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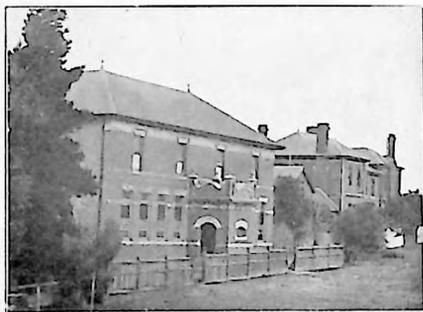
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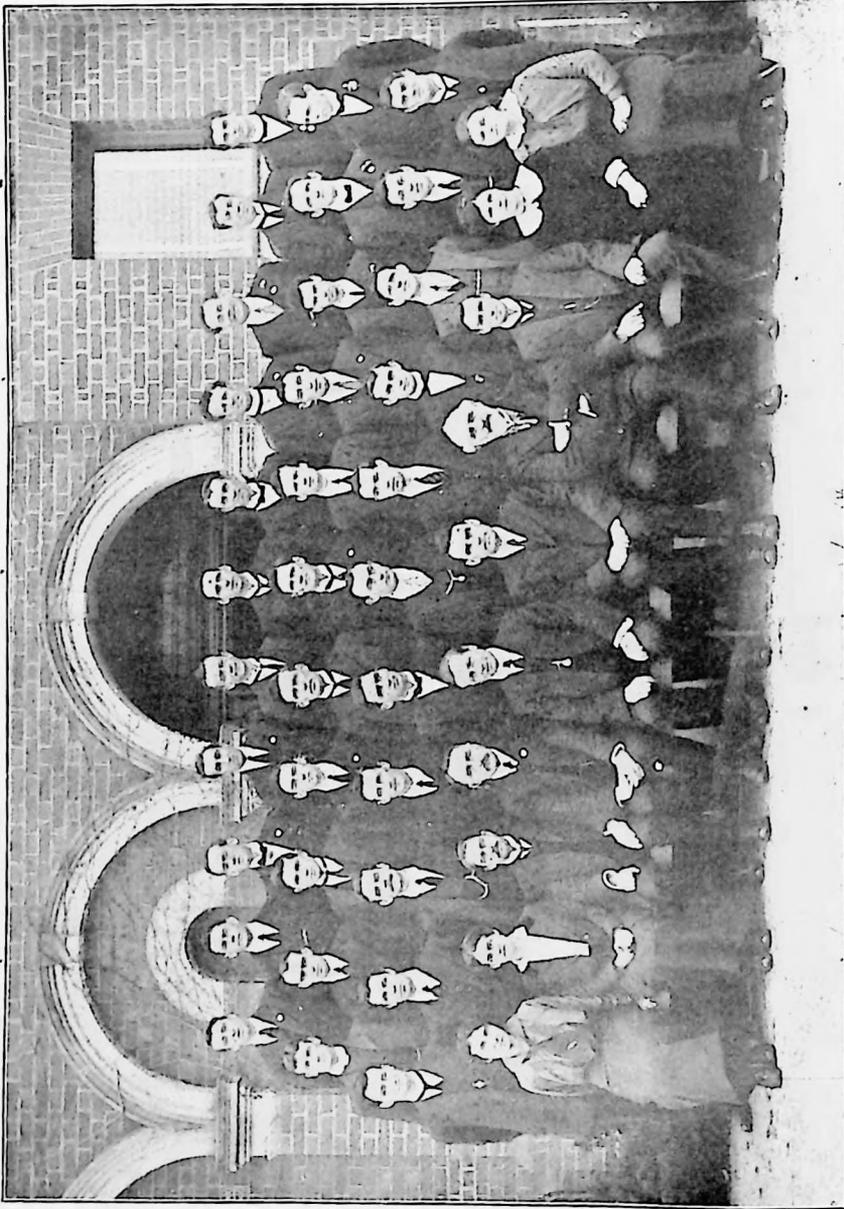
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EDUCATION DAY ISSUE.

The College—An Important Link.

A. E. Illingworth, President Federal Conference.

I am glad to have the opportunity ere I retire from office to write a few lines in support of the College of the Bible and the annual offering to be received for its benefit.

Mr. Holman, our State Premier, in opening a new building for our Fort-st. public school, said last week to a great audience that he regarded these High Schools as an important link in our educational system. The present Government had increased their number from four to twenty-one since they had been in office. Provision is now made for those who desire a technical, commercial, or professional career, to work their way through the "elementary schools," "high schools," direct to the University Bursaries, scholarships, exhibitions, and courses are so arranged that any child showing special aptitude and earnestness can get to all the fountains of knowledge in our great and historic University.

Is not our College also an important link in the work of the churches? I think it is. It is now possible side by side with the secular and classical education provided by the State for our boys and girls to get special help in the study of the Word of God.

The grading of the Bible Schools leads naturally to the opening and improvement of the College. What we want now, is a number of scholarships and endowments that will ensure to every young man of the poorest families in the brotherhood the full privileges of the institution.

Slowly, but surely, I think the brethren are beginning to realise that we can train and make efficient our own men for the ministry of the Word, through the means of this institution.

The present appeal has this advantage over its predecessors—we no longer need to plead for the thing to become a fact. The College exists. It lives and demonstrates its worth. All monies given now, go towards its improvement. Seeing we have such a fine asset, let us be generous in maintaining its upkeep and its progress.

The responsibilities of the future are very great. A heavy burden of care rests upon the faculty to see that the men who graduate are well grounded for the inevitable work of reconstruction which will come in the aftermath of the war. The next generation of men who are to be our preachers will need to be men of faith and workmen who will not be ashamed. Dr. R. A. Tor-

rey, Dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., preached a fine sermon to the graduating class on June 25, 1916, on "Wherein the Bible differs from all other books."

I like the paragraph: "The Bible is always ahead of man. The world is certainly making progress in its thinking. It is constantly leaving behind the scientists, philosophers, and sages of the past. When the librarians of Edinburgh University some years ago were rearranging the books of the library, they asked a distinguished professor what books they should remove in his department, and he replied, 'Remove every volume over ten years old.' But the world never leaves the Bible behind. It has never caught up with it. Show me a man who says he has outgrown the Bible, and I will show you a man who is ignorant of the Bible, and is talking of something that he knows nothing about.... If you wish to be not only abreast of the times, but ahead of the times, study the Bible." The next decade will call for positive convictions, and our young men must aim to be in the vanguard.

Brethren, this is your institution. Make it a tower of strength for the unborn people of Australia.

Making the College Tell.

R. Lyall, Chairman, Board of Management.

The Committee of Management freely and gratefully acknowledge indebtedness and express thanks to all who have contributed to the prosperity of the College of the Bible since its establishment. The institution depends for success on several important factors.

1. The members of our churches in Australia and New Zealand have been generous in their financial support. In view of the times of stress through which we have passed, the extent and consistency of the offerings are most commendable.

2. The faculty and teaching staff have been zealous and have given their best service. We are happy in the possession of a splendid staff. Bro. Main as Principal, with Bro. H. E. Knott and Bro. R. Pittman, and with assistance of Mr. Taylor and visiting instructors, have given their best.

3. The students are doing good, conscientious work. As they diligently attend to

their part, and show progress in their studies, they will reflect credit on the College, and commend it to others. In their service with the churches they give blessing as well as receive practical training for the great calling they have chosen. Capable, enthusiastic, whole-hearted, consecrated students are our best advertisement.

4. The preachers of our churches help much by their advocacy of the College interests. They can encourage and assist the students. They can commend the institution in many ways, and get it a large place in the affection and interest of the brotherhood.

The continued hearty support of all is confidently asked, and this will bring increasing prosperity to our College and our cause.

Our College—A Training Ground for Christian Women.

Mrs. Thos. Hagger, President, Victorian Women's Conference.

The usefulness of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris is increasing with the advancing years, and the great possibilities for the cause we love wrapped up in that institution cannot be measured. Some few years ago an advance was made when women who desired to fit themselves for work on the Foreign field were admitted, and now it is a part of the regular curriculum to train women for this work, in a two years' specially arranged course.

Cannot its usefulness for the girls and women of our churches be increased even more? Why not a course to train women for the work in the homeland? Surely we need trained women to visit the homes of the people, to conduct meetings, to hold classes for the girls of our congregations, and to do much other useful and God-honoring work in which they should be supported so that they can devote their whole time.

And still further, may we not hope that some day it will be possible to send our girls to our own institution, when they desire an education in advance of that to be obtained in the State Schools? It would then be a place where country members could send their daughters with a feeling of confidence.

Let all support the College in such a way, and to such an extent, that these and other developments may take place, and let the women of our churches offer continual prayer for God's richest blessing upon the work being done at Glen Iris.

The Christian College

and the World Programme.

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

Our subject suggests a logical and a necessary arrangement. The world programme is not haphazard. It is no afterthought. It is no appendix. It is necessary. It is related vitally and inseparably to Christian progress. Neither is the Christian College an insignificant consideration. It is not too much, even, to say it also is necessities. It facilitates the world programme of Christianity by rendering more efficient the human instruments to whom God has committed that undertaking.

The world programme itself should need no argument. It is an evident fact in the church of the Pentecostal establishment. It was given in the imperative mode by Him who had been crucified. Certainly it was not comprehended at first. Even apostles failed to discern the world-challenging import of Christ's command. Yet, at last, God drove it home in spite of their spiritual obtuseness, their Jewish nationalism, their human parochialism and their selfish exclusiveness. Whereupon, so great within them was the grace of God, that, these racial prejudices notwithstanding, they glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life. Thus no one may study the New Testament and fail to find the world programme laid by Christ upon his church. Had that programme never existed, we should have an imperfect Christ. All we know of God through his Word sets forth the necessity of a catholic—a man-wide—redemption. The God who would not, or could not, save all who through faith and repentance seek reconciliation is not the Christian God. Christ's world programme, then, expresses God's essential love for all, and indicates Christ's own essential divinity and his recognition of a world in need.

But think how vast a thing a world programme is. The geographical consideration is immense. Yet it is the least of all. We must deal with racial prejudice, with religious error, with customs which centuries and generations have made inflexible, with every conceivable system of the false and variety of the evil—at home and abroad. It needs a seerlike capacity to grasp fully the formidable immensity of this world programme. Then how strong-minded and big-hearted must they be to whom the programme is committed. No task this for the puny or the inefficient. It demands no less than the utmost effort of the best the church can command. The call is for him who combines within himself the saint and the seer. Call him evangelist, minister, teacher, missionary—what you will—he should be big enough to forget himself until he is swept from every influence that would anchor him to the world—he should be moved by the apostle-like compulsion to preach the gospel. The world programme requires

him to have such grandeur of spirit that he sees things to be great or small in regard to truth or need, not by reason of their proximity or otherwise to the first person singular; that he will not think his job important because it is his, but will make it his because it is important, and in the sight of God he can do no other. While such men are few the kingdoms of the world will tarry long ere they become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

This is why the Christian College is essential. No better way of making men of mighty calibre than that of the Christian College exists. Education in itself guarantees nothing, not even sincerity and decency. But with the Christian spirit, it has infinite potentialities. The best educated man in the New Testament is the one with the fullest conception of Christ's world programme. Above all others Paul saw the inadequacy of the wisdom of the world.

The world programme is the one that begins at Jerusalem, and goes to the uttermost parts of the earth. The needs of the programme, both at Jerusalem and at the ends of the earth, demand the Christian College. Sakeby says, "That the true function of education is character-making, the wisest have at all times recognised; but sometimes one thinks that the fact needs constant reassertion in these days when education is being considered more and more as merely a factor in individual finance." What, better than Christianity in our schools, can render education a correct moulder of character? Your Christian College will plough its furrows deep and straight, and make its fields broad. It will save our future leaders from baseness and parochialism, and, more than anything else, will make them big enough for the world programme to which their lives are given.

Here we may recall the passionate words with which Bro. Albert J. Saunders concluded a recent article in this journal: "Yes, it is coming, the day of freedom and redemption to India. . . . It will take time and money; it will require an army of consecrated men and women; it needs, oh! it needs Christian education to bring enlightenment and salvation to the darkness of India." The world is our field; Australia, India—a thousand fields, each with a thousand needs, and needs of every kind, call upon us, and would proclaim, were revelation deficient, the imperative world programme of the church. Education cannot take the place of consecration. The Christian College is not an essential of doctrine. But as a means to carry that doctrine afield it is essential, and it provides materials for consecration to work with. While the harvest waits we dare not tarry. Thank God for our Christian College. God help us to use it to carry out his holy world programme.

"The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating."

Chap. Captain E. W. Pittman,
Pres., S.A. Conference.

