated that the active, giving membership of those churches which support the college would number 15,000. This is only a rough guess. Our highest annual offering on record for the college came near to £1700. This gives us an average of 2/3 per member. A student who says, "Here am I, send me," sacrifices £277/10/- a year for the four years of his training. On the average those who hold the ropes give two shillings and threepence each in the annual offering for the students' training. In one year forty students sacrifice for their college training, £11,100, while 15,000 members, for the same purpose, sacrifice £1700.

Sharing Our Responsibility

Many improvements have been made to the college equipment, but there is still much to be desired. The poverty of some conditions, and the attempts to skimp and save at times are humiliating to those who are close up to the situation.

Our whole Australian brotherhood has never contributed sufficient to maintain adequately a faculty and a proper equipment for the students. We need more endowments, more regular subscribers, and a greater annual offering. A college which is loyal to our brotherhood demands a greater loyalty from a brotherhood according to whose vision and will it was established in 1907.

We need to do better for this part of our brotherhood work, we ought to do better, and we can do better if we take seriously the principle of equality of sacrifice. In another connection Paul laid down this abiding principle: "I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be an equality" (2 Cor. 8: 13, 14). We appeal to all to hold the ropes and measure their offerings beside the sacrifices of the students.

Let every member say with every student, "Here am I, send me."



E. L. Williams.

The High Way or the Low

IT is a great thing to be free, to possess this power, of choice, but it is a tremendous responsibility. For by the way in which we use our freedom, by the moral decisions we make, we determine our destiny, whether we take the high road or the low.

"To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low,
And in between on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every soul there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go."

The high road or the low? In one way or another the Bible is always challenging us to choose between these two alternatives. Here, for example, is the great cry of Moses, the hero of the Old Testament: "I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life." It is as though he said, "My people, two alternatives are before you: one, the high way, the strenuous

way, the way of discipline, the way of the will of God; it leads to life. By it ye shall enter the Promised Land; ye shall win the character of sons of God. The other is to take the low way, to follow the line of least resistance, to serve the gods that selfishness creates. But it leads to death, not to life; not to the Promised Land but to the destruction of your manhood. Choose; but choose God, and choose life!" Here there is no suggestion of force or compulsion; the alternatives are set forth, and the issue left to the free choice of the people, for "every man decideth the way his soul shall go." And here is Jesus with his offer of "life more abundant"—life, that is, of the highest, richest, divinest quality. The words he used in calling men to this life were in perfect accord with the challenge of Moses to which we have just referred. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." By implication Jesus sets forth the two roads—the high way and the low way; the way of life and the way of death; the way of good and the way of self. And he bids men choose; he says, "If any man will come after me." Christ forces no man into the larger life; the door is open, but we must enter in of our own free choice. And nothing can prevent us entering in except our own lack of will and effort and faith.—Selected.

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The Field is the World

R. Enniss, President World Convention.

THIS title allotted to me suggests four good reasons for hearty support for the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

1. The topic breathes the very spirit of the marching orders of our Lord. Knowing as he did the universal need and often unconscious longing of the hearts of men of every color for the living God; knowing, too, that the good news about Jesus and him crucified, raised and glorified has in it the power to meet deepest human need wherever found, our Lord called faithful disciples in every age to regard the whole wide world as their sphere of preaching and influence. Just so long as Christ's commission remains unaltered by him, every disciple has a call to world-wide Christian enterprise, and the last man on the outer

rim has the right to know the truth about God. And how shall men hear without a preacher?

2. We belong to a brotherhood in Australia numbering many thousands. Through the World Convention of Churches of Christ we belong to a people who spread right across the world. In no less than forty-two countries our people are to be found. Verily we are a global group, a people on whom the sun never sets. Such a brotherhood can never be satisfied with less than a world vision.

3. Glen Iris men, to a surprising extent, have made the world their field. It might have been that these men would have been content to work for God on this island continent. But the wider call has reached them.

They have crossed the seas to New Zealand, South Africa, England, United States of America, Canada. They have taken the message to the Congo and to the lonely island outposts of the Pacific.

4. In a sense not dreamed of by John Wesley, the world has become the preacher's parish. Intellectual advance and scientific research, the intricacies of modern commerce and international relationships, the many and various spheres of thought which to-day occupy the minds of men, the modern and sometimes dubious political and economic situations of our time demand that the preacher prepare himself adequately to relate the old gospel to the new ways of this changing world.

In fulfilment of the great commission, in keeping with the world-wide spirit of our people, in order that more and more men may follow on where others have blazed the track and in order that all who go out to preach may be well equipped for the task, there must be steady and increasing support for the college.



N. S. Moore,
W.A.



W. B. Burn,
Tas.



W. R. Jarmyn,
S.A.



R. Dobbs,
Qld.



R. C. Edgell,
W.A.



R. C. McKenzie,
Vic.



T. T. Robinson,
N.Z.



R. V. Holmes,
Vic.



M. D. Keatch,
S.A.

West Meets East

L. C. Peacock, Federal President, pleads for the spirit of brotherhood in a common task.

AND North and South too, for that matter. The Glen Iris college is very Federal in its makeup. Students from every State of the Commonwealth come together for the common purpose of preparing themselves for Christian service. This has worked out to be a great blessing to the work in Victoria. A great band of consecrated young men and women has been available for service in that State. But the blessing has not been restricted to Victoria. On graduating students have gone out to all the States, passing on the lessons they have learned, and the experience they have acquired. Writing from a Western Australian viewpoint, as the most distant State, we pay tribute to the college authorities for their encouragement of young men to come West, and to the young men themselves for their Christian faith and missionary mindedness in being willing to venture into unknown fields in the service of the Master.

The brotherhood of Australia must acknowledge its debt to the many teachers of the college, some who have gone to their reward and others still at their task, who over many years have given of their best in training young men and women to be ambassadors for Christ. All the teachers have been capable men of God, faithful to the Christian message. For this we thank God. Their work has not been

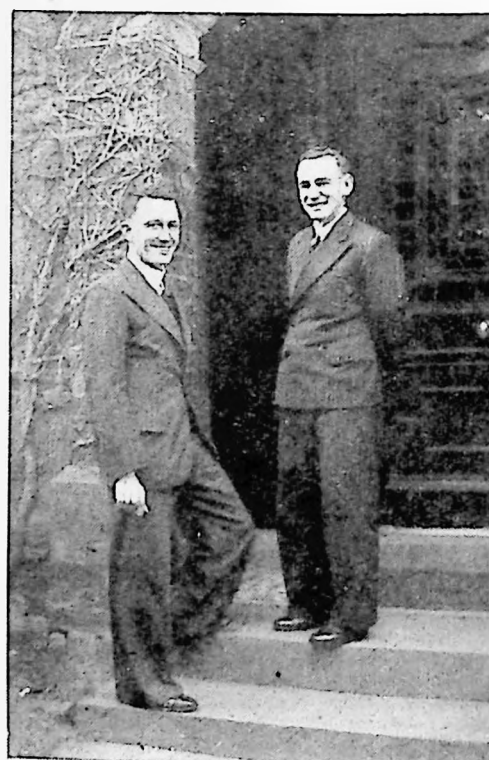
in vain. Students have gone out to every State of the Commonwealth, and to our mission stations both overseas and at home among our aborigines, and have faithfully preached, and led men and women into the kingdom of our Lord.

In every sphere of work to-day men need to be trained, and this is equally true in the Christian ministry. Why should the second-best be good enough for God? We highly esteem those faithful preachers in the past who have done a great work for Christ, and yet who had no opportunity to be specially trained. Because of their love for God and their possession of very special gifts, by hard work and personal study they have been able to do a wonderful work for Christ. But these very men are those who now testify that young men of this generation are indeed fortunate to have available means whereby they can be trained more efficiently, and that if they could only have their time over again, they would be the first to avail themselves of the opportunity of this special training.

The strength of a cause is largely the strength of its leaders. This is plainly seen in any club that may be formed. It may have high ideals and enthusiastic ambitions, but it will soon fail if real leadership is lacking, or if the leadership is of the wrong kind. We have seen how important it is who holds the key positions in certain industrial organisations. The whole fate of a nation can be in the hands of a handful of men. The same is true of the church of Christ. We need to see to

it that our leaders are of the right type, that they will lead us to do "exploits for our God," and that they are qualified to teach us his ways. Young man, if you feel that God is calling you to serve him, be trained so that your service will be of a higher order and therefore more effective.

This special work of the College of the Bible is most worth while, and justifies the unqualified support of the whole Australian brotherhood.



*President and Secretary of
Students' Committee.*

It's Time for Advance. Let Us
Advance Together in a Larger
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So You're Going to be a Preacher?

