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Turning from Vice to Virtue

- *There is need for individual and national repentance so that the world can be rebuilt around spiritual ideals*

WILLIAM McDUGALL, the psychologist, tells of the interesting behaviour of the solitary wasps. When a wasp recognises by some instinctive or "innate knowledge" a certain caterpillar that will provide food for her young, she will seize and sting it in a peculiarly effective manner. Having dragged the paralysed insect to her nest, the wasp will lay her eggs in a place where the hatched grubs will easily find the food stored up by the mother. The sight of the caterpillar causes the wasp to respond and to act in a definite way. "Innate knowledge" enables her to recognise the right type of insect to capture; it also regulates her behaviour.

PLATO, although he lived many centuries ago, is not so dull nor so old fashioned as some suggest. He linked knowledge and behaviour, and said, "Virtue is knowledge, and vice is ignorance." In Plato's famous dialogues, Socrates, the Athenian philosopher, expresses, in many ways, how virtue and knowledge are related. If men knew what was good for them they would do it. Because men live in ignorance of their true nature, they think gold, pleasures of the flesh and worldly honors of greater worth and value than righteousness and justice. Such ignorance breeds vice: for men, in seeking money or earthly fame, will lie, cheat, fight and steal. Plato urged then, that men must be brought to a knowledge of the truth. He was not concerned with the type of knowledge passed on by teachers in schools: for a person may know customs, trades and traditions, and yet be ignorant of the right way to use these for the good of the whole man. He urged that men must come to know what is the ideal good of life, and then he shall use his art, crafts and abilities for the best purpose life offers, namely for the life of the soul.

IT is evident that Plato was aware of the fallacy of conducting an educational system on the lines it is in the modern state. By spending so much time on fitting young people to get material wealth and so little on how to live righteously and spiritually, the modern state is raising a population that is woefully ignorant; that is ignorant according to the standard of Plato. Proof of this is revealed in the happenings of the last thirty years. In two world wars vast wealth has been used in the wasteful efforts such conflicts demand. Then there was that tragic depression which accentuated the horrors of slum life in the big cities of the world. Instead of using arts and crafts in a way that benefit the life of the soul, we are devoting skill to those means that destroy life and beauty.

All who seek to instruct the communities of the world, whether they be preachers, professors, lecturers or journalists, need to heed the words of Socrates and Plato, two of the greatest teachers of the ages, and aim at emphasising moral principles and goodness more than the training that gives skill in accumulating and controlling power in the material world. This cannot be done unless there is a change of outlook. That cannot take place without a change of mind. In theological language the idea is expressed in the term repentance. There is a need for individual and national repentance so that the world may be rebuilt around enduring and spiritual ideals. When men set their attention upon what is good and make it a part of life, they will become virtuous, and lead others along the way of righteousness.

LET us return to the discussion that suggests that knowledge is virtue. It may be pointed out that a person can know what is right, and yet do what is wrong. Paul suggests that it is the plight of the natural man to know

the good and not do it (Rom. 8: 19). Paul, however, is speaking of a person who has not seen, nor has come to know the Good. Plato's idea of the good is vague, but yet he believed that if a man knew such good, he would be virtuous. He had no way of helping men except by directing them to a study of philosophy. Although he had some idea of the direction men must go if they are to live well, he could not help the common man who cannot follow the difficult turns of his arguments.

Paul has a sure solution of the problems of the natural man. It is found in the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord of life. When men come to know Christ, they receive his Spirit; their minds are renewed; and there is a turning from the life of the flesh by an act of repentance. They do not live after the flesh with its vice, but after the spirit with its virtue. Therefore, the knowledge that men must have if they are to be virtuous is found in Christ, for Jesus Christ is the Good.

WHEN speaking to his followers Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Those who live in sin are bound by the chains of evil habits. Knowledge of the truth will set them free. Jesus is the truth (John 14: 6). When men come to know the truth in Christ, they shall repent; turn from their sins, and enjoy the freedom of the spirit.

While men in high places are ignorant of Christ they will continue to maintain the vices associated with our modern civilisation. With these in our midst we are still in danger of falling into greater disasters than those we have endured during the past few decades. The warning of Christ rings in our ears. He said to the sinful generation of his day: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 3). We must preach Christ with a passion to a perishing world that is ignorant and full of vice, crying with the apostles of old, saying, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3: 19.)

WOMEN'S PAGE

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

The Prayerful Life

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal 450; Sankey, 515.

Prayer.—Our heavenly Father, we thank thee for the privilege of coming to thee in prayer. May we have a very real sense of thy presence. Give to us increasing joy in communion with thee. We thank thee for thy love and thy tender mercies which have followed us all our days. Forgive our indifference and coldness of heart. Help us, we pray, to love thee more truly and serve thee more faithfully. Teach us to do thy will, O God, and lead us in the way of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

Bible Reading.—Matthew 6: 5-15.

Devotional Talk

THE PRAYERFUL LIFE

THE title of our subject suggests at once that there is much more in prayer than a regular habit of making our requests known unto God, even though it is done "with thanksgiving" (Phil. 4: 6). That really is prayer, as the apostle beautifully suggests, but our subject takes us further—it implies a habit of life, a constant attitude by which we try to relate the soul and the life to God.