An old adage but a true one, not that I desire to compare our Bible College with a pudding, but to point out that the principle of testing applies to both.

Having tested the work of the College, we are abundantly satisfied.

It set out to prepare men for the glorious work of preaching the gospel at home, and the number of students now devoting their whole time to the ministry of the Word is the answer to any who may have doubted the wisdom of such an undertaking.

It aimed at preparing men and women for the foreign fields, and in this, too, it has succeeded, and the students are giving a good account of themselves.

It purposed training men for useful work as teachers and helpers, though not necessarily engaged entirely in the work, and here, too, the College has justified its existence.

Time spent in such an institution cannot be wasted. Some may not reach their ideal, but the knowledge gained must be of great value to one whose heart is in the work, and desires to do that work effectively.

We trust that as the years go by we may be able to enjoy more slices of the College pudding.

"A Gem of a Preacher."

F. Collins, President, N.S.W. Conf.

The members of a certain congregation said of their new minister that "they had got hold of 'a gem of a preacher!'" No college had made him a gem, but it was equally true that the excellent training he had received in the college through which he had passed had polished him. He was not mere ministerial paste, but being a rough diamond when he went in, those who trained him sent him out cut and polished. An uncut, unpolished diamond does not emit many rays of light, and although, in its natural state, its potentialities are recognised, its usefulness and beauty are enormously enhanced by the lapidary's art.

Glen Iris stands for the development of all that is essential to the man who would preach Christ.

It does not provide the material, it shapes it that it may produce a maximum of efficient service.

As President of the N.S.W. Conference, I commend our splendid educational institution to the prayers, the active interest, and the generosity of the brethren in our State.

We have a faculty which recognises that the noblest fruit of education is character; but added to this they have the ability to train our young men so that their powers of sense, intellect, and spirit will be called into play; accuracy and alertness given to their powers of observation; fulness and precision to their language so that they may open the eyes of men's hearts to the beauty of the Christ, the supreme value of the eternal, and the need of unity among God's people.

Notes on Current Topics.

Jas. E. Thomas.

The College Offering.

For the size of our brotherhood in Australasia, it has been a very creditable thing to found and develop a college of our own of such a character as the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. It is now nearly ten years since the work started in a very humble and unpretentious manner. It has gradually grown and been more firmly established till it has become a centre worthy of its great purpose. There has been no rich legacy to give a permanent endowment as is the case in many of our American institutions, thus the work must depend for its upkeep and increased efficiency on the generous offerings of the brotherhood. The splendid work of many of the young men now in the field who have received their training in the College is a practical evidence of the fact that money given to this work is well invested. When we give to further the work of the College we are making a contribution to the life and activity of consecrated young men who are therein trained for greater service for the Master. These men will in the Providence of God reach the hearts and lives of thousands, both in our home land and the regions beyond. It is a great power house where men and women are trained to make known the gospel of the Christ of God. It is a place where our young life is fitted for its greatest sphere and highest usefulness. No work is greater than that of winning men and women to Jesus Christ. We have many appeals in these days, but the work of God and the future must not suffer because we are unwilling to make the necessary sacrifice. We should willingly and generously give to the cause of our country, but that is no sacrifice if we do it at the cost of the work of our Lord. The College is his work. Let us generously give on October 1st, for the sake of the future and the work that counts for eternity that our College is doing.

Our Student Preachers.

Many of our brave young men from the College of the Bible have enlisted and gone forth to fight in the great battles of our Empire. We admire them for this, and pray that when the fight is over they may be brought safely home again. But all cannot go. There remains, however, to many of the rest, a great struggle to get through their course. It means financial sacrifice to many, and the giving of their lives to a high calling that does not find its greatest reward in princely remuneration in this world. It is a life of heroic and many self-sacrifices, and it is a noble step to seek the path that must be trodden when entering an institution for training that makes such demands on the best one has. These student preachers, many of them, are making their way through College on their hard-earned savings, or by the work they are able to do for a helpful though small remuneration in

the church they serve during their College days. Many of these churches have received an uplift by the faithful preaching and consecrated labors of our College students. Some have retained these men for full time when they have graduated. This work so unostentatiously but earnestly done counts for much in the spiritual life of the churches, and the College itself. It is a present and gratifying result of the work of the institution. The money that is contributed in the annual offering helps to further equip our College, and makes it more possible to continue without financial hindrance the splendid work of the College. May our offering be a tribute to the self-sacrifice of the splendid body of Christian students who are preparing for the future.

The Alternative.

S. G. Griffith, Danedin, N.Z.

Equip or perish! Written bold and large on the pages of present-day history is this ultimatum. Only by great care, strenuous effort, and arduous preparation are the very liberties and lives of the best of nations to be preserved. There was a time when amateur soldiers armed with clubs and slings went out to war and came back with victory. That day is folded away in the long distant past. Many centuries of progress have changed the face of the world, and have made necessary alterations in many human methods. The old was, the new has come in to take its place. Business conducted on the plan of a generation past is doomed to fail. A shopkeeper of yesterday would be a stranger in the highly organised emporium of to-day. The man of business must equip, accommodate himself to the changing times or he will perish.

This note is the key to all human harmonies. It must be sounded in the churches. Sacred history, as profane, will attest the truth that progress is preceded by preparation. God has always used the vessel "meat for the Master's use." It is a suicidal policy which relies upon the glories of a victorious past. We need something more than a sturdy strength of loyal manhood. Organisation and equip is the slogan of the present age.

The forces of Churches of Christ on the Divine side will never need alteration. They were perfect from the beginning, and to change them is to mutilate. Our Captain and our Guide will ever be in advance of the ages. The greatest progress will discover Christ and the Bible still leading and to lead. Our preparation will never overtake our leader.

The College of the Bible is our attempt to meet the modern demand for efficiency in the most important branch of human activity, the Church of Christ. The College is not a convenience, it is a necessity. It is not

a means to a better life, but a safeguard of life itself. Training is not assistance to the ministry, but essential to it. Times have so altered the face of the religious world that we must equip or we shall perish. It were fatal to us if, thinking as the Romanists have done, that God has no others for the conveyance of his truth, we fail to make ourselves ready. The great God has more means than our puny minds apprehend. If we fail him, he will find others to carry on his work, and fail we shall if we do not give heed to the ringing, insistent call of the times for efficiency.

In all the southern half of the great world there is no spot so bright and pregnant with promise as that cluster of buildings in Glen Iris which has done good things, which is to do great and good things, and is the nucleus of a mighty institution of learning in the days to come. If we are to continue as a factor in the spiritual forces of Australasia, from these buildings, growing ever larger and with ever-increasing crowds of students, must go forth an army of trained men equipped to touch the heart, and mould the life of a mighty people.

The College of the Bible, brethren, holds out hope and great promise for the coming day of undivided Christianity. We are, I make bold to say, in this work doing better than we know. No possible effort should be spared, and no sacrifice is too men to make for the one institution which stands between us and failure.

The Need for Efficiency.

W. A. C. Wendorf,
Queensland Conference President.

Our College of the Bible exists because the need of proper equipment in the Lord's work was felt. Our preachers need a training that will enable them to pit their knowledge against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and to be mighty in God's hands in destroying the strongholds of Satan and sin. They need to be able to "commit the same unto faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." They should be competent to direct, lead, and act with authority. Their chief activity should be limited to the one particular sphere of work, i.e., preaching the Word. Just as it is necessary in these days of keen competition to be properly equipped to carry on a business or profession successfully, so is it necessary to be properly equipped to be an efficient evangelist. This equipment our men can receive in our College of the Bible. Let us continue to support it. By doing this, we are indirectly supporting Home and Foreign Mission work for Christ, who commanded us to "preach the gospel to every creature." We have every encouragement to support it. The Board of Management are men in whose integrity and ability we have the greatest confidence. We can trust the men of the staff to believe and teach the whole Bible. For the cause of our crucified Redeemer let us give our College our unstinted and ungrudging support.

What we Expect of Our College,

and How we may Attain It.

Ralph Gebbie, B.A., Dominion Conference President.

We need more preachers. In every State and in the Dominion, many churches are suffering because of the lack of trained men to lead in their work. Practically, our only hope of changing the situation is in the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

Not only do we need men, but we need men of a certain kind. We need men of might. The authorised version applies the adjective mighty over and over again to men as well as to God. In God it meant illimitable power, applied to men it indicated power, force, strength, ability, vigor, courage, intensity. If the cause of Christ is to prosper, these characteristics must mark our leaders. It is this type of men we demand from our College, men mighty in knowledge and "mighty in the Scriptures," mighty in vision and in holy enthusiasm.

Men mighty in knowledge. It is required to-day more than ever that the preacher be ready to give to every man that asketh a reason for the hope that is within him. The study of Christian evidences is required with tremendous urgency. Our young people are meeting the subtlety and sophistry of Rationalistic arguments in school and college. Many of them are being introduced to Rationalistic literature. Others disinclined to read, find themselves in half doubt caused by suggestions from many sources. Our preachers must be ready to meet the advances of secularism in its modern form. It has been shown of much of its vulgarity. Satan has transformed himself into an angel of light, leading astray even the very elect. More work must be done along this line among our churches. All must be led to see that there is an answer to every argument of the other side, and that the authority of the Bible as the revealed will of God stands supreme. To do this requires considerable study, as the ramifications of secular thought lead in every direction. Our coming preachers must be proficient in the expanding science of Christian Apologetics.

Men mighty in the Scriptures. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," says Jesus. "Preach the word," was Paul's injunction to Timothy, and thinking of himself he said, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." It is only men who are mighty in the Scriptures like Apollos, that will commend the gospel to those who are without. A thorough working knowledge of the Bible is absolutely essential to a proper presentation of the gospel. It is the Divine Word that men need, especially as that Word reveals the Christ.

Men mighty in vision. The men who have led the churches to victory in the past have been men with large vision. Their view was only bounded by the peaks of eternity. The whole world was their field. Their interests were larger than the locality in which they lived. Every phase of the kingdom's work commanded their intensest sympathy. In-

spired by the magnitude of this vision they performed herculean tasks. We need "men and more men" of the same calibre to-day to work among the churches, men seized with a passion for soul-saving, and realising in the programme of Jesus the urgency of the call to heal the divided church, and to evangelise the whole world.

Men mighty in holy enthusiasm. We need men inspired of God to live the holiest of lives and to abandon themselves on the altar of service. Holiness and a burning enthusiasm alone will give the preacher the necessary power to drive him successfully past all the obstacles that confront him in his work to-day.

This is the work that should inspire students, faculty, and churches alike. It is a gigantic task. It is not for the moment. It tells for ages, tells for God.

Every student must grasp the importance of the work he is now doing. He must lay his foundations deep, that they may carry a worthy superstructure in the days to come. An elementary or partial course must not satisfy him. Upon the faculty rests a tremendous responsibility. They need all the help and encouragement that our churches can possibly give them. The whole work needs our sympathy, our prayers, and our money. Our money is the least that we can give, but, nevertheless, is most to be given. We hinder the work of the future if funds are withheld. The best policy for our churches is to put our College on a sound financial basis that staff and equipment may be complete in every way. At the same time let our interest and prayers precede and follow the giving, that one spirit may unite faculty, students and churches in the bonds of a great programme.

The College as an Investment.

W. C. Craigie, College Treasurer.

The other day I had the pleasure of a visit to Glen Iris, and as I looked on the bright and happy faces of about forty students, I could not help thinking of the wonderful progress the institution has made. It seems only yesterday when the "vision" of a college first took firm hold of the minds of a few brethren. When it began to materialise, its beginnings were small, but the foundations were well and truly laid.

The first Board of Management was appointed at the Federal Conference held in Melbourne, 1906. Of the members of that Board, two have been called to higher service. But the development of the College has gone steadily onward. Now a capable staff of teachers utilise their splendid opportunities by training the men and women under them for effective service for the Master.

It requires little effort of imagination to picture the constant stream of students, each

one trained and efficiently equipped, carrying on the work of Christ, and to estimate the wonderful accession of power this will be in winning souls for King Jesus.

Meanwhile the brotherhood should endeavor to increase the resources of the institution. With increase of funds a still larger work could be done. We should be in a position to help more freely young men who would be glad to be trained at the College, but who are barred by lack of means. Those who help now are hastening the time when every town and hamlet in the Commonwealth will hear the old gospel which still has its ancient power.

Brethren, as treasurer of the institution, let me ask you to think of the College as an investment. The returns may not be cash returns, but they will be of infinitely greater value—trained, consecrated minds, equipped for the work of soul-winning.

