

Education and the Plea.

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In this title are associated two big words. This number of the "Christian" is from first to last an appeal that these two things be associated, on the ground that the one will help the other, and that in their union is found one of the things most desirable in the interests of the restoration movement.

What is the Plea? It is one for the supremacy of Christ, for his exaltation as the only Saviour of men, for the evangelisation of the world, for the union of the people of God on the basis revealed in the New Testament, for the continued growth in grace and knowledge of those who make profession of the Christian life.

What is Education? A recent writer, after pointing out that education must be stated in terms of life, and not of scholastic experience alone, remarks:

"The educated man is a rounded character, well adjusted by nature and by training to the world in which he is called to live. He has learned self-mastery, consideration for the rights of others, and the final art that schools so often fail to teach, of knowing how to learn and keep on learning. Knowledge that is applied to life and is increased in using, sympathy that is ever awake and active as a motive power for action, humility and curiosity that deepen and broaden the soul in following out the thoughts of God—these are elements of the education we desire for all men upon earth."

Such a description contains a number of valuable hints. We are warned against the mere accumulation of a heterogeneous mass of information, against theory divorced from practical life, and against the notion that education ends with the gaining of a diploma. "Education," says Prof. Perry, "consists in the development of a man from his earliest day, and does not cease till he dies." The acquisition of knowledge is a part of education. The securing of an adequate mental discipline, the stimulation of a desire for study, the knowledge of methods of study and of the field in which to make future exploration—these are much more important.

Why Education? We might as well ask, Why the plea? The question comes some centuries too late. With every passing decade there is an ever greater insistence being placed on efficiency. In secular life the need of training is increasingly emphasised. The State will not tolerate for a moment as an objection to its system a "Why educate?" It knows we *must* educate; for we

must live, and seek to enter upon a more abundant life. If in every other direction in life there be a call for efficiency, and education in order thereto, would it not be passing strange if in the highest sphere of life education were relegated to the back-ground?

A recent perusal of the world's great reformatory movements has again forced upon our notice the fact that those honored by God in the work of leading people to a biblical faith and purer life were men with great mental and spiritual qualifications. The leaders were men of standing in the educational world. Think of Wycliff, Huss, Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, Zwingli, Knox, Crammer, John Wesley. The restoration movement took much to men of education, University men who saw that the cause of Christ should be supported by the most efficiently trained preachers. The establishment by Alexander Campbell of Bethany College is the best evidence of what that man of God conceived to be the relation of education to the plea.

Back many centuries beyond these we have the lesson taught in the pages of sacred history. It was the scholar Moses who was chosen to lead Israel. The schools of the prophets gave religious training to the leaders of later day. The apostles were students in the world's best school, that of Christ. It was Paul, the most highly educated of all, who was privileged to pen the largest portion of the New Testament. The influence of his letters shows what the highest gifts efficiently developed and used may do for the cause of God.

The church of God still needs leaders. The Lord has given to his church the gigantic task of winning the world to Himself. The chief means by which this task may be accomplished is the preaching of the gospel. Faith, the apostle says, comes by hearing, and for that hearing proclamation is necessary. Foreign lands await the message. Scores of places in each of the States or the Commonwealth and districts of New Zealand are yet in need of evangelisation, and have never heard the plea for union which we have to give. There is not now in our land nearly enough preachers to meet the need.

One of the perils of our present work is

that, with the multitude of calls, men who would be immeasurably more efficient in a long period of training will be induced to enter on their labors with but little education, whether secular or religious. The desire to meet a present need is thus a hindrance to a more effective and perhaps a longer ministry.

It is one of the most pressing duties of the churches to see that an adequate supply of preachers is maintained, and that for men possessed of the requisite qualities of heart and mind a satisfactory training is provided. Our College is doing its best to provide the educational facilities; every pound given to its support will be spent in an endeavor to advance the cause of Christ in the truest sense. The churches are asked to be continually on the look-out for such men as show real promise of becoming efficient preachers, and to urge them, and make it possible for them, to take a course of study in the College.

In a recent number of the "Christian-Evangelist," these sentences appear: "Our educational interests are of supreme importance. In a very real sense the future of our people is dependent upon our educational development. Only as we increase in intellectual resources shall we be able to largely influence the world." Such words have application outside of America.

This article pleads for a close association of education and the plea. These two things should be united, and not divorced, as they often are. The plea may be injured by an unwise method of presentation. On the other hand, it is possible to have the education conspicuously present, and the plea as conspicuously absent. The world is now witnessing what culture divorced from religion is capable of doing. We make no defence or appeal for education as a substitute for the plea; but for education as the servant or ally of the plea. From the heart we believe that one of our supreme needs is a mighty host of men of fine natural ability trained to a high degree of efficiency, men who from an educational standpoint can take their stand with the best representatives of other bodies, above all men who with this education and standing possess the simple trust of a little child and a sincere faith in the Christ, the Bible and the plea.

Editorial Notes

A Worthy Institution.

It is not easy to over-estimate the importance of education along right lines in the work of the ministry. Our American brethren have been keenly alive to this, and the remarkable progress of the Restoration movement in the United States has in no small degree been owing to the number of educated men turned out from the many

colleges conducted by the disciples of Christ in that country. Complaints are made of the inadequate support the universities and colleges are receiving, but as a matter of fact, some millions of dollars are devoted to this purpose, and every year a decided advance is being made. In Australia we have but the one institution of learning in which men are devoting all their time to study for the work of the gospel. There are classes of students in other States which are doing good work, but Glen Iris is our only College in the full sense of the term. This depends wholly upon the free-will offerings of the brethren. All our older institutions of this kind in America are endowed, and much of their income is derived from that source. Some day our College may be as fortunately circumstanc-

ed, but in the meantime it must depend exclusively upon the generosity of the brotherhood, and especially upon the one annual offering taken up in the churches on the first Lord's day in October. Although the College may be said to be only in its infancy, quite a number of the platforms of our churches are already occupied by its graduates, and it has certainly "made good."

A Source of Supplies.

For some reason, while our Home and Foreign Mission annual offerings are worthy of the cause they represent, the College contributions have not hitherto been com-

is a year nearer its conclusion than when the last offering was taken up, and with the conclusion of peace, prosperity will revive. We are liberal in our contributions to patriotic funds for the supply and upkeep of the Army. Let us not be less patriotic in our practical interest in the soldiers of the cross, who are preparing for home and foreign service. October 3 should be a great day among the churches of Christ throughout the Commonwealth and Dominion. There is no cause more worthy of our consideration and support.

A Successful Institution.

The prosperity of the College of the Bible

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men-surate either with the importance of the work or the pressing needs of the institution. It is increasingly evident that to this source we must in future look for our evangelists and missionaries, and it is a poor policy which, while emphasising the needs of Home and Foreign fields, neglects to fertilise the source from which, so far as workers are concerned, the needs must almost exclusively be supplied. Unfortunately, the war and drought have seriously affected our financial resources, but that is all the more reason why we should make a special and a determined effort to rise to the occasion and prevent the crippling of this important department. The drought is over, and with the promise of a bountiful harvest and the consequent increase of trade, we may well afford to be liberal. The war, too,

is, admittedly, of the highest importance to the future progress of the cause of primitive Christianity in the Commonwealth and Dominion. But this depends upon the financial support of the brotherhood, without which it is impossible to carry on the work. Although the institution is but in its earliest childhood, its graduates are to be found scattered all over Australia and New Zealand, exerting an ever increasing influence upon the community. The College has passed beyond the experimental stage, and demonstrated its right to the practical sympathy of the churches. This can be expressed on the 3rd of October in the annual offering which it is hoped that every church will make. It can also be expressed in direct personal donations which may be made by the many isolated church members. And

further, it would be well if brethren would remember the College of the Bible in their wills. Many of our American Colleges and Universities have been materially assisted in this way, and have large endowment funds founded or augmented by bequests. The time has come for the friends of a thoroughly equipped evangelistic ministry to make ample provision that its ranks may be adequately filled, and for this purpose sooner or later an endowment fund must be established. In the meantime, the urgent appeal comes to us that amidst the patriotic calls and other demands upon our pockets we shall not neglect on October 3 to provide the means to equip men for the firing line in the tremendous conflict between the gospel and sin.

Serving Our Cause.

A. E. Blingworth,
Federal Conference President.

1. Our Cause.

Our Cause! Yes, and more! The cause of our crucified, risen Redeemer, and our adorable Lord. Anything that will contribute to the best interests of his high and holy purposes deserves our best attention.

Our Cause! What? The emancipation of a sinful race, from the bondage of iniquity, transgression and sin. "The freedom of humanity." How precious just now does this appear. Whatever we can do to achieve success along this line calls for our utmost devotion. Hosts of armed men are fighting even unto death for this alleged ideal. Shall we manifest less zeal for the spiritual enlightenment and reconciliation of our fellows?

Our Cause! The plea of the churches of Christ for closer fellowship and union with all pious and devout followers of the Lord Jesus upon a scriptural basis and in a truly Christ-like spirit of love and confidence. Oh! how greatly is this needed to bring in the brighter day.

Our Cause! The evangelisation of the world in this generation.

Our Cause! The College of the Bible as a factor in this desirable consummation.

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power,
A faith cry, a flaming breath
That will conquest or to death.

A word to rouse the Church from rest
To heed her Master's high bidest.
The call is given, Ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is, Evangelise!

The glad Evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth, in Jesus' name
This word is ringing through the skies—
Evangelise, Evangelise!

To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of Gospel grace.
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelise, Evangelise!

—Selected.

2. Serving Our Cause.

Serve! No mean honor, when we think of the Master in whose interest we work. Service for the Prince of servants, himself the Son of God. What are our multiplied auxiliaries designed for? Simply this: they

furnish opportunities for each and all to use their talents in the noblest of all causes. The College exists for this very good reason, that our more zealous and ambitious young people should receive special training for his service, as upon them will come very soon the responsibility of leadership at home and abroad. We can serve the College in these ways.

—Give the Faculty to understand that we look to them to conserve the true interests of New Testament Christianity. Let them feel that we trust them to instil into the hearts and minds of the students large ideals and noble aims.

—Give the Board of Management a true expression of our sympathy in the form of a steady stream of silver and gold, for "money speaks." The liberality of the brotherhood deserves high praise. These



First College Chairman
The late F. G. Dunn

are days of stress. But we believe that the disciples of Christ will not let "the cause we love" lack money.

—Give the students all possible encouragement. These young men and women who must soon go to the forefront need our prayers.

Let the students in turn prove by their diligence, zeal, and love that they are animated by one supreme passion—the glory of God and the advancement of his cause. Since the ideals of the hour are apt to fall into degeneration, let us all remember that we are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that we should show forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light."—1 Peter 2:9.

The Utmost for the Highest.

C. Fleming McDonald
President, N.Z. General Conference.

We in New Zealand join with our brethren throughout Australia in devout thankfulness to God as we review the history of our Bible College movement, and realise that to-day we have, through his bounty, such an excellent and worthy institution. We are glad to look upon it as "our College," and we take a just pride in its

achievements and progress. It is generally recognised now by our churches, that, in the work of preaching, teaching, organising, and guiding the work of the congregation, specialists are needed, as they are demanded in all other leading callings of men. "The Utmost for the Highest" bespeak not only earnest co-operation, but also demands scholarship, and that every power shall be trained and directed along lines which will meet the special demands of the age in the dissemination, defence, and thorough vindication of the faith and hope that is in us.

The need of the trained leader is not likely to be less in the future than at present. There will be a continuous, increasing call for men, more men, who can give a good account of themselves in the battles of God. This need must be met, or the great plea of the churches of Christ will not receive the prominent advocacy and loyal support which its worth demands. We believe the College of the Bible is meeting this great need rapidly, and successfully.

Although much has been accomplished, the work is still in its infancy, and as we look at the future through the lens of a rational optimism, we see the work done by the College assuming larger and larger proportions with the passing years, and exciting an immeasurable influence for good in edifying Christians, and redeeming the lost through the more efficient preaching of the Word. New Zealand's prayer for the College is "God speed."

An Excellent Investment.

W. C. Craigie, Treasurer.

One of the greatest factors contributing to the strength of our Restoration movement has been the educational equipment of our preachers and teachers. It was with prophetic foresight that Alexander Campbell established Bethany College, which has turned out such men of force and power as J. W. McGarvey, Moses E. Lard, Isaac Ereft, and a host of others whose works have enriched the brotherhood. Such men presented the truth clearly and with convincing power.

If our progress is to continue, we may be certain that a larger number of such trained men will be needed. As our work grows, too, the need will be greater. Missionaries, Bible School teachers, will be required in greater numbers. It is therefore the policy of the management of the College of the Bible to make it possible for trained workers to be supplied for these departments.

Even a casual glance at what has already been accomplished will convince the most sceptical that considered as an investment, every pound placed in the College will result in a hundred-fold increase in the power and effectiveness of our churches.

We aim to have a thoroughly equipped College, staffed with capable teachers. This requires money, and still more money. Who will help?

Our College and Foreign Missions.

Jas. E. Thomas,
President, Federal F.M. Committee.