When the disciples came to Jesus with the request that he would teach them to pray, as John had taught his disciples, that request did not grow merely out of what they remembered about John the Baptist. It was, as Luke tells us, "as he was praying" that they asked this. Without doubt they sometimes found him at prayer, overheard him, and realised that here was something that took them out beyond anything that they had felt or experienced in prayer. If anyone ever lived the prayer life surely it was our Lord. He would go away early in the morning, long before daylight, to some solitary place in the country, to pray. After a busy day with the people, when he surely needed rest, he would go off into the mountain to pray. He prayed up on the mountain side all night before he made choice of his disciples. He came to the great experience at Caesarea Philippi, when they first realised and expressed his Messiahship, in prayer. The revelation of the Mount of Transfiguration was born in prayer, and we know how in great distress he prayed with "strong crying and tears" in Gethsemane, facing the bitter trial of the cross.

The question is often asked, If God loves us and knows our need, why should we pray? Faith makes answer that it is the way God in his wisdom has ordained. Some deep instinct in the human heart prompts us to call on the Almighty in time of need. We may not be able to get much further in answer to the question.

Dr. Jowett compared prayer to the method of study in the field of learning and the quest of the scientist in search of truth. Think of the ceaseless labor, the sacrifice and self-denial—all to acquire knowledge, to discover the ways of nature. He says, "Prayer is the prescribed method of acquisition in the kingdom of God."

Prayer may release the streams of blessing and power that enrich our own lives. It has a transforming power. If we bring any besetting sin to the altar of prayer it cannot

live there—resentment dies, jealousy, envy and pride cannot breathe in that pure air.

Remember how Jacob was transformed by his night of wrestling. From the mean, deceitful miserable man that he was, he was transformed into Israel, a prince of God.

Then, too, prayer may release the streams of energy that flow in blessing to others. How often Paul in his letters requested the prayers of his brethren.

One writer says, "We can by prayer liberate the powers of great men and women and make them masters of difficult circumstances."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 253; Sankey, 285.

Business session.

Solo.

Home mission notes.

Overseas news.

Prayer session.

Solo.

Address, "The Larger Grounds of Christian Unity."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 376; Sankey, 106.

Benediction.

(Mrs. T. H. Scambler has prepared the devotional programme for this month, and she will also write the next two for us.)

News from State Executives

TASMANIA

MRS. F. A. TAYLOR is now State secretary. Her address is 20 Kendall-st., Moonah.

On June 9 Mrs. Trotter, wife of Major Trotter (Salvation Army), gave the address. Mrs. Madel-Cole presided and Mrs. Kingston led devotional period. An annual report from Geeveston which came too late to be included in conference report showed that £30 had been raised for all purposes.

£8 received from conference catering was donated to a special effort to raise £50 for home missions; this amount to be above the usual cheque given at conference.

Throughout the State, Mission Bands are making good progress. At Collins-st., Hobart, the junior band is increasingly active.

A happy thought on the part of those able to attend the July executive meeting was to hold an "Isolation Afternoon," when birthday cards and literature were contributed for the superintendent, Mrs. Clifford, to use in her work for isolated sisters.

The prayer meeting committee holds monthly meetings at New Town Sanitarium. These are greatly appreciated by the patients.

At July meeting a two minutes' silence was observed as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Reimer, a loved sister who passed away during the month. She will be greatly missed by the Women's Conference.

QUEENSLAND

TWO days of fellowship have been held, one at Albion on June 17 for overseas missions, when Mrs. Berlin, superintendent, presided and addresses were given by Miss Henderson, of the B. & F. Bible Society, and Mrs. Bruce, of an aborigines mission; the other at Sunny-

bank for the Women's Federal Missionary Education Department. Mrs. Greenwood is superintendent. Addresses were given by Miss Henderson and Mrs. Wendorf. At each gathering luncheon was served.

Mrs. Hermann read a paper on "The Motives of Missions" at executive meeting on July 1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MISS BROMHAM, of Women's Christian Temperance Union, was speaker on July 2 at executive meeting, and asked all to cooperate to try to close lounges in hotels.

Mrs. Pearce, of Forrestville, is very ill in hospital. Prayers were offered for her recovery.

Superintendents are reminded to send in reports to the secretary for printing in annual conference report.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

IN last issue of the "Women's Page" the name Mrs. Golden should have read Mrs. Gorden.

Generous support is given to the aborigines mission at Norseman, and an aborigines committee in connection with the Women's Conference has been set up with Mrs. Burdeu superintendent.

NEW SOUTH WALES

MISS KATHLEEN SCOTT, of London Missionary Society, was speaker at executive meeting on July 2. She told of the work of the society and of a trip she made to Africa.

Miss M. Ashwood, Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Mrs. R. W. Perkins, and the president and secretary, were elected a committee to present plans to next meeting for observance of the jubilee of the New South Wales Women's Conference.

