

THE CHURCHES

MASONIC SERVICE

Members of the Victorian Grand Lodge of Freemasons attended a service of intercession and prayer in relation to the war at St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of members of the craft, many of whom were accompanied by their wives. The first lesson was read by M.W. Bro. W. J. Byrne, Grand Master, and the second by R.W. Bro. C. H. Book, Deputy Grand Master. Special prayers were said by R.W. Bro. Simon Bealby, P.D.G.M.; V. Wor. Canon L. L. Wenzel, P.G. chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Bishop Booth.

The Grand Chaplain (V. Wor. Bro. J. H. Raverly) delivered the sermon, taking as his subject Watchfulness and Prayer. He said to watch was to fix their eyes on the visible and material, and rely on their own efficiency. To pray was to fix their minds on the invisible forces of God, and seek to know and do His will. Watchfulness and prayer were the only sure road to victory. Prayer for victory was not sufficient. There must be repentance. A few Sundays set apart for prayer would, perhaps, help toward undoing the last twenty years of careless living.

The Grand Lodge choir attended, and sang the anthems Let Us Now Praise Famous Men and In Jewry is God Known.

STUDENTS AT SERVICE

Last evening the service at Collins-street Baptist Church was attended by boys from King's Grammar School, Adelaide, and Carey Grammar School, Melbourne. Rev. R. Kirby delivered an appropriate sermon on The Door of Life.

To-day representatives of the two schools will meet at tennis on the Carey school courts, and to-morrow will play a football match on Kew ground.

FUTURE OF RELIGION

Rabbi Dr. Saenger, of the Liberal Synagogue, St. Kilda, spoke at Wesley Church yesterday afternoon on the Future of Religion. Referring to the chaos in the world, Dr. Saenger said that if they were to have a safer world it would have to be based on moral and religious foundations. He pleaded for a more modern God concept, and for a broader religious outlook. Only too frequently there was at the root of past intolerance not so much the love of one's own faith, but rather the hatred of the beliefs that were sacred to others. If religion was to survive it must be the task of our generation to break down the barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding.

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An enrolment service of the 2nd Melbourne company of the Boys' Brigade was held yesterday morning at the Baptist Church, Marquis-street, Ashburton. The service was conducted by Rev. H. A. Horsfall, who is chaplain of the brigade. The 1st Melbourne company was also on parade, and, with the 2nd, marched to the church. At the close of the service both companies were inspected by Rev. H. A. Horsfall, who also took the salute at the march past.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The ninth anniversary of the death of Rev. J. Manly, a former parish priest at Kew, was commemorated yesterday at the Sacred Heart Church, Kew, by the celebration of Masses for the repose of his soul.

Forty girls are taking part in the course of Catholic Action instruction at Tay Creggan, Hawthorn, the head quarters of the grail in Victoria. Rev. H. A. Johnston, S.J., is giving a series of talks on Apologetics, and Rev. Dr. Hannan is the lecturer on Missiology.

A new church has been erected at North Balwyn, in the parish of East Kew, and the opening ceremony will be performed on Sunday, September 1, by Archbishop Mannix.

A day of intercession in the Catholic Church on September 8 will be marked by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and holy hours in the parish churches and a general communion of adults and children.

A Catholic women's demonstration organised by the Catholic Women's Social Guild, will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, September 8, when special prayers will be offered for our defenders and for the blessing of a lasting peace. Rev. A. Brennan will give an address.

BAPTIST UNION WORK

The annual meetings of the Baptist Union of Australia were continued on Saturday. Rev. E. E. Gill presented the report of the Education Board, which dealt chiefly with the standard of training of ministers throughout the Commonwealth. The report of the Australian Baptist Home Mission presented by Rev. A. Driver indicated that this was one of the best years in the history of the mission. The report of activities at Canberra was one of outstanding progress, and the question of increasing the activities of the board in new areas was considered. The treasurer of the board reported that £129 had been set off the capital indebtedness, and the estimated quotas of £854 for the coming year were agreed to.

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Band, members of the Old Contemptibles' Association held their annual church parade to Cairns Memorial Presbyterian Church yesterday morning. In the congregation which filled the church were the Governor (Sir Winston Dugan) and Lady Dugan, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Coles), the Leader of the State Opposition (Sir Stanley Argyle), several members of the Consular Corps, representative of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs, Old Scotch Collegians' Association, Melbourne University and Royal City of Melbourne Regiment. At the conclusion of the service a bugler sounded The Last Post and Reveille from the church steps, a minute's silence was observed in remembrance of men who fell in the last war, those who had died in the present war and the victims of the recent Canberra air disaster. Rev. F. A. Hagenauer said God's law demanded that the British Empire should not sheathe the sword until the peoples conquered and subjugated by the dictators had been liberated. But if they were to have victory by righteousness, they must live by righteousness.