There has been a great advance of western education in Eastern lands during the last century. This progressive and enlightening movement has been largely due to the splendid work of missionaries who have sought in schools and colleges to make their educational work the means by which they have been able to teach the Word of God to those who come to learn. In the splendid report of the Commission on Education at the 1910 World's Missionary Convention, it is very frequently and forcibly pointed out by workers from every land, that the work of educators like Carey, Duff, Morrison, and Neesima, has made it essential for those who follow in the present generation to be sufficiently equipped to follow up that which has been so well begun. Then the religions of the East are philosophical and mystical, and those who study them are skilled in arguments that are often difficult to combat. It is therefore necessary for those who would reason with them in their false teaching to be well trained in the Word of God, and in the best methods of answering their misleading teaching. It is therefore very necessary for a missionary to be a workman well-equipped, not only spiritually, but intellectually, in order that he may rightly divide the Word of truth. We have come to recognise in these days that the servant of God who goes into the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the gospel, and to lead the heathen into higher things socially, intellectually, and spiritually, deserves every encouragement and assistance in the preparation for such a life work. This was what led Alexander Campbell to found Bethany College, and what has been the motive of our educational work ever since. The Christian Women's Board of Missions has chosen the splendid College of Missions in Indianapolis for this worthy object, and princely sums have been given for this noble purpose. We are grateful that God has made it possible for us in this great Commonwealth to have such an institution as the College of the Bible to further the work of equipping the young men and women who go forth as the brave heralds of the gospel of the Cross into the dark places of the earth. There used to be a time when young people wished for training to prepare them to go out as missionaries, and we gave them no help; their call was unheard. Now we have a home base in Glen Iris, where workers are being prepared to go forth "thoroughly furnished" in the service of our King. We have already had Walter Mansill from our College to give his life for Africa, and he has become the firstfruits of many who in the years to come will go out from the College and give their services to the great cause for which this noble young man died. Then A. B. Chappell, who is doing such a splendid work in Maewo in the New Hebrides,

GROUP OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY STUDENTS, 1915.



Back Row: H. R. Coventry, G. H. Oldfield, W. H. Henriksen, K. M. Bowen, H. A. G. Clark, F. R. Killey.
Front Row: W. R. Hibbert, Miss L. Redman, L. C. McCallum, Miss V. Blake, S. B. Hibbard.

is also from Glen Iris. There are eleven other consecrated young men and women now preparing themselves in the College to go out in response to the call of their Lord. When we help the funds of this institution, therefore, we are assisting in the most practical and lasting way the cause of Foreign Missions. We are investing money in a cause that will tell for eternity. We are helping men to prepare for a life that may be the means under God of leading many from the bondage of heathenism into the liberty that is in Jesus Christ. An old seamstress named Sarah Hosmer in Lowell, Mass., U.S.A., contributed fifty dollars on five different occasions to keep native teachers in the field. Then she paid for a student being trained in College to go out as a missionary, and after she became sixty years of age she earned enough by her needle to educate yet another missionary. It is such heroic giving that makes for the progress of the great missionary enterprise. May we do so nobly in these times of crisis that our College may not suffer, but men be continually prepared to go into the whole wide world with the all-sufficient gospel of the Prince of Peace.

The Quest for Knowledge.

W. Rothery.

One of life's most acute desires is the passion for knowledge. How and what we learn determines both what we are and what we shall be. Knowledge does not come to

us easily. Only by intense application or hard experience may we become proficient in any branch of learning. The desire to know meets us on the very threshold of life, and becomes more insistent as we progress. Many seminaries of learning do not offer instruction on the discrimination of good and evil, becoming thus but "blind leaders of the blind." How often in our theological colleges, the minds of students are blighted by reason of destructive criticism. Knowledge is of good and evil; if therefore our minds are not exercised to discern both, there can be, after all, but intellectual and moral failure. Knowledge is the handmaid of goodness, and education fails utterly if it does not lead to a higher life.

As a student in search of knowledge, and as one greatly aided in that quest by the College of the Bible, only tributes of the highest order can be paid to it. After nearly four years of happy residence there, the writer views the College as an ideal educational institution. There the open Bible, symbol of our loved Protestantism, is studied and revered, not only as a text-book, but also for its own sake. The Faculty, a wise and consecrated body, take a personal interest in and instruct the students in subjects designed to help them in their life-work. Moreover, the helpfulness of the student-body cannot be over estimated. It would be difficult to find such another group of young men, so consecrated in their lives and so pure in their motives. Thus the College furnishes a place where both education may be gained and character may be formed. God bless the College of the Bible!

Postcard Appreciations of Our College.

A Valuable Possession.

The oftener I visit the College at Glen Iris the more am I struck with the rapid growth of the College—the splendid land of students, the very large increase in the accommodation provided for the Faculty and students, the healthy and airy appearance of the class rooms and sleeping apartments, the splendid foresight of the Board of Management in purchasing that additional land, the teaching staff so ably led by the Principal, Bro. A. R. Main, M.A., a man whose place it would be difficult to fill. What a wonderful gift he has of imparting knowledge to the students. Our churches have good reason to be proud of its valuable possession, the College of the Bible. Brethren, the Staff, Board of Management, and all connected with the College, need your prayers, your sympathies, and your pecuniary support. The soldiers of Christ must be trained for the battle of the Lord. Help to keep with the spirit of liberality, this your College of the Bible. Men and money are required to successfully fight the battle against Satan and his emissaries. Will you help?

Thos. E. Roie.

A Long-Felt Want.

The College of the Bible has filled a long felt want in our work in Australasia. It is no longer necessary for our young men to spend money and time in crossing the seas to prepare for their life work, and the day is rapidly coming when it will be unnecessary to look to other countries to supply us with preachers. This is good. It is an evidence of increasing strength and ability to do the great work entrusted to us. The thorough evangelisation of Australia waits upon the going forth of a large number of true-hearted, well-educated Christian men, and the College is making this possible. Already the men who have left her walls are exercising a good influence, and this will be more and more evident as the years roll on. The College needs and should receive the hearty support of all who long for the salvation of men.

H. J. Banks.

H. M. Organiser, West Australia.

Not a Preacher Factory.

No one knew better than Christ himself how much depended on the men who were to be the leaders in the church he was to purchase with his own precious blood.

Accordingly he selected twelve men in order that he might train them for the special work of preaching the gospel, and teaching the church.

The College of the Bible is not a machine for making preachers, but it is an institution where consecrated Christian men can be trained for the great work of teaching and preaching.

To-day the need of men is great. Men willing to sacrifice; men willing to train; men willing to spend and be spent in the service of Christ and humanity.

To such the College of the Bible offers the greatest opportunities for training and spiritual development. Men! The Master calls, the church calls, a perishing world calls. Enlist now!

A. T. Eaton.

An Intellectual, Moral, and Spiritual Centre.

Those who have made themselves acquainted with the work and scope of the College of the Bible will readily recognise in it an intellectual, moral, and spiritual centre from which is radiating an influence and power to the various parts of this great Commonwealth, and which is undoubtedly making for the effectiveness of our message and mission.

To many of our young men who desired to consecrate their lives to the work of the gospel it has provided the necessary means of giving the fullest effect to the admonition of the Apostle Paul, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Brethren, should not our appreciation of such an institution find expression in a support that will enable it not only to maintain, but enlarge its sphere of usefulness?

Hon. W. Morrow.

Dependent upon the College.

The paramount need in Queensland is that of a great spiritual awakening. For many years the fires of spiritual fervor have burned low. Our conceptions of life were too materialistic. We shall need to learn that the real ego has a higher destiny than the self; i.e., that "man cannot live by bread alone." Worldliness has dulled spiritual aspirations. The magnificent, equable climate has conducted toward lethargy. We are almost wholly dependent upon the College of the Bible for spiritual leadership. At present the demand is greater than the supply. We need men, more men. As the true approaches for the annual offering, Queensland should recognise her need, and do something worthy of our College of the Bible in order that men of God-vision, purpose, and power might be prepared to meet the hourly growing need.

W. H. Nightingale,

Secretary, Queensland Conference.

Helping the Bible School Worker.

The present war is a striking example of the true value of education and organisation. The German nation has very nearly succeeded in conquering the world just by making use of the knowledge and science which they are celebrated for; and making

full preparation for all contingencies they secured material in the shape of shells, etc. How different with the Allies. With plenty of material they were not prepared, and even when they saw the absolute necessity for greater preparation the workmen would not rise to the occasion, but shirked their duty. How like the church to-day. God has given us all the material, even to making shells for us to fill (I refer to the children). And he has provided the most powerful explosives for the destruction of evil (his World). Shall we as his workers shirk our duty, while Satan fills them with the ingredients for destroying all good? Shall we not rather make use of the splendid opportunity now offered by the College of the Bible through the various State Bible Schools' departments to qualify our selves to fill those living shells with God's World? Now is the time. To-day is the opportunity.

G. Stimson.

Teaching the Word.

The College of the Bible is an asset of the brotherhood. Not simply in land and buildings, although we are proud of these, but in the class of work being done.

This land is fast becoming over-run with all kinds of false theories from "Darwinism" to the subtle influences of a cultured infidelity. The College of the Bible stands for the Word of God, and we must see to it that only such men shall be found on its teaching staff who believe and teach the whole Bible. Then from such an institution must go forth young men of faith and conviction, ready and able to stand for the "doctrines of the Son of God." In the days to come we are going to need all such men, for perilous times will come when the faith of the very elect will be tried. Our College is training men who will "preach the Word" God bless and help it every effort.

Ira A. Paternoster,
Federal F.M. Secretary.

Fulfilling the Master's Purpose.

The Master's purpose can be realised fully only through an educated, efficient, consecrated ministry. Jesus knew this, so schooled his apostles three years before sending them forth. They were no longer ignorant men. They had been with Jesus and learned of him. Then when he would send one "far hence unto the Gentiles," he chose Paul, the most cultured man of the day. Paul trained Timothy and Titus, and said, "The same commit thou unto faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." He ever calls efficient and enlightened men to his great work, and to be leaders of the people—men like Luther, Calvin, the Campbells, and Dr. Macklin.

God wants the best, and the best to have the best possible preparation. If it is not so, it becomes a case of the blind leading the blind, and all falling in the ditch. God

give us men for our ministry with skilled hands, clear heads, warm hearts.

M. O. Johnston, M.A.

Advancing our Missionary Work.

To become a business man in any particular calling, to enable him to compete with others, he must first equip himself. To become an efficient evangelist, all Christians should realize that he needs equipment as much as a business man. He needs both education and devotion.

When a student desires to equip himself for this honorable position, he has to make many sacrifices in various ways during his term of study. It is our plain duty and responsibility to support this educational and devotional institution, the College of the Bible. It has done and is doing a great work in fitting the students for the responsible and honorable position as preachers of the gospel of Christ.

A Message from Our College Chairman.

Another swift year has passed since the last Educational Number of the "Australian Christian" was published. We recall a prominent intimation in that issue recording with great sorrow the passing away of the late esteemed Chairman of the Board of Management, Bro. F. G. Dunn. It is fitting to remember once more the unflinching interest taken by our late brother in the institution, and we acknowledge again the splendid service rendered by him from its inception up to the time he was called to Higher service.

The present Board was appointed at the Federal Conference at Sydney last Easter to succeed the brethren acting up to that time.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the splendid support accorded by the brotherhood in the various States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand to the College of

Jesus Christ, and to instruct them in the truths of the Holy Scriptures, which we firmly believe to be the revealed Word of God which liveth and abideth for ever—to enable them to rightly divide the Word of truth, so that they may be able to instruct others also.

We commend the College, with its teachers and students, and all its interests, to the continued safe keeping of our brotherhood, and hope the results will amply reward and justify their confidence and support.

For the Board of Management,
Robert Lyall, Chairman.

The Call for Specialists.

W. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D.

A specialist is a man who excels in his chosen work to the extent of being competent to lead, direct, or act as an authority in regard to it. Specialisation further involves the restriction or limitation of one's chief activity to some particular phase or department of a given field of work. Thus within the work of the church Paul mentions the specialised ministries of prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, ruling. The minister of a church is a specialist, in that, while not contravening the priesthood of all believers, he applies himself especially to the ministry of the Word. But more specialised ministries are represented in the pastor, the teacher, the evangelist (using the word in its ordinary meaning), the Sunday School teacher, superintendent and organiser, the missionary, secretary, and the educationalist.

The equipment of a specialist lies in natural aptness, the possession of special abilities and persistent application to the work in which excellence is sought, until the man is master of its various intricacies and problems. The process of equipment is greatly aided by institutions for training, but the greatest factor will remain the natural equipment coupled with persistent application.

The value of the specialist is very apparent. By a thorough acquaintance with his task he is equipped to accomplish far more by the expenditure of no more energy than that displayed by the un-specialised worker. His personal efficiency is largely increased, but the chief value of the specialist does not lie in this enhanced personal efficiency. It lies in what he can enable others to do under his leadership. In other words the specialist should be made the basis of an organisation for the accomplishment of a special purpose.

The need for specialists is not felt in a very small organisation. Without specialisation its various needs may be attended to, but with increased size the need for the specialist grows. A church of fifty members may prosper without specialists, a church of five hundred cannot. As our Australian brotherhood grows, the need for specialists becomes more imperative. However, it is one thing to need specialists, and

SOME 1915 STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENLISTED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.