The president visited Wollongong for the second anniversary of the Mission Band on July 6. There was a good attendance, and many visitors were present from other church organisations in the district.

The Women's Inter-Church Council is sponsoring lectures to women and girls by a Christian woman doctor. Managers of factories and welfare officers are sympathetic and co-operative. The subject taken is "Sex—a danger, a privilege, and a responsibility."

VICTORIA

THE Victorian Women's Conference executive is desirous of contacting all girls of our churches who are serving in the Forces, or being employed in wartime industries are away from home. The names of some are already to hand, but we would like the co-operation of all so that a word of encouragement and good-will may be forwarded to them. Forward names to Mrs. C. Brough, 43 Britten-st., Glen Iris, or to Mrs. J. Turner, 2 Judd-st., Camberwell.

At monthly executive meeting a stirring message was given by Mrs. Susie Rankine, of L.M.S. Waiting until she is able to return to her mission in Papua, Mrs. Rankine is contacting many, and her descriptions of the people of Papua, their life, customs and reactions to the gospel message are enlightening.

The resignation of Mrs. E. M. Wilson, of the Chaplaincy Committee, was received with regret. She has carried on this work since its inception. The place will be taken by Mrs. Ledger, who has been working on the committee with Mrs. Wilson for some time. Mrs. Manning has been recommended as our other representative on this committee.

A petition to be forwarded to the Prime Minister, urging that women with children should be the very last to be called on for essential industries, has been set up and will be signed by the following: Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian churches, and churches of Christ.

An Abiding Ministry

Much of what Robert Lyall began will continue to influence the activities of churches.
Principal T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., reviews the outstanding services
of our departed brother.

A DISTINCT shock was felt throughout our brotherhood when a few days ago the news was passed around that Robert Lyall was stricken down and was seriously ill. Now that he is gone there will be widespread sorrow, mingled with thanks to God for all the achievement of his long and useful life. Without question he has for many years filled a remarkable place in the life and affections of the Victorian, and indeed, the Australian churches. There was no new enterprise, no church building, no extensive church interest which did not claim his immediate attention. Bro. Robert—for that is how he was familiarly known among the Australian churches—enjoyed remarkable physical health, which for the most part continued until the end. He was eighty-one years old—less one day—when he died. "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." In the midst of a successful commercial career, in a business house which he established and controlled through the years, he was always prepared to be interrupted to attend to things that concerned the kingdom of God. He looked on life in a large and generous way. An unquenchable optimism characterised his outlook. He sought to organise the activities of the brotherhood on the same business-like lines on which he ran his commercial activities, and he believed in progress. He had a wonderful zest in life. He enjoyed doing things. He loved to be with people, and one of his peculiar joys was to entertain visitors to the city and pilot them round to show them the college, the Guest Home, or church buildings.

He was a man of power, but he loved to use his influence for peace. His was a reassuring and peaceable word when situations became tense in our conference-gatherings. More than once he and I went together to some church that was in danger of disruption through inward troubles, and his was a wise and benign influence in smoothing out the irregularities in a difficult situation.

Bro. Lyall was a man of one congregation. His whole life was spent with the Swanston-st. church. He began there as a child, and he grew to be a strong tower in the life of the congregation. For fifty-six continuous years he was secretary of the church, and for a decade earlier still he was assistant secretary. But no one thinks of Robert Lyall as a man of one congregation. Twice in the early days of our Federal work he was president of the Federal Conference, and such a conference would not have been thought complete without his presence. He was closely identified with every forward move. He rejoiced to look back to the great Federal Conference of 1906, when the Federal Foreign Mission Committee, the Federal College Board of Management, and the Preachers' Provident Fund Committee were established. He was a member of the College Board from its inception, and its chairman from 1914 until his death. He always maintained a live interest in the work of the college, and in the preparation of young men and women for the work at home and abroad. He keenly felt the value of training, and rejoiced in the steady development that could be marked in young men as they passed through their college experience. We shall greatly miss his personal interest in the life of the college.

The Federal overseas work had a claim on Bro. Lyall's interest that was second to none. He enthused over the work of the missionaries as though theirs was his chief concern in life.

He had that capacity—of maintaining a vital interest in every living Christian enterprise. The Lyall Memorial Home in Shrigonda is a standing monument of his enthusiasm for the work of the gospel in other lands.

Robert Lyall's impact on the brotherhood has probably been felt equally as much in some of the more peculiarly business aspects of church enterprise. He was one of the initiators of the work of "The Properties Corporation of Churches of Christ." The growth of this department, to those who can understand the magic of figures, reads like a romance, and perhaps nowhere will the permanent results of his work be more realised.

To a Good Man

HE was not always singing;
Yet, everywhere he went,
His quiet smile was bringing
A savor of content.

He was not always talking
Of heaven or of God;
But those who kened his walking,
Found flowers where he trod.

He was not always shouting
That he alone was right;
Had patience with the doubting,
Until they reached the light.

He was not always praying
Aloud, for men to hear;
His life was just displaying
The fact that God is near.

To-day our lips are praising
A good man passing by;
Don't let it end with gazing:
Be like him—you and I.