WELL, I'm delighted to hear it. To a preacher, who must soon "rest from his labors," this is inspiring news. It is proof that youth is ready for sacrifice, and that you are on intimate terms with the Master Preacher. Like him, you are ready for service when, where, and however he may call. If our Lord is pleased at your dedication of soul, mind and body to the great ideals of the gospel, then Christians generally will be encouraged. No one can be a successful preacher until his

Soul is "in Tune with the Infinite"

The successful preacher must always be one who has had a personal experience of God. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!" To know God well the preacher must learn "the secret of his presence." "Always go to God about sinners, before you go to sinners about God." Christ prayed all night and then preached the sermon on the mount; for ten days the disciples prayed and then came Pentecost, and Paul called constantly to Christians to strive



L. G. Cooke,
Tas.



K. J. Clinton,
Vic.



J. C. Chappell,
Vic.

★ F. Collins, of S.A., an honored preacher for many years, speaks to a young man.

together in their prayers for him. One of the reasons why so much preaching seems lacking in reality and power is because we have not tarried in the holy place. "The beauty of holiness" is more winsome than the music of oratory. Be patient with me, Mr. Preacher-to-be, while I say:

Have Your Mind Carefully Trained

and stored with the truth of the gospel. This, of course, makes knowledge of the scriptures indispensable, but that is not enough. Every preacher ought to be well enough educated and trained to teach acceptably. Education is universal to-day, and higher education not uncommon. To meet the needs of the average congregation you will need all the training that Glen Iris can give you. If you feel like adding a university course to that, by all means do so, but do not depend entirely upon scholarship, or training, for spiritual results. When you are through your course keep on studying so that you may "show yourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." A stagnant mind will produce a defeated, depressing ministry. Read, read, read the books worth reading.

"I Keep My Body in Subjection"

So wrote the great "apostle to the Gentiles." A healthy body keeps a healthy mind. Quite a few preachers fail because they neglect their bodies. When Francis of Assisi was dying he looked upon his body, wasted with fasting, vigils, and self-inflicted chastisements and said, "I fear I have ill-treated my poor brother, the ass." He looked upon his body merely as a beast of burden. It isn't. It is the temple of the Holy Spirit, or we should make it this. You can help your body and mind to keep fit by house-to-house ministries. There is no need to visit merely for visiting sake, but the personal touch, and human interest, will open the door of the heart as well as that of the home.

So you're going to be a preacher, are you? Well, it is the poorest paid of the professions, and there is little fame or worldly honor in the ministry but, in heaven, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever." May God bless you, lad, in your heavenly calling.



K. W. Dixon,
S.A.



D. W. Hibburt,
Vic.



F. Langford,
Vic.

The Treasurer Thinks Aloud

A. W. Cleland, A.I.C.A.

THE college has been the centre of my thoughts in recent days, and this special college edition gives opportunity for expression of some fundamental facts which should direct and guide us in our loyalty, enthusiasm and responsibility towards the Federal College of the Bible.

Past

Think what brought the college into existence forty years ago! Men of faith, vision and enterprise went into action determined to launch a venture that would broaden and strengthen the influence of the Restoration Movement. They believed in more than that; they were prepared to sacrifice for what they considered a paramount and fundamental need of our brotherhood. Dare we question the decision made in the early part of this century? Reflect on the names of those great men who have directed the work and their creative spirit. Surely we must be impressed and moved to a deep sense of our responsibility.

Present

Think how much has been accomplished and the solid progress that has been made when compared with the first classes held in a house in Carlton and at Lygon-st. school hall. The whole Australian brotherhood is needed to continue to support and encourage the college in all its enterprises. The spirit of prayer and determination that gave it birth and impetus is needed to-day.

Throughout the whole year the Board, with the aid of State Committees, together with the faculty are constantly planning, organising and fostering the work. The brotherhood

knows little of the detail, problems, sacrifices and cost. It is interested mainly in the fruits of the labors because, after all, in the final analysis, this is what counts. It is, however, our bounden duty, all of us, to give consideration to the claims of the college when set before the shareholders—the brotherhood of Australia.

It is so very easy to rationalise a situation to justify the extent of our enthusiasm, interest and support, but it is most important to realise that our strength to-day, as a people, is in no small measure due to the influence exerted by the establishment of the college, and those, who over the years have been charged with the responsibility of direction, leadership and instruction.



J. McCormick,
Qld.



R. E. Prichard,
Vic.



J. Manallack,
S.A.

Future

What of it? The Restoration Movement with no college, or a college with inadequate support or a "hit or miss policy." As goes the college so goes the future strength for the restoration of Christian unity. A declining college means a declining brotherhood.

A constant supply of trained leaders to the churches to instruct groups of workers within, and the correspondence course, provide guarantees of a forward march.

Economic Responsibilities

Rising costs demand greater support. Recent years have found the income level stationary. Sharp increases in all costs have been received and every economy has been practised. The faculty has not been reimbursed with recent economic movements. This should not be so, and the burden must not rest with them. The responsibility belongs to us all at annual offering time, October 3. As treasurer I warn the brotherhood that the deficit at the commencement of the year will increase unless the brethren give heed to the call for increased financial support.

Think on these things and the responsibility that belongs to each of us towards the faculty, students, and most important, the spreading of the gospel of our Master. There must be no diminution of our financial support. It must increase or we must decrease.

"The college is the base of all supplies."

"We dare not fail."

PRECIOUS SEED

O humble sowers of the Word.
Let not your faith grow dim!
The Seed you sow each day will grow—
The harvest time's with him!

—E. C. Baird.

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Evangelism and the College

Thomas Hagger.

JUST prior to his return to his Father in heaven. Jesus gave a great age-lasting, world-embracing commission to his disciples when he said: "Go—make disciples—baptise them—teach them to do all I have commanded" (Matt. 28: 18-20). Neither individual Christian, church, nor religious institution of any kind can be loyal to Christ if there is failure to have a part in the carrying out of that commission.

The College of the Bible, Glen Iris, was called into existence by the Australian brotherhood to undertake the work of training men and women for the great evangelistic task the Master has given. This being so, we are not surprised to find that, throughout its history, great emphasis has been laid upon evangelism in the teaching of the college. As a result there have come from its halls such men as the late Joseph Binney who travelled so extensively with H. G. Harward in the conduct of special missions, E. C. Hinrichsen who attracts such large audiences and wins so many people to Christ and the New Testament plea, W. W. Saunders and K. A. Macnaughtan who have spent time in the conduct of tent and other missions.

Besides the men who have devoted their time to this special work, there are others like J. K. Bond, Eric Hart, and H. M. Long who

are intensely evangelistic in the regular ministry, and who are very successful as soul-winners.

And that which has been true of the teaching of the college in days past is true to-day. As one who has inside knowledge, the writer is able to say that never in its history has greater stress been laid upon evangelism, and the plea for a return to Christianity as at the first as the basis of Christian unity, than at the present time. In consequence of this we find that there is an ardent evangelistic spirit among the present student body, and many of them, while still students are carrying on an evangelistic ministry and are winning men and women to Christ. Judging by what they are now doing, they will later prove to be valuable preachers of the glorious gospel of the grace of God, and powerful pleaders for the lost unity of the followers of Christ upon the basis of a return to the simplicity and purity of original Christianity.

Looking back on the past and studying the present situation, it seems that the whole of the Australian brotherhood should thank God for the spirit of evangelism created by the influence of the college, or kept alive thereby. And we should be constrained to give liberally and sacrificially so that the great work of the past and the present may be maintained.



Exit Group, 1948.



D. Grant, Vic.



A. E. Schurmman, W.A.



W. C. Kimber, Qld.

What I Owe to the College

Stanton H. Wilson, Launceston, Tasmania.

THE College of the Bible is more than a stage in the preparation for the ministry. The title "College of the Bible," to me signifies a spiritual experience. I owe this to the college—more than its systematic studies, its discipline, its fellowship—that college deepened my love for Christ.

I found college made no pretence to fill our heads with facts and to make each student a kind of Biblical Encyclopedia. But it did show us that the Bible is the word of God. It taught us rightly to divide that word. It established our faith in the word of God and in the God of the word. It was to us, indeed, what it claimed to be—"The College of the Bible."

Sometimes one thought that such subjects as Ethics, Psychology and Greek were merely "academic" and irrelevant. This article affords me opportunity to clear my conscience on this point and to confess now, after nine years in the ministry, that some of those subjects which seemed unimportant at the time have since proved themselves invaluable assets in both the pulpit and pastoral ministry in the church. My short experience has increasingly convinced me of the relevance of the college course to the practical tasks of the ministry.

College brought me into contact with four on the Faculty: Messrs. A. R. Main, T. H. Scambler, R. T. Pittman and E. L. Williams—men whose lives have left their impress on mine. Men with a luminous faith. Men whose lectures were the delights of those strenuous days and yet whose lives, still more than their lectures, expounded the faith they proclaimed. After nearly a decade, on looking back at college, its lecturers and its lectures, one is far enough away to see it all in its true perspective. The result of such reflections is inevit-

ably a deeper appreciation of Beatrice Cleland's beautiful verse:

"For me, 'twas not the truth you taught,
To you so clear, to me still dim;
But when you came to me you brought
A sense of him."

It is one of my constant regrets that such men of the present faculty who, under God, do so much for the brotherhood, are never (because of the nature of their calling) known personally to our many congregations throughout Australia. It is unfortunate that so many churches who are enriched by their labors at Glen Iris, do not have the same opportunities to know and appreciate them, as do their students. For this reason, it is to me, as a former student of the College, a high privilege to pay my best tribute to both the consecration and spiritual insight of the members of the faculty.