R. Sherar.



L. Anderson.



D. Walsely.



E. Sherar.

In supporting the work of the College, we are doing Home and Foreign Mission work for our Lord, who commanded us "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

H. L. Pang.

Has Justified Its Existence.

The education of our young men for the work of the ministry can not hold too prominent a place in the mind of the brotherhood. The age in which we live demands it, and the great plea, of which we are justly proud, should find its best presentation through the educated mind. The fruit of this institution has abundantly justified its existence, and much of the seed that has been sown has yet to bear fruit, so that this work shall continue to tell its own story of progress in the years to come. Shall not our beloved Bible College command our thought, our heart, our pocket, and our prayers, so that we may participate in its success, and share in the great reward?

P. A. Dickson.

A well-known brother writes: "Australia needs Australian trained men. I write this while holding the men who have been trained elsewhere in the highest esteem."

the Bible during the past year, and their increasing interest in its work. Owing to the drought experienced in the States and the dreadful war into which the Empire was plunged, which events have materially affected the resources of so many of our members, considerable anxiety was felt as to the financial side of the College interests. Notwithstanding the drawbacks of the year the response of the brotherhood in meeting necessities has been splendid, and the Board tenders sincere thanks to all who have expressed their interest in the work.

Bro. Emiss has been excellently received in his visits to the States and New Zealand on behalf of the College, and his appeals were generously responded to.

The Principal, Bro. A. R. Main, is most zealous in his work, and all his splendid abilities are used in service of the College, and to the advancement of the students.

The Board acknowledge with pleasure the hearty support of all the members of the teaching staff accorded to the Principal.

The students, we believe, are striving to equip themselves for their life's work, and we are hoping for great things from many of them in the days to come.

The principal aim of the College is to help train our young men to efficiently preach the gospel of our Lord and Saviour

another to want them. There is a lingering and in some places a deep-seated conviction that our churches would be better with an un-specialized ministry. The presence of this feeling often cripples the usefulness of what specialists we do have. The absolutely essential condition for usefulness on the part of a specialist is that he be given the place of leadership. The withholding of this inevitably leads to failure, and then in the greater number of cases the specialist is blamed. We need specialists, and our need is great, but the need is equally great of a church that knows how to value, and is willing to use the specialist.

Christian Education.

Cyprus Mitchell, M.A.

Merely possession of factual information does not constitute education. The real test of a man's educational worth is not so much what he knows as what he can do and what he is—what he has become because of his training. The nineteenth century rationalism and its accompanying utilitarianism disabused our minds of the unstable glory intellectualism.

Education is more abundant life and expert service. Christian education is more abundant Christ-life, and more efficient ministering—we are saved to serve. When Alexander Campbell founded Bethany College in 1841 it was the "first college in the Union... that was founded upon the Holy Bible, as an everyday lecture and an everyday study—as the only safe and authoritative text-book on humanity, theology, and Christology." His plan was for a "complete course of preparation" in which it was "constantly kept in view that the formation of moral character, the culture of the heart, was to be made the supreme end, all other purposes being held subordinate."

Harnack has suggested that Christianity is eternal life in the midst of time. The man who is really educated will evaluate and teach others to evaluate the facts of experience from the viewpoint of the "power of an endless life." If he has not the ability to see the divine activity, or the working of the Holy Spirit, in the often times harrowing material facts of life, and if he is not able to inspire others with the same vision, he is not educated in the Christian sense!

Education without the life perspective of Jesus of Nazareth is the curse of our modern life and the fountain head of our crass materialism!

What boots it that I can eclipse a Newton in mathematics if I cannot distinguish between my neighbor's money and my own? What boots it that I can soar into the clouds of the air if I cannot raise myself out of the fumes of my sordid selfishness? What boots it that I can memorize the Sermon on the Mount if I cannot remember to speak honestly about my fellow-craftsman and sense his spiritual excellencies? What does it profit me and the

religion I profess that I am able to trace the tortuous windings of the history of a Greek or Hebrew word in the Bible if I am not thereby able to trace its spiritual reality in the warp and woof of my religious neighbors' lives and actions—it would profit me nothing!

The Christianly educated man is the God-possessed man! And,—

"Our God is love, a love which cannot lie; No more than this, yet this is so profound, No human mind can fathom or explain."

This is borne in upon us the significance of Paul's teaching when he wrote,—

"I may prophesy, fathom all mysteries and secret lore,

But if I have no love, I count for nothing."

Why?

Ralph Gebbie, B.A.

Every Church of Christ in Australasia, large or small, should annually take up an offering for the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. Intercession for the College should very frequently have a large place in our church prayers, and in our private devotions should not be forgotten. The church should occasionally hear an exhortation on the place of the Bible College, that every member may be vitally interested in its work. Because:—

1. The College is absolutely essential to the successful propagation of our plea. We have a great message, which is for all peoples, but there is an appalling scarcity of preachers, and "how shall they hear without a preacher?"

2. The College is in every way worthy of our commendation, prayers and money. Our students have consecrated and scholarly teachers, the highest standards of work being continually before them, while the opportunity to attend Melbourne University gives the chance of a classical education to all.

3. There needs to be created the strongest sympathy between our churches and the Bible College if the best work is to be done. Men are put upon their mettle when they know others are expecting great things from them. Let our students feel that we all are interested in them, then an atmosphere is created about them, that gives a zest to work, and enhances results. Let us do our part.

4. We need to encourage our students to undergo the best possible training. Every preacher needs to know something of the trend of modern thought, and it will mean labor and sacrifice for students to stay by the seat of learning until they are fully equipped to confute or utilize this as the case may be. They will gladly do this if the churches manifest the proper interest in their work.

5. We need to create a Glen Iris enthusiasm that young men may be induced to go there rather than to American institutions. If our churches are continually talking about, praying for, and financially support-

ing Glen Iris, the former suggestion will operate and our boys will naturally incline there when they think of preparing for evangelism.

Training Leaders for the King's Army.

Captain Chaplain E. W. Pitman.

In the training of the Citizen's Army and the Expeditionary Forces it is a recognized fact that no force can be effective without trained leaders; so arrangements are made for men who wish to fit themselves for non-commissioned and commissioned officers, to attend a school of instruction.

Men look for leadership, and know that efficiency is only gained when those leaders are properly trained.

The same thing applies in the army of King Jesus. Among the rank and file are many who aspire to leadership in the fight for righteousness, and the "authorities" have provided a school of instruction for men who desire to occupy the front ranks in the conflict.

While we are assisting the Empire, enabling it to procure men and munitions, let us not forget our Bible College, which is recognized as our training centre for leaders in the army of the King. Let us provide that institution with both men and munitions.

I am glad that the church in Glenelg has pledged itself to provide the sum of £50 annually to assist young men who, for financial reasons, would not otherwise be able to avail themselves of the training provided by our Bible College.

It may be interesting to know that in the camp at Mitcham, S.A., is a young man associated with my class for providing leaders of Bible reading groups on board the transports, who received some two years' training in the College.

We urge upon our churches throughout Australia the indispensableness of our College work. The claims of our College should meet with a hearty response.

The Torch Bearers.

E. J. Gillman

God send us men whose aim 'twill be,
Not to defend some ancient creed,
But to live out the laws of Right,
In every thought and word and deed.

God send us men alert and quick
His Holy precepts to translate,
Unto the laws of Right become
The laws and habits of the State.

God send us men of steadfast will,
Patient, courageous, strong and true;
With vision clear and mind equipped,
His will to learn, His work to do.

God send us men with hearts aflame,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate,
These are the patriots nations need,
These are the bulwarks of the State.

Messages from the Presidents of our State Conferences.

Why an Australasian College?

H. G. Harward,
President, New South Wales Conference.

After nine years of splendid history there should be little need to discuss reasons for the existence of our College. The conditions calling for its establishment then, are not less in evidence to-day. But there may be some who need to be convinced of the necessity for having our own distinct educational institution. To these the query, Why?—may be an all-important one.

We believe that in this instance, "the end justifies the means."

In the warfare in which churches are engaged, we require men who are trained to wield "the Sword of the Spirit." Culture of both head and heart are essential to the most successful ministry of the Word. Our College supplies the need in this particular. Education minus consecration, not one would advocate. But education plus consecration, means everything both to the preacher and the church. It is an unwise policy that would neglect the training of men for this most important service, or that would leave men to seek that training in distant lands. Training of men in their own educational institutions has been an important factor in the progress of other religious bodies in the Commonwealth and Dominion. It will tell, with like power, in the history of churches of Christ.

It may be that the preservation of our churches to the cause which brought them into existence will depend in the future upon the leadership of men trained in our home institution. Many Universities and Colleges are not as free to-day from destructive influences as they were years ago. Breadth of sympathy, liberal thought, scholastic distinction are not always proof of loyalty to the truth as it is in Jesus. To love our enemies is scriptural. To esteem men highly for their work's sake is desirable. To co-operate with others who occupy a different religious position from ourselves is profitable. But to become so broad in our views that we sacrifice truth for sympathy, conviction for co-operation, and principle for brotherliness, will not help the movement we represent in the religious world, or bring honor to the name of our Lord.

Truth does not change, nor do principles vary by a change in our residence. Geographical position cannot affect these things because they are eternal. But how often the environment in which men are trained alters the view of truth, and radically affects their principles. Not infrequently preachers have been educated away from Jesus Christ, and from heart allegiance to the Word of God. Our continued existence as churches of Christ, and the success of our effort to conform to New Testament truth will, in no small degree, depend upon

the men who are the preachers in the days to come. It is because of this we believe that men, thoroughly trained in our own College, will make the best leaders in the future development of the work the Lord has committed to our hands.

The past history of the College, the present need of the work, and the preservation and progress of the church in the future, are the justification for the continued and hearty support of the College of the Bible.

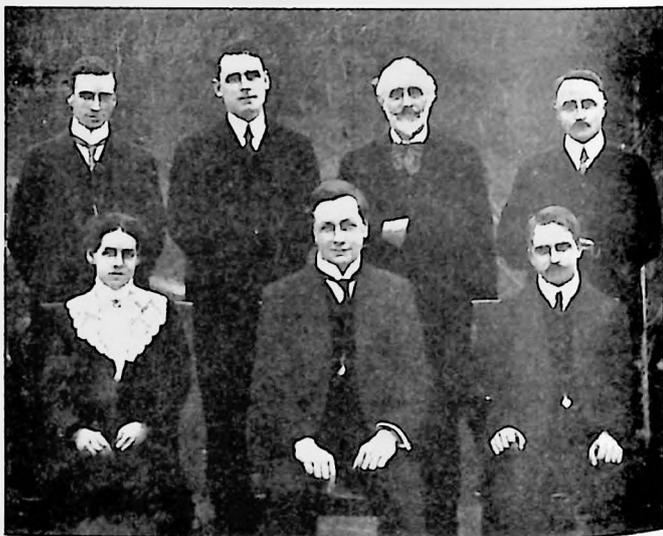
The College from the Standpoint of a Business Man.

Geo. D. Wright,
President, S.A. Conference.

The demand for men of knowledge and efficiency is being constantly made in the industrial and commercial world to-day. The difficulty of inducing youths to enter upon a thorough course of training to fit them for the trade or profession they propose to follow is imperilling the future of many branches of industry, and resulting in an excessive production of second and third rate men. The danger has become so apparent that employers of labor, representatives of wages boards, and those closely

in touch with the industrial life of the community are seeking to meet the difficulty in every possible way, and are making special courses of study in technical schools imperative in most apprenticeship indentures. And just as the thoroughly equipped and trained man is required and demanded in the commercial life, so also is he required in the religious life of the community. The high standard of secular education in our schools, the neglect to give the Bible the primary position in literature read by young people, and the tendency in many sections of the community to treat lightly and bring discredit upon the Word of God, makes it essential that those who purpose devoting their lives to the public ministry should have a sound knowledge of the Word of God, and ability to intelligently and forcibly present the claims of New Testament Christianity from the public platform. The College of the Bible at Glen Iris is the institution of the brotherhood for training the suitable young men of our churches. We trust the brethren of South Australia will stand by the College during the strenuous and depressing period through which we are passing, that the efficiency in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ will not be imperilled because of our neglect to support this worthy institution.

TEACHING STAFF, COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.



Back Row: H. E. Knott, M.A.; Reg. Farnley (Organist); J. Howlett Ross, F.S.S., A.F.A.
F. S. Taylor, B.A.

Front Row: Miss F. I. Sims, B.A.; A. R. Mann, M.A. (Principal); Mr. R. F. Freeman, Dip. Ed.

Messages from the Presidents of our State Conferences.

Our College: Its Relation to Bible School Work.

H. E. Knott, M.A.,
President, Victorian Conference.

Specialisation has given efficiency to every department of life. Efficiency in the Bible School is now being accomplished by the same means. In order to specialise and make the most of our work among the young, our preachers and teachers will need to devote themselves even more to a study of Bible School methods.