—Howard T. N. Ussher.

The building up of the sound business of the Austral Publishing Company, which had been established by A. B. Maston, was largely under his direction. It would be impossible to estimate the value of Bro. Lyall's business capacity in the life of the brotherhood since these commercial interests were established, nor in the years that he ahead.

The work of the Hymnbook Committee (he was chairman from its inception in 1916), and the publication of the churches of Christ hymnal in 1931, was a peculiar delight to Bro. Robert. He loved to sing the hymns of the church. Everybody who knew him will recall his familiar figure during the singing of hymns in church worship, as with unrestrained enthusiasm he joined in "making melody in his heart to the Lord"—with his lips too, for he had a useful voice. Many of the great hymns he knew by heart. When some temporary infirmity confined him to his room for a few days, among his books at his bedside was sure to be a hymnbook or two. He refreshed his soul on the rich poetry and devotional spirit of the church hymnary.

Bro. Lyall was withal a Christian gentleman. Hundreds of church people from this

and other lands have known the fellowship of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyall. He practised the grace of hospitality in a large way. He sought ever to maintain the Christ-like spirit. It was my privilege to be preacher of the church at Swanston-st. for nearly six years. There were sometimes real differences of opinion and sharp discussions, and one of the most enduring impressions Bro. Lyall made on my mind was that no matter what variance there had been, he always greeted one afterwards with perfect brotherliness and hearty goodwill.

Robert Lyall was one of a great generation which did much to promote our cause in this land. The untiring sea which ever frets the shores of the eternal has lately been crowded with the golden sails of our brethren who have crossed the bar. Three weeks earlier C. G. Lawson, the treasurer for many years of Swanston-st. church, and now Robert Lyall, the secretary through fifty-six years, have been called from the toil and task of the harvest field to the rest and joy of the harvest home.

The funeral was announced as private, but many brethren gathered, for members of the household of faith knew they would be welcome in the company that came to speak a word of sympathy to the bereaved, and to mark the end of a triumphant Christian life. The funeral service was conducted by J. E. Thomas. A number of brethren who had been closely associated with Bro. Lyall in his work took part, and an appreciative word was spoken at the graveside by the Lord Mayor, Cr. T. S. Nettlefold.

All felt that apart from the natural grief that parting brings to human hearts,

"Nothing was here for tears, nothing to wall
Or knock the breast, no weakness, no
contempt,
Dispraise or blame, nothing but well and
fair

And what may quiet us in a life so noble."

He being dead, yet speaketh, saying, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

ROBERT LYALL'S MANIFOLD ACTIVITIES

THE following list (which is by no means complete) shows important offices held by Robert Lyall during his long association with the brotherhood:—

Federal Conference.—President of third conference at Melbourne, 1906; president of fourth conference at Adelaide, 1907. College of the Bible, member of first board elected 1906, and held office till death; chairman from September, 1914. Federal F.M. Board, treasurer from its inception till it was transferred to S.A. Hymnbook Committee, chairman of executive committee from inception in 1916. Book issued in 1931. Still chairman at his death.

Victorian Conference.—Member of Joint Executive and H.M. Committee, 1887-89; 1893-1904; 1917-1918; 1922-30; assistant secretary, 1887-89; 1893-1904; president, 1906-7; 1925-26; member executive, from its formation till death, as representative of Church Extension Committee (now the Properties Corporation). Church Extension Committee, served as chairman and treasurer from its inception in 1910 till his death. Bible Schools Department, filled every executive office at one time or another. Treasurer 1894-1899. Foreign Mission Committee, from beginning of F.M. work till 1930; treasurer for many years.

Swanston-st. church.—Secretary for 56 years; also deacon and later an elder.

Austral Printing and Publishing Co.—Member from inception; provisional director in 1891 (auditor in interim); appointed director in 1897; appointed chairman July, 1936.

Notes on Current Topics

Brother Robert Lyall

THROUGH the home-call of Mr. Robert Lyall the Brotherhood has suffered a great loss. Few brethren, if any, were so widely and favorably known as he. None was more closely associated with our State and Federal works and committees. He served as president of our Federal Conference and of our Victorian Conference. He gave a prodigious amount of time and labor to missionary work (home and overseas) and to the College of the Bible, of the Board of Management of which he was an honored member from its beginning and which for nearly 29 years he served as Chairman. His name is revered by many. For very many years I had the privilege of having close fellowship with him in committee work, and chiefly in the service of the Austral Printing and Publishing Company and of the College of the Bible. Our brother never spared himself. In labors he was indefatigable. He gave more than money to the cause of the Lord—he gave himself. He loved the church for which Christ died. He found in its worship and service the relaxation from heavy business cares which others seek in less worthy ways. He was always glad to speak a word for the Master, and to help the needy. His was truly a home of beautiful and bountiful Christian hospitality. The loved ones who mourn his loss have a fragrant memory and the brightness of the Christian hope to cheer them. May the God of all grace be their Comforter and Helper as he was of their loved one. Great workers are rapidly passing hence; there is need of others to fill the vacant places.