I repeat that, for me, the words "College of the Bible" signify a great spiritual experience, only to add that one cannot evaluate either in words or figures the worth of a lasting spiritual impression. I do not hesitate to own that I owe the College of the Bible more than I can say, and certainly more than I can ever repay—but that won't stop me from trying to, whenever opportunity arises.

May the Lord prosper the college which has been so singularly blessed and has been such a blessing to her students, to our Australian churches, and to our mission fields across the seas.

THE HIGHEST LIFE

What is the highest life of all?

'Tis living day by day
True to ourselves and true to the right;
Standing for truth from dawn till night;
And the love of truth is our pay.

—Jenn Blewett.

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Miss D. C. Berry, Vic.
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C. G. Burt, Tas.
K. W. Dixon, S.A.
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E. J. Sewell, Vic.
J. G. Shaw, Vic.
Miss H. L. Skuse, S.A.



T. M. Bennett, S.A.



R. T. Roberts, Vic.



E. C. Smiley, Vic.

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Education and the Plea

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

THE early advocates of the plea were educated men. Thomas Campbell and Barton Warren Stone were trained for the Presbyterian ministry. Alexander Campbell studied at Glasgow University, and was "a thoroughly well-equipped scholar in the classics, theology and philosophy." Walter Scott was a trained thinker, who had been educated for the Presbyterian ministry in the University of Edinburgh. These men were pioneers of the movement in America. In Great Britain, also, the leaders of thought towards the plea for restoration were learned and well trained—Archibald McLean, William Jones, James Wallis and their associates. God can use the humblest instruments in his service, and much has been accomplished by workers whose power depended upon consecrated natural gifts blessed by the Holy Spirit. But it is a fact of history that the names of those who stand out as leaders of religious thought, especially of reform, are those of men characterised not only by natural talents, but by added powers which come through education.

Not only in its early days, but through the course of its history, the restoration plea has been associated with religious education. In 1840 Alexander Campbell founded Bethany College, and since then many schools have trained men, and women for Christian service. These have become preachers, teachers, missionaries and organisers of the work. In the field of literature and journalism, authors

of books, editors of papers and other contributors to the propagation of the plea have been fitted for their work by training. Some of the publications have been of world-wide influence—for example, the translation of the Bible by the learned Joseph Bryant Rotherham, of England.

Why is this stress on education made in relation to the plea? In the first place, because the trained thinker is able to express truth more clearly than is possible for most people without training. Another reason is that it is not difficult to point to instances which make it evident that lack of education has caused misunderstanding and division. Much harm has been done by exalting incidentals into essentials, and by the insistence on particular views where there should be liberty of opinion. Sometimes an intolerant spirit has manifested itself, and intolerance is often associated with ignorance. A people pleading for return to "New Testament Christianity" must know exactly what they mean by the phrase. Those who plead for Christian unity must be not only aware of the barriers to the achievement of their ideal, but also possessed of equipment which will enable them to offer constructive suggestions for removal of the barriers.

The Federal College of the Bible was established to train men for the work of the ministry and the efficient presentation of the plea. This purpose has been kept prominently in view, through the years.



Overseas Missionary Volunteers.

Looking Out From Inside

E. J. Sewell, Students' President.

I AM looking out from within the College of the Bible. In November I will complete my course.

With my mind's eye, as I look on the past, I can see a plough boy; a lad who toiled to bring forth fruits from mother earth. He learned to love his God, for he found salvation through Jesus Christ. His vision of Christ brought a realisation of the needs of a sinful world. He cried out, "O Lord, use me; use even me to save thy people." Thus he heard the call of God through the challenge of that vision. He realised that he belonged to a great brotherhood—a brotherhood which provided a college—a brotherhood willing to share in supporting it by finance and prayer.

He realised that this College of the Bible was the means of equipping young men and women for a successful and complete ministry for the sake of Christ.

That was the vision, and now your "plough boy" looks out from inside and thanks the brotherhood for the college.

I am looking forward now. In November I will be set apart for the full-time ministry. I have confidence, as I step into the field, white unto harvest. My confidence is not in education or in my own self; but I know that the Christ of my experience is the answer to men's needs, and in him I put my trust.

This will be a new experience for me. I

have not passed this way before; but I am not afraid. My teachers have guided me over similar pathways, and the greatest of all, my Teacher, is himself "the Way," and I will follow.



D. C. Berry,
Vic.



E. W. Heard,
Tas.



H. L. Skuse,
Qld.

India Calling

"IF Christ died for me is any sacrifice I make for him too great?" These words of C. T. Studd are before my mind as I prepare to go out on full-time service for my Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

I am conscious of the debt I owe to the brotherhood that made it possible for me to be trained at the College of the Bible. Through the training I have received it has made it possible for me to answer the call of Christ and go and serve him in India.

As I look on the fields already white unto harvest, I know that the prayers of Christians will follow me as I go to the field in the New Year. I do not go out alone, but with Christ.

There are no more fitting words to close than those of the late T. H. Scambler:

"With joy we hear the challenge
And answer to thy call;
O God of heaven, thy kingdom
Shall triumph over all."

—Hazel L. Skuse.



TRAINED TO TELL

FROM the yearning hearts of India's needy peoples has arisen a despairing, lingering cry. Wherever there is one child of God in need there is a call to missionary service. We answer, confident our Lord can satisfy human need.

The central task of Christian missions is the preaching of the gospel. The gospel is born of experience. Each missionary must have an experience in Christ to express.

It is the task of the College of the Bible to equip men in whom the experience of Christ burns, with the training necessary to express that experience to a world sick at heart. In this it succeeds.—E. W. Heard.



SO FEW TO PREACH

FROM India has come the cry and challenge of a land in sore need. We answer with the message of Jesus telling he died for them as for us.

We might well despair at the size of the evangelistic task facing the church in India. So many to hear, so few to preach, so little progress made. Yet we face it bravely, confident in his strength.

The College of the Bible has helped me in the understanding of the good news in Jesus, aiding the fulfilment of the great commission, for which I am truly indebted to it and the brotherhood providing it.—Dorothy Berry.

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Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood, 27 and 23, England, with two children, boys (2 years and 6 months), baker and confectioner, church members, desire to be nominated by one who could offer accommodation, Queensland preferred. Those interested are asked to contact the Social Service Dept., Melbourne.

At Hartwell, Vic., Visitation Evangelism has been responsible for awakening new interest in gospel. D. Wakeley reports that since the decision night, August 22, when ten confessed Christ, nine additional decisions have been made. To this number six reconsecrations have been gained, making total results 25.

Latest figures concerning the 1948 Victorian youth offering reveal that 88 churches have contributed £734. It is expected that the remaining 32 churches will give approximately £200, making a total of £934. This amount shows a slight increase on the 1947 offering, but is below the budget requirement of £1410.

At Ballarat, Vic., on Sept. 9, a "school" of Visitation Evangelism was conducted for country preachers in western section of State—Messrs. Cambridge, Snow, Chivell, Mudford, Curtis, Quayle, Andrews, Long and MacKenzie. J. A. Wilkie organised appreciated hospitality. A. W. Stephenson, on behalf of Victorian Home Mission Committee, outlined methods and arranged for preachers to work in pairs.

The conference of churches of Christ in Britain recently resolved that "an expression of very sincere appreciation of the continued kindness and generosity be sent to the brethren in Australia for the parcels of food they have sent" with the following comment: "This is no formal resolution of thanks, but a very deeply felt expression of gratitude for this gesture of Christian fellowship." Signed by J. R. Francis, president, and two corresponding secretaries.

There were good attendances at Ballarat (Peel-st.), Vic., for 79th anniversary services of church on Sept. 12. Mr. Robinson, from Bendigo, gave a challenging address, when 80 broke bread. At pleasant Sunday afternoon Mr. Andrews, preacher of Dawson-st. church, was speaker. Miss Eldridge helped with recitations and Peter French (York-st.) was soloist. At gospel meeting anniversary services concluded, when Mr. Wilkie gave an uplifting address, and singing by men's choir was a feature.

At Red Hill, Vic., from Aug. 23 till Aug. 27, teams went out visiting homes in preparation for evangelistic meetings conducted by F. Manning from Aug. 29 till Sept. 5. N. Moore assisted in services and was leader of song. Musical items were provided by Mrs. D. Holmes, Miss B. Holmes, Mrs. B. Prosser. Services were well attended. Mr. Manning's sermons were appreciated. On Sept. 5, when five were baptised, three young men confessed Christ. The chapel was packed to the doors. The campaign was a blessing to church, Sunday school and Y.W.L.

About forty members of the Melbourne University Evangelical Union conducted a Christian crusade at Hamilton, Vic., from Aug. 14 to 21. The teams of workers strove to reach the people of district through the churches. J. Renshaw, B.A., led the small group which conducted the service with the church of Christ. C. E. Curtis co-operated. Religious instruction was given in all Hamilton schools and colleges. Children's services were also conducted. During the week evening services were held. A religious film was shown in the Methodist hall. Combined church choirs presented a choral programme in the town hall. On Saturday evening, at the evangelistic rally in the Methodist church building, thirty young people stood to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour. The after-church rally in the Presbyterian church building was attended by 800.