The Board of Management of the College of the Bible, recognising this fact, and being desirous of keeping our work abreast of the times, has decided to add to the curriculum a course in Bible School Pedagogy. A beginning has already been made, the Organising Secretary of the Victorian Bible School Department giving a course of lectures this year.

An effort is also to be made by our educational institution to assist all Bible School teachers in the Commonwealth and New Zealand to greater usefulness in this most important department of Christian service, by arranging courses which may be studied anywhere, and after certain prescribed work has been done, the College will set an examination, and grant a certificate to those who are successful.

Our churches as a whole have taken a leading part in advancing the claims of the Bible School. Schools of Methods have already been conducted with remarkable success. Beyond all doubt specialisation in Bible School work will receive increased emphasis in the near future, and nothing could be more appropriate or desirable than to link it up with our educational work. The College will thus not only prove itself to be fundamental to our work in training preachers, but will increase its usefulness by assisting Bible School workers, and so become even more worthy of its name—The College of the Bible.

An Up-To-Date Institution.

W. J. Mason,
President, South Island District
Conference, N.Z.

At no period of the world's history has the word "Education" had such significance as at the present time.

Parents and guardians are compelled to send their children to school to receive a thorough grounding in the primary studies, and it is to be remembered that the modern State School curriculum is by no means confined to the "three Rs" as obtained not so very many years ago. Continuation Classes and Technical Colleges are open to all who wish to advance their studies, at fees within the reach of all.

The tendency of our educational system is always in the direction of extending its

field of study, so that each successive generation can be taken on the average as being better educated than its predecessor.

Therefore, if we are to keep our churches full, our preachers must be properly educated and trained in all the arts necessary to hold the attention and interest of the present day congregation.

This is where the College of the Bible comes in, and we note with satisfaction that the Faculty is liberally endowed with University Degrees, ensuring the students a course of study that is "right up to the minute" and which will, upon their graduation, enable them to take the platform without the least trepidation.

It is to be hoped that our brethren will not always remain content with one institution for the whole of Australasia, but will in time make possible a scheme for the establishment of Colleges in other States and New Zealand.

A Call for Enlistment.

W. Wendorf,
President, Queensland Conference.

We admire the splendid men who so bravely and willingly offer their lives in defence of our country, and for the sake of liberty and justice. But in our admiration and praise of these, in our eagerness to hurl all possible forces against our enemy, let us seriously ask ourselves whether we are allowing the devil to decoy us away from our duty at home, and giving him a free hand to carry on his destructive work at our very doors. In our loyalty to help our nation at the seat of war, let us not neglect the enemy at our door. Let us realize that this war cannot last long, whereas the enemy of sin and darkness is always with us, and if we should relax our vigilance whilst off our guard, evil may get entrenched to a great extent.

Yes, the enemy at our door consists of so many social evils that surely there is a tremendous call for enlistment of our young men to equip themselves to fight the sin in our land. And in this great work of fighting Hell, how great a part our College of the Bible plays in equipping men for this continuous struggle. Not that we desire noble men who go forth for Christ without a College training. God has done and I still do wonders through such, but we must use the best methods of our time; we must have men who are as thoroughly equipped as possible with knowledge and methods, that can scarcely be obtained without a practical training. Oh! what great need there is here in Queensland for well equipped, consecrated men of God, where we have such a vast and magnificent land, and only about one soul out of every five hundred, members of our church. We have here as well as everywhere else, trenches full of social vice. There are

heights of sin and pleasure to be stormed, rivers of strong drink to be crossed, forts of gambling, blasphemy and infidelity to be shattered, and gases of scoffers to be silenced. Every new church established is a height conquered. Oh! what a call for enlistment for men to come and help us labor here where the fields are so white unto harvest. Come and help us. "Will they never come?"

Answering the Call.

A. G. Day,
President, Tasmanian Conference.

The time of the year is at hand when an opportunity will be given us to show in a practical way our appreciation of the work of our College, and of strengthening the hands of the Board of Management and the Faculty.

The support of the churches in the past has made it possible for the College, even thus early in its history, to play a very important part in the work of the churches in the Commonwealth and New Zealand.

The work of the College is giving solidity to the church in Australasia, and is bringing the churches of Christ into a position which is both desirable and commendable.

It is not necessary now to urge upon an observant brotherhood the advantages of the College of the Bible, for the records have spoken more eloquently than volumes of theory and speculation upon the question.

In order that a high standard of efficiency may be maintained, it is important that there shall be no lack of men and money.

As a result of the great war, people are beginning to think more seriously than they have done for generations past, and it seems that an opportunity is being given for the extension of the kingdom. With the opportunity there comes a call for men equipped in heart and mind for the work. Our College exists to answer that call, and is worthy of our heartiest support.

True to the Book.

F. Evans,
President, Auckland District Conference, N.Z.

"Every one that goeth forward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ hath not God."—2 John 9 (Dr. Westcott's Translation).

Those preachers who intend "pleading for a return to primitive Christianity" more than all other preachers need a thorough Bible education. This plea implies that religious bodies as they exist today have drifted away from the original faith and simple ordinances of the apostolic church, while the "Churches of Christ" in teaching and practice are in conformity with Bible teaching. The preacher therefore who is

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Some Former Students now engaged among our Australasian Churches

OUR COLLEGE DOES NOT TRAIN MEN FOR A **LIVING**.



S. Stevens.



A. J. Wedd.



W. H. Angate.



W. Boller.



J. E. Allan.



K. Arnott.



H. M. Chipstone.



A. B. Chappell.



J. I. Mulford



J. E. Shipway



I. Larsen.



B. W. Manning



A. J. Fisher



W. G. Cambridge



C. Schwab



W. Rothery.



F. E. Alcott



D. A. Cuckroft



L. Johnston



S. H. Madge



E. Davis.

IN THE FIRING LINE.

We take pleasure in presenting portraits of twenty-two former students of the College of the Bible. These men are now preaching in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, West Australia, New Zealand, and New Hebrides. From time to time excellent reports are given of their work, as well as of others whose pictures do not appear. It is a sheer impossibility to rightly estimate the value of an institution which in the short space of nine years has produced so many valuable men.

We plead for an adequate appreciation of the work which is being done at Glen Iris, and ask that on Sunday, October 3, the offering for College purposes may be in keeping with the immense importance of our training institution.

THE COLLEGE THAT FITS.

The College of the Bible exactly fits into the needs of our people and our churches.

It fits the limited means of some students. Fees are low, cost of living is reduced to a minimum, and opportunities for remunerative work are plentiful.

It fits for all the needs of the work—for Bible School work, for work in the homeland, and for work in the foreign field.

It fits for the preaching of a full gospel, for the right understanding of the revealed will of God, for the extension of primitive Christianity.

It fits for practical Christian living; not merely to impart information, but to develop the whole man, mental, moral, and spiritual, that the life may be spent in service for God and man.

It fits men to fit others for time and for eternity.

OUR COLLEGE TRAINS MEN FOR A **LIFE**.

True to the Book—Continued.

to prove himself worthy of such a plea must have a very clear conception of the position, and be prepared at all costs to stand to scriptural faith and order.

We will take it for granted that this thought is kept prominently before the students during their studies at the Bible College, and on leaving to commence definite work for the Master, they are fully equipped with knowledge and inspired with holy zeal for the salvation of men on God's terms, and the organising of the churches on New Testament lines. In due course these ambassadors of Christ are scattered amongst our churches, and sooner or later meet with evidences of that slackening of the hold on the primitive faith and order which shows itself so persistently in some of our churches. The preacher observes

that preference for modern expediences in the opening of the Lord's table to the unimmersed, the disappearance of congregational worship and mutual edification. He notices the elimination from the gospel message of some of the essential steps towards the salvation of men, all indicating a tendency in the direction of that sectarianism from which we are pleading with men to return.

In such a position what splendid service can the preacher from the Bible College render. Fresh from his studies of the ideal he becomes the saving salt of primitive purity. Thoughtfully, tactfully, prayerfully, he brings his knowledge and influence to bear in winning the church back to the Bible standard, and as we see his efforts bear fruit, we reflect with a satisfaction that our plea is no idle boast.

Reports from the Field.

Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON.—Good meetings on Sunday, Sept. 5. C. Nicholls presided at the Lord's table. At the gospel service we were favored with a beautifully rendered solo by Miss Vera Strevens. Bro. Day gave an able address on "God's Barriers Against Man's Sins." Misses Gale and Hollingsworth have both left the hospital. Miss Parlay is still an inmate. Owing to the monthly prayer service in connection with our C.E. Society being held in the Christian Mission Church on Wednesday night, the prayer meeting was held on Tuesday night. After the meeting a short business meeting was held to endorse the action of the deacons in various matters brought forward by them, all their recommendations being passed.—D. Dowde, Sept. 9.

DOVER.—On Sept. 8, a social in connection with the C.S.S. was held in the chapel. A good many people were present. Dialogues, recitations, etc., were creditably given, after which games and supper were indulged. Now the finer weather is coming, we are expecting larger meetings.—Bro. Byard was with us for both services last Lord's day.—A. Glass.

New Zealand.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—At a special meeting of the officers of the church, held on Wednesday evening last, the following resolution was carried unanimously, viz., "That in the future only members of the church of Christ shall be permitted to take part in any function for the purpose of accumulating the church treasury." Bro. Jordan, who has been ill for some time, was present at the Lord's table this morning, he is one of the early pioneers of the church in Wellington, and we were glad to see him back again. We enjoyed a treat this morning in the way of an address from the text, "It is finished," by Bro. Briton Jarvis, of Kibiraia. Many strangers were present to hear the gospel address, when Bro. W. Phillips was in his prime.—A.L., Aug. 29.

INVERCARGILL.—We have so far been unable to name a suitable evangelist to carry on the work in this place, and in the meantime we are depending on the assistance of the local brethren in this work. The Sisters' Sewing Guild are industriously working for their forthcoming sale of work, and we trust that their efforts on that occasion will prove libberly satisfactory, and a large amount of cash is made available for our new building scheme. We have lost one of our leading members of our choir, Sister F. Fellows, who has removed to Oamaru. The choir and friends presented her with a small token of their esteem.—P., Aug. 30.

WANGANUI.—Yesterday Bro. Allen gave a very helpful address at the morning service. Special prayers were offered on behalf of those who have lately been bereaved through the war; Bro. Downey having lost a cousin, who leaves a wife and two children. The gospel meeting was well attended, at which we had "Good-bye" to Bro. Johnson, who leaves with the seventh reinforcements. Last Sunday morning we had an exhortation from Bro. Burnell, on "Foreknowledge and Predestination." On August 23 the quarterly social and business meeting of the church was held. It was decided very shortly to hold a week of prayer. Next Wednesday evening is to be an intercessory meeting. Thursday afternoon, the ladies' sewing circle are holding a sale of goods, in aid of the mortgage fund. The Bible School is still doing well. Recently the annual examination under the Auckland Sunday School Union was held. Nineteen of our scholars sat. Fifteen passed, seven gaining proficiency certificates, three gaining first class and five second class certificates. We propose holding our anniversary in November. The Bible Class with Sister Thomas as leader, is doing well.—L. A. Theford, Aug. 30.

Queensland.

ALBION.—A social gathering was held in the chapel on Saturday, August 7, to welcome Bro. and Sister Hudson, who have come to labor with the church. Bro. Hermann (church secretary) occupied the chair. Bro. A. J. Green extended a welcome on behalf of the church. Bro. Finchel under an invitation of the Bible School, and the writer on behalf of the J.C.E. Sisters' Bible class, Bosworth, Bro. Haldane, Hermann, and Finchel, assisted by rendering musical items, and Lily Walters recited. Bro. Hudson and his wife are enthusiasts in the work, and we look forward to the future in great anticipation.—M.H., Sept. 7.

TOOWOOMBA.—Matters in connection with church work generally have been progressing very satisfactorily. Arrangements for the preachers' conference to be held here in October are well in hand, and a good time is anticipated. The sister's department, which includes attention to visitors and accommodation for visitors, is also working hard, and no effort is being spared to make the conference and "forward movement" a success.—T. Bailey, Sept. 6.

ALBION.—Pleased to report increased attendance at all meetings. Bro. Hudson has taken for our Wednesday night Bible study Christ's Second Coming. This is proving very helpful to us all. The young people have started a Y.P.S. on Thursday night. Good interest is being mani-

fested by the young people of the church. The Bible School started a gold and purple rally on September 12. We hope to enlist a large number of new scholars. The sisters have started a Domestic Class under the supervision of Sister Hudson.

South Australia.

YANGARRA.—The meetings are well attended, and the prospects for the future work are bright. In place of our monthly congregational meeting of the Christian Endeavor, on Saturday evening, Sept. 4, the meeting took the form of a social evening, when we met to say good-bye to Bro. Fischer. Bro. Fischer was made a present of a framed photo of the members of the church and the scholars of the Sunday School. On September 5 Bro. Fischer preached his farewell sermon. We had a good meeting, over forty being present. Bro. Fischer carries with him the best wishes and prayers of the brethren in his new field of labor. All branches of the work are in a healthy condition.—H. T. Pedler.