Complete Satisfaction

THE brief summary of the life story and conversion of John Subhan, quoted in the "Australian Christian" of July 7 from "Dnyanodaya," was of more than usual interest. I was particularly struck by the sentence which recorded the result of John Subhan's second reading of the Gospel story: "I found something which spoke to my soul." The sentence reminded me of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's famous statement that he knew the Bible to be inspired of God because it found him at greater depths of his being than did any other book. It would surprise me if many readers of the "Christian" could not be found to give a similar testimony. There is something self-evidencing about the Gospel of our Lord and the scriptures given to make us wise unto salvation. The Gospel is suited to the needs of man. It contains the key which unlocks the hearts of men. Both key and lock have the same Maker. The answer of Christ to the longings and aspirations of the soul, the complete satisfaction which he, and he alone, can give to the needs of men, constitutes the great evidence of the divine origin of the Gospel. "None but Christ can satisfy"; many who have tried "the broken cisterns" in vain have found in the water of life which Christ Jesus gives that permanent satisfaction of which our Saviour gave assurance when he said that the drinker would never thirst again.

A. R. Main

Crusading for Christ

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

SOME people dismiss the idea by saying, "There is a war on and we must wait. This is no time for an evangelistic crusade. In any case the people are not interested." This attitude is engendered and entertained even among church folk by reason of what they see about them. But while some people are definitely antagonistic to the church and some have followed strange cults, there is a host of people who have drifted out of the church. These like the sheep of the parable Jesus told are just lost.

Our Attitude

It is a very easy thing to say, "This is a day of apostasy, and all we can do is to hold the fort and wait for a more propitious time. The church will never be defeated, but just now it's a matter of holding on." Hence the church holds its services at the usual times, and in the usual manner, and the preacher preaches on the old familiar themes, but we do not cause much of a stir in the community.

A Day of Opportunity

Jesus' own day was not vastly different from our own, for religion was formal and lacked real life. But in spite of that Jesus could say, "Look upon the fields, for they are white already unto harvest." No day in which there was great revival and hence great reaping was ever a good day in the sense that the people were really religious. When Wesley began his work in England assisted by other godly men, the spiritual condition of the people was appalling and sin was rampant. But men went out crusading for Christ, and the incoming tide of the Spirit of God changed the life and thought of the people. Wesley and Whitfield might have said, "This is a

day of apostasy, and what can we do to prevent its conclusion?" Christians, awake! There are signs of a turn of the tide. The old materialistic conception of the universe has broken down. Scientists no longer are explaining the universe on a purely mechanistic basis. It did not fit the facts and had to go. But these changes take time to influence the popular mind. People generally are still living and acting in keeping with the ideas now relegated to the scrap-heap. Control of life and of community has not been provided by science. Christians, this is the day for you all to go crusading for Christ. Never did the world need Christ and his teaching more.

But How?

We can all crusade by life and faith and practice. Be Christian. The strength of your faith will be measured by your practice of it. Repentance has meaning, and so has Christian baptism. Are we what we profess to be? Too frequently we act like misguided children and fail to commend the faith. How many regularly "proclaim the Lord's death till he come" in the "breaking of bread"? How many last month invited a soul to the gospel service? Crusading for Christ is an unheard-of thing for not a few. Crusading in olden days meant sacrifice and blood and sweat and tears. Has the cross any significance in our experience? Too frequently we choose the easy thing. We crusade (?) by the fire in an easy chair, and leave the preacher to battle alone. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." This is the day of opportunity, but opportunities for service, for bringing a soul to Christ, require effort to seize them and utilise them. Join the crusaders for Christ. Be a real Christian.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

ALL IS OF GOD

"ALL is of God; the dearest morn Holds day behind the clouds; While summer's sunniest morn has known The shade that swift enshrouds. Who rest in him, alike the storm and calm, Know it is well, freed from the sense of dread, The thought of harm.

"When all is gone, if he remains, Lonely we may not be; And ours amid time's press and throng The unseen still to see. Like that disciple who had learned to rest, Amid his wanderings far and near, Close to his Master's breast."

A BIT OF RIBBON THAT COST A FORTUNE

MANY years ago a young man in a London omnibus noticed the blue ribbon total abstinence badge on a fellow-passenger's coat, and asked him, in a bantering tone, "how much he got" for wearing it. "That I cannot exactly say," replied the other, "but it costs me about twenty thousand pounds a year." The wearer of the badge was Frederick Charrington, son of a rich brewer, and the intended successor of his father's business. He had been convinced of the evil of the ale and beer trade, and refused to continue in it, though it would have brought him an income of twenty thousand pounds a year. But for that renunciation a million pounds would have come into the pocket of Mr. Charrington, during the half century of his Christian life. Though practically a poor man as the result of his renunciation, God sent him the money—many thousands of pounds—to build the Great Assembly Hall in East London, in which thousands of souls have been born again.

Rastus.—"Say, Mose, was you ebba on de firin' line?"

Mose.—"Yas, suh, Rastus! One day de boss stood us all in a line, an' I wuz de first one fired."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

July 26—Luke 6: 27-38.