Specially let me call your attention to Bro. Hindle's scheme to wipe off the debt on the buildings, and the generous lead he has given. His success would mean that the property would be wholly the possession of the Commonwealth brotherhood, and the money now being paid as interest could be used in the extension of our work.

May God continue to bless our College.

In All Your Getting, Get an Education.

John Hindle, Sydney.

I affirm the right of every man in the community to an education. A man should not only be educated for his own sake, but because it will benefit others besides himself. The advantage which education gives a man is very great. Whatever your occupation may be, it is worth while to be a man of thought and intellectual resource. It is worth while to be educated, if only to follow a business career. Sometimes woe is expressed that a man who has been through College, and who is therefore supposed to have received a superior education, should bury himself in business. But why should he not? Some people suppose a man has no need to be educated, unless he is going to be a doctor, teacher, lawyer, or some kind of public official. No matter what a man's work is, he is a better man for having had a thorough mind drilling. It makes no difference what your occupation may be—bricklayer, carpenter, carter, clerk, shop assistant, etc., you will do it better if you are educated. Education is good enough for you, and you are good enough for it. The education received at school or College is but a beginning, and is valuable as it trains the mind to continuous application and study. "Every person," said Gibbon, "has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he gives to himself." "The best part of every man's education," said Sir Walter Scott, "is that which he gives to himself." There is something to be learned from everybody, in every place, about almost everything, if you will only "keep your weather eye open," as the old sailor said.

The Value of our Bible College.

A. C. Rankine, Brisbane, Queensland.

Before the Bible College at Glen Iris became an accomplished fact, grave fears were entertained by some of the brethren that it would simply mean a "parson producing factory." Experience has proved that such has not been the case. For the most part the young men who have passed through the institution are acquitting themselves well, and are immeasurably better for the training received in the College.

Now that we have had some proof of the usefulness of such an institution, we would feel the loss of it. Just think for a moment of the number of young men who are out in the great harvest field engaged in the work of winning souls for Christ who were fitted for their task in the Bible College.

Some people seem to have an idea that the Holy Spirit puts a premium on ignorance, and to try and bolster up their views upon the question they repeat the old saying that "the first disciples were ignorant fishermen." How ignorant these men were before their call to such a gigantic task, I am not prepared to say, but who dare assert after three years' training by the Great Master Teacher that these men were ignorant? They had the best possible training, and in addition possessed power beyond their own.

Think, too, of that master mind of Paul the apostle. Providence so arranged that this man should receive a liberal education to fit him for the great work he was called to perform. An uneducated man could never have accomplished what Paul did.

Strange as it may seem, some otherwise good people think that a man who advertises himself as a physician or surgeon should be qualified for his work by hard study, as well as men in other walks of life. But the man who has to do with the most important part of man's complex nature needs no special training for his work. Anything or anybody will do for that. Too long has that view obtained. God demands the best we can give him. It is an unworthy attitude to assume. Even the private Christian man or woman should seek to be as intelligent as possible.

Why should worldly institutions have all the men of wide knowledge and ripe scholarship, and the church of Jesus Christ, the greatest, grandest, and most glorious institution on earth, be denied the privilege of having the most gifted and cultured men in her membership proclaiming the great evangel to perishing men and women?

We are well aware more knowledge of itself is of no avail; the eloquence of man without divine grace will accomplish little; but who will say that the Holy Spirit does not utilise men of cultured minds who are consecrated to God, in a very special manner?

The leaders in the great Restoration movement with which we stand identified were no ordinary men. Thomas and Alexander Campbell were men of mighty intellect, as also were Barton Stone, Walter Scott,

John Smith, Prof. McGarvey, of America, the Hallams, of Scotland, David King of England, and many more we could name.

The injunction given by Paul to Timothy as a young preacher is applicable to those today who would perform the best work for God and his kingdom, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

Conditions have greatly changed during the last twenty years. The present generation have educational advantages undreamed of by past generations. This is the day of liberal education. The rank and file of the people are more intelligent to-day. It is necessary that the teacher and preacher, in order to secure best results, should receive a liberal education too.

In making the foregoing statements, I refer in the main to young men who respond to the call to give themselves up to the ministry of the Word. The present age demands the best of them, and all other things being equal, the educated man will be the most powerful in the world for righteousness and truth.

Even the average Christians in the private walks of life should not be content to idle away their time without cultivating their minds and increasing their intellectual powers.

The College of the Bible has proved highly beneficial in the direction already stated. We commend this worthy institution, doing such splendid service, to the practical support of the brotherhood at large, and trust it will receive the financial support it deserves, and that many more of our young men and women will go forth from its walls better equipped to do work for our Divine Master.

A Quadrilateral.

These four, and the Greatest of These?

A. W. Comor, Subiaco, W.A.

There are four great issues before us in our organised work. These are all essential to the advancement of our cause, and all are vitally related. We dare not neglect any of them.

We have our Home Missions attended to by our State Boards; our Foreign Missions under the Federal Committee. Then we have the work of our College at Glen Iris. Here the future evangelists and missionaries are given opportunity for efficient training. The Old Age Preachers' Fund (when it comes into its own) will fitly complete the quadrilateral. These agencies came into being in the order named, and the support accorded them is also in that order. Which is the paramount call? No one who understands the matter can for a moment imagine that in our mission endeavor we can slacken in our work. Evangelise is the war slogan. But we must realise that without the prod-

uct of our College we will be unable to go forward in our mission work. Trained workers are a necessity. Therefore we must seek to bring the work of the College into line with our mission work, in its support by the churches.

Here in West Australia we feel deeply that the Home Mission issue is the paramount one. The justice of this is seen when we remember that in our great State there are not more than three churches completely self-supporting. But we, too, must understand how dependent we are on the College, and rally more earnestly to its support. The immediate benefit of the College is not felt so much here as in the more central States. Our distance from the College and other causes make it more difficult to get workers to come here. Our vision, however, must not be blinded by present considerations. No cause more worthy claims our support. Our hope is that, for the young men we send, we shall receive back workers trained in mind, and prepared to both lead and serve the churches here in their tremendous task. Though two thousand miles away, the College is ours! Ours to pray for. Ours to liberally support. Ours to make worthy of the cause. The very same reasons that lead us to support our Home and Foreign Mission work apply to the College of the Bible. They are one in their aim and purpose. They cannot and ought not to be separated. Not for its own sake, not for pride in its growing power and influence, but for the salvation of men, and for the redemption of our land through the more effective preaching of the Word of God, we ought to support.

West Australians, join hands with your brethren in this noble enterprise. We thank God for what it has done, and pray God-speed to the College of the Bible, as it enters the second decade of its existence.

The Goal Ahead.

Wm. Burford, Adelaide, S.A.

"Had not death by death, put to death him who is the death of death, the gates of the eternal world would not be open." The eternal world is the goal of all who love God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and who have received of God the Holy Spirit. The Christian's experience of this life is that it is uncertain in its duration. The purpose, then, that he should have in view, is to attain to, to enter through the gates into the eternal city. The great advantage of this eternal city to us is shown by the price that was paid for the opening of the gates—the death of him who destroyed him who has the power of death, that is the devil.

A constant work is ours, one that has an encouraging promise, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Think you that he has no power over you? You are immediately in his power. That very thought is presumption, and is from him. Deliver me from this presuming to be beyond his power. He goeth about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, is as true to-day as when these words were uttered.

The College and its Work.

The College is now in the tenth year of its existence, and the seventh in its present location. We have cause for gratitude to God for his guidance and blessing during a decade, and of thankfulness to a generous brotherhood for their interest and support.

We cannot report any increase in the number of students for this year. The war has in two ways affected our enrolment. Fifteen men who once were with us have joined the colors. Many who hoped to be in residence this year enlisted. In the circumstances, we have a gratifying number of students. All the States of the Commonwealth (with the exception of Tasmania) and the Dominion of New Zealand are represented at Glen Iris. There is a present enrolment of 37, as compared with 40 at the beginning of the year. The number of students from the various States is as follows:—South Australia, 11; Victoria, 10; New South Wales, 5; Queensland, 5; West Australia, 3; New Zealand, 2.

Our teaching staff remains as it was on the occasion of our last report. My associates in the work are Mr. H. E. Knott, M.A.; Mr. R. T. Pittman, Dip.Ed.; Mr. J. S. Taylor, B.A.; Miss F. J. Sims, B.A.; Mr. J. Howlett Ross, and Mr. Reg. Emms. The last named, in addition to his work as organizing secretary, has given lectures in Bible School and practical church work to the profit of the men. I am glad to be able to speak in high terms of the work of my colleagues. The relationship existing between faculty and students is excellent.

The attention given to school and practical church work is a new feature in our curriculum. The course has been otherwise strengthened. A higher standard in secular work has been set as a prerequisite to a student's entering on Biblical studies. A higher standard, involving qualifying for University matriculation, is necessary for the reception of College Diploma. We are confident that this will be of great advantage in years to come.

It is very gratifying to note that some former students of the College are attending our Australian Universities. Mr. R. T. Pittman, who has already received the Diploma of Education, is finishing his Arts Course at Melbourne University. Messrs. J. I. Mudford and L. C. McCallum are also studying there, while Mr. R. P. Arnott is in his second year at Sydney University. The Board of Management and Faculty seek to encourage students to take advanced studies and, where possible, a full University course.

In the interest of the health of the students, we have made two recent improvements. Thanks to the liberality of a Victorian brother, a weekly class in physical drill is held. Again, the year's work has been re-arranged to permit of a short vacation after the first and second terminal ex-

aminations. The wisdom of this change has already been proved.

The faculty of the College notes with pleasure special efforts being made to help the students. The F. G. Dunn and Old Boys' Scholarships are both to be granted at the end of the present College year. The Students' Loan Fund is being used to assist students in need of financial help. A generous provision has been made for the assistance of a Foreign Mission candidate to secure a University medical training. Such financial help, with the scheme inaugurated by Bro. Hindle for the liquidation of the mortgage on the College property, is very highly appreciated.

A large number of students—about 65 per cent. of the men—are engaged in remunerative church work. This is a very remarkable and splendid feature of the work. The advantages which the College of the Bible possesses in this direction should be widely known. 22 are regularly employed in preaching the gospel. I think all of the remainder are helping in church and Bible School.

I would like to pay a tribute to the good work done by the great majority of the students. They are diligent in study, exemplary in conduct, and of good ability. Some excel in all three things. We are glad to find that the church work done by the men is generally very highly appreciated. If they are being helped by their church engagements, they are undoubtedly helping much. A number of the students attend State Schools in the neighborhood each week, and give religious instruction to the scholars.

Outside of the ordinary prescribed studies, the students find scope for their energies. The Literary Society, for which Mr. R. T. Pittman acts as Critic, is rendering good service. The daily devotional gatherings are presided over and addressed by every resident student in turn. Regular meetings of the College branch of the Theological Union are held, and prove a stimulant to the spiritual life of the members. The students publish the bright and interesting "B.C. Magazine," which may be commended to all as an excellent means of keeping in touch with College life and interests. Mr. G. H. Oldfield is the editor. This magazine is now published monthly during the currency of the College year; there being nine issues for the year. Sports, again, with their invigorating influences, are not neglected. Gardening, too, plays an important part in College life.

The Faculty of the College would join in an expression of thanks to the brotherhood for the hearty support given to the institution. We seek to be worthy of a continuation of this. As one of the best means of ensuring that the College shall realize its aim and fulfil the reason for its existence,

we suggest that the churches, officers, and preachers look out the young men of highest promise, most richly endowed both mentally and spiritually, and encourage them to come to Glen Iris. This is the surest way of helping our own Australasian institution. Already some students have notified their intention of enrolling in February, 1917. It is not too early for others to do so. I shall be happy to forward a copy of the Catalogue or an Application Form to anyone desiring the same, or to furnish any information required.

A. R. Main.

HONOR LIST.

The following list contains the names of students who obtained at least 80 per cent. of marks, and are therefore entitled to honorable mention:—

New Testament.—J. R. Leach, 94; H. J. Patterson, 92; R. K. Whately, 88; E. R. Killmier, 87. 6 others passed.

Old Testament.—J. R. Leach, 94; H. J. Patterson, 91; R. K. Whately and E. R. Killmier (equal), 87. 5 others passed.

Church History.—E. R. Killmier, 86; R. K. Whately, 83. 1 other passed.

Logic.—A. C. Garnett, 97; A. J. Ingham, 86. 3 others passed.

Psychology.—A. J. Ingham, 82; A. C. Crisp, 80. 3 others passed.

Apologetics.—A. J. Ingham, 92; A. C. Garnett, 91; A. C. Crisp, 83; J. E. Webb, 81. 1 other passed.

Comparative Religion and Missions.—J. R. Leach, 91; E. R. Killmier and R. K. Whately (equal), 90; H. J. Patterson, 86. 5 others passed.