MILE END.—Five were received into fellowship at this morning's meeting; Bro. Baker, who was immersed at our last mid-week meeting, and Bro. and Sister Gibbons and their son and daughter, who were commended by the church at Balaclava. Our Endeavors have provided a very comfortable arm chair for our aged Bro. Coker to sit in at the meetings. We have had to say good-bye to another of our aged members, Mr. Willoughby, who has gone to live with his daughter at Stawell, Victoria. The sisters of the Dorcas presented her with a small hand bag at a social held to say farewell to her.—M., Sept. 12.

UNLEY.—Among the visitors this morning was Bro. Payne, from Eggmont. Principal A. R. Vain gave a very good address this evening. Bro. Huntman assisting in the service. There was a good attendance. Arrangements are being made to hold the anniversary services of the church on October 17 and 20. Several of our young people have been recently married.—Miss Dorothy Wheeler to Mr. J. Percy Robins, Miss Lottie Burns to Mr. Otho Pentlow (our organist), and Miss Ethel McGowan to Mr. John Toukin.—P.S.M., Sept. 12.

GROESBEE.—We had J. Wiltshire, of Mile End, with us on Sunday, 5th, when Bro. Thomas conducted service in the Yatala Prison. There was a fine meeting at night, when J. E. Thomas preached. Yesterday was a very inspiring day. Jas. Johnston gave us a splendid address at the morning service. We had a number of visitors present, including Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lyall, of Melbourne. Alton Wedd, of Kadina, and Roy Raymond, of Herby, took part in the service. Bro. Hagger, of Victoria, preached a fine sermon to a large audience at night. At the close we were cheered to see three confess their faith in Christ. Worth has received that Lieut. Frank L. Smith, one of our young men at the front, is returning invalided home.

NORWOOD.—Splendid meetings to-day, and large attendances. Bro. Hagger's address at the morning was most interesting and helpful. In the evening Bro. Johnston gave a fine sermon on "The Heart of the Gospel" (John 1:9). Many visitors were heartily welcomed by Bro. Baker, who assisted at both services. The Girls' Club social (led by Mrs. Cant) in aid of the wounded soldiers, realized £13.—(G.H.), Sept. 12.

PROSPECT.—Several visitors have been with us lately. P. Baker, of Milang, addressed the church last Sunday morning, and last week Bro. Steward, of Pirie South church, preached the gospel. The secretary of the church is now Mr. J. T. Thompson, of John's road, Prospect. The late secretary, Mr. Reynolds, has become superintendent of the Bible School, and is doing good work. Having had more than our share of "lucky" football team finds itself in the position where next Saturday it has to play off for promotion against the as yet undefeated Hindmarsh. This season has been the means of bringing the young men of the churches closer together.—D. MOUNTA.—Sept. 5, good meetings. In the morning a good number met round the Ladies'

table. Bro. All presided and exhorted. Three sisters also had previously confessed Christ and been immersed were received into fellowship. In the afternoon Bro. Allan held a meeting for women only, and about 150 were present, when Bro. Allan gave a splendid address on "The Ministry of Women." Several guests, and attendances. Bro. Allan gave a stirring address, and at the close two more sisters confessed Christ. The mission continued through the week, till Wednesday night, with some good attendances and been interest. Baptismal service on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and three more were immersed. As the result of our special mission, thirteen persons confessed their Lord, and we believe that there are many more to follow.—B. March.

KADINA—Sister Mrs. Symon, of Newtown, underwent an operation in the private hospital about three weeks ago, but was not strong enough usually, and passed away last Monday morning. There was a good attendance at the prayer meeting last Thursday evening, when Roy Raymond gave the address. Bro. Wright presided, and extended the hand of fellowship to one who was baptised two weeks ago. W. Slee gave the exhortation. "This evening S. Trunwith was the speaker, who exhorted his subject, "The Coming Jesus"—Jas. H. Thomas, Sept. 12.

QUEENSTOWN—On Sept. 8, a farewell service was tendered to Bro. Frank B. Brooks, who are leaving for the front with the next contingent; also E. C. Deves, who is taking up the work at Naracoote. Sister Wilson sang a solo. Several words of appreciation were spoken by representatives from various societies and auxiliaries connected with the church and Sunday School. All three were commended by the members of the New Testament and Pulpit. The brethren suitably responded, and supper was handed round. Sunday, Sept. 12, Q.Y.P.M., good meeting. A. Keeling addressed the young people. E. C. Deves was presented with a nicely bound morning hymnbook, and a copy of the program of his departure for Naracoote. Worship, Bro. Brooks presided, many Conference visitors being present. A. J. Fischer gave a splendid address on "Bringing Others to Christ." In the evening E. J. Goodwin, from Mallada, preached on "The Power of the Gospel"—D.W.M., Sept. 12.

SEMAPHORE—Splendid meetings today. This morning A. G. Saunders presided, and Bro. Bolten, from the College of the Bible, exhorted. A sister who had previously been immersed was received into fellowship. Sister Mrs. Gifford Gordon, of Prahran, Vic., worshipped with us. Sister Sykes was also back again after her severe illness. This afternoon, at the men's Brotherhood, Mr. J. Moyes addressed the class. To-night on building was again full, when A. G. Saunders presided. At the close of the address Sister Mrs. Woodcock sang a solo. A young lad from the Bible School decided for Christ, and at the close of the after meeting a young woman also confessed her faith in Christ. Our Red Cross Society held a picture evening at the Ocean Palace on Friday last, as an outcome of which they hope to raise funds for their work.—E.C.M., Sept. 12.

New South Wales.

INVERELL—Fine address at the prayer meeting on Thursday night, by the evangelist. Lord's day morning Bro. Cosh addressed the meeting. Bible School in good form. Three new scholars in two weeks—result of "Little's Cross and Crown System." Good number of entrants for examination; expecting good returns. Evangelist spoke at night on the words, "Men of the World have their portion in this life." On Saturday afternoon, a young woman who made the confession some time ago, was immersed. Her name of Jesus. At the Little Plain service in the afternoon of Lord's day, the eldest daughter of our esteemed Bro. Saml. Barr confessed her Lord.—H. Wilson Cust, Sept. 7.

TARLE—Bro. Macler, from Queensland, has arrived and taken up the work in this district in conjunction with Bro. Burns. A very pleasant

social gathering was held on Wednesday week to welcome him, in which all the ministers of the town were invited. (One addition recently by baptism. All meetings fair. It is our painful duty to record the news of the death of our aged Bro. Freeman, who passed peacefully away on Thursday last. A memorial service in conjunction with the service was held last night, to which the Rehearsals attended.—T.M., Sept. 6.

BYRON BAY—The writer resumed meetings around the Lord's table in this important centre, on June 27. The meetings on the whole have been fairly well attended. On August 27, two of the older scholars of the Bible School made the good confession. A Bible School was commenced here on July 1. We have on the roll at present 20, which is very encouraging.—T. Jones.

BANGALOW—Since last report we have had some good meetings. August 20, the assembly around the Lord's table was good. At the gospel meeting we had a nice number present. On Sept. 5, the Lord's table was attended well. Bro. Fox, long ago passed, and Bro. Wells, senior, exhorter. At night Bro. E. Wall, gave a good address on "The Speech of Religion." Twelve of our Deacons attended the monthly rally at Euroke, on Sept. 1. The Society had a splendid meeting on September 2. It is doing a fine work. The Sunday School is keeping up well, and the spirit is in the church to go on.—T. Jones.

ENMORE—A conference of Emmaus Bible School teachers was held last Tuesday night, some 40 being present, the object being to create fresh enthusiasm and assist them in their work. Bro. Rush, Gale and Payne were the speakers. The meeting was a great success. Last Lord's day we received into membership two sisters by commendation and a brother by baptism. Sisters Knapp and Ames, visitors from New Zealand, were present.—C.A.R.

NORTH AUBURN—Last Lord's day we celebrated our first anniversary, when 33 men were gathered round the Lord's table, (or added) over by W. Gale, E. Collins exhorter. (or presided) well attended. W. J. Crossman preached on "The Great Sacrifice." A young lady put on Christ in baptism. On Thursday night a public meeting was held, when H. G. Hayward gave a splendid address. Our membership roll now is 63. Showing an increase for the year of 10 members. Our preacher, W. J. Crossman, and C. Gwynne, our Bible School secretary, have enlisted for the front.—W. J. Ellis, Sept. 11.

HURSTVILLE—On Sept. 4, a social was given to Bro. R. McConghry, who has now left for the front, but unfortunately he was not able to be present. A wristlet watch was sent to him as a token of the church's love and esteem. Again on Wednesday, the church met to bid farewell to Bro. M. Santoway and A. Gale, who are preparing to leave for the front. Bro. Grant, on behalf of the church, presented them with wristlet watches. We are losing active workers in these young men. Bro. Poole's address this morning was much appreciated. Bro. Garden preached a number of congregations.—D. E. Heasman.

LARKINSVILLE—We had the novel experience of having men in the majority yesterday morning. This, however, was partly accounted for by weather conditions. Bro. Grant gave an acceptable address. Our Bible School secretary, A. Chiddister, has enlisted for the front. His resignation was accepted with extreme regret. Bro. Bond, our appointed secretary in his place.—P. Bond, Sept. 13.

SYDNEY—Weather conditions interfered somewhat with the attendance at the services today. L. Gordon gave a fine address at the morning meeting. Sister McCombs received into fellowship. Among the visitors were Bro. Woodson, Assoc. Yale Vic.; Bro. Clark, College of the Bible, Bro. H. H. Mitchell, Park, Vic.; Bro. G. Williams, Mt. Vic. At the evening service Bro. Hayward gave a fine gospel address on "The Barren's Birthright"—J.C.

MOSMAN—Good attendance at the morning meeting. Bro. Blingworth gave a very helpful exhortation on "Personal Accountability" at

found in Matt. 23: 14-30. Bro. Stevens gave a good gospel address at night, the subject being "Hosanna the Prince of Freedom"—F.C., Sept. 12.

HURSTVILLE—On Sept. 8th, the members of the Improvement Class had a social gathering to bid God-speed to two of the brethren of the church who had enlisted; one was going to the front, the other into camp. His Worship the Mayor, Bro. Grant, presided. Several musical items were given by the members, and during the evening specialties were delivered and presentations of wristlet watches suitably inscribed were given to the two brethren, Arthur Gale and Mervyn Santowk. The brick-work of the new Bible School and class rooms is nearly completed, and the carpenters' work is nearly done. It is expected that we shall be in the new building by the second Sunday in November. Contributions towards the furnishing are urgently needed. Please send to F. J. Winks, Hurstville.

BELMORE—Saturday evening last saw the building well filled to farewell those of our number who are leaving for the front shortly. Addresses were given by Bren, Edwards, T. Morton, W. A. Smith, and John Rodgers. Bro. Chas. H. Forbes presided, and presented wristlet watches and Testaments to Bren, W. Dillon, A. Smith, and A. Morton. These brethren have been actively engaged in the work of the church, and will be missed. Bro. Birrell, an isolated member, was present, he and James Mounsey made gifts of the church, were presented with Testaments, and with the first-mentioned three were hale God-speed, and assured of our prayers. Bro. Forbes getting to know of the presence in the meeting of Mr. Morency, who had also enlisted, asked him to come on the platform. He presented Mr. Morency with his own valued pocket Testament. Each of the six recipients of these tokens of affection made suitable replies. The meetings yesterday were helpful and blessed. Bro. Forbes gave a splendid address at the worship meeting. He excelled himself at the gospel service. The building was filled to the overflow. The new Bible School made useful and valuable presents to Bren, Dillon, A. Smith, and A. Morton. These young men were earnest Bible School workers.—John Rodgers.

Victoria.

MELBOURNE (SAVANNAH)—Bro. Franklin has been assisting the church at Warrnambool for a week, and during his absence his services were taken on September 8, by W. A. Kemp and A. R. Main. On this date one was received into membership. On September 12, Bro. Franklin conducted both services, speaking to good audience. Active preparations are being made for the public service in November. The church, Bible School and choir are all assisting to make the occasion a memorable one. J. V. Buckley, who is bound for the front, was married on September 11 to Miss Mabel Hutchison.

PRESTON—At the quarterly meeting on the 9th inst. it was decided (1) To contribute annually 25/- to the aged. (2) To elect a committee of officers make arrangements to relieve Bro. Lang of part of the Sunday evening gospel work. (3) To arrange a working bee to widen the church platform by six feet to accommodate the choir and to build a porch inside the entrance doors—as at Lygon Street to minimise draughts. It was also announced that the engagement which Bro. Schaab would commence from December 1. This field offers great possibilities to pastoral work, none having been attempted since Bro. Binney's departure, and the church is looking hopefully to Bro. Schaab's coming as resident evangelist. Bro. A. B. Knight, of Moreland, gave a good exhortation this morning, and to-night Bro. Lang preached on "Man's Attitude in Salvation"—W.A.S., Sept. 13.

SOUTH MELBOURNE—At our Bible School teachers' monthly meeting held on Sept. 1, Bro. Clay, on behalf of the school, presented Sister Mrs. Cullen, who is leaving us for New Zealand, with an umbrella and handbag, as a token of our

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Creating a Demand.