" 27—1 John 2: 7-17.

" 28—1 John 3: 13-24.

" 29—1 John 4: 7-21.

" 30—Romans 12: 1-8.

" 31—Romans 12: 9-21.

Aug. 1—Psalm 118: 89-105; Acts 17: 1-15.

PAUL and Silas were accused of turning the world upside down. Similar charges are frequently made by those who, whilst prejudiced against movements new to them, or doctrines not in harmony with their own views, fall in argument and resort to abuse. The charge in this instance was false, yet there is a sense in which these godly men may be said to have endeavored, as all Christians since have striven, to turn the world upside down. Selfishness is now on top, but should be turned down and give way to Christian considerateness. In this way only can a "new order" worth having be established. Only by practising the golden rule can we bring about an adequate reconstruction of society. That, indeed, would turn this old world "upside down," and men would have a foretaste of heaven even whilst on earth.

Our Young People



W. R. Hibbert

THE HOME: WHERE WE ARE MAKING FUTURE AUSTRALIANS

THE word "Home" has a meaning which all the dictionaries in the world cannot define. Here children sing, whistle, laugh and play. Here the lessons of honor, loyalty, tolerance and compassion are learned.

EDUCATION OF PARENTS

The current issue of "The Christian Messenger" contains the following searching message by F. C. Hunting:—

PARENTS appear to be the Bible schools' number one external difficulty. Parental indifference concerning the moral and spiritual training of their children is a major problem of the Bible school. The attitude adopted by an alarmingly large number of parents of letting children please themselves about their attendance at Bible school is a problem we are not solving.

Behind this outward parental indifference is the almost non-existent presentation to children of the spiritual foundations of life by their parents in the home. We need only to keep our eyes and ears open to know that there are children growing up within a stone's throw of our homes, who are as pagan and heathen as any children to whom our overseas missionaries go.

The challenge is obvious. Parents must come within the scope of the school's programme. By some means or other parents must be won over to sympathise with the programme the Bible school is undertaking. At the moment it would seem that almost nothing of a systematic or definite character is being attempted by any school to win the sympathy and co-operation of parents.

Here is one of the most urgent needs confronting the Bible school. It would seem that some sort of concerted and continual education of parents is needed to awaken them to the peril to which they are exposing their children, by not giving them Christian teaching and training. A very definite, although subtle campaign against the church and Bible schools has been going on for many years.

We must seek to change this. How? Well, it's going to be a big problem needing much experiment, and the collaboration of the best brains we can bring to bear on this problem.

HOME VISITATION CARDS

ILLUSTRATED cards may now be procured from the Austral Publishing Co. at 1/- per dozen, plus postage. They are designed to win the goodwill of parents and prepare the way for a conference with guardians by school representative. The distinctive appeals are:

DEFEND THE HOME AGAINST INVASION.
CAN WE FATHERS TAKE IT?

YOU WILL SEE MORE WONDERFUL THINGS THAN I EVER DREAMED IF . . . FIRST THINGS FIRST.

A NATION'S FUTURE IS AS BRIGHT AS THE FACES OF ITS CHILDREN.

Religion and Life Weeks in N.Z.

G. R. Stirling reports on educational board's attempt to train parents, a day of prayer, and a campaign to reach the masses.

UNDER the auspices of the National Campaign for Christian Order, the first Religion and Life Week has been held in Rangiora in North Canterbury. This country town of a few thousand and people is a strategic centre. The churches in Rangiora had been preparing for weeks. Then when all was ready a special team of speakers and workers selected from all over New Zealand was precipitated on the town. All were Christian experts in their own field. For instance, a Christian farmer who has actually been farming on the basis of Christian principles held discussions with farmers; a Student Christian Movement chaplain spent some time in the district high school; a theological college lecturer with an adequate knowledge of economics and a background of experience in Russia, led discussion groups amongst workers. Thus did the churches seek to get the Christian message home to all sections of the community on their own ground and on the level of their own interests. Now the churches have the task ahead of them of consolidating the gains and pressing home the attack where the "powers of darkness" have weakened. The experiment is to be repeated in several other centres this year.

Progressive Education Board

The Wanganui Education Board has taken practical steps to meet the problem of juvenile

delinquency. Every parent in the whole of the very large area has received a circular containing a list of practical things parents can do to meet the situation. Parents are advised to supervise children's leisure, amount of pocket money and literature; to take an interest in the child's friends; to restrict picture going to worth-while "shows"; to encourage saving; to give adequate and nutritious lunches; and to seek co-operation of teachers. A very pleasing aspect of the pamphlet is that parents are urged to get their children to attend Sunday schools, churches and Christian youth groups.

Youth's Day of Prayer

Sunday, June 20, was observed throughout all churches of all communions as Youth's Day of Prayer. This was part of the youth section of the Campaign for Christian Order. In our own churches the theme followed was "The Lord's Prayer." Addresses on this theme were delivered at morning and evening services, special prayers being offered for Christian youth in oppressed lands, youth without the church that they might be won to Christ and youth within the church that they might be strengthened to face the task ahead. A special order of service was also prepared and widely distributed amongst youth groups. This was used at local and district youth rallies.