Heremeneutics.—A. J. Ingham, 90; A. C. Garnett, 86; A. C. Crisp, 84; J. E. Webb, 83. 1 other passed.

Elucation.—R. K. Whately, 90; E. R. Killmier, 88; J. R. Leach, 87; F. Killey, 86. 2 others passed.

English (All Grades).—E. R. Killmier, 81½; F. J. Sivyser, 81. 16 others passed.

British History.—W. Fiedler, 88. 3 others passed.

Grecian History.—J. R. Leach, 94½. 1 other passed.

Greek.—H. J. Patterson, 82. 4 others passed.

Greek (Preparatory).—W. M. Fiedler, 85; A. C. Crisp, 83; Miss E. Jones, 81. 5 others passed.

Latin.—E. R. Killmier, 85. 3 others passed.

Algebra.—H. Clark, 90; C. H. Griffith, 89; Miss E. Jones and H. L. Davie (equal), 80. 4 others passed.

Arithmetic.—H. Clark, 90; A. E. Hurren, 87; C. H. Griffith, 81. 1 other passed.

Geometry.—H. Clark, 90; A. E. Hurren, 97; W. H. Hinrichsen, 90; W. Fiedler, 87; F. J. Sivyser, 82. 4 others passed.

Several students missed terminal examination owing to sickness; for them a supplementary examination will be set.

A. R. Main.

OUR COLLEGE PRINCIPAL.

With the annual Educational Number of the "Christian" now presented to the Churches of Christ in Australasia in the interests of the College of the Bible, a fitting opportunity is given to the Board of Management to pay a tribute to the Principal of the College, and to express its high appreciation of the excellent work he has done for the Institution which now occupies a large and growing place in the esteem and affection of the brotherhood.

The Committee is glad to think that its estimation of the Principal of the College is fully shared by the large majority of our church membership. Bro. Main has given his best services to the churches in varied capacities for many years past. We hope that in the good providence of God he will have a long and distinguished career as opportunities unfold themselves in the future.

A brief biographical sketch will be interesting to the readers of the "Christian." Alexander Russell Main was born in Dunbartonshire, Scotland, in 1876. His parents were attached to the Presbyterian Church. He was educated in the public school, and then attended special classes at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College. After these studies he became a pupil teacher in the public school at Cumbernauld, Scotland. Coming to Victoria with his father,

he settled in Drummond, one of our country towns, and became a member of the Church of Christ in 1893. In the following year he came to Melbourne, and lived in the home of our late Bro. A. B. Maston for some considerable time. It will be well remembered that Bro. Maston took a keen interest in young men who displayed aptitude for church work and showed promise of becoming preachers. In the subject of this sketch Bro. Maston saw intellectual gifts, and encouraged him in the development of these by taking special studies, and by urging him to take a University course, so that the best education possible would be obtained. After a short term of University life, however, owing to ill-health Bro. Main decided to enter the

preaching ranks before his course was completed. He accepted an invitation to labor with the church in Brisbane, but before leaving Victoria was united in marriage with Miss Violet R. Somerville, a daughter of esteemed members of the church. He remained in Queensland three years, and then

Harward retiring from the College in 1910 Bro. Main was appointed Principal. In addition to preaching for churches on Lord's days, and his teaching duties at the College, he pursued his University studies with much success. In the closing months of 1910, Bro. Main qualified for the

degree of Bachelor of Arts, and passed the Final Honors Examination at the beginning of 1911, which entitled him to receive the degree of Master of Arts in 1913 without further examination. In his first year he gained honors in Logic and English, while in the second year he stood first in the School of Logic and Philosophy, gaining first-class honors and the Hastic Exhibition. At the subsequent Final Honors Examination Bro. Main secured first place in the class, gaining first-class honors in the School of Logic and Philosophy, and taking in addition the Hastic Scholarship.

On completion of the University course Bro. Main devoted his abilities to the College of the Bible, and on Lord's days still took church work, as well as a large amount of journalistic duty for the "Australian Christian." It will interest readers to be reminded that Bro. Main wrote for the first number of the "Christian" on the Sunday School Lesson. This he continued to do for two years. From the end of 1903 till now he has regularly contributed

a weekly page. When the late Bro. F. G. Dunn passed away, Bro. Main was called to the editorship of that journal, a position which he now fills with conspicuous ability. This year he is President of our Victorian Conference. He is also an honored member of the Council of Churches. For some time he has acted on the Examining Committee of the Australasian Baptist College and the Soudan United Mission.

Bro. Main fills a large place in our church life, for which he is particularly well qualified by his abilities and training. We assure him of our affection and esteem, and of our sympathy in his varied avenues of splendid service.

R. LYALL, Chairman, Board of Management.



A. R. Main, M.A.

returned to Victoria, taking up work with the church at Footscray for two years. Business life then claimed part of his attention. In February, 1907, the College of the Bible was established, when Bro. H. G. Harward, who had previously been distinguished in evangelistic and church service, was called to be a member of its teaching staff, and shortly afterwards became Principal.

The members of the Board of Management who knew Bro. Main's outstanding qualifications as a teacher invited him to join the College staff and resume his University course, with a view to its completion. He complied with these representations, and became one of the teachers, and re-entering the Melbourne University, continued his studies in the Arts Course. On Bro.

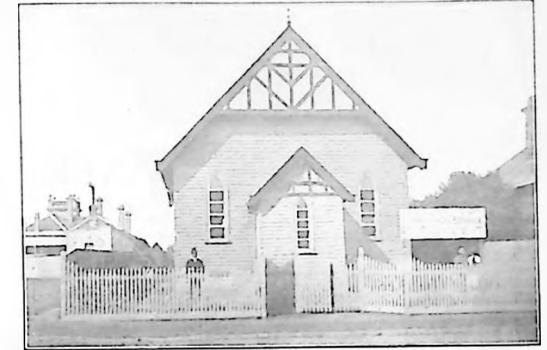
SOME CHAPELS IN WHICH FORMER STUDENTS NOW PREACH



FITZROY, VICTORIA.
L. McCallum recently commenced work here.



WARRNAMBOO, VICTORIA.
A. J. Fisher is doing work in the town.



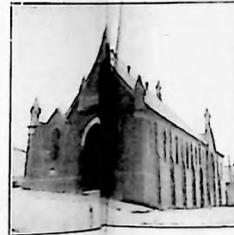
PRESTON, VICTORIA
The Chapel Built in a Day. Preacher, C. Schwab.



CASTLEMAINE, VICTORIA.
A live country church, with a flourishing Sunday School. H. M. Chipstone, Preacher.



SWAN HILL, VICTORIA.
D. A. Cockroft has just concluded a most successful term in this place. P. Aulich is now caring for the work.



PETERSHAM, SOUTH WALES.
A church that is rapidly improving under the pastorate of R. P. Arnott.



MOONTA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
J. E. Allan commenced here December, 1914. Membership has been doubled. Sunday School has increased from 60 to 102.



BOONAH, QUEENSLAND.
Captain Chaplain Nightingale preaches here.



FOOTSCRAY, VICTORIA.
A live church. J. Whelan is greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Words of Appreciation by Well-known Brethren.

"The College of the Bible has filled a great need in our work in Australasia."—H. J. ...

"Our churches have good reason to be proud of its valuable possession, the College of the Bible."—Thos. E. Rofe.

"The prosperity of the College of the Bible is a most gratifying and encouraging proof of the progress of the cause of primitive Christianity in the Commonwealth and Dominion."—L. E. Ewers.

"We in New Zealand join with you throughout Australia in devout thanksgiving to God as we review the history of the Bible College movement, and realise that it is through his blessing, such an excellent institution. We are glad to look upon the College, and we take a just pride in its achievements and progress."—C. Fleming McEwen.

"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."—H. G. Harward.

"The College of the Bible is the possession of the brethren here. It is yours, it is ours, let us prize this choice possession. The College of the Bible is a well-located, well-directed, well-conducted, well-organized institution, worthy of our growing brethren."—Horace Kingsbury-Ewers.

"There is no College in America that has a finer class of young men students than our Australian Bible College. They are intelligent, industrious, Christ-loving, God-honoring young men. They are making sacrifices to get an education; they are laying their all upon God's altar."—G. T. Walden.



CHILFENHAM, VICTORIA.
S. H. Mudge has recently taken up this field, and bids fair to do an excellent work.

The College.

Its Relationship to Christianity.

Jos. J. Franklyn, Adelaide.

A remarkable tribute was recently made by a negro preacher to a white preacher who was to occupy the black preacher's pulpit. He said, "Dis noted divine is one of de greatest men de age. He knows de unlikable, he kin do de uploable, an' he kin on-screw de onscrutable." To "measure up" with this very wonderful standard of mental efficiency is seemingly the aim of many theological institutions, and the ambition of many graduates of such Colleges. But supposing the off-spring of German materialism and Higher Criticism should actually merit this high distinction, what earthly gain could it be to Christianity? This divinely provided religion being perfected in the days of the apostles, needs no embellishments from the centres of learning. As a matter of fact, all so-called improvements upon the New Testament model are proven to be apostasies, and have wrought nothing but confusion in the world of religion. Thus the raising of the banner upon which is inscribed, "Back to the Apostles and the Scriptures." The most casual student of the Gospels will remember that when Christ was looking for his earliest ambassadors, he was not concerned about "mental genius" and "progressive expounders," but anxious for "faithful witnesses"—men who would allow the Holy Spirit to use their lips and move their feet in carrying the saving evangelism to the people of their day. And with what marvellous results! The old world throbbled with intense emotion, and multitudes of men and women turned to the Lord. It was said of these men that they "turned the world upside down."

Our College of the Bible is worthy of the most generous support from the Australasian brotherhood for the following reasons:—

1. It makes the Bible the text-book of a revealed religion.

Until there is another Divine revelation the Bible must remain the sole authority in matters of religious faith and practice. Our College emphasises this essential truth.

2. As the needs of the world are the same—Christ still needs "witnesses" to "go and preach"—

The College seeks to provide the necessary equipment for those consecrated to the high and holy calling of ministers of the Word. As the standard of education rises, the need of a trained ministry is more apparent. The Cross and the College are onto the convert.

3. Our College is the modern answer to Paul's query, "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

The management of the College as the executive of the brotherhood is striving to provide the "messengers" for the Australasian churches. They can succeed only so far as funds are entrusted to them. We hope that when the annual appeal is made, all those who believe that Christianity is the

world's greatest need will realise how closely allied is the College with the religion of Christ. As we pray for "more laborers for the harvest field," remember, their equipment is a vital necessity of our times. Let us all "stand by" the College as it seeks to "stand by" those who shall worthily represent our cause in the coming days.

The Call for Men.

Jas. E. Thomas.

Pres., Federal F.M. Committee.

In the great conflict of the nations to-day there is a world-wide call for the best of our manhood. It is possible to at present meet every financial obligation, though that will eventually leave us with the handicap of debt that will challenge our resources. The greatest problem according to our statesmen is not money, but men. We will as a nation and Empire do our utmost in every possible way to supply all the men that are needed, and by the help of God we shall ultimately, and may it be speedily, win the victory. It is a time of crisis, and our brave mothers and those who remain at home are doing their part just as heroically as the noble men who go forth to battle for the right. We have another conflict that calls for supreme sacrifice in these days. The church is facing a challenge that surpasses anything ever made upon it in the history of the world. The changed conditions are calling for the best we can give to supply the spiritual needs of those who seek the comfort and strength of Christ. There will be a greater burden laid upon us to care for the thousands of brave men who have faced not only the strife and storm on the field of war, but who have been wrestling with the temptations that have come to them, and who in the Providence of God have found the reality of the presence of Christ. These will be added to those among whom we now labor, and it will be to the discredit of the Church of Christ if she does not answer this clamant appeal. We are faced with the fact that at present we have not the men to supply this need. One church invites a man to leave one place to occupy another, but the vacancies are not being filled. Despite the fact that our College has been preparing men during the ten years of its existence, there is still the same appeal—our greatest need is men. We also feel that just as men are equipped at a great cost to our country for the battles of the Empire, so we owe it to the men and the work of the church to give the best equipment possible to those who are to be leaders and teachers among the people.

We believe that after the war many of those who return will be just as willing to train for the army of the Christ as they have been to take their places in the army of King George. We must prepare to give them the very best possible training we are

able. The work of the College is that of building up the conquering army of our Lord. Just as at Dunroon we train our officers ungrudgingly as to expense, that they may lead in the army, so at Glen Iris we are seeking to increase the efficiency of consecrated lives, and send our men forth with the best we can give them, added to the natural endowments God has given them. Many of our beloved veterans are passing hence. Vacancies are not being filled as quickly as they occur. It is for us to find the workers for the great work of preaching the glorious gospel of the Son of God. May our offering be one that will make provision financially for the training of our men. We will be doing the highest possible service, and making it possible to do greater things in the church and for the world.