W. B. Blakemore, B.A.

Such an institution as the College of the Bible not only meets a demand by training those who have heard the call of God to the ministry of the Word; it, at the same time, creates a demand in that, by its very existence and the advantages it offers, it constantly keeps before the young men of our churches the ministry as a high and noble calling. Every institution of learning is a challenge to youth. It stands there pointing forward to some great and worthy goal. The existence of the College of the Bible is a challenge to our young people. It brings them face to face with the call of God for service both at home and abroad.

If there were no College of the Bible, not only would the door of opportunity be closed to many who aspire to better fit themselves for Christian service, the call to service would never reach the hearts of so many of our young men. In this way the College both meets and creates a demand. Surely men could not devise a more effective agency for securing recruits for leadership in the Lord's army. Our Lord said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." If we have ever prayed thus we cannot better show our sincerity than by supporting such an institution as the College of the Bible, for by so doing we simply move out in a definite and practical way along the line of our own prayer.

Ecclesiasticism.

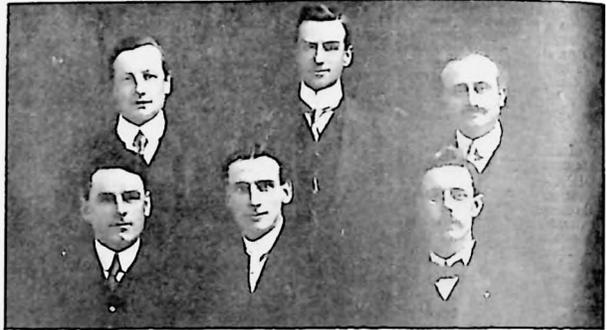
J. Inglis Wright,

N.Z. Foreign Mission Union Secretary.

Probably the greatest hindrance to the Christian Church at large to-day is the dominance of ecclesiasticism. The spiritual tyranny of clericalism has done much to turn away the masses from Christianity. It is an awful thought to contemplate, that the scriptural ordinance of baptism should have been ilched from the church by the agency of ecclesiastics, and that the simple scriptural positions of preacher and elder should have been in great measure replaced by a system of caste which finds no place in the New Testament.

It seems to me that the work of the Bible College in the direction of breaking down this huge evil cannot be too highly estimated. The aim of the College is to instruct men in the teachings of the Word of God and to impart to them such a measure of education as will make them efficient and capable preachers of New Testament Christianity. With the advance of education among the people, the prestige of the ecclesiastic has notably waned, and his sacerdotal claims no longer command unequalled recognition. Under these circumstances the door is thrown widely open for the simple preacher of the simple gospel. The man who can come forward to-day, free from the trappings of a semi-pagan caste, and declare a full gospel must com-

THE FACULTY GEELONG SCHOOL OF METHODS.



Back Row: A. R. Mann, M.A., H. E. Knott, M.A., T. Hagger.
Front Row: R. Emms, G. E. Chandler, A. P. Wilson.

mand the ear of thoughtful people among the masses. It is to increase the number of such preachers, efficient and equipped with a thorough knowledge of the New Testament, that the Bible College exists. Therefore we wish it God-speed, and crave for it support the help of the brethren throughout Australasia. It has done good work in the past, and, God willing, will do still better work in the years to come. Free from the soul-destroying, mind-numbing influence of the Higher Criticism, its students are going forth with a message that God can own and bless. Let our prayers ascend daily for the divine blessing upon the Bible College—for surely the harvest is great. It is ours to pray that laborers in still greater number may be equipped and sent forth into the harvest field, and also to show the sincerity of our prayers by practical help.

The Relationship of the College to the Church.

Jos. J. Franklyn.

From the memorable day when Christ commissioned his disciples to go and "teach all nations" to the present day, it has been the inalienable right, and prime duty of the church of Christ to teach Christianity. For three and a half years Jesus was the "Principal" of the first Christian college. Undoubtedly the reason for those strenuous years of preaching and teaching was the equipment of those who were to be the first witnesses and missionaries of the Cross. Christ had such confidence in the integrity of those appointed, and the method of teaching and preaching, that he staked the success of his great enterprise of love, the establishment of the church, and the evangelising of the world upon these two great factors. This is shown by the fact that he left no alternative scheme for accomplishing this God-designed work. Then, when

Churches of Christ were planted throughout the Roman Empire—the then known world—the apostles appointed teachers, who in turn taught the oracles of God to the disciples. So the work of teaching has been continued throughout the whole eventual history of the church. As the ministry of the word will be needed to the end of this Christian dispensation, it is impossible to over-estimate the importance of the work of the College of the Bible upon the subsequent life and efficiency of the Churches of Christ in Australasia, more especially as the faithful exponents of Holy Writ will be called upon to wage an incessant warfare against "perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds," "old wives' fables," "vain babblings," and all manner of theories not according to sound doctrine—contained in the "wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ." The ministry of teaching for the future should give us no concern when we remember the character and ability of our esteemed Principal, and the Faculty of the College. We confidently appeal to the brotherhood to cheerfully support our educational work—the equipment of the men who are to be the preachers of the future is necessarily attended with much work and expense. Let the Lord's stewards who cannot "go to the front" as proclaimers of the "gospel of the blessed God" give generously to assist the College Management in their great work of providing the efficient and consecrated ministry of the coming days. Remember the College motto: "Our College does not train men for a living, but trains men for a life."

The Matter of Equipment.

R. Harkness, B.A.

If the question was asked, what will most likely be the deciding factor in the great war? we would probably say, the supply of the needful munitions, and the matter of individual equipment.

In the battle of contending spiritual forces it is much the same, and if our leaders in the fight are not fully equipped our cause must suffer in consequence.

When the devil contended with our Saviour on the mountain of temptation, it did not appear that he was an ignoramus, but one who knew and could quote the holy Scriptures.

We are told that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. The devil never uses out-of-date methods; he is not now the roaring lion of persecution, but rather the angel of light, and his emissaries are furnished with the deadly weapons of destruction disguised by the refinements of evil, the culture of hell.

It behoves us then to look to our equipment, and make sure that those who go out to fight for the King of kings are furnished with the right weapons that shall be mighty before God—to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan and of sin.

The College of the Bible at Glen Iris is turning out men cultured yet consecrated, rendered by their training more efficient wielders of the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

It is the duty of the brotherhood of Australasia to help our young men, that in the great battle for right and truth they may be fully equipped.

Choosing a Life Work.

T. J. Gore, M.A.

I will endeavor to write a few words on this subject. It becomes a young man at the beginning of his active life to make choice of that work which is congenial to him, and, in which he thinks his powers of mind and heart, may be, in the truest sense, most profitably employed. It is often times difficult to decide this question. Kind advice from good friends is often very helpful. A good friend may possibly know the powers and capabilities of a young man better than he himself knows them. At any rate such advice enables the recipient to weigh well the whole subject and arrive at a wise conclusion. The choice, however, must depend largely on the young man himself. It was a fine old proverb among the ancient Greeks, "Know thyself." In the choice of a life work then a study of one's desires and intentions and soul-longings is very needful. It is well for every Christian young man to be much in prayer on this subject. A young man who decides to be a preacher of the gospel has made a momentous decision. He has chosen a life-work, and should never entertain the thought of a backward movement.

An example in the concrete rather than in the abstract is often better. A leaf out of the writer's practical experience may be helpful to young men. I have always specially desired the welfare of the young men with whom I have come into contact,

and have advised many as to their choice of a life work. I remember the difficulty I had in the choice of a life work. One of my earliest resolves was to gain an education, a University training. This was my ambition. I was a poor boy, and the odds against me were very heavy. An education I wanted, and an education I must have. With me along the succeeding years was the thought of a University training, but no choice of a life work had been made.

There may be two aspects of this choice of a life work. Should the education shape the choice, or should the choice shape the education? When I was about seventeen years of age a member of the church who had money and thought of me as one who might, if helped, make a preacher of the gospel, said to me, "I will send you to Bethany College, and see you through the course of study, if you will promise to become a preacher." I thought over the offer, and said to him, "I am deeply thankful, but the condition seems to pledge me to become a preacher before I know whether I am fitted for that great calling. Will you allow me to get the education first, and then make choice of my life work?" He was not willing to do this. So the goal of my life was not as yet reached. My great hope was not destroyed, but delayed. After I passed through the University and graduated, I was face to face with life in its work and its promises. I made the decision which brought me to Australia and held me here. In my case the education preceded the choice. In many cases the choice precedes the education. This is the more popular one, and, probably, taking all things into consideration, the better of the two. The choice once made, the calling in life settled, the education can be shaped to specially prepare for that calling. I do not, however, regret my choice. It gave me the coveted opportunity to study the classics, mathematics, and other subjects leading to a degree. I have been speaking specially of the life work of the young man who desires and determines to become a preacher. I have only to add that there never has been an age when so many privileges are to be enjoyed by the young man who earnestly and prayerfully desires to devote himself to the proclamation of the great truths of the gospel. Our Bible College in Australia has been a great blessing and will continue to grow in power and usefulness.

Training Church Leaders.

T. H. Scambler, B.A.

From the day that Jesus chose twelve men "to be with him" as a preparation for their being sent out to preach the Word of life, the leaders in the work of God have been trained men—men whose natural powers were directed and controlled by habits of study and application formed in the days of preparation. Paul, who enjoyed the advantages of the schools before

he received the vision of his Lord; Christosom the golden-mounted; John Huss, whose five hundredth centenary we are now celebrating; Luther, Zwingle, and Calvin, leaders in the Reformation; the Campbells and others who pioneered our Restoration movement—all were men trained for their work, and their work was effective, order God, because of their training.

The watchword of to-day is efficiency. Every department of human activity tends to become highly specialised. Men are required to spend years of training for every kind of work. The teacher, the engineer, the builder, the surgeon, all must be men of skill and experience, and the inefficient man is crowded to the wall.

The demands upon church leaders, too, are greater than ever before. Note some of the things which create these demands:

A new science of education has developed, and the church must understand and appreciate and use it.

The church is beginning to realise a new social task almost equal to her evangelistic mission.

The supreme mission of the church—that of evangelising all peoples, is calling, not for less, but for more consecration and sacrifice, and for men with the vision of statesmen.

The new demands of Biblical scholarship

N.S.W. BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM.



W. Gale.



H. G. Payne.



C. S. Rush, B.A.

call for thorough training and wise leadership.

The new materialism and paganism, which have exerted such a baleful influence upon the religious life of the day, need the best powers of trained and gifted men to hold them in check.

And the awful cataclysm of war, with its blighting effects upon the faith of thousands, calls for men of prophetic insight and power to lead the church of God.

We should be neglecting one of the chief elements of our power did we overlook the work of training church leaders. Let us seek the men who are by nature qualified for God's great work, and urge them to it, giving them at the same time the means of equipping themselves for their work in the fullest possible manner.

FROM THE FIELD—Cont.

appreciation for her services. We wish her God-speed in her future work. On Sept. 5 our mission began. The morning meeting was well attended. Bro. Clay presided, and Bro. Leng ex-orted. The gospel meeting had a record attendance. Bro. Leng preached a powerful sermon. The mission was continued during the week. Bro. Leng's preaching has been of a very earnest character. On Friday, Bro. Clay and Bro. Leng entertained five returned wounded soldiers in the vestry. One of them read the lesson at the gospel meeting. They were very grateful for the kindness extended to them. On Lord's day, the morning meeting was well attended. The writer presided, and Bro. Leng exhorted. At the gospel meeting Bro. Leng's subject, "Godliness," was listened to with rapt attention. Our brother's faithful preaching has created a good impression in our midst. The singing has been very attractive, it being well prepared and rendered by Bro. Clay and his chorists.—F.C., Sept. 13.

MONTRÖSE.—On Sunday last J. Clark gave farewell addresses to good audiences, and on Sept. 6 a combined farewell social was given by the church and tennis club, at which there was a fine attendance. Bro. Clark, who has been preaching for the church here for about six months, has done a good work, and was well liked by all. He was the recipient of some useful presents. The church presented him with a beautiful wrist-let watch, the tennis club with a very nice wallet and money belt. The Lilydale Shire Council also honored our brother by recognizing him as a volunteer from this district, and sent over a beautiful wallet, and a very nice typed address—similar to that given as a volunteer from the shire. Bro. Clark has the distinction of being the first preacher to volunteer from this district. He goes to join the Army Medical Corps, and our prayer is that he may be able to do much good, and be spared to return. We were glad to have with us Bro. Garnett, who is to take up the work, and we believe that he will be a worthy successor to Bro. Clark. The social was most enjoyable.—Robt. Langley.

SWAN HILL.—The good work continues in this centre. Our meetings are bright and attract many to the building. Souls are still being won for the Master, and the twenty-nine mark has been reached. Iren Hinton and Shipway closed their mission on Monday last, when two fine young men decided for Christ. Altogether five united with the church as a result of this effort. Our thanks are due to these brethren and to Sister Lois Green, who acted as soloist. On Monday night a farewell social was held to bid good-bye to the mission party. Bro. McDonald acted as chairman, and a good programme was given.—D.A.C.