J. Wycliff Black, who visited Australia a few years ago, is the "grand old man" of the British churches. He reached 86 years on July 21. He had been chairman of the Leicester district churches for forty years. Wm. Mander presented Dr. Black with an electric gramophone with a record made to voice appreciation of brethren.



Dr. J. Wycliff Black.

On Sept. 8, six ladies of Mission Band Committee visited Geelong, Vic., and took charge of Mission Band meeting. On Sept. 12 visitation evangelistic campaign commenced with Mr. Coventry, from Carnegie, leading. Sunday morning was an inspiration; attendance excellent. In afternoon Mr. Coventry addressed "visitors," after which tea was held. There was good attendance at evening service; Mr. Coventry was speaker, Wal Colman soloist. Members were pleased to have Mrs. Brownbill back after long illness. Sister Briers was also back after illness.

FEDERAL SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION AWARDS, 1948.

- Div. 1.—Jillian Ewers (S.A.), 1; Wendy Margaret Hartvigsen (Vic.), 2.
- Div. 2.—Allen Crisp (Qld.), 1; Frank Stimson (N.S.W.), 2.
- Div. 3.—Janice Saxby (N.S.W.), 1; Valda Bolton (Qld.), 2.
- Div. 4.—Shirley Bassett (Tas.), 1; Ken Greenhalgh (N.S.W.), 2.
- Div. 5.—Shirley Martin (Qld.), 1; Barbara Joan Barker (Vic.), 2.
- Div. 6.—Aline Margaret Murnane (Vic.), 1; Merle Peacock (W.A.), 2.
- Div. 7.—Lorraine Doreen Chesterfield (Vic.), 1; Dorothy White (W.A.), 2.
- Div. 8.—Joy Aileen Gray (Vic.), 1; Mara Macfarlane (N.S.W.), 2.
- Div. 9.—Mavis Hall (Qld.), 1; Alwyn Moore (W.A.), 2.
- Div. 10.—Milton Lewis (S.A.), 1.
- Div. 11. (Teachers).—Miss V. Piper (N.S.W.), 1; Dorothy Crahtree (Vic.), 2.

—V. C. Stafford.

C. Robinson, preacher of church at Bendigo, Vic., reports that Visitation Evangelism was successful in his centre. S. Neighbour encouraged six teams of visitors who contacted sixty prospects. Services since the visitation campaign have been inspiring. There were eight decisions on Aug. 29, six being married people, and on Sept. 5 another two confessed Christ. In addition two families have been restored. The church is in "good heart" as a result of this effort. It is likely that eight new scholars will be gained for Sunday school. "The sisters who arranged the tea on the four nights of visitation were thrilled by the enthusiasm of the teams as they returned each night."

Signs of Revival

"HOME Visitation Evangelism is revival. All the features of revival attend it. During our visits people have prayed, been converted and have rejoiced." In such words W. Fraser, of Georgetown, Newcastle, N.S.W., summed up the results of last week's campaign. Three weeks ago we were in Mr. Fraser's home and outlined to church officers details of visitation evangelism. Since then R. Acland, of Maysfield, assisted J. W. Brookes, preacher of Georgetown, in training of visitors. S. W. Vanham, of Lismore, came from Lismore to study the methods, and gave valuable assistance. Each morning at 6.30 the chapel was opened for prayer. People were asked to pray for individual visitors.

Seven teams visited about 40 homes and contacted 70 prospects. As a result 13 signed decision cards. In no instance were visitors rebuffed. Appreciation of the visit was expressed again and again even where no decision for Christ had been secured. On Sunday evening, Sept. 12, Mr. Acland preached to a large congregation. Twenty-four responded to the gospel appeal. This included fifteen for immediate baptism, one transfer, three reconsecrations and five children. Six others who signed decision cards are still expected to make a public stand.

This is the first of a series of campaigns being planned in New South Wales. We rejoice in this initial victory and look forward to many more.

MORELAND, VICTORIA.

During recent months E. Miles has been preparing the church for visitation evangelism. Prayer meetings have been well attended. Visitors have been trained by W. W. Saunders, of Bambera-rd., Caulfield. In the week, Sept. 5-12, eight teams visited homes and eight signed decision cards. At the evening service of Sept. 12 people packed the building, there being 273 present. Mr. Saunders presented the gospel ably and 16 responded, 14 being primary confessions. Mr. Miles believes many others will be helped toward decision as a result of the campaign.

LAWSON AND BULLABURRA CHURCH, NEW SOUTH WALES

ON Sept. 5 services in connection with this new cause were commenced. There were 19 adults. The work at Lawson was made possible by the weekly broadcast service from Station 2KA, "The Voice of the Mountains." A. L. Carter conducts this service, which is called "Back to the Bible" session. There have been many letters and words of appreciation. The address is given by records made by E. C. Hinrichsen.

A fine block of land has been purchased at Lawson 66 x 110. At present the church is meeting in a large room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mobbs. The place of meeting is on the main western road at Lawson, near Bullaburra. The cause is under the guidance of the Wentworth Falls church.—A. L. Carter.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Boonah.—Two young people who recently made their decision were immersed on Sept. 5. Mr. Cockcroft, of Victoria, recently had fellowship with church. Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher are giving of their best in service of Christ and his church.

Wynnum.—Bible school celebrated anniversary on Sept. 5. Scholars presented items and received prizes. A married woman who confessed Christ previous Sunday was baptised at gospel service. Church honored preacher's birthday with a surprise social in hall. Tables were set with refreshments and birthday cake. W. J. Campbell presided, and made a suitable presentation on behalf of church.

Townsville.—Church rejoices over three further additions during August. Mr. Beale has commenced adult Bible class Sunday afternoons. Inspiration was received from meetings of North Queensland conference held here on Sept. 4 and 5. Addresses of Mr. Stow were appreciated, and reports of morning broadcast service indicate some interest was created. Sunday afternoon meeting was preceded with baptism of Mrs. Sweeting and Mrs. Colban. Mr. Beale was released to assist Aborigine Inland Mission on Palm Island for a week during August, and eleven boys attended youth camp conducted during school holidays at Bluewater, Townsville.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Chapel was filled to overflowing for morning service of Aug. 22, when Homer Britton, song-leader of Hyman Appelman mission, was speaker. Several indicated desire to rededicate lives. F. C. Hunting conducted gospel meeting; four adults made good confession. 312 broke bread during day. A well-attended morning meeting on Aug. 29 was addressed by C. R. Burdeu, representing four State committees whose joint annual appeal was due in September. There was encouraging attendance at night, when F. C. Hunting was speaker. Mrs. Sutcliff was soloist. Owing to indisposition of C. J. Mackenzie both meetings on Sept. 5 were conducted by F. Hunting. Over 184 met at Lord's Table throughout day. September ushers in anniversary meetings and celebrations of Diamond Jubilee of church in present building. Men of church met at a "father and son" reunion tea during evening of Sept. 5, when plans were discussed and a happy time enjoyed, continuing into gospel service, led by R. Cardew, with W. Clothier and A. Spiller taking parts in service. Mrs. J. Smith sang in absence of C. J. Mackenzie, who was to be soloist. Prior to communion after gospel meeting, Bert Wilson was received into membership. Recently-formed choir, under Mr. Hack, is making valuable contribution towards spiritual tone of gospel meetings. C. J. Mackenzie has commenced second year as assistant minister to F. C. Hunting. Mrs. Auld is in hospital following an accident. Recent visitors included Misses A. Allamby, Parkdale, Vic.; Grace Simpson, N.Z.; Violet Burling, Canley Vale, N.S.W.; Mrs. Talent, Berwick, Vic.; Mr. and Mrs. Crowhurst, Norwood, S.A.; O. Henderson, Maroubra, N.S.W.; Mrs. Chivers, Doncaster, Vic.; Mrs. P. Thiel, Wattle Grove, W.A.

South Australia

Goolwa.—Colin Cartmel and wife are assisting in happy and helpful way. William Bargar and Lorraine Webster were married recently. Gerald Bargar is in South Coast Hospital, operated upon for appendicitis. Mrs. P. B. Shipway and Mrs. A. Neighbour, who were inmates following operations at same hospital, are making splendid recovery and attending services again. Chapel has been repainted inside and out, and with better

lighting and addition of memorial windows much improvement is noticeable. New platform and appointments are being planned. Church is grateful for assistance of visiting speakers, Cecil Skewes and Ross Graham, also to Victor Harbour brethren and others who are assisting.

Prospect.—Final series of "Know Your Own Church" was held at Tuesday night fellowship meeting, work of choir in local church being basis of panel discussion. Choirmaster A. Roberts is leading northern districts choirs in preparation for general conference. Dr. Trevor Turner was speaker at morning service, on behalf of Christian Rest Home Committee, and K. Crosby gave evening address. Mr. Vincent was assisting Kadina church.