United Church Action in N.S.W.

Ethelbert Davis writes of a combined effort to safeguard moral standards, opportunities of helping young men, and the definition of a "peculiar church."

CANON T. C. Hammond, principal of Moore Theological College, has been appointed president of an organisation known as United Church Action. S. W. McKibbin, a Methodist minister, is secretary. Most of the Protestant churches are taking an interest in the movement. A press report says that the organisation is designed to resist paganism by every means in its power.

Mr. McKibbin is reported to have said, "Nobody can doubt that the strongest tide of paganism is bound to surge through the nation's life by way of the wide open gates of a secularised and desecrated Sunday." The objectives as outlined are—(1) To build up by propaganda sound moral principles, and to advocate them on every suitable occasion; (2) To fight graft and corruption wherever found; (3) To expose the influence of pressure groups in politics; (4) To oppose the growing contempt for authority sponsored by certain vested interests, which are undermining respect for the nation's laws; (5) To resist the unsocial attitude of sectional minorities of any shape or color, who use their well-organised force to obtain more than a reasonable share of social advantage to the detriment of the majority.

Lord's Day Desecration

A paragraph in the press tells of a football match held recently in one of the outer suburbs of Sydney. The blare of the loud speakers made it impossible for the teachers of a nearby Sunday school to continue the lessons. The school was forced to close.

In another suburb carnivals have been run on Sunday afternoons for several years. Thousands attend each Sunday, and the noise of the loud speakers and the shouting crowds can be heard in a dozen Sunday schools around the district. Now pony races have been introduced. The local council has been approached on a number of occasions on the matter but declines to interfere.

Ministering to Young Men

It happened shortly after the war broke out. The writer was stopped in the street one morning by a preacher of one of the other churches. He wanted to know what we would do under the following circumstances: He had a club of 52 young men, only three of whom were then members of the church. Forty-seven of them attended church every Sunday evening. One Sunday, after meeting, three of them met the preacher in the study and said, "We have come as a deputation from the other fellows to ask if you would take us one night a week and teach us what is fundamental to the church and to the Christian life, and the reason why the things you will tell us are fundamental. We request that we meet on Friday nights; that suits the majority, and as some of us get home late, we would like to start at nine o'clock." Well they met on Friday nights, and continued the studies until nearly midnight. They agreed that when they were doing anything which did not harmonise with that which was fundamental they would give it up. The war has broken up the class, but what is of interest now is that two of the group have just entered college to train for the ministry.

What preacher would not covet an opportunity such as that! What material out of which to make church members!

When is a Church Peculiar?

Standing outside our church building one afternoon unobserved by passers-by, we were interested in the conversation of several women who were passing. Stopping in front of the building one said, "Oh, there's a church; what church is it, I wonder?" Another said in reply, "Oh, that's the church of Christ; they are a very peculiar people." Said a third, "Are they strange folk?" To which the reply was made, "No, not exactly; but they will not call them-

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Here and There

Church secretaries and treasurers are requested to send all communications for The Properties Corporation to R. Ennis, 64 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne.

H. E. Bowden, who has been associated with churches of Christ in South Australia, has been elected a member of the House of Assembly for Gouger, S.A.

A telegram received too late for mention in last issue announced the passing, on July 7, of Joseph Frazer, a pioneer member of Merewether church, Newcastle, N.S.W.

C. Schwab, president of the Federal Conference, has received word that his brother, Pte. W. Schwab, who was previously reported missing, is a prisoner of war in Siam.

The Victorian Churches of Christ Ministers' Association commends to all suburban and country preachers the plea of the Women's Conference Temperance Committee that the Christian community make special efforts to secure and stand behind capable Christian candidates for the Federal elections.

On Sunday, July 25, at 3 p.m., in the Swanston-st. chapel, there will be a united service of remembrance for Robert Lyall. Jas. E. Thomas will lead, and the Swanston-st. choir will render suitable anthems. Representative brethren will join in a tribute to the memory of one who has served the brotherhood so long and so well.

A Queensland member has been forwarding copies of "The Australian Christian" to the parents of a member of the American Forces now in Australia. It was so much appreciated by them that the young man has forwarded a year's subscription and a donation so that the paper may be forwarded direct to his parents in U.S.A.

At Norwood, S.A., on June 27, Keith Jones spoke on behalf of overseas missions offering, which to date is £127/14/-, an increase of over £77 over last year's. A. J. Ingham was speaker at all services on July 4, and at evening service Joan Parker was baptised. Bible school social was held on July 17. Mr. Rudd was speaker at morning service on July 18 on account of Mr. Ingham's illness.

Twenty scholars sat for Bible school examinations at Geelong, Vic. Men of the church are effecting renovations to interior of chapel. Good work continues in reducing debt on building, a further £50 having been paid to Properties Corporation. Similar success attends the efforts of Ladies' Guild to purchase church residence, a further sum of £45 having been paid during last three months.