WARRENHAMBOO.—On Sept. 5, we had the pleasure of a visit from J. J. Franklyn, of Swan-cornet, who was accompanied by his youngest

daughter. In the morning he exhorted on "Encouragement," and in the evening one of the large audiences we have ever had listened with rapt interest to his eloquent address on "The Only Hope for the Nation." The No-License League also enlisted his services for two stirringly powerful temperance addresses. J. Pittman, of Windsor, has been a visitor to-day. His excellent exhortation on "Unity" was much appreciated. He also visited the school, and spoke to the scholars on "Soldiers," and subsequently preached on "The Obedience of Faith," to another fine audience. Iren Chinn (from Newmarket), Wright (2), (Lanefield), Fisher (Lygon-st.), and McIntosh, who are in training in our local military campaign, have been attending the church services.—F.M., Sept. 12.

FAIRFIELD PARK.—Since last report our meetings have been fairly attended. Bro. Hibbert left us at the end of August, after a happy time of a year and ten months. He had in that time endeared himself to the church, and great credit is due to his efforts in the Bible Class. The church on Sept. 1 gave him a farewell, and presented him with a wallet as a memento. C. Anderson was welcomed, and both brethren suitably replied. Bro. Anderson took up the work on Sept. 5. On September 6 the church gave Bro. Harold Boyde, who sailed on Thursday last for the front, a send-off, showing the esteem in which our brother was held by the church, which presented him with a safety razor, the chair a money belt, also two individual presents, viz., a toilet case and a comfortable cap. Our young brother suitably replied. We commend him to our heavenly Father's care.—E.P.

WEDDERBURN.—Bro. Hutton has returned from a successful mission at Swan Hill, and gave two powerful addresses yesterday; two young girls made the good confession. The presiding brother delivered several messages from brethren at home. The church is grateful to Bro. Gillies, and Swan Hill brethren for assistance given in Bro. Hutton's absence. The churches here, combined, are holding a special prayer meeting every Monday night to pray for our soldiers.—F.J.L., Sept. 13.

WARRAGUL.—A Bro. Martin made the good confession, and was baptised by Bro. Clark, and received into fellowship in August. Meetings are keeping up well, and all are looking forward to the coming of H. Gray, from Mildura, and hoping for good things.—R.W.J.

STAWELL.—Last Lord's day morning Bro. Peters addressed the church very acceptably. At night the gospel service was well attended. We had the joy of receiving into membership a sister who was baptised the previous Thursday. Today the writer addressed the church, and conducted a men's service at night. Several seats were filled with men, who twice sang for themselves. At the conclusion one who has decided to be buried with her Lord in baptism made the good confession. Quite a number of our members are ill. We commend them to our Father's love and care.—H. B. Robbins, Sept. 12.

TARADALE.—We recently said good-bye to D. Wakeley, our week-end preacher, who has gone into camp. The church presented him with a wallet as a token of esteem for the good work he has done here. On September 5 we welcomed Bro. Hibbard, who has come to labor in Bro. Wakeley's place. We had good meetings yesterday.—E.C.

COLLINGSWOOD.—The anniversary services of the Bible School were held on August 29, 31, and September 5 and 7. The scholars gave a fine demonstration, including a patriotic dialogue. The church was given to the scholars, followed by a public concert, a number of them being rendered by friends from sister churches. The Sunday services were bright and fairly well attended. The scholars delivered choruses, and prizes were distributed. Our school is growing; 26 in kindergarten; 42 on cradle roll.—A.B., Sept. 13.

PRATHERAN.—Since last report our meetings have been very successful, although we regret to report that Bro. Gordon has been prevented from

being in his usual place by a severe attack of influenza. We are grateful to W. A. Kemp for taking the meetings on September 5. All enjoyed his visit, and appreciated his addresses. Last Lord's day morning we were pleased to have Professor Evans, from the University, who gave us a splendid exhortation. Bro. Gordon was able to give the second address of the day, although still suffering from a very bad throat. This was the second of a special series of addresses, being a special to young women.—A.E.M., Sept. 13.

BRINDIGO.—The tent mission is in full swing. G. E. Moore and A. P. Wilson have been doing hard and initial work during the past week, and have become endeared already to their audiences. Last night there were four conversions and one baptism. Bro. Moore preached last morning and evening, and Bro. Wilson conducted an interesting and enjoyable young people's service in the afternoon. Miss Young, of the local Y.W.C.A., and Miss Marion Morley, sang gospel songs 72 night. There were 17 visitors from Melbourne and suburbs with us during the day. From the list of church officers elected, the name of J. R. Turner was inadvertently omitted. The Misses Emily and May Wayland are leaving for Newmarket. We are sorry to lose them. Our preacher, C. R. Mitchell, has suffered bereavement through the death of his mother.—C., Sept. 13.

GEELONG.—Fifteen of our soldier boys were entertained at a social by the officers and members of the church on Sept. 8, at the Common School Hall. The Mayor, G. Brownhill, after a fine patriotic address, presented each soldier with a shaving set, and fountain pen. Bro. Chandler also presented each one with a New Testament. Two young women were baptised at the close of the mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday. Fine meetings on Lord's day. We were able to have Bro. P. Gump, of Melbourne, with us, and he preached both morning and evening. A man received the right hand of fellowship at the morning meeting.—W.L.L., Sept. 12.

BURNLEY.—Our meetings were well attended to-day. Bro. Winch presided in the morning, and Bro. Henderson spoke. In the evening Bro. Henderson preached, his subject being "Accepting the King's Uniform." We also enjoyed a social by Miss Rose Rutledge.—J.A.C., Sept. 12.

NORTH MELBOURNE.—On September 5 we had a good attendance at our consecration meeting. Over 20 members answered the roll call. Those who were unable to be present sent along a text of Scripture. In the afternoon, Bro. Tigger spoke, and on the following Wednesday night Bro. Knott and Mudge gave some good advice to a few of our members. Yesterday we had Bro. Antisch, from Crofton, with us, who led the church, and preached the gospel at night, his subject being "Bearing the Cross."—W.B., Sept. 12.

BON HILL.—Meetings continue to be well attended. On Sept. 12 Bro. Siverly exhorted the church, and preached the gospel. After an inspiring address at the evening service one married lady made the good confession.—H.H.

NORTH FITZROY.—Our meetings continue to attract large audiences, and a fine interest is being maintained. This morning a young sister who was immersed last Wednesday evening was received into membership. This evening Bro. Baker spoke to a large gathering on "The Fruits of Grace," and at the close of a very impressive address two Bible School scholars confessed Christ. The usual weekly collection in aid of the Red Cross work yielded £4. This work is still being vigorously carried on, and has brought to light much kindly local feeling toward the church by many friends who are not in membership with us. One of our largest boot manufacturers recently donated a considerable quantity of material, and the operatives gave their services after the usual hours and made up a large number of very serviceable slippers and shoes of our wounded soldiers. The workers at another factory, having read that the troops were unable to procure boot laces, purchased material and made up a large parcel of this almost indispensable article.—A.E.S., Sept. 12.

ULTIMA—We have had the pleasure of an extended visit from Bro. Hagger, who conducted a six nights' mission here. The meetings were all good, and aroused much interest in the minds of some of our neighbors. We are grateful to Bro. Burdett and Sister Wallace for their assistance in song. We felt built up as a result of these meetings, and by our brother's splendid talk to the church on the Lord's day morning, 24th August. At this meeting it was decided to go forward with progressive work throughout the district, and to have a service in Ulm every week instead of fortnightly, as has been the custom previously. On that night our mission party and friends journeyed to Watteite, and conducted a good meeting in the public hall. It was decided to hold a fortnightly service in this place. On September 5 the writer conducted the gospel service, at the close of which a young man made the good confession. Again on September 12, at the worship service, which was presided over by our Conference President, G. A. W. Mott, a young woman stood out for Christ—D.A.C.

BRIK SWICK—On August 24, Corporal Fredrick Roberts, a staunch member of the C.Y.P. Bible Class, was laid to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Bro. More officiating at the graveside, where also stood Reclivities, Orange man, and a full company of soldiers. The deceased died in a Melbourne hospital from cerebral meningitis. Lord's day, August 29, an innumerable service was held in honor of Corporal Roberts. W. More spoke to a large and representative audience, and the father of the deceased made the good confession. On Sep. 5, J. L. Mulford exhorted. W. More preached an impressive sermon on "Faith." This morning H. Procter presided and exhorted. The C.Y.P. Bible Class met in the afternoon at the Barkly Hall, Barkly-st., West Brunswick; they have given up the Town Hall. W. More preached to a good audience. One baptism. After a serious illness, little May Walker has been spared to her parents, Bro. and Sister Walker—W.F., Sept. 12.

HORSHAM CIRCUIT—On Sept. 3 we had Bro. Bolton, from the College of the Bible, who gave us two splendid addresses. On the same day a young man confessed Christ at Polkemann. On Wednesday night, a son of Sister Guyer confessed Christ, and was baptized on the eve of his departure for the front. Yesterday 53 bread were at Horsham, and there was a fine attendance at our gospel meeting at night. Our meetings at Binnato are very encouraging. Bro. Bolwell, our Polkemann treasurer, is in a private hospital to undergo a serious operation. The sisters' sale of work takes place on Sept. 24, and our tent mission commences on October 6 with a temperance demonstration. We look forward with pleasure to the coming of Bro. Hagger and Verity, and ask the brethren everywhere to pray for us in this great effort which has been made possible by great self-sacrifice—J.R.C., Sept. 13.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 21—Christian Endeavor Rally, Swanston-st. chapel, Tuesday, September 21, at 8 pm. Speaker, A. G. Saunders. Mr. Saunders will also give interim addresses at 10.15 am, Sep. 22, North Fitzroy; 10.15, South Melbourne; 27, Fitzroy-st.; 28, Brunswick; 29, North Richmond; 30, Seagramm. All welcome. Collection at all meetings.

SEPTEMBER 26—Lilyville Bible School anniversary, Lord's day, 26th. 11 am, Clas. S. Rush; 3 pm, A. E. Forbes; 7.15, A. Price. Tuesday, 28th, at 8 pm, F. Collins. Our school motto is: "Others have done it, we can do it sure" tion.

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Here and There

Bible College Annual Offering, first Lord's day in October.

W. Breach, "Checkmate," Platform-8, is the new secretary of the church at Lido-mare, N.S.W.

Extra copies of this week's "Christian" are being sent to Australian agents. It is specially requested that good use be made of them.

We learn with regret of the passing away of the mother of Bro. Capt. R. Mitchell. Sincere sympathy will be felt for our brother in this bereavement.

Thanks are due to Rev. Emms, Organizing Secretary of the College of the Bible, for painstaking and efficient care in preparing matter for our "Education Number" of the "Christian."

We are indebted to J. C. F. Pittman, preacher of the Ascot Vale church, for some splendid pen work appearing on the title covers of this issue, and also upon the College offering envelope.

R. Langley writes: "In sending you the name of E. W. Bond for the Honor Roll, I should have stated that he was killed in action, and not wounded, as it appeared in the 'Christian.' Please make this correction."

Several of the group pictures published in this issue are by C. Craigie, the author, Treasurer of the College of the Bible. With characteristic generosity Bro. Craigie gave liberally of his time and talent to give to the brotherhood pictures of students and Faculty.

At the Christian Endeavor meeting in Grote-st. on Saturday last, R. Raymond gave a vigorous address on "The Endeavor's work among the Home-land." Our S.A. C.E. Union is helping in the support of Bro. Raymond as its living link in the Home Mission field. The gathering was a very happy one.

The Bible School at Footscray, Vic., is a most promising one. Bro. Whelan has a large and growing Bible Class, and Bro. Easton, superintendent, is endeavoring to make the most of the opportunity afforded in the school. The Bible School Organizer is assisting for a few Sundays to perfect the organization.

Last Sunday A. R. Main addressed the Hindmarsh church in the morning, and preached for Colby at night. G. Hagger was the speaker at the Norwood church service, and the preacher at Grote-st. Other visitors to the Adelaide Conference from Melbourne were A. R. Lyall and wife, and Bro. Bolton, from Glen Iris College.

Already some enquiries have been made from intending College students for 1916, and there seems a prospect of a good enrollment, though it will probably be affected by a reduction in the attending students are urged to get into touch with Principal Main as early as possible, and certainly not later than the beginning of December.

The Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., delivered his maiden speech in the South Australian Parliament last week. It was a forcible address in favor of this Bill for six shohk raising of liquor bars. Bro. Morrow's support of the measure was unequivocal and unreserved. It is certain to pass, and will probably come into force in March.

The names of all in the various camps in Victoria who are members of the church should be sent to Col. G. J. Mackay, Chaplain, Reinforcement, Broadmeadows. This good man is Chaplain for the Baptists, Congregationalists, and Churches of Christ, and his charge of the work in the various camps for the three bodies concerned.

There was a splendid gathering in Adelaide Town Hall last Friday afternoon, when Bro. L. Eaker, of Norwood church, preached the Conference sermon on "The Heart of our Plea." The address was greatly appreciated, and was in some

degree a masterly production. The need of Christian Union was emphasized, and it was urged that we regard the plea for this as the very reason for our existence.

All subsequent Glen Iris students before receiving the College certificate will be required in addition to complete the Bible Course and qualify for matriculation at the Melbourne University, the teaching of the necessary secular work having been made possible by enlargement of the College Faculty. This represents a distinct advance in standard, and will be appreciated alike by students and the brotherhood.