Kilburn.—Attendance at Bible school on Sept. 5 was 92. R. Fax, of Prospect church, conducted 11 a.m. service, which was addressed by F. Collins, there being 24 adults and 28 young worshippers present. Mrs. Phillips has resigned as co-superintendent of Young Worshipers' League and Mrs. Pritchard has been asked to take full charge with power to co-opt help. Past faithful service of Mrs. Phillips, who will continue as kindergarten teacher, is appreciated. At night F. Collins conducted youth service, at which Lifeboys' Brigade was featured. Children appreciated Bible quiz and flannelgraph talk.

Kadina.—48th church anniversary commenced with a birthday afternoon on Sept. 2, when almost 100 were present, including good delegation from Moonta. A musical programme was presented, and a thought-provoking address was given by J. C. Oliver, minister of local Methodist Church. Afternoon tea was served. On Sept. 5 anniversary was continued. Attendances, morning, 50; afternoon, 80; night, 68. R. Vincent, of Prospect, delivered three fine addresses. Anthems by choir were appreciated, also two quartettes, one by Mrs. C. E. Larcombe, P. Oakley, W. N. Bartle and C. E. Larcombe, the other by aforementioned brethren and A. P. Russack.

Murray Bridge.—Trevor Butler spoke on morning of Aug. 8, outlining proposals for Christian Rest Home. Annual business meeting was held on Aug. 18. Clem Gruhl was elected an officer, replacing Don Dix, who has decided to devote all his attention to Sunday school. Although attendances have been maintained only at averages for previous year, spiritual strength of church is strong, and new year is faced with confidence. All church auxiliaries reported steady work, guild contributions to church improvements being outstanding. Annual rally of Y.P.S.C.E. was held during month, and activities of Saturday night were an inspiration. Mr. Kingston gave special addresses to youth on the Sunday.

Pt. Pirie.—Attendances for August averaged, morning 34, evening 23, average 35 communicants. Average weekly offerings: General fund, £6/8/10; Brotherhood appeals, £1/6/10; renovations fund, 13/1. In addition to duplex envelopes £1 was donated to social services and 15/- for food for Britain. Home fellowship meetings are held each Tuesday evening. Evenings with favorites ended on Aug. 22 with favorite Bible characters. Church anniversary services were conducted on Aug. 15. A. E. Cremin, of Balaklava, was speaker at both services. A social evening on Aug. 14 concluded with sit-down supper. K. W. Barton visited Adelaide for Aug. 8 week-end, and services were taken by R. J. Evelyn and F. Thornton. Bible school is preparing for anniversary. The "Friendly Word" is proving popular among members. Master Thogood,

from Moonta church, who is now residing in Pt. Pirie, has been in fellowship.

Unley.—Visiting speakers for Loyalty Month were W. Beiler (in interests of Christian Rest Home), A. J. Ingham (missions) and G. R. Stirling (youth). Final service of series on evening of Sept. 5 was one of best attended for years, taking form of a youth service. Girls' Choral Class provided two anthems and Ivan Hull spoke. An after-church song fellowship was enjoyed by more than 90. Nanette Lawton and Allan Norris secured prizes in scripture examinations. A picture evening by Christian Youth Fellowship resulted in £1/11/- for Youth Department funds. In "home-call" of J. W. Cosh, church has lost a faithful and active member. He was an elder and one-time superintendent of school, and served on many conference committees, having for a term been president. On Sept. 1 about 30 members visited Dulwich for special meetings, male quartette providing musical items. Appeal on behalf of starving children of Europe resulted in £21.

Fullarton.—An "all night" season of prayer was arranged by elders and deacons with members in half-hour sessions, each conducted by a different leader, until midnight in chapel, and from thence onward till 8 a.m. next morning by voluntary arrangement in own homes. Every half hour period was covered by prayer, object being, primarily, intercession for recovery of Crofton Manning, son of the preacher (B. W. Manning) and others. The experience has greatly enriched church. On morning of Sept. 5 meeting was well attended; B. W. Manning preached. Welcome was extended to Mrs. Sanderson, from Brim, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Matthews, from Dulwich, who came by transfer. Among visitors were Mrs. Hosking and son, from Wolfram-st., Broken Hill, N.S.W., and several from Victorian churches. In evening monthly prophecy service was well attended: B. W. Manning preached, and Mary Symonds helped with solos. At conclusion Geo. Philp wished Godspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Manning on behalf of officers and church as they left for Springvale, Vic., on exchange of pulpits for a month. Members look forward to meeting Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bond, of Springvale, as they come to minister for a month.

New South Wales

Marrickville.—On Aug. 20 A. W. Stephenson outlined and explained home visitation evangelism to a small but interested group. At gospel service on 22nd, R. Stimson confessed Christ. Y.P.S.C.E. held a reunion of past and present members at an evening camped by Geoff Benjamin (Y.M.C.A.). Combined auxiliaries entertained Jess Thomas and Howard Curzon at a pre-wedding social on Sept. 3. Presentation of a standard lamp was made.

Canley Vale.—Average attendances for past month were: 11 a.m., 26; 7 p.m., 41; communion, 37; average offerings, £6/8/2 for general fund, £1/9/- for Brotherhood appeals, £4/15/- for manse. On Aug. 29 G. Stimson assisted in evening service by showing movie films of life of Christ. On evening of Sept. 5, B. & F. Bible Society was featured with address and offering. Bible school had 98 present on 5th. Teachers are holding after-school prayer meetings for success of coming "Happy Hour." Mr. and Mrs. H. Atkinson have been received into fellowship by transfer from Petersham.

Earlwood.—All meetings were well attended during August, and church helped by preacher's addresses. There were several decisions and reconsecrations, and a young man was baptised. Young people's choir continues to delight. Bible school progresses under guidance of N. Matthews. Secretary Mr. Smith was called to another field some months ago; his place is now filled by Mr. Greenup. Chapel was crowded on evening of Aug. 28, when scholars took charge of monthly social gathering, and delightful items were rendered. It

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Announcement To Bible Schools

CHANGES IN LESSON MATERIAL

Kindergarten-Primary and Senior ("C.Y.F.")
Sections

RECENT negotiations between Baptists and churches of Christ representatives have resulted in a mutual exchange of lesson materials in the above grades, commencing with January-March, 1949.

A joint committee for each section will be set up to confer on syllabus and lesson preparation.

"The Elementary Teacher."—This is the new teachers' handbook, containing lessons for both beginners and primary children. This will replace the present "Austral Primary Teacher," and will be twice the size of that handbook.

Children's Folder.—The use of the beginner's folder produced by the Joint Board of Graded Lessons will be discontinued in favor of the leaflet, "My Story," for distribution to both beginners and primary scholars. This is smaller in size, and contains the story in concise form and large type. While the teacher's handbook gives lesson presentation for both beginners and primary departments, there is only one folder for both grades.

"Christian Youth Fellowship" will retain its present form, but will appear with new cover design. Adjustments will be made, where necessary, for studies distinctive to either body. It should be known that this manual is intended for members of groups as well as leaders, and that it is also a digest for general use among individual young people.

The junior-intermediate materials are not included in this mutual exchange.

New Prices.—Increases in printing costs over a long period force the publishers reluctantly to increase selling prices of teachers' handbooks. These will cost 1/3 each. "My Story" leaflets will be available at 4d. per set of 13 (i.e., one quarter's supply for each scholar). There will be no change in price of junior and intermediate scholars' books and "Christian Youth Fellowship."

It should be noted that although the "Elementary Teacher" will be 3d. dearer it will be double the size, as it covers two grades.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.).

WORLD CHURCH OR WORLD CHAOS?

THE "Australian Christian" of Aug. 17 sounds a much needed warning to mankind that unless we establish world peace we shall destroy ourselves and our civilisation. The whole paper is devoted to describing the work and ideals of the World Council of Churches, and the editorial looks for world peace through a world government inspired by a world church.

All this idealism is very fine and inspiring until the headlines wear off and one begins to think again. In less than a lifetime, the two most Christian nations of the world, Britain and Germany, have twice let loose on each other a storm of destruction which has all but ruined Western civilisation. On both sides, tens of thousands of sincere Christians have slain each other and bombed each others' homes and families. If Christians can thus engage in carnal warfare, what hope have we of persuading men of the world into the ways of peace?

World councils and conferences are futile until Christians, in their homes and their local churches and conferences, face up to this fundamental question, "Can we, in loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, engage in carnal warfare at the command of our earthly rulers?"—S. H. Wattleworth, Tasmania.

APPRECIATION

CONGRATULATIONS on the "Amsterdam" issue of the "Christian." I agree with you that, even though the W.C.C. does not represent the fulfilment of our plea for a united church, it is a healthy movement in that



R. C. Sack,
W.A.



L. G. Armstrong,
Vic.



E. McGibbony,
Vic.

direction, and our people ought to know the facts about it and give a charitable appraisal of its accomplishments. Others here also expressed appreciation of the above issue.—Ron Graham, Boronia, Vic.

STORY OF CREATION

I HAVE been reading with interest the discussions and commentaries in your journal on the subject of creation as given in the first chapter of Genesis.

Scientists doubt that the earth could have been made in six days, and further say that coal deposits and fossils prove that the earth is millions of years old.