The Importance of Training.

Geo. Woodrough, Hobart.

It is imperative that the disciple of Jesus be a worker. He may do a useful work for the Master with his hands, doing with his might whatsoever they find to do. His disciples are commissioned to "go into all the world" and proclaim the good news to every creature. They must "teach all nations." This means brain work, and will comprise a very large percentage of their duties. The worker may be endowed with a considerable share of native ability. He may even be a fine talker and may fervently pray, "Take my intellect and use every power ably thou shalt choose." Yet he must improve the talents, and cultivate his abilities up to the very highest standard of efficiency. In order to teach, he must be taught. He must "know," and will thus be able to "bring forth from the good treasure of his heart things new and old." As one who loves God and his fellows he will make affectionate appeals to the human heart. Yet he has a distinct message for the intellect also; and if he has been mentally prepared for this greatest, grandest work, he will talk sense, and his utterances will be weighty with that persuasive reasoning which comes of deep conviction born of the knowledge of great facts. In strenuous tasks children of this world with clever, cultured brains will often make his way difficult, but as a child of light he should not be outclassed by them. He must be a diligent student, spending possibly some years in self-denying, patient, persistent mental toil, before entering on life's greatest tasks; and then through the years that may follow, even to the end, preserving studious habits; keeping his mind well informed and his intellect bright and always fitted to be at the disposal of his Saviour King for effective service.

After the War.

John Tully.

Vice-President, Victorian Conference.

The politician is urging that after the war we Australians must have a say in the affairs of the Empire, and he is striving to educate the public in that direction, so that when the time comes we will be ready to claim our rights.

The business man urges that after the war we must guard our commerce, so that the enemy may not again claim a large part of our business, and men are being educated to look after their just rights from a business standpoint.

If this question is important to politicians and business men, how much more so to the Christian! We must see that by all possible means our fellows are educated in the great principles of Christianity.

To this end we must do all in our power to encourage our men and women to fit themselves for this great work, for only by making known the principles of the religion of Christ can we expect the world to be better after the war.

Messages from Past and Present Students.

A Spiritual Institution.

A. J. Ingham.

Occasionally there are found good folk who doubt the result of the College life and work upon the spirituality of the Glen Iris student. They are fearful lest the College will produce a series of mere "walking encyclopedias." If the doubter could but spend a few weeks—or even a few days—within the precincts of the College walls, their doubts would be forever stilled. The College life, together with the course marked out, tends strongly to develop the spiritual life.

Each day begins with a devotional service of half an hour, and ends with another of some fifteen or twenty minutes. In addition, most of us have received unmeasured help from the study of two of Harry Fosdick's books—"The Manhood of the Master," and "The Meaning of Prayer"—in our fortnightly meetings of the Theological Union. The attendance at these services is not compulsory, but it is a very rare occurrence for a man to absent himself from the devotional services if he is in the College at the time they are being conducted. This being so, it must surely indicate a real spiritual atmosphere existing along with intellectual development and attainment.

There is a powerful reason why the spiritual atmosphere of the College should be healthy. It is to be found in the continued and unbroken communion of kindred Christian spirits. "They were all with one accord in one place" may well describe the relationship of the students one to the other at Glen Iris. Where there is unity and harmony among a group of God's sons, there must be, as a natural consequence, a real spiritual atmosphere.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find conditions more ideal for the development and strengthening of the spiritual life. To ideal conditions have been added the necessary aids—regular devotional, prayer, and Bible study services. Add again to these the influence of a faculty composed of earnest, conscientious, God-fearing men, and he would be a hopeless case whose spiritual life was not strengthened by such surroundings.

The Intellectual Side of College Life.

A. C. Garnett.

Seriousness in a sermon, like charity in character, covers a multitude of sins. But the modern "man in the pew" demands, and rightly demands, that the sermon he comes to hear shall be something more than a multitude of sins against the laws of grammar and interpretation made somewhat presentable by a covering of earnestness. The spiritual side of the preacher's life must be cultivated. This, primarily, is the work of our College, and admirably it is adapted to the work for which it was founded.

Students entering College are required, before undertaking the important work of the Bible Course, to pass in at least four subjects at the Junior Public Examinations. Thus a student's first year at College is spent in the study of such subjects as English, mathematics, and languages; these studies constitute the finest possible mental training, and so he is able to start on the Bible Course the next year with a mind trained and qualified to grasp and get the most possible value out of the great subject he then begins to study. Our Bible Course is a splendid one, comprehensive and well balanced, embracing a thorough study of the most important books of the Bible together with such kindred subjects as Church History, Christian Doctrine and Apologetics and other valuable subjects. The student who has mastered our Bible Course can go out into the wider world, feeling himself well equipped to meet its problems, with a message worth while to give

to the people, and with the foundations for further study well and truly laid.

But the studies on the College curriculum are not the only means of intellectual development in College life. Besides these there is the literary society, and, more important still, the regular work of the work-week. By these means the student learns to express himself, and gains practical experience in speaking and the management of church affairs. This practical experience, added to the knowledge gained from his studies, is calculated to send him out from College well trained intellectually for the great work to which he has consecrated his life.

Wanted—Men.

B. W. Manning, Cottonville, S.A.

Whenever I hear mention of the College of the Bible, I feel like saying, "Thank God for such an institution." Many of us have spent happy and profitable years within its walls, and lessons that were hard to learn we find are frequently hard to forget. Some of the best lessons in College life are unwritten, but are none the less weighty and important. We have an institution at Glen Iris that is worthy of the whole-hearted support of the benevolent. Permit me to make a threefold appeal. Let me beseech of the young men with ability and desire to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." There are many who are in danger of losing a God-given opportunity and privilege. As to the life of a preacher of the gospel of Christ, "there is none like that, give it me."

Might we ask, too, of the churches that they encourage their young men to take part in the meetings of the church, and not to forget to encourage them when they have taken part? How many church officers and preachers are really urging our boys and young men to take an active part in our services? As a rule I fear we are too selfish, and want "the glory ourselves."

My last appeal is for the College itself. We are living in times of great sacrifice. If we are not sacrificing we ought to be. In the multiplicity of appeals and the thunder of war, let not the still small voice be unheeded. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" If ever Christ was needed, surely now more than ever. Shall we all participate in the glorious work of evangelisation?

Caring for the Body.

H. A. G. Clark.

"And may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire."—1 Thessalonians 5: 23.

Christianity emphasises the sanctity of the body, since it declares that it is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Paul told Timothy that bodily exercise is profitable for a little. Though some consider that this passage refers to the ascetic training of the body, many of the foremost scholars interpret it as referring to the physical training of the body. The care of the body is therefore a sacred duty. While this is true of all, it is especially true in the case of students. Why the young hunt-man took his friend to task for playing with a pet partridge, he was asked why he carried his bow unstrung. He replied, "Because if I kept it strung it would lose its spring." "Even so," his friend responded, "the hie relaxation prevents my spirit from waxing faint." The student is always in danger of losing his "spring" by neglecting to exercise his body and forgetting the "gospel of relaxation." This is fatal, as his spiritual and mental equipment cannot be used to the full when he is retarded by a weak body.

At Glen Iris some provision has been made that the student's body as well as his mind and soul may be "preserved entire."

Every week, under efficient leadership we have physical exercises.

A fine block of land has recently been purchased which serves as a recreation ground whereon we play the various outdoor games. We do not view these as pastimes, but as recreation. We aim not merely to enjoy them, but to employ them.

An interest has also been created in competitive events, and the faculty has kindly presented a silver-mounted shield to be competed for annually.

We are hoping that a gymnasium will soon be added to the College buildings.

By these means we trust we shall be equipped in body as well as in mind and soul for the ministry of the Word.

The Dynamo of the Brotherhood.

R. P. Arnold, Petersham, N.S.W.

We cannot speak too highly of our "alma mater." It was from her that we received, that higher spiritual and educational birth, it is to her that we are indebted for the broader vision of world evangelisation and the necessities of our own dormant potentialities. It is to her that the disciples of Christ in the Commonwealth owe much of their present force and position. It is to her that the restorers of the primitive faith must inevitably look for the future. The College of the Bible acts as the dynamo of the Australian Brotherhood. To these regiments hundreds of souls who are indebted to this institution for their knowledge of Christ, scores of preachers in the Commonwealth and the lands beyond, and several of these engaged in philanthropic work of the Australian Forces, together with such men as Munnell of Africa, and Binney of Preston, would reckon Amen!

What of the future of the College of the Bible? The cry came from God when he viewed a perishing world, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" The supreme response as demonstrated by the "unspeakable gift" was given by the King of Glory, "Here am I; send me." A cry has been ringing throughout the British Empire, "Who will defend our country? Almost concomitant with the call has come the noble response of many, "Here am I; send me." An appeal is knocking at the heart's door of many a young man in our brotherhood to-day, "Who will go for us?" Who will push on with the banner of the Cross undimmed, and carry the good old gospel into every clime and hamlet, to our land, and to every land beyond the seas? This call is imperative and unequivocal, in fact in our day, if ever, it is "the clear, prophetic, unequivocal, categorical, imperative 'GOSPEL'." The day of war must end. Men of all types and in diverse conditions of mind and body, who have faced death, will be returning in thousands to our shores. They will have their peculiar needs. We will not be able to satisfy these men with any superficial religion or sham. Sectarianism will be abhorrent and repulsive to them, and the cry will be for the real and living fountain to quench their thirst, or a thing. The climax will have been reached when this "blood drunken orgy" has ended, and the world, a newer, and we hope, a better world has emerged from its bath of sorrow. As we stand at the parting of the ways the question will be either pleasure and unrighteousness to the utmost, as manna for the hungry soul, or godliness to the utmost.

The College of the Bible has within it the power and will surely play a mighty part, although unobserved by the ready eye in deciding this question upon which hinges the destiny of this great land of the Southern Cross. Surely this is a self-sacrifice which will not come in vain to those who can give cash, and to those young men of ability and devotion in our brotherhood who can give themselves.

An Urgent Need, and How to Meet It.

F. V. Knapp, Nelson, N.Z.

The spirit of progress so characteristic of the primitive church is distinctive of the work in our churches to-day, and it is this missionary zeal which acts as an incentive to push forward to new fields. However, we need to ponder the lesson taught in the present world-conflict of the necessity of "consolidating our gains," as it is just here where weakness is apparent.

New churches are founded, and for a time are cared for by the parent church, and things, for awhile seem to be in a flourishing condition, but too often in a few years there is a deplorable falling off in vitality and members seem content just to exist.

I propose to offer a suggestion as to how the brethren in these cases could be helped. An investigation will show that in the majority of these churches there are few brethren who are willing to undertake executive work, especially in "teaching," preaching, or presiding at the Lord's table. These brethren are not lacking in piety, but as a rule they have little time for study, and being without any guidance as to method in getting up an address, they hesitate to attempt the task.

In and around the great Australian cities we have many excellent preachers and church workers who have had the advantage of being trained in a systematic study of the Bible, and in the preparation and delivery of addresses dealing therewith, and in addition we have the "Australasian Christian," which circulates among all the churches.

I would therefore respectfully suggest that the brethren just referred to be aided to supply copy for at least a column in the "Christian," dealing with short articles on the preparation of addresses on suitable topics, with headings and references; short sermons on well-known texts, similar to many given in the old "Harbinger"; notes on the different phases of Christ's teachings, in short something to help the brethren who in the face of so many discouragements are doing their best to carry out their onerous duties of exhortation and preaching.

Along these lines I believe could be sent a great force of help and encouragement to the small churches, resulting in greater efficiency in the work and in greater winning power through a better presentation to the world of the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Be Prepared.

James was ill, and getting worse. His friends, with the best of intentions, had suggested various unsuccess-ful cures, until he nearly lost his life in experimenting. Then he was induced to consult a duly qualified medical man, who immediately diagnosed his case, and advised the cure. A strong man again, he entered upon his business with renewed zeal, and more than once found himself in legal difficulties from which he was extricated only by the advice of his lawyer, whose special knowledge he had saved his client many hundreds of pounds. After some years his profits suddenly appeared to fall without reason, but try as he would he could not ascertain the cause, and so resolved upon a complete audit of his books by an expert in accountancy. That expert was able to trace frauds by a dishonest clerk, and thus saved his client from financial bankruptcy. And so his qualified advisers had greatly assisted James to amass a fortune. But happiness was not his. He had throughout all these years had before him the claims of various religions, each represented by a well-intentioned friend, but when he explained his difficulties, the answers were unsatisfactory. He was told of Christ by Christian friends, who, although zealous, lacked the knowledge to enable them to appreciate the problems which puzzled him, and notwithstanding his wealth, he died in a failure, for he had not known Christ. What responsibilities lie upon us, to prepare ourselves, and to assist in preparing others, to be ready always to "give an answer" to the seeker after eternal things.—N.Z.