The Sydney Bible Training Institute has had a year of successful service. A number of the class are now on the speakers' platform. The attendance, which was cut down by so many of the young men enlisting, has received a big lift by the interest taken in the training course in Bible School work now being given. The class meets at the City Temple, Campbell-st., every Monday night, 7.30 to 9 o'clock. The teachers, H. G. Harward and P. J. Pond, will be glad to receive new members to the class.

From time to time, and as the need arises, new courses of study are undertaken at the College. This year has been a distinct advance in the introduction of courses on "The Practical Work of the Church," and "Bible School Work." The former should help students to more successfully meet the many problems of a minister's experience, and the course in Bible School work should enable our prospective preachers to utilize to the full this most excellent opportunity of moulding young lives for Christ and his church.

The South Australian Conference meetings commenced last week, and were continued up to the 15th. We hope to publish a full report next issue. We may just say here that the severe wintry weather last Friday did not dampen the enthusiasm of the sisters who assembled at district Conference in good numbers. Mrs. I. A. Pater, moderator presided with dignity and grace. At the Temperance meeting at night, held under the auspices of the Sisters' Conference, the President's remarks, the Temperance Committee's report, and the able address of Bro. Hagger and Morrow, were received with relish, as also the musical items by Miss Robertson and Mr. L. Weeks. It was a splendid meeting.

The Victorian Red Cross Appeal—There was a very fair response to the appeal addressed by Lady Stanley to the Conference President, some 50 of our churches taking collections for this purpose, and remitting to the Conference Secretary or Treasurer. One individual and one tennis club also sent contributions. Lady Stanley, in acknowledging the cheque for the first instalment, wrote as follows: "The Victorian Government House, Melbourne, August 19th. Dear Mr. Hagger, I beg to thank you for the cheque £115 2/2 received by me to-day, and am forwarding it to Mr. John Grice, who will acknowledge it in the way you request. May I say how deeply I appreciate the generosity and the great help you are doing for Christ in the Red Cross Movement—Yours sincerely, Margaret Stanley."

At the present time the churches of Christ in Victoria are co-operating with the Baptists and Congregationalists in supporting a chaplain in residence in the camp at Broadmeadows. This is part of the effort being made to work among the soldiers; other work is done by the chaplains of the three bodies mentioned in a voluntary manner. The need of a reading room at Broadmeadows is felt very much, and the chaplain's committee (which consists of representatives of the three bodies) recommended that such a room be erected, and we have been asked for £50 as our share of the cost. It will be possible for Col. Mackay, or whoever may be in residence, to use such a room for Bible Classes, conversations with the men, and in other ways. The men will also find it good to have a table erected by their own people into which they can get to write, and will brethren who are interested please send us their contributions for this purpose to either W. Craigie, 265 Little Collins-st., or Thos. Hagger, 13 Walsh-st., Coburg?

Obituary.

GILLIES.—Death has visited the home of Bro and Sister Gillies, and claimed their youngest child, Eric—a cheery, affectionate lad of thirteen years, who was accidentally killed on August 28. His young life ended with tragic suddenness. His burial took place at Waverley on August 30. A bright spring day invaded the green turf, the blue waters of the Pacific, and the song of the birds spoke of eye and ear of the awakening of nature to new life typified that glorious resurrection day when the hope of Christians will be realised, and tears and partings shall be memories hidden behind the joy of reunion. The sympathy of the church is extended to his parents and brothers and sisters. May God grant that this affliction may work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.—H. G. Payne, North Sydney, N.S.W.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MISSION HOME MISSION FUND.

The following amounts were thankfully received during August:—

Churches, per Collectors: Boort, £17/11; Malvern, £1; Dunnmunkle, £1/6/9; Windsor, 13/-; Geelong West, £1; Walhalla, £1.

Individual Gifts: J. J. Franklyn, Swanston-st., £1; Mrs. G. Collings, Moreland, £1; H. Crowden, College of the Bible, 5/-; Mrs. Amess, North Melbourne, £1; H. Bolman, Swanston-st., £1; W. Cist, Hawthorn, 10/5/-; Anonymous, £1; W. J. Milne, Kerang, 10/6; Well Wisher, £5; Miss B. Brown, Hawthorn, 5/-; L. Martin, Apollo Bay (Ballarat Church), £3.

League of Willing Helpers: Mrs R. Dudley, Shepparton, 10/-; South Yarra, £1; E. G. Rowe, Kaniva, 5/-.

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Miscellaneous: Refund, Rail Tickets, £7/12/9; Year Books, £2/10/-; Advertisements in "Herald," £2/14/1; Aged Evangelist Trust, £1/6/8.
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Not what we see, but what we choose—
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Not what we seem, but what we are—
These are things that make or break,
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seem—fair, but what is true,
Not what we dream, but goal we choose—
These are the things that shine like gems,
Like stars in Fortune's diadem.

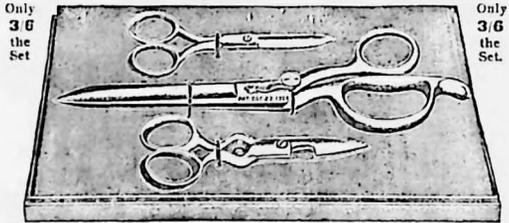
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Answered prayers—that made God a living, bright reality. These memorable prayers do not throw into insignificance the prayers which are not so precisely remembered; but in prayer, as in everything else, there must be long ranges of comparative fitness.

Only a few and then do we ascend the high mountains and enjoy the breezes that blow from the heavens above. Unhappy are they who have no prayers to remember.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Seed Thought—*Intimacy with God*. Keep ourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.—John 21.

Selected Gems—What is more vital to spiritual life than to keep myself in the love of God, as a plant needs to keep in the sunshine to keep growing? How do we keep ourselves in the love of God? By building ourselves up on our most holy faith through a growing knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, by praying in the Holy Spirit as the living element in which we live and breathe; and associated with the others, as a necessary part of this Christian Culture, is "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life"—not back to what He did on the cross, only, but forward to the mercy to be revealed when He comes.—A. T. Pierson.

Scripture Reading—John 17:25

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Seed Thought—*The Whispering Voice*. What dost thou hear?—1 Kings 19:13.

Selected Gems—Elijah was privileged in an hour of extreme need to hear a still small voice. In that the gentle and mighty Lord was shrined. Behold the considerateness of God. Elijah was exhausted, depressed, disconsolate; and the sympathizing Lord addressed him in "a sound of gentle stillness" (literal rendering). We need "ears to hear." To some of God's servants it is a well understood voice.—Dinsdale Young.

Scripture Reading—1 Kings 19:9-18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Seed Thought—*Possessions—Realized and Unrealized*. The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.—Obad. 17.

Selected Gems—Is your life as full and rich as it might be? Do you possess your possessions, or do they possess you?—C. Sturges Hall.

We are ridiculously ignorant, most of us, about our powers. There are stops in our organ which we have never tried, and which perhaps contain our finest tones.—Brierley.

Scripture Reading—Obad. 17, 21.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Seed Thought—*Life's Close*. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.—Rev. 14:13.

Selected Gems—The phrase "in the Lord" has

been termed "Paul's monogram." Yet Paul has no monopoly of it. The force of the "in" is that of a sphere. The believer in Christ is spherical in Christ. How deep, how intimate a union is thus delineated.—Dinsdale T. Young.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. A new beatitude, which needed a voice from heaven to proclaim it.—Prof. Suetes.

Scripture Reading—Rev. 14:13; 14:14.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Seed Thought—*The Occupation of Immediacy*. I know that my Redeemer liveth.—Job 19:25.

Selected Gems—Is not the recognition of a future life of some kind the significance of this famous passage? "But I know that my Redeemer liveth." And after my skin hath been thus destroyed, yet without (H.V. marg.) my flesh shall I see God. Job rises here to the conviction that God will finally vindicate his innocence, and that he himself after death will behold God. There is no doctrine of immortality in this passage, but the faith in God revealed is so real and vital as to transcend death. In Psalm 73 the Psalmist, perplexed with the same problem as Job, rises to a like triumphant faith.—C. J. Wright.

Scripture Reading—Job 19:23-29.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Seed Thought—*Our Heavenly Citizenship*. Our conversation (Gr. citizenship) is in heaven. From whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.—Phil. 3:20.

Selected Gems—

The "Wacziargun" tells me that the moon is near.

"A little while," and I shall see Thee there; My awakened ear Thy "shout" would now be hearing.

The summons, to our resting place—"the air,"

"Bless'd Hope," it sheds a halo of soft glory.

Around the graves of my beloved dead;

(O lovely type, in that sweet Bethany story)

They shall "come forth" to Thee, from their quiet bed.

O! exquisite, delightful expectation!

Come, blessed Lord: when our glad hearts

O! for the satisfying consummation

The Bridegroom with the Bride for ever more.

As the distant Philippian "colonies" belonged to Rome, so the Christian sojourning on earth is a citizen of heaven; his home lies "where Christ is." From His region, ours already by affinity, we wait a Saviour.—J. R. Dummelow.

Scripture Reading—Phil. 3:13-21.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Seed Thought—*Pray on*. Behold, he prayeth.—Acts 9:11.

Selected Gems—Pray, Christian, whatever the frame of thy mind; do not wait for fitness.—W. Garnall.

Prayer will either make you leave off sinning, or sinning will make you leave off prayer.—Garnall.

Hold the fleet onset fast until he leads thee.—Longfellow.

Scripture Reading—Acts 9:10-20.

FOR THE WEEK END.

Did we in our own strength confide.

Our striving would be losing;

Were not the right man on our side,

The man of God's own choosing;

Do not ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he;

Lord Sabaoth his name,

From age to age the same,

And he must win the battle.

—Martin Luther

Our College: Its Relation to the Home Fields.

W. J. Wags.

Queensland Home Mission Organizer.

Charity begins at home, and perhaps there are as many reasons why education should commence at the same place. And where charity and education commence, genuine usefulness should begin also. The demand for educated men was never keener than at the present time. This is essentially an age of learning and skilled effort, and therefore training and fitness should be more than ever into all aims and pursuits of daily life. In fact mastery of the subject or secret is a sine-quon of business, professional, and art life. A man must be able to do things in a manner corresponding to the world's ripe advance and critical judgment. In many respects the world is logical, practical, critical, and the man or system who is to succeed must manifest those essentials which it regards as necessary. We may say that the world makes the pace and sets up the tribunal. We cannot blame it for that. It is for the preacher and worker to be able to keep step with the speed and successfully challenge its tribunal.

Now as to the relations between the Home fields and the College, they should be most intimate and sympathetic. There should be mutual recognition and concern. They should take each other into confidence and plan to mutually help. May I suggest the cultivation of the family feeling between our Institution and the Home fields in order to bring both into closer touch? How can this be done? 1st, Perhaps a fraternal letter from the students themselves to the churches in the fields, expressing genuine concern for the cause of Christ, would be profitable. 2nd, A short treatise to the young people occasionally urging them to noble purposes and Christian character. 3rd, A brief, helpful paper, once in a while, to the Endeavor Societies would be appreciated. And so a sense of relationship and helpfulness would be fostered, and would, I believe, prove beneficial to all parties. At present there seems to be some what of a gulf between (I hope it is not fixed) the fields and the Bible College. This should not be. If the suggestions mentioned above were carried out such a gulf could hardly exist. Moreover, such a course would tend to keep down any distinctions such as that of "Senior" and "Junior." I might suggest also that it will be helpful to the Home field, to the College, and no less to the students themselves, if the latter manifest a tender consideration for the other preachers. These older men have stood up manfully to the brunt of the battle, and the existence of the Bible College is very largely the result of their sterling qualities and faithfulness. They deserve consideration. If the College is the Alma Mater of the students, it is equally true that it is the offspring of the Home field. And if, as we believe, our Institution is bringing out efficient preachers for the Home fields, it should not be forgotten that the Home fields brought forth the institution.

Dr. Jowett at Corinth.

Dr. J. H. Jowett, preaching in London from the text, 1 Cor. 10:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong," said that "a year ago he looked down from the Aero-Corinthus on the plain where once stood the busy world-hart of Corinth." Standing out that bright he read the two Epistles to the Corinthians. It was a hot and oppressive day, one of the heats that make not for strength, but for weakness. The climate is enervating rather than bracing, suited for luxury rather than work. These young recruits were linden to fight the Christian warfare amid the soft luxuriatousness of Corinth. The spirit of these Epistles, the preacher added, was a kind of Vanity Fair. He compared the church to which the Apostle wrote to the little Bethelds in the back streets of English country towns.

The Society of Christian Endeavor.

September 19 to 25—

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

Forgiving Others—Matt. 18: 21-35.

God's forgiveness—Palm 51: 1, 2; Rom. 4: 6, 8.

Prayer for forgiveness—Matt. 6: 12, 14, 15.

Instruction in forgiveness—Luke 17: 1-4.

Christ the example—Col. 3: 12-17.

An Old Testament illustration—Gen. 50: 15-21.

A New Testament illustration—Acts 7: 54-60.

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