It would seem many Bible students are lending support to these scientific conceptions of time required in the earth's making. P. J. Wiseman points out that a day then, need not be a day as we know it now; perhaps it was a great deal longer.

As Sydney Collett demonstrates in "The Scripture of Truth," there is no difficulty at all in proving the then day the same length as the present and, most important of all, that



H. F. Gross,
Vic.



M. D. Roberts,
Qld.



E. J. Sewell,
Vic.

in the six days all things were made and not created. He points out the great difference in the meanings of "creation" and "made." A tailor makes a suit from a length of cloth, but he cannot create a suit.

The earth could have been created millions of years before, for the word says, "the earth was without form or void" until God completely changed its appearance in those six days.

I can recommend the above book to all who would seek truth and enlightenment on the creation and also many other controversial aspects of the Bible.—V. P. Smythe, Boulder, W.A.

Obituary

Albert Chandler

BORN in London in 1870, Albert Chandler came to Sydney, N.S.W., when 15 years of age and settled in the Enmore-Marrickville district. In due course he founded the successful wholesale ironmongery business bearing his name, and was actively associated with it until a few days before his death. He was highly esteemed throughout the State for his business integrity. Albert Chandler came into the fellowship of the church of Christ, Enmore, and was baptised by Chas Watt, 53 years ago, during which time he held the office of deacon, secretary, and for 30 years church treasurer. Mr. Chandler was much esteemed throughout the brotherhood, and in the business world he had the confidence and esteem of a very wide circle. He was a man of excellent Christian qualities. His name and influence will be remembered. The passing of our brother has removed another link with the past, and reminds us of the debt we owe to that generation. There was a large gathering of friends and relatives at Enmore Tabernacle, when a beautiful service was conducted by the minister, Mr. Luff. E. J. Hilder (late secretary of the church at Enmore for 35 years), a man full of years and rich in experience, spoke affectionately of Mr. Chandler's Christian character and service. Appropriate music was played on the organ by Miss Eileen Flood and favorite hymns sung. Although Mr. Chandler has passed from our presence, we remember his splendid character, and are assured that he is now with the Saviour he so much loved to serve.—W. D. Rankine.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Collins

ON August 29 Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Collins, at the age of 87 years, was called to higher service. She was able to attend meetings regularly until four months before her home call, and in spite of her years none was more faithful in attendance than this beloved servant of Christ and his church. She was baptised at Echuca (Vic.) in 1892 by W. D. Little, and it was the determination of this dear soul that the church doors would never close there. Very often only two or three gathered, and the townspeople felt it would be only a matter of time before the church would cease to meet; and Mrs. Collins knew that and set her heart against such a catastrophe, and that same fine spirit of devotion characterised her membership at Northcote during the past 23 years. She was wonderfully cheerful, and always busy with her hands as she worked in the interests of the Mission Band and church. Her family and all who knew her rise up and call her blessed. Her long, beautiful and useful life will remain an abiding inspiration and challenge. W. T. Atkin assisted the writer in services at the house and graveside.—W.G.G.

Herbert Ernest Cole

ON Thursday, June 17, in Fremantle Hospital, Western Australia, Herbert Ernest Cole passed peacefully from this life, to be forever with the Lord, at the age of 69 years. He was born in Allandale, South Australia, on December 12, 1878, and during his early years the family moved to Adelaide. It was there, as a young man, that he decided for Christ, and was baptised in Grote-st. chapel by T. J. Gore, M.A. He quickly manifested a zeal for the Master, and an aptitude for service, and became a member of the T. J. Gore training class for young men. A valued memento of those early days is a book presented him by the Grote-st. C.E. Society, dated Sept. 10, 1904, on the eve of his departure for Western Australia. Arriving in Fremantle, under engagement in his trade as a picture framer, he at once identified himself with the church there, and remained a faithful and honored member for over 44 years. Every department of church work benefited by his experience and devotion to duty. Included in the range of his church

activities was that of Bible school superintendent and teacher, church secretary, deacon and elder. For health reasons, Mr. Cole had recently resigned from the official board; but as a tribute of honor and esteem, he was appointed elder emeritus. Mr. Cole was married three times. Each marriage was a union of hearts in the Lord. As a young man he married Miss Lucy Pallott. Their family consisted of a daughter and two sons. He then married Miss Helen Smillie; to them were born two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Cole (nee Miss Dorothy Pincock), and little daughter Judith, mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. To them, and to Mrs. D. Cressie, Mrs. J. H. Rowney, Mrs. V. S. Priest, and the sons, Ern, Phil, Dave and Fred, the church extends deepest sympathy. The funeral service took place in the crematorium chapel, Karrakatta, on Friday afternoon, June 18, 1948. James Gordon officiated, assisted by R. Raymond and C. H. Hunt. "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away."—J.G.

Ada Ellen Eyre

THERE passed away, on July 22, our sister Mrs. Eyre, who for over 20 years had been in membership with the church at Burnley, Victoria. She was baptised there with her husband during the ministry of C. Young, who conducted the service at the graveside. After joining the church she served for some time as a teacher in the kindergarten department of the Bible school. In latter years our brother and sister lived in Kew, and they were well-known throughout our churches, delighting to worship with different groups of their brethren. Mrs. Eyre was secretary of the Koala Auxiliary of Yooralla Society for Crippled Children, and had very recently been made a life-member of that society in appreciation of her efforts. We commend her husband and all her loved ones to the God of all comfort; and we thank our God that we shall meet again in his presence. —H.F.G.

Building a Better World

THE General Assembly of the United Nations will meet in Paris on September 19, 1948. Delegates from fifty-eight nations will gather together to seek a way to create and maintain a peaceful world.

In the United States of America the ringing of bells and chimes for five minutes at the close of the morning service on Sunday, September 19, will be a special call to prayer for world leaders.

Christian men and women in Australia are asked to join in silent and audible prayer at that time, with the host of sincere folk all over the world, who by their prayers are attempting to build the greatest mass outreach in human history of the soul of man in search of God's help in building a better world.

It is our Christian responsibility to provide spiritual support for the United Nations delegates, so that God's Spirit may descend upon their hearts and minds for the doing of his will.

Man has reached a critical point in history, where he must turn to God, in order to build a world of peace, opportunity and hope for all. The prayers of sincere men and women can be overwhelmingly powerful. It is an awe-

inspiring obligation and a glorious opportunity for all who believe in God.

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Mr. Bart Manning, of Fullarton, South Australia, will be the guest speaker at Springvale, Vic., for four weeks commencing Sept. 12. Our brother would be delighted to meet old friends at the services. Come and renew fellowship at Mechanics' Hall, Balhonal-ave., Springvale.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES—continued.

is expected that early in 1949 a small kindergarten hall will be erected. Women's Fellowship is appreciated for generous gift of matting throughout chapel. Visitors include Mr. Paul, Shepparton, Vic.

Broken Hill.—Visitors at Wolfram-st. have been Mr. and Mrs. Warmbrunn (sen.), Hartwell, Vic.; Messrs. Mathews and Denton, Maylands, S.A.; Mrs. Scown (sen.), Misses E. and I. Scown and Mr. Bond, Grote-st., Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. Rowen, Berri, S.A.; Mr. Darby, Sydney. On Aug. 31, after Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, a farewell social and supper were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. A. Thurgood, who are returning to Melbourne. A book was presented in memory of six months' fellowship and service. A Thurgood exhorted at communion service. R. Hilford preached in evening, when Mr. and Mrs. R. Warmbrunn sang a duet. On Aug. 29 Wills-st. Sunday school held successful anniversary services. Children sang well under Mrs. G. Dial, who also acted as pianist. Solos and duets and items by tiny tots were enjoyable. H. G. Alexander and Mr. Mathews (preacher Kersbrook church) gave illustrated addresses afternoon and evening. Fellowship tea was enjoyed. Wolfram-st. closed evening service to give members opportunity to attend Wills-st. service. On Sept. 1 annual Bible school tea was held, followed by public meeting, with singing by scholars and distribution of prizes. R. Hilford presided; J. Baker, superintendent, presented prizes.

Victoria

Doncaster.—On Aug. 29 Mr. Banks gave farewell addresses to good attendances. Choir, under A. T. Tully, with Don Petty organist, sang an anthem. Chris Reekie and Don Petty gave musical items. G. T. Black commenced interim ministry on Sept. 5. He spoke in morning on church progress, and conducted evening service.

Bendigo.—On Aug. 29 there were good attendances and inspiring addresses by Mr. Robinson. At night there were eight decisions. There were great meetings on Sept. 5. At night there were five baptisms. A stirring address by Mr. Robinson was listened to by large and attentive audience, and there was one confession.

Geelong.—On Sept. 5 Mr. Smail preached in morning, and evening service was taken by Mr. McDonald. One young lady made the good confession. Mr. Stirling was at Ballarat anniversary services. On evening of Sept. 4 Sunday school held a kitchen tea in honor of Joan Mitchell prior to her marriage with Don Drayton. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Frankston-Moorooduc.—All meetings have been well attended. Visitation evangelism campaign created much interest. There have been nine additions to church membership as result. E. G. Cuthbert is home after many weeks in hospital. Mrs. J. Genat, of Moorooduc, is in hospital and improving. Fellowship has been enjoyed and help appreciated of Mr. and Mrs. Prince during residence in Frankston. They have returned to East Kew. Women's Mission Band had a happy meeting; Mrs. Mann was speaker.