Reports from the Field.

Queensland.

BRISBANE.—Quite a number of Southern members are visiting our State just now, and all speak highly of our lovely winter, and all praise the merciful activity of the city. We are pleased to have fellowship around the Lord's table with these visitors. Yesterday Mrs. and Miss Spence, Lygon-st., were present. In the evening the chapel was again filled. Bro. Rankine's delivery was excellent, and the audience was interested throughout. He spoke on "I will look on my ways." At the close a man and his wife acknowledged Christ as Saviour, as also did another married woman. Bro. Rankine is doing a great work. The church has wonderfully improved, particularly the morning and evening meetings. The Y.P.S. has purchased a piano.—H.C.S.

West Australia.

SUBIACO.—At our morning services during August, we enjoyed the teaching of the Conference President, Bro. Bell, Bro. Banks, and Heck. Last Sunday we had a very fine gathering in the morning. At night Bro. Connor preached to a good house, making mention of, and paying a tribute to, Sister Cooker, who at 84 years entered into life last week. The agent for the "Christian" changes once again. Bro. Paterson, who has attended to the duty, has enlisted. He has been always very active in church work. Another church year closed last Sunday. During the year 22 were added to our fellowship, of whom 16 were by letter.

FRIMANTLE.—We have listened to some very fine addresses by Bro. Pte. Hugh Rodger, of the A.M.C., he having preached every Lord's day evening since Bro. Warren left for South Australia. We are very grateful for his help. The Bible School is in a flourishing condition, and we hope it will be better still when we begin with the graded lesson system in October. The classes have been entertained off, and several other improvements made. The new superintendent, Bro. J. H. Inverarity, is making things move. Our Foreign Mission annual offering was 466/1/3.—H.E.C.

South Australia.

LONG PLAIN.—On Sept. 3 and 4, we held our anniversary tea meeting. Bro. B. Manning, from Cxtownville, was the speaker at all meetings. At worship Bro. L. Chivell presided, and Bro. Manning gave a splendid address. In the afternoon the chapel was crowded, when Bro. Manning gave a most impressive address to the children on "Bearing One Another's Burdens." In the evening the building was again crowded, when Bro. Manning gave a most earnest gospel address on "Christ." On Monday the meetings were continued with a tea, which was a great success. At the after meeting we had excellent singing by Bro. Breun, Goodwin, Gordon, and Manning, and singing was rendered by the choir at all the meetings, and much credit is due to our organist, Miss Moyle, for the way she trained the scholars and friends in the singing.—D. J. Daniel.

MT. COMPASS.—Since last report we have had one confession, a young lady from the Sunday School. The communion service to-day was attended by 23 people, 10 of whom were members. Sunday School is making good, under Bro. Lucken's leadership; 22 scholars present. Gospel service attended by 42 people. Bro. R. Goodall, from Hindmarsh, rendered a solo, which was much appreciated. As a result of our recent appeal through the "Christian" we have received one cheque for £5 from Bro. T. R. Verco. We are hoping to receive three more like amounts from interested brethren.—Geo. N. Jagers.

STRATHALBYN.—Interest well maintained in all our meetings. Bro. Garratt has just completed twelve months' week-end work with the church here, during which time he has accomplished much good, strengthening and building up the church. A farewell social was tendered last night to Bro.

Bert Schemel, who is about to sail for the front. A presentation was made him on behalf of the C.E. Society, and at the meeting for worship this morning Bro. Garratt, after a few well-chosen remarks, handed him a Testament on behalf of the church. He is the second of our young men who have gone from here.—H.B., Sept. 10.

CROYDON.—Sept. 3, morning, G. Bateson presided; H. J. Horsell exhorted. Received into fellowship Bro. and Sister J. Battersby, from Hindmarsh. Bible School attendance, good; 164 scholars. Gospel service, W. Jeanes preached on "Not Conformed, but Transformed." Lord's day, Sept. 10, splendid meetings. Morning, J. S. H. Ferris presided; H. Bennett exhorted on the New Testament lesson. We had several visitors with us, including Ross Graham, of Brisbane. Gospel service, H. G. Payne, of N.S.W., preached an excellent address on "The Prodigal."

QUEENSTOWN.—Q.Y.P.M., Bro. Brooker gave a splendid address to the young people. Worship, Bro. Brooker presided; Bro. J. Hurst delivered an inspiring exhortation. Evening, good attendance, being a memorial service to our late Sister A. Mills, one of our Bible School teachers, who passed to her reward during the past week. Our evangelist made special reference to her life and work. Bro. Brooker called the honor roll. Two more of our boys have been officially reported wounded, Pte. J. Martin and Pte. J. W. H. Martin. The subject of the address to-night was "Service."—D.L.W., Sept. 10.

MAYLANDS.—We have been much encouraged by further confessions of faith. A young couple decided at the Wednesday evening service. Mrs. Robt. Powell, of the C.I.M., gave an address to a glad gathering of ladies on the afternoon of Aug. 26th. Mr. Stanley Eaton, who is proceeding to China as a missionary worker, spoke on Sunday morning, Sept. 3. Bro. J. E. Allan and Theo. Hagger, and P. R. Baker, have given splendid addresses.—H.R.T., Sept. 11.

NORTH ADELAIDE.—On Sunday morning we had the pleasure of listening to a fine address by Bro. T. Hagger, from Victoria. On Sunday night Bro. P. D. McCallum, B.A., preached to a fine audience, the building being crowded. After our brother's sermon three confessed the name of Jesus. We are having a time of great blessing, and the church is much encouraged.—R.H., Sept. 11.

ENLEY.—Splendid meetings to-day. A large number of visitors were present this morning, including Bro. H. G. Harward, who gave an inspiring address; Bro. E. E. Illingworth, H. G. Payne, Bro. and Sister Clydesdale, all from N.S.W.; Bro. and Sister Mills, Sister W. Jones, from Victoria. This evening Bro. Illingworth preached the gospel to a good congregation, and was much appreciated. Preparations are being made for our mission, which commences on October 1st.—O.V.M.

COTTONVILLE.—Fine meetings again to-day. Bro. Collins (President of the N.S.W. Conference) gave a fine address at the morning service. In the evening Bro. Main preached a splendid sermon to a large audience. We were delighted to have these brethren with us, and appreciate their services very much.—H., Sept. 10.

WALLAROO.—Although many of our numbers are away at Conference, we have received ample blessing from the various meetings. There was a fair attendance at Junior Endeavor this morning. Many of our Juniors have had the opportunity of participating in the epidemic of measles, and we trust that they will soon be well again. In the absence of Bro. Taylor, we had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. S. Trenwith, of Kadina, who exhorted at worship. This evening we were pleased to listen to a fine address on "The Gospel," delivered by Mr. Elsie, first mate of the "Caraway." It is rare that one so good in conduct with a heart so true, this is the one to conduct and officials are so scarce, the Lord Jesus Christ. May he protect them wherever they may sail.—D.E.H.

New South Wales.

CITY TEMPLE, SYDNEY.—Splendid word of exhortation from Bro. J. Fox at the morning service to-day. Visitors present, Sister Mrs. Spence and daughter, Lygon-st., Melb.; Bro. Anderson, Malvern, Vic. Fine address from Bro. W. Gale, at night service, on "The Life and Character of Jesus." The 50th anniversary services will be held on 24th and 25th inst.—J. C. M.

HORNSBY.—Bro. Arthur Day, who is passing through Sydney on his way to take up work in Queensland, exhorted this morning from Genesis 32-24, and Bro. L. Gordon's subject for the gospel address to-night, which was listened to with rapt attention, was "The Old and New Sabbath." It was with deep regret we listened to perhaps his farewell words to the church, which will sustain an irreparable loss by his departure.—M. Rose.

BROKEN HILL (Wolfram-st.).—Bible School anniversary services were held on Sept. 3 and 6. The preachers were Mr. Butler (Baptist), E. Smith (Methodist), and E. J. Tuck. The church was nicely decorated with flowers, and had a very quiet and good congregations. Wednesday, Bro. Warren, superintendent, presided at the public meeting. Pastor Taylor (Baptist) gave an address. Satisfactory reports were given by secretary Bro. H. E. Tuck, and treasurer Bro. J. Shaver. A number of prayers were distributed. Thanks were tendered to Mrs. Gehring for her splendid services as musical conductor, and Miss Ball as organist. The former secretary, the treasurer, and some teachers are now in the war zone, and were especially commended to God in mention as well of previous teachers, E. H. Hunt, and Ross Graham, who are now out in the field as preachers, one in South Australia, and the other in Queensland—E. J. T., Sept. 8.

MARRICKVILLE.—The attendance at the meetings to-day was adversely affected by the bad weather. Bro. Garden gave us a stirring address in the morning on "The church doing its work." Our evangelist, Bro. Rush, is away in Adelaide, for the Federal Conference. Bro. W. Day, who is preaching in his absence, gave a splendid address to-night on "What will you do with Jesus?" Bro. Tom Timmings met with a rather severe accident in the early part of the week, and although he is still confined to his home, we are glad to hear that he is progressing favorably.—J. J. Taylor, Sept. 10.

SOUTH KENSINGTON.—Splendid meetings have been held since last report. Sister Mrs. Swain and Sister Miss Langley, from Lygon-st., Carlisle, are visitors to our district. A farewell social was tendered to Bro. Johnson, who is to leave shortly for the front. Bro. Garden presented our brother with a Testament and safety razor on behalf of the church. On Wednesday last our young people held a contest with the Lutheran youth, and were defeated, but a profitable social evening was spent. Sad news seems to be reaching our fellowship continuously of late, the mother of our Sister Mrs. Johnson having passed away only last week; this was followed by the death of young W. W. Johnson, the son of our dear friend, the Franchise of our young Bro. Taylor Browning. The sympathy of the church is with all the sorrowing ones. Last Lord's day a memorial service was held, at which the chapel was almost filled. Bro. Garden officiated. The chapel was nicely decorated, the photos of our young brother being draped with the Australian Standard.—A. S.

HURSTVILLE.—On Wednesday night a Bible cricket match took place between our Improvement Class and the Young People's Union of Lilyville. Bro. Carter kindly acted as judge. A very pleasant evening was spent. Good attendance at all services to-day. Bro. Grant exhorting in the morning. Bro. Buckley conducted the gospel address. With deep regret we report that Bro. Mervyn Sardaev has been reported missing. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to his loved ones in their time of anxiety.—B. E. Heasman, Sept. 10.

NORTH AUBURN.—Meetings all day were very fair, considering the weather. Bro. D. Smith exhorting, and Bro. Schofield presiding. Bro. W.

Morton gave the gospel address, his subject being "God's Method of Teaching." Last Wednesday the church gave a send-off social to one of the boys leaving for the front. There were also two private socials, one to the organist and another to the choir-master, for their services to the church for the past twelve months.—A. S. Horsfall.

PETERSHAM.—On Sept. 10, Bro. James addressed the church on "Our Opportunity." There were several visiting brethren present. The gospel address by Bro. Arnott on "A Moral Man Converted," was well received by a fairly large gathering, and at the close two confessed Christ. An offering was taken up in aid of the New South Wales Alliance Funds. As a result of the Red and Blue Rally, 15 new scholars have been added to the Bible School. The gifts of flowers to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital last Lord's day were much appreciated by the patients.—E. V. Saintry.

LIDCOMBE.—Nice meeting this morning. Bro. H. Larcombe presiding. Bro. E. Andrews exhorting. Topics respectively, "Christ died for us," and "The Present War in Relation to Prophecies." Bro. Breach conducted the song and also the gospel service; topic, "Growth of Christians in the Christian Life." Last Lord's day morning Bro. Wadsworth presided. Bro. Clydesdale addressed the church. Good meeting all night. Prayers and gospel services conducted by the evangelist. We had a pleasant evening on Monday, 28th ult., to which we invited the senior scholars attending the Bible School, all present spending a really enjoyable time.—M. A., Sept. 30.