Springvale.—On Aug. 29 there were good meetings, and splendid addresses from Mr. Bond. An offering of £11 for starving children of Europe was taken. On Sept. 5, Sunday school anniversary began. A. Beveridge received right hand of fellowship. K. Fordham spoke to children in afternoon, and Keith Jones spoke at night. There was splendid singing by scholars under baton of Mr. Thompson, who composed all the hymns. On Sept. 11, a social evening to B. W. Manning was held. On Sept. 12 Mr. Manning began a month's ministry with church, Mr. Bond going to Fullarton. Mr. Outred gave a talk to children in afternoon. Mr. Manning spoke at evening service.

Newmarket.—On Aug. 29, Mr. Cook, from Collingwood, addressed both services. On Sept. 5, 11 a.m., Mr. Armstrong, 7 p.m., Mr. Waghmode, were speakers. On Sept. 12 Mr. Sack resumed after ten weeks' illness. Church appreciates help of brethren during his absence. Members extend sympathy to relatives of Mrs. Goss. Mr. Brown, of Ascot Vale, presided on Sept. 12.

Footscray.—On Aug. 31, P.B.P. held a social evening and supper in aid of United Nations appeal for children. Owing to absence of Mr. Hurren, who was visiting Drumcondra, J. J. Baird was speaker at both services on Sept. 12. L. Howarth has had to re-enter St. Vincent's Hospital. J.C.E. and I.C.E. have been reorganised, under leadership of Miss J. Rogers and Miss L. Buckley respectively.

Dunolly.—On Aug. 28, Girls' Club held a social, when over 100 were present. On Sept. 5, 76th church anniversary services were held. Attendances were good, particularly in evening, when 61 were present. Visitors from Maryborough, Northcote and Red Hill assisted with items during day. A number from Bet Bet also attended evening service. After service, Ladies' Guild provided supper for visitors.

North Richmond.—C. Young continues his interim ministry, which will terminate at end of September. Under leadership of Betty Andrews, girls' gymnasium class held a church rally in which 12 girls took part. Y.W.L. is still functioning under leadership of E. Addicott. One of the scholars, Ann Lancaster, confessed Christ on Aug. 5. Mrs. McDonald is still sick, also Mr. Hanack. Visitation to all sick members is under way, and each sick member is given opportunity of breaking bread. All auxiliaries are working hard to raise quotas for recently-formed manse fund. Tennis club reports happy fellowship through past season. Cricket club starts season on Sept. 18. Mr. Baird, who has been assisting at East Doncaster, will begin an interim ministry on first Sunday in October. £17 was raised for U.N. children's appeal.

Carnegie.—On Aug. 22, at worship meeting, one young girl, previously baptised, was received into fellowship. Three girls were baptised at gospel service by Mr. Coventry. L. Dyer, children's missionary, gave a lantern lecture illustrated with colored slides, "Through Calvary." South-eastern Young People's Fellowship held a spiritual rally on Aug. 28, Dr. David Britten being speaker. Meetings on Aug. 29 were smaller owing to school holidays and sickness among members. Eight lads from Carnegie attended Young Explorers' camp at Monbulk. Phi Beta Pi club held fancy-dress social and entertainment in school hall on Sept. 4. K. A. Jones was speaker at worship service on Sept. 5 in the interests of College of Bible. Mrs. Lever and Mrs. McDowell are laid aside by sickness. Best wishes of church are extended to Betty Miller as she leaves for Sydney to be married. Mr. and Mrs. Magilton were received into fellowship by transfer from Lygon-st., also a young girl by faith and obedience.

Essendon.—On afternoon of Aug. 26, Ladies' Guild held sale of gifts; also a representative from Gas Co. gave a cookery talk. Mrs. D. Ferguson sang two solos. Tea brought function to a close. On Aug. 28 church officers held a social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. Alves. Mr. McIlhagger was speaker on Aug. 29. At commencement of evening service Margaret Strack was baptised. Mr. Hemsley sang a solo. At Ladies' Fellowship on Aug. 31, Mrs. Bowman gave an interesting talk on "Arts and Crafts." An enjoyable evening was spent by P.B.P. club on Sept. 2, when outing to glass works was held. Mr. Funston (North Essendon) presided on morning of Sept. 5. Margaret Strack was welcomed into church. Mr. McDiarmid gave an

inspiring address. Mr. Crisp, from Ipswich, Qld., was speaker at night. Choir rendered item in song; Mrs. Hutton sang a solo. Much sickness prevails. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Kemp, who have gone on holidays to W.A., are missed from meetings. Three teams will be fielded during cricket season. At annual meeting on Aug. 30 those elected were S. Hainsworth, chairman; N. Summerton, secretary; L. Gosling, treasurer.

Hampton.—On evening of Sept. 7, Women's Mission Band celebrated 21st anniversary. Mrs. C. Lang presided; greetings were given, musical and elocutionary selections enjoyed, and supper was served. Retiring offering on Sept. 5 for relief of suffering children of world realised £11/0/6. Bible Sunday was observed on Sept. 12, C. Lang giving appropriate addresses. At night an assortment of Bibles was displayed.

Dandenong.—At evening meeting on Sept. 12, four who made their decisions at recent evangelical services were immersed. Chapel was packed to capacity. Many members of Women's Christian Temperance Union and I.O.R. were present. Mr. Holloway, of B. & F. Bible Society, addressed church on morning of Sept. 5. Mr. Rookes is in hospital, making steady recovery. An orchestra has been started. All auxiliaries are functioning well.

Horsham.—Attendance and interest at all meetings have been maintained. On Aug. 28 a farewell gathering to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith was held in school hall. Presentations and references to work of Mr. Smith and family were made. They are now residing at Caulfield. G. M. Mathieson was speaker at services at Warracknabeal and Minyip on Aug. 29, and C. W. Rogers, of Warracknabeal, conducted services at Horsham and Haven. An enjoyable men's concert and supper took place on Sept. 6. On Sept. 8 B. W. Manning, of Fullarton, S.A., gave an appreciated address at midweek meeting as he journeyed through to Springvale.

Sunshine.—Church welcomes back Mrs. Beck after illness, but regrets that other members are absent through sickness. Congratulations are extended to Bert Stevens in gaining highest marks in division for Victoria in scripture examinations. Church renewed fellowship with Mrs. L. Iliff. Mr. and Mrs. R. Iliff are at present holidaying in Tasmania. Visitors to Bible school recently included Phyllis Sewell, of Preston, and two brothers from Burwood Boys' Home. A fund for a piano for the use of auxiliaries has been opened; £7 is in hand. A working bee was held for repairs and tidying of grounds. Afternoon tea was supplied by ladies.

Wangaratta.—During August, church enjoyed fellowship with many visitors. Several carloads attended Yarrowonga annual tea and thanksgiving. Bible school is practising for anniversary. Church has had several visiting speakers, including Mr. Waugh, Mr. Robinson (Campaigners) and B. Moore. Mrs. C. Ashmead is home from hospital convalescing after operation. Ladies' Guild and Mission Band held a successful American tea when Mrs. Halliday (S.A.) gave the address. Representatives were present from all Protestant ladies' guilds. Mr. Wakefield continues his work of visitation among sick in homes and hospitals, and gives helpful addresses.

Red Hill.—On Aug. 12, prayer meeting was held by Y.P.S.C.E. and church members. V. Holmes was speaker; solo was sung by Miss B. Holmes. N. Moore gave a talk to Y.W.L. on Aug. 15, and addressed congregation. Monthly food for Britain appeal was taken. Mr. Moore also conducted evening service. On Aug. 19, combined meeting of church members and Y.P.S.C.E. society was held. D. Holmes was speaker. On Aug. 22 N. Moore addressed a large congregation. Girl Guides under leadership of Miss B. Holmes attended morning service. At gospel meeting Mr. Moore again preached. R. McKenzie (college) conducted song service. On Aug. 26, prayer meeting was held; S. Prossor gave an address.

Preston.—Plans are almost completed for visitation evangelism with Mr. Hargreaves, of South Yarra, as leader. A growing interest, particularly in prayer life of church, is manifest. On Sept. 10, weekly fellowship service saw increased number present; Mr. Searle is carrying out intensive visitation. At close of his gospel address on Aug. 29, two girls responded to invitation. Men's Society arranged a pleasant Sunday afternoon on "Father's Day," Sept. 5, at which Mr. Loftus, of Children's Court, gave an interesting address to a large congregation. A men's tea followed, at which a good number were present. At evening service Mr. Searle was assisted by church elders T. Salisbury and F. J. Lang, and choir rendered an anthem and also assisted in afternoon. Attendances at gospel services show improvement.

Mitcham.—Work is making steady advancement under ministry of A. Cameron. During month of August, at a special business meeting, two new officers were elected—G. Breach and A. Moore. On afternoon of Sept. 21, church officers and Sunday school teachers canvassed district for new scholars, meeting in some quarters with success. Messrs. Booth and Bullen have consented to go after far distant children with transports. On Aug. 29 Explorers and Good Companions held a church parade. Mayor Cr. Senger spoke to young people. A. Cameron gave the address. A collection for United Nations appeal amounted to £35. Church has taken oversight of East Doncaster, and will supply speaker. Mr. Cameron will visit district each week. Splendid gatherings around Lord's Table are inspiring, and addresses of brethren helpful. Mrs. Priddle and Mrs. Howgate, also Miss Stevens, are still laid aside; all are making satisfactory progress. Church's sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Moore in loss of their mother. Preparations are being made for Sunday school anniversary.

WENTWORTH FALLS, N.S.W.

CHURCH members are enjoying the possession of a fine school hall erected at the rear of chapel. The main room is 30 x 18, and there is also a large kitchen and two classrooms. This will help us in our work among the young people. Last Saturday a fine meeting was held to open the school hall, when R. Greenhalgh encouraged audience with his message. A splendid dinner, provided by the ladies, was appreciated by over sixty. An amplifying set has been installed, whereby bells and music can be broadcast to over one mile radius. The meetings are well attended. There have been two additions since last report. A new cause has been commenced at Lawson. A. L. Carter ministers in both places.

ADDRESSES

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WOODBIDGE-COCKERELL.—Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Woodbridge, of 8 Wattle-grove, Coburg, announce with gratitude to God their 25th wedding anniversary on September 15, 1948. Married at North Melbourne chapel by the late Mr. C. C. Dawson.

DEATH

WATSON.—On Sept. 11, at 21a Grampian-st., West Preston, Ernest Edward, loved husband of Ada, loving father of Edward, Cecil, Herbert, Elva (Mrs. Barnden) and Alan; grandfather of Kenneth, Lorraine, Beverley, Peggy, Helen, Richard, Ross and Eleanor, Geoffrey. At rest.

WATSON.—On Sept. 11, Ernest Edward, loved father-in-law of Jessie, Lillah, Merle, Howard and Eleanor. Sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

CLEMENTS.—Treasured memories of Alfred H., fell asleep Sept. 20, 1941, at Bayswater.

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MILLIS (on active service).—Treasured memories of our dearly beloved son, F/Sgt. Allan Squires (R.A.A.F.), while on operational flight, Germany, passed to higher service Sept. 7, 1942. Loved brother of Isobel, Leslie and Geoffrey. In God's care.

CAMBERWELL CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Sept. 19—3 p.m., Mr. Ron Graham.

7 p.m., Mr. W. F. Nankivell.

Sept. 26—3 p.m., Mr. D. Wakeley.

7 p.m., Mr. W. F. Nankivell.

Wed., Oct. 6, Anniversary Concert and Prizes Awards. Welcome to all.

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Sept. 19—3 p.m., Mr. R. Clarke.

7 p.m., Mr. Edgar.

Sept. 26—3 p.m., Mrs. Kershaw.

7 p.m., Mr. Hurren.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, Scholars' Concert at St. John's Hall, Pickett-st., Footscray.

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Sept. 26—11 a.m., Mr. T. Turriff.

3 p.m., Mr. P. Barber.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3:

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 26—

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3 p.m., Mr. T. A. Fitzgerald.

7 p.m., Mr. R. C. Bolduan.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3—

11 a.m., Mr. R. F. Geyer.

3 p.m., Presentation of Scholars' Awards.

7 p.m., Mr. D. Wakeley.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m., Scholars' Concert.

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BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

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Sept. 26—11 a.m., Dr. E. R. Killmier.

3 p.m., Mr. G. Bosanquet.

7 p.m., Mr. D. D. Stewart.

Oct. 3—11 a.m., Mr. Mac Sandland.

3 p.m., Mr. W. W. Saunders.

7 p.m., Mr. Ron Muller.

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In a period that emphasises evangelism let us be thankful for those who carry out the laborious, less glamorous, but none the less important task of growing souls for God. At the same time remember with gratitude the College of the Bible, where men are trained for this work.

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Information for Prospective Students

Admission to College

APPLICATIONS for admission should, if possible, be lodged with the secretary by October 31. The Admission Committee must be satisfied concerning the applicant's character, personality, aptitude for the work of the ministry, health and educational capacities. Four referees must vouch for the applicant. A letter of commendation must also be obtained from the church of which the applicant is a member. Admission is for one year only, which is regarded as a period of probation. Students must apply for re-admission at the end of the year. Applicants should be at least eighteen years of age.

Admission to the Bible Course

It is necessary to have secured a pass in three secular subjects equal to the standard of the Victorian School Leaving Certificate requirements.

The college prepares students for Leaving subjects, but it is to their advantage to have secured these subjects, if possible, before entering college. This may be done in some cases by correspondence with an accredited coaching college while the student is still earning.

To Obtain the Pass Diploma

(a) It is necessary for a student to pass in five secular subjects, including English and Greek and Roman History, equal to the standard of the Victorian School Leaving Certificate requirements.

(b) To pass in all subjects of the three-year Bible course.

(c) To maintain a satisfactory Christian record.

To Obtain the Honors Diploma

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(a) Secure a grade of 70 per cent. in his Bible Course;

(b) Obtain Matriculation;

(c) Pass two approved University subjects.

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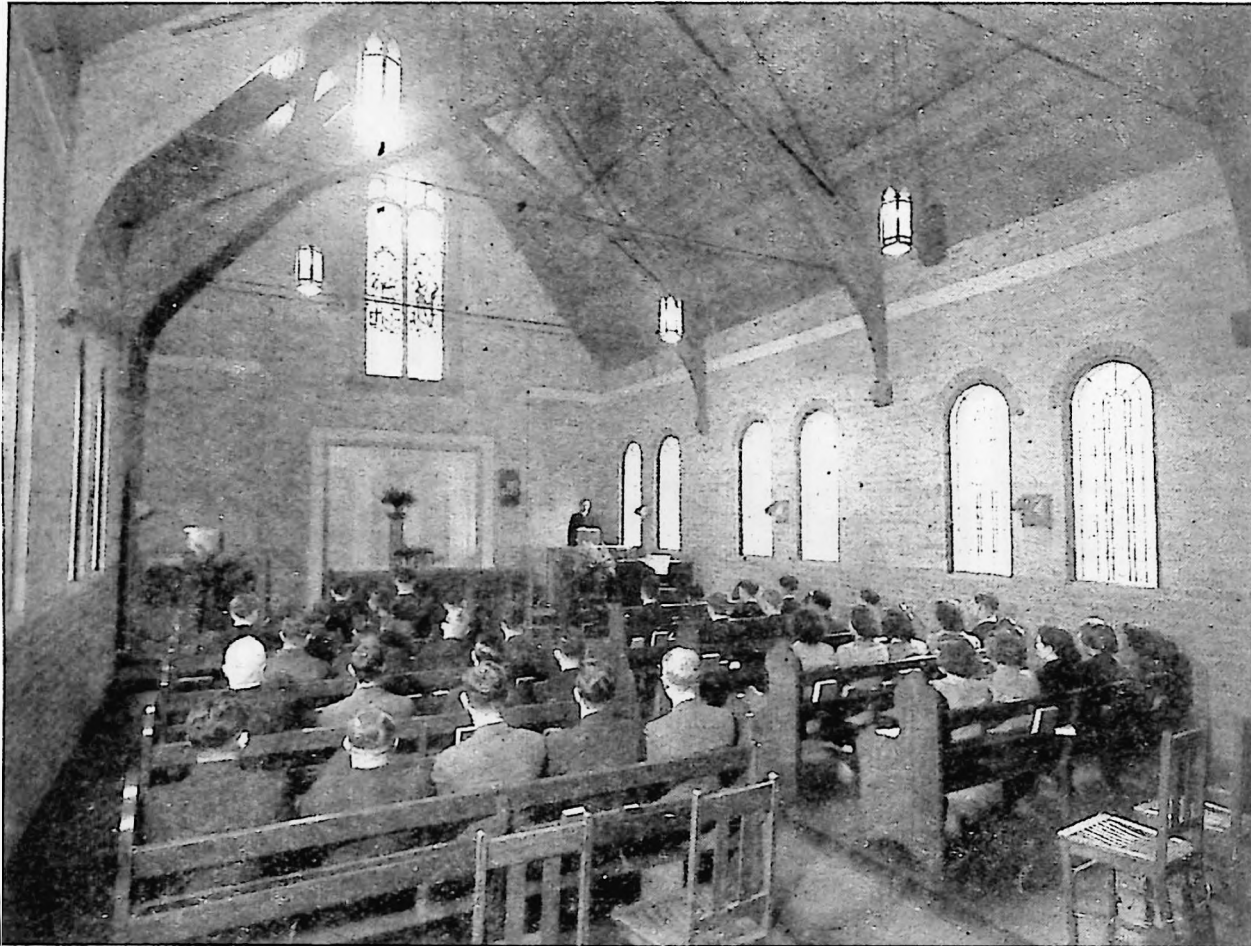
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