AUBURN.—On Sunday morning a fair gathering held at Bro. Lane, who very ably presided, and Bro. Clydesdale, the appointed speaker, being away at the Federal Conference. This evening Bro. Frank Morton spoke to a very good congregation on "The Church's Responsibilities and Privileges," and was listened to most attentively. On Sept. 4, the church held a Sunday social in aid of the building fund, and realized £10/7/6 in cash, and promises of 10/. Bro. Collins, Conference President, occupied the chair. Bro. Clydesdale and Bro. F. T. Saunders gave short talks, which were appreciated by all. Sister Mrs. Lane has gone to Adelaide with Bro. Lane and Clydesdale, to attend the Conference, and will be away from us two Lord's days.—G. Sich.

Victoria.

EMERALD.—Meetings well attended lately, 45 being present on Sept. 10, when we were pleased to have with us Bro. Haddon, from the township, who had changed platforms for the day with Bro. Warren. At the last Bible School teachers' meeting we decided to start a school library, and would be pleased to receive any unused library books from other schools who have no further use for them.—E. Lake, Secretary, Macleod, Emerald.

FRANKLIN.—Bro. H. Swain has been with us for the last three Lord's days. He has had charge of all the meetings, and the interest is well sustained. He has kindly consented to continue with us until Bro. Gordon's return. We are very grateful for the help Bro. Cyrus Mitchell has given us. We are sorry to report that one of our boys, Bro. Eric Jones, has been killed at the front.—A. E. M., Sept. 11.

WEDDERBURN.—The 52nd anniversary services were celebrated on Sept. 3 and 4. Owing to illness, Bro. Marrows, of St. Arnaud, was unable to come. The Sunday services were conducted by our own preacher, Bro. Hutson. There were splendid confessions at each service. On Monday night the annual members' tea was held at 6.30 in the school room. At 8 o'clock we adjourned to the church building, and held our public meeting. The building was filled. The choir, under the leadership of Dr. Taylor, rendered fine anthems, and Mrs. Hutson gave a rapturous and highly appreciated address. We had the ministers of the other churches on the platform, and each brought a greeting, and spoke words of counsel and encouragement. Mr. Hutson then gave an address on "Our Attitude towards Various Moments in Questions of the Day." During the service a collection was taken up for the Y.M.C.A.

ECHUCA.—The Bible School rally in the form of a "Race to the Dardanelles" is provoking the scholars and teachers with the interest of a scrap-ironing about the risk of a sickness. Result to date: Revs. Capt. Miss D. Kent, 170 miles; Bro. Blanes, Capt. Miss R. Livingston, 1420 miles; 5 new scholars, and better attendance; mileage being award for new scholar 90 miles, and for attendance 30 miles. We are suffering the loss of our organist, Sister E. Lewis, who, with her parents, is removing to Bendigo this week. Splendid attendance at the gospel meeting last Lord's day, when the writer spoke on "Glorifying in the Cross.—A. J. W.

ESSENDON.—We are having splendid meetings with results. Bro. Siver's work is much appreciated. Quite a number of strangers attend our meetings. On Wednesday last we held our third half-yearly meeting of the members; about fifty present. Bro. Ferguson in the chair. Bro. Siver's report was bright and cheerful. Secretary, Bro. Anton, reported on March 1st last membership was 87. Since received into membership by letter, 12; by faith and obedience, 6. Kindly mention was made of our address to-night at the front. Mid-week meeting attendances average 30. Bro. McGregor, secretary of Bible School, depicted a bright future. The financial statement showed receipts for half year, £104/18/9; expenditure, £131/10/0. Balance forward, £13/10/0; £5/15/0, leaving us with a credit balance in hand of £116/14/5. Bro. Ferguson, Marriak and Burden were re-elected officers. A vote of thanks was passed to Sister Little, our organist.—A. B.

GEILONG.—We are glad to welcome Bro. Chandler back again after his visit to South Australia. During his absence we were deeply indebted to Bro. G. M. Andrews and E. Thomas for their addresses, which were much enjoyed, and also to Bro. Anderson, Fenwick-st. Baptist Church, who kindly took charge of the mid-week services. We regret that Bro. J. Hansen and Wallace have been killed in action in France, and Bro. L. Kennedy is serving our country. We extend our sympathy to the relatives.—W. H. Lang, Sept. 10.

ECHUCA AND ROCHESTER CIRCUIT.—August 14th, a young man confessed Christ in EchUCA, and was baptised the same hour of the night. Our sympathy is extended to Sister Smith, of the EchUCA church, who has been called upon to part with her infant son, who is serving in Rochester this morning, and a letter one week ago night, though a number of our own members were absent. At the close of the church services an open-air temperance meeting was held. There was a splendid attendance. The writer presided, and a forceful and telling address was delivered by Mr. S. J. Dalgleish, who is at present collecting in this district.—J. E. Shipway.

WARRNAMBOOL.—At the conclusion of the gospel service this evening, a member of the Bible Class confessed her faith. Recently we have had the joy of fellowship with a number of visitors, including Sister Oakley, from N.Z. Great interest still centres around our Bible School rally.—E. M.

ST. ARNAUD.—Bro. Marrows has been ill, but is now recovering, and was able to deliver the bold service to-day. We were fortunate in having Bro. Hill and Thurron, from the College of the Bible, with us; they very acceptably took the services on two occasions. Quite a glow passed through the church through the death of our beloved Bro. McCracken, which was our exchange for some time for Bro. Sardaev, and Bro. Crackett and those of her household in their bereavement. Sister Hyle, of Maryborough, whose husband has gone to the war, is now with us.—H. B., Sept. 11.

STAWELL.—Splendid meetings during the past two Lord's days. Bro. Johnson's series of addresses entitled "The Bridge of History" will be brought to a close on Sunday, about which is expected that the interest aroused will be the means of an extra large congregation. New scholars are being added to the Bible School weekly, and everything appears to be in splendid working order. Bro. A. L. Perry is making steady recovery from a paralytic stroke in his recent accident.—Arnold Sheppard, Sept. 11.

FOOTSCRAY.—Bro. Anderson, from the College of the Bible, addressed the church this morning. Prior to church he met with the Junior Endeavorers, and spoke a few words to them, there being 45 present. This afternoon at school a good many were present, but not as good as expected, for we are working hard in the Spring Campaign. Bro. Whelan addressed the Bible Class on "Spiritualism Exposed," and held good attention throughout. At the evening service Bro. Whelan preached to a fine meeting. Bro. Anderson assisting in announcing the hymns and reading. One new member received this morning, having been baptised last Sunday. One of our school boys, Bro. Will Sharples, will be with us next Sunday, having returned invalided from the front. Several of our boys who have gone to the front have met each other in the trenches, and send greetings home.—A.J.T.

BURNLEY.—The attendance this morning was fair. Bro. Leese, from the Bible College, gave a most interesting and instructive address, which was enjoyed by all. The attendance at the Bible Class and school was a record, and we are working to keep it like that. This evening Bro. Young addressed a good attendance, his subject being "What the Church of Christ Stands For."—J.A.C.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.—Good meetings on September 3. Bro. T. R. Morris, from Brighton, exhorted very ably. Miss R. Palmer, transferred from St. Arnaud, and Bro. H. Barak, previously baptised, were received into fellowship. Bro. Clay's theme for the gospel service, "The Seeking and Wandering," resulted in one young lady taking her stand for Christ. Thursday night, prayer meeting was conducted by Bro. Young, Whately, and Haddon, from the Bible College. Bro. Whately gave a very interesting address. Fifty were present. On September 10, we had splendid meetings. Bro. Clay gave a very helpful exhortation on "It is the Lord." Sister Siella Fox and Bro. W. Thomas were received into fellowship. We were glad to have present Sister Miss A. Hoffmann and Sister Mrs. Thompson, who have been away ill. Bro. Clay gave a very interesting address at the gospel service, his theme being "The Great Mediator." One lady confessed Christ. The rendering of the 23rd Psalm in song by the choir, also the duet sung feelingly by Bro. and Sister Clay, were worthy of praise. Bro. Cyril Craig and Lou, Thomas, who are on final leave before going to the front, were present at all services. The church with them God-speed. The work is very encouraging at present. Bro. T. Hagger begins a fortnight's mission on the 17th inst. We pray for great results.—F.C., Sept. 11.

PRESTON.—We regret to learn that Lance-Corporal A. L. Cadman, of this church, is reported wounded. A big day is expected here on Sunday, when the Binney Memorial Tablet will be unveiled by H. G. Harard.

MELBOURNE (Swanston st.).—Bro. Blakemore gave two excellent addresses on September 10—"The Goldsmith and the Carpenter," and "The Parting of the Ways." Several of the members, including Bro. Blakemore, have gone to Adelaide to take part in the Federal Conference. It has been reported that Bro. Horace Simpson has been wounded by shrapnel in France.

BRIGHTON.—Last Lord's day evening Bro. Main concluded his labors with us, treating of those who exalted themselves from the gospel feast. A fine gathering and interest. The church here is desirous of recording its appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. Main. G. M. Anderson, of California, to-day commenced a term of service with the church, preaching in the evening to an interested audience from Romans 7: 24—"The man who you struggle, but will not give up." Bro. C. Lang, from Chicago, gave us a happy talk at our morning service.—Sept. 10.

CARLTON (Lyon-st.).—Nice meetings on Lord's day. S. G. Griffith, our former evangelist, presided at the breaking of bread, when J. W. Baker gave an address, basing his remarks upon the words, "These all died in faith," making special reference to the late Bro. Geo. Exley. In the afternoon Cyprus R. Mitchell was the leader of the Bible Class. At night Reg. Ennis gave a fine gos-

pel sermon, his subject being "Preparing for the Days Ahead." Amongst the visitors were Bro. Day and Sister Williams, from Mile End, S.A. Bro. J. W. Wehls was with us at the mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening, and gave a helpful address. We are indebted to these brethren who have occupied the platform during the visit of Bro. J. E. Thomas to the Federal Conference. We regret to announce that a brother of the Misses Armstrong has fallen at the front, also that Henry Tippett is reported as being amongst the missing.—J.M.C.

EAST CAMBERWELL.—Sens. 10. Bro. Hunter presided efficiently in place of Bro. W. Hunter, who is ill with a cold. Bro. W. L. Jones, Balmains-st., spoke on "Esau's Sin." Record attendance; 27 broke bread. In Sunday School, 37 and 8 teachers present out of a possible 40 and 8 teachers. We are going to try hard to get a banner. We hold a singing class on Thursday evenings, with hope of forming a choir.

WINDSOR.—The anniversary has passed off most successfully. Tuesday saw a full house, and all the children did their part well. Thursday, the tea meeting was enjoyed by all. The prizes were presented by Mr. Kemp, and a bright little address given. Our organist, Miss Blacklock, was presented with a cake-basket, and thanks were expressed to all who helped make the meetings a success; special mention being made of Mr. Pearl, who had trained the children in singing. To-day the services were well attended. Mr. Beller gave an illustrated address this morning on "Building the Bridge." This afternoon Mr. R. Morris interested old and young with "Little Foxes," and to-night Mr. Beller gave a fine address to a full house, at the close of which a lady stepped out for Christ.

BENDIGO.—The meetings for the past two Lord's days have been encouraging. Bro. J. Pittman and J. Barnacle have been with us to-day preaching. Last Lord's day evening a brother who on the previous Lord's day made the good confession was baptised, and has since been received into fellowship. Our church social held last Wednesday evening was a great success, about 100 persons present. The freewill offering for the purpose of reducing the church debt amounted to £10/10/1. The secretary announced that this amount would cover all of the outstanding accounts. The work at Derby continues to progress. Bro. H. Sims journeys to there fortnightly, and takes with him his brethren to do the preaching. The attendances at the church services and at the Bible School are keeping up well, and a healthy feeling exists among the brethren meeting there.—A.E.S.

Tasmania.

LAUNGESTON.—At the monthly social and gift afternoon of the Sisters' Sewing Band, Sister Day, who has been president for the past eighteen months, was farewelled. She has taken great interest in the work, and has been untiring in her efforts to reduce the debt on the church building. Opportunity was taken to present her with a silver vase as a mark of esteem and appreciation. On September 11, at the morning worship, there was a splendid attendance; Bro. Day presided and gave a resume of the work of the church during his ministry. Fine attendance at the gospel meeting, when Bro. Day preached an excellent sermon on "The Aim of Christianity." On Tuesday evening a large number assembled to bid farewell to Bro. Anderson. Bro. W. Ling was chairman, the speakers including Mr. J. W. Grove, President of the Methodist Churches in Tasmania, Mr. Long (City Missionary) and Mr. E. P. Meek, all of whom referred in the highest terms to the good work and influence of our brother. Bro. Ling, on behalf of the church, handed Bro. Day a purse of money as a parting gift, and wished both Mrs. Day and himself God-speed and much blessing in their future work. Bro. Day feelingly responded. On Monday evening the choir held a successful concert in the Temperance Hall, in aid of choir funds. Bro. Day is to be congratulated on his successful training of the choir, which has only been in existence some few months. A presentation of an enlarged portrait of the choir was

made to Bro. Day during the evening by the secretary, Bro. O. Sitton. Bro. Day and family left on Thursday for Sydney.—J.P.P.

New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—206 present at the evening service in the Tabernacle on Sunday. One confession. At the send-off to Otago reinforcements last week, S. G. Griffith was one of the speakers who addressed the men at the railway station. Bro. Griffith leaves for Melbourne to-day to arrange for his wife and family to come to Dunedin. Before returning he expects to attend the Adelaide Conference.—L.C.J.S., Aug. 29.

INVERCARGILL.—Bro. and Sister Moore have been with us a month, and we are pleased to report that all our church services are being well attended, and a healthy interest displayed by the membership in the work of the church. About 150 were present at the gospel service last night, when at the close of an eloquent and scholarly address by Bro. Moore on "Running; But—" a young lady (eldest daughter of our church secretary) made the decision. At our worship meetings on Lord's day morning, Bro. Moore treated by Bro. Moore to some scholarly expositions on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, which are highly appreciated.—I.

RICHMOND (Auckland).—At the close of Bro. Greenwood's sermon last Sunday night, one young man and two young women confessed Christ, making fourteen confessions for the last two months, six of them being men. There were also five confessions during the mission. Our Improvement Society continues with unabated interest. The other departments of church work are all in a healthy state, especially the Bible School, which is rapidly outgrowing the present building accommodation.—A. Edwards, Aug. 25.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Last Tuesday evening a young lady from the Bible Class at Kilbirnie was baptised here. This morning Bro. Marshall, of the suburban churches, presided over a well-attended morning service, exhorted. In the evening Bro. A. A. Wright delivered a powerful sermon on "The Last Enemy" to a deeply interested congregation.—A.L., Aug. 27.

CHRISTCHURCH.—The 20th Reinforcements went into camp this week, taking Bro. P. S. Nelson, who has been sending these reports to the "Christian" for some considerable time. Bro. Nelson was an indefatigable worker in the church—Sunday School, and in many other activities he will be greatly missed. On Sunday night Bro. Gebbie gave the third of his evidential sermons, dealing with the Divine origin of the Bible. Last Sunday morning we had Bro. Gifford Gordon with us, who delivered a very excellent address. In the evening Bro. Gebbie finished his series on evidences by giving a most convincing sermon on "The Christian's Right to Heathen Mythology"—R.H., Aug. 27.

ASHBURTON.—Our meetings here continue with interest. Since last report the sisters have held their sale of work, the result being that £83 was added to our building fund. Great credit is due to the sisters, all of whom worked in a most praiseworthy manner. We also thank sisters of other churches for their interest and gifts. For some time past our organist, Sister Clara Goo, well, improving. The building sale was held on September 21. We have arranged for a gospel mission to commence on Sept. 24, which Bro. Gebbie, B.A., from Christchurch, will conduct.—E.K.

PITONE.—On August 4, the church members and Bible School combined in giving a social and presentation to our Bro. T. W. M. Ashby (who left with the 16th Reinforcements). Our brother has been secretary of both church and Bible School for some time, and had endeared himself to all. The services have been well sustained. The mid-week prayer meeting is being much better attended. Bro. G. Moore has the deep sympathy of the church in his sad bereavement by the loss of his father. The sisters are busy sewing for a sale of work to be held next month.—P.A., Aug. 30.

Here and There

College annual offering, October 1.
One decision at Newmarket, Vic. last Sunday evening.

Our splendid College deserves a special offering from each church once in the year. Let every church help on October 1.
Extra copies of this week's "Christian" are being sent to Australian agents. It is specially requested that good use be made of them.

Brs. P. J. Pond, writing from Queensland, reports that he is slowly improving in health. He expects to take up his work again at Erskineville on Sept. 24.

Every church member in the Commonwealth should secure an envelope for the annual College offering. To keep our College going and growing there must be gifts which represent sacrifice.

The annual prize-giving demonstration of the New South Wales Bible Schools will be held in the City Temple on Tuesday, October 10. Over a dozen schools are assisting on the programme.

Inquiries and orders for Standard Graded Lessons are reaching us from most of the States. Graded lessons are easy to teach. Graded lessons help to retain the young people. Send to us for particulars.

Victorian readers are again reminded that J. C. F. Pittman will very soon say chaplain to a troopship, and that gifts of postage, etc., or money to purchase them, will be acceptable. Send to the Austral Co.

A C.E. Rally will be held in the Swanson-st. chapel, Melbourne, on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7.45 p.m. Items will be rendered by the Footscray choir and the North Carlton Juniors. Bro. J. E. Thomas will address the meeting.

Standard Graded Lesson literature for October-December quarter should shortly be available. So many schools are prepared to introduce this system that it is felt that the supplies coming forward will be insufficient for requirements.

The Victorian General Deacons will hold their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Every sister is cordially invited to attend and help in this work.—Mrs. Moyses, Supt.

Sixty Victorian schools have entered for the Spring Attendance Campaign, and much interest is being manifested. Let every school try hard to make attendances as large as possible. From time to time during the competition the positions of the schools will be made known.

A Wellington sister in a letter accompanying a donation to College funds says, "When reading accounts in the 'Christian' and the 'B.C. Magazine' of the splendid work done by the students, it is good to feel that we are given the privilege of assisting them in their noble calling."

The men workers of the churches in Perth, W.A., have decided to hold a meeting once a quarter. At a meeting held on August 28, Bro. Hayne read a fine paper on "Our Morning Service." A most instructive discussion followed. It is hoped that the meetings will grow in interest.

The New South Wales Conference Executive announces that an attempt will be made to erect a chapel in a day at Seven Hills, on Eight Hours' Day, October 2. The Executive appeals to all of our carpenters, plumbers, etc., to rally and help the Seven Hills brethren in their worthy undertaking.

During his short stay in Victoria, Bro. H. G. Harward will be kept busy. Amongst other things he is to speak at temperance demonstrations at Lygon-st. chapel on Sept. 18, and at Moreland chapel on Sept. 20. On Sunday next (Sept. 17) he will unveil the Binney Memorial Tablet in the Preston chapel.

The meetings of the South Australian State Conference were a great success. We hope to give a full report in next issue.

We regret to learn that amongst the list of those who have fallen at the front appears the name of Pte. Procter, brother of H. A. Procter, B.A., preacher of Richmond church, Vic.

Victorian Bible School Examination, Monday, Sept. 18. Brethren appointed to act as supervisors are asked to communicate at once with the Organizer, should examination papers not be to hand.

The South Australian Sisters' Conference was held on Friday last, and passed off very successfully, under the presidency of Mrs. Dumbrell. Mrs. D. A. Ewers was elected President for the incoming year.

In the absence of Bro. Main, who is attending the Federal Conference in Adelaide, we are able to present to our readers a recently-taken picture of our Editor. We are sure that this, and the accompanying article, will be generally appreciated.

The delightful weather on Sunday last ensured for Bro. J. J. Franklyn a magnificent attendance in the Adelaide Town Hall, when the Conference Sermon on "The Church and the Times" was delivered. Grotto-st. choir, under the leadership of A. J. Gard, rendered beautiful music. Miss Robertson contributed a delightful solo.

Grotto-st. chapel was filled with an enthusiastic audience on Saturday evening, the occasion being the C.E. demonstration. In every respect it was a great gathering—constituting a record for similar Conference gatherings. E. J. Paterson, moderator, and Thos. Hagger gave a fine address. The musical items were also much enjoyed.

There was an unusually large representation of interstate visitors at S.A. State Conference. New Zealand and Queensland had one representative each, while a large number attended from Victoria and New South Wales. The mother State had 25 representatives, evidently wishing to honor the esteemed Federal President, Bro. A. E. Hingwood. So many preachers were at Conference that one brother—himself a preacher—remarked that in the home State would be found a fulfillment or illustration of the words of Scripture, "Thus had the churches rest."

The funeral of the late D. M. McCrackent took place on Wednesday of last week. A service was held in the chapel at North Melbourne, which was largely attended by brethren and friends. Mrs. Woodbridge presided at the organ, and the service was participated in by Jos. Pittman, J. C. Ferd. Pittman, J. E. Thomas, Thos. Hagger, and Mr. Smith (Methodist minister at North Melbourne). A grovelly number followed the remains to the place of interment in the Fawkner Cemetery, where the service was conducted by Thos. Hagger, and was participated in by Bro. W. L. Jones, W. L. Ewers, and G. B. Moyses.

Secretaries of Bible Schools are reminded that the first order for American Sunday School helps for 1917 closes this week. A supplementary order will be sent from the Austral Publishing Co. at the end of September. Send in your lists at once. The following are the supplies available:—Peloubet Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1917, a splendid help for all engaged in the study of "God's Word," posted, 5/6; The Bible Student, a quarterly for classes with scholars from 12 to 16 years old, per year, 2/5; The Scholars' Quarterly, lessons suitable for classes with scholars from 8 to 12 years old, per year, 1/6; The Primary Quarterly; this contains nice easy lessons for infants and smaller classes, per year, 1/6; Family Suggestions, a quarterly for superintendents, per year, 4/6; Standard Teachers' Quarterly, per year, 1/6; The Elementary Circle, a journal for elementary teachers, per year, 3/6; Primary Teachers' Quarterly, per year, 1/6.

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VICTORIAN HOME MISSION FUND.

The following amounts were thankfully received during July:—

Churches, per Collectors: Burnley, 18/-; Wangar Park, £1; Croydon, 12/-; South Yarra, £2/11/11; Kancira, 4/-; Mildura, £1/2/5; Boort, £1/7/11; Castlemaine, £2/2/-; North Carlton, 14/6; Blackburn, 19/-; South Melbourne, £1/11/11; Surrey Hills, £2/16/11; Emerald, 12/-; North Melbourne, £1/8/4; Northcote, 14/2; Doncaster, 11/-; Gardiner, £1/11/5; St. Albans, £1/10/11; Merredith, 18/6; Lygon-st., 16/17/2; French Is-

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 17—Preston Chapel 11 a.m., Members' Reunion. 3 p.m., Unveiling of Binney Memorial. 7 p.m., Great Evangelistic Service. H. G. Harward speaks at each service. Special soloists. Augmented choir sings "Crossing the Bar," and Bro. Binney's favorite hymns. Rail to Bell Station.

SEPTEMBER 18 (Monday)—Lygon-st. chapel, 8 p.m., Six o'clock Closing Campaign meeting. Chairman, Jas. E. Thomas. Speaker, H. G. Harward, from Sydney. Come and hear the latest developments in connection with the six o'clock closing movement.

SEPTEMBER 21 (Thursday)—In Lygon-st. chapel, 8 p.m., Jas. E. Thomas will deliver a limited lecture entitled, "Through Europe Before the War."

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30—Afternoon, 3, and each evening. Sale of Work will be held in the School Hall, Rathdown-st., North Carlton. Visitors welcomed.

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Assisted Churches, towards Preachers' Allowances: Meredith, 42/8/9; Kaneira, 41/1/8; Colac, 41/7/6; Rochester, 41; Gordon, 13/-; Swan Hill Circuit, 85/13/8; Boort, 41/17/6; Maryborough, 45/19/8; Lake Boga, 41/12/6; Ararat, 43; South Melbourne, 413; Stawell, 46/10/1; Shepparton, 44/17/6; Drummond, 42/4/2; Horsham, 48 1/8; Swan Hill, 44/6/8; Croynon, 41/12/6; Taradale, 41/14/8; Warragul, 44/6/8; Beluca, 43/18/1; Wonga Park, 45/-; Warrnambool, 46/10/6.

Mission Thankoffering: Ascot Vale, 46.
 Conference Fees: Collingwood, 10/-; Brighton, 15/-; Dandenong, 15/-.

Miscellaneous: F. M. Committee (Conference Exs.), 46/4/7; Bible Schools Committee (Conference Exs.), 46/18/6; Aged Evangelists' Trust, 44 6/8; Refund, Chaplain's Uniform, 12/4; Women's Mission Bazaar, 41/16/1; Year Book Sales, 43 5/0; "Herald" Adverts, 42/12/1.

Sunday Schools for Piano Fund: Surrey Hills, 10/-; Blackburn, 13/6; Preston, 10/6; Swanton-st. Church, 410; South Melbourne, 3/-; Carnegie, 15/-; Doncaster, 12/6; Newmarket, 17/6; Horsham, 16/-; Emerald (North Carlton), 10/6; Berwick, 10/-; Brighton, 10/6; (Towship), 10/6.
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