H. J. Patterson, M.A., preacher of Balwyn church, Vic., has been appointed deputy principal and lecturer of the Bible College, N.S.W. It is planned that he will take up this work at the beginning of 1944. Mr. Patterson was a lecturer at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, during the period Principal Main was away visiting Great Britain. He is highly esteemed by brethren throughout the Commonwealth. Being a graduate of the College of the Bible and of the University of Melbourne, he is well qualified for his new duties.

The N.S.W. Young People's Department has just completed a most helpful course on Youth to Youth Evangelism. Four lectures were given in five centres, Belmore, Rockdale, North Sydney, Burwood and Paddington. E. C. Hinrichsen spoke on "Personal Preparation"; D. Wakeley, "Fields and Methods of Personal Evangelism"; R. Greenhalgh, "Saving the Convert"; and F. C. Hunting, "The Technique of Approach." Many have expressed appreciation of the value of these lectures. A training class for kindergarten leaders is being held

the last Friday evening in each month. This class is under the capable leadership of Miss Gwen Bills, a public schools' kindergarten teacher.

At Queenstown, S.A., on July 4, two boys from Sunday school were baptised, Mr. Brooker speaking at both services. Mr. Brooker completed 38 years of service with the church as preacher on July 11. Splendid meetings were held on that day. At a full officers' meeting on 12th, a social hour was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Brooker, and each officer and deaconess spoke words of appreciation and expressed the fact that as well as being their pastor he has been a friend and brother to all of them. They expressed the desire that he may be spared for many years to further minister to them.

J. Wiltshire writes: "By the kindly thoughtfulness of the Christian Endeavorers of Kalgoorlie, led by their preacher, Mr. Fitch, a radio set has been installed at the aborigines mission. Miss Saunders writes: 'The Kalgoorlie preacher, Mr. Fitch, and one of the Endeavorers travelled down to the mission (130 miles), one Tuesday morning. We were just about to commence school when we saw the car. Excitement ran high for a few minutes as the men unloaded the car of its treasures. By lunch time we were "listening in," and by sundown the men had erected an aerial and we tuned in to Adelaide. It was a great delight to us, and has been ever since. We now have fellowship with Mr. Fitch in his children's service each Sunday at 6 o'clock, and with Mr. Wiltshire over 6PR at night. We can get Melbourne direct quite plainly. The children

in the home take a very keen interest in their "new toy," especially when they hear the voice of their friends sending greetings.'

W. Gale writes: "Two Sundays have been spent in the south-west of the State. The visit to Warrnambool enabled us to make contact with our brethren of the south-west sea-side circuit; and though time did not permit us to visit Heytesbury, Curdies and Port Fairy, we were able to learn from Mr. Methven of the welfare of the brethren. This is a big circuit and Mr. and Mrs. Methven, sen., have endeavored to cover the area regularly, and to give the needed leadership. This sterling couple are beloved by all. Then to Hamilton, per gas producer. This was our first visit here since Mr. Chivell's appointment. It was easy to see that he and Mrs. Chivell are fitting into the work very happily. Our host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones; Mr. Jones is a chaplain in the Air Force. Hamilton Bible school is now at the peak of its history and bursting its borders. Efforts are to be made to secure permission to erect a room for the rapidly growing kindergarten department which at present meets in a large iron shed kindly loaned by a neighbor. All departments seem healthy, and we returned with a big feeling of satisfaction. A. W. Garland, a former preacher here, was in Malaya at the capitulation, but word of him has been received since. The late secretary of the church, T. H. (Will) Hadden, was also in the Singapore campaign, and a report has been received that he is a prisoner of war; since his departure his father has passed away. Our visit refreshed memories of these and of other brethren of the days that led up to the present happy stage of the work. What a great partnership we are in—one sows, one waters, and God gives the increase."

From Week to Week

It is fitting that there should be many expressions of appreciation of the services of Robert Lyall. As a little child he attended the meetings of the Melbourne church, that was before the commencement of the work in Swanston-st. In those days the membership was very small. However, within the life time of our departed brother, the brotherhood grew in numbers and influence. His zeal, wisdom and vision contributed in no small measure to the advances made over the years.

Those who have enjoyed the privilege of being a guest in his home will never forget the delight of that experience. He never spared himself. Out of the store-house of his excellent memory he brought forth stories new and old. What gave him greatest pleasure was not money; but the simple delights available for all. He enjoyed music; poetry, particularly the works of Shakespeare; hymns; church services; and I may add, sermons. He had an amazing memory for sermons. He could recall what text was used in a sermon preached fifty years or more ago. He was a man who had won a high place in the business world, and yet found his greatest interest and joy in the service of the kingdom of God. Because his life was so long and so full of service, we can thank God for it, and rejoice in the victories gained for the kingdom of God.

NEWS is reaching me that indicates the willingness of some churches to meet the needs of preachers. By increasing the salaries of evangelists, churches are relieving men of financial worries and are enabling them to give greater attention to the ministry of the Word. In my reading this week I came upon a statement attributed to Dr. A. Corey, a well-known preacher among Disciples in America.

He was commenting on the failure of some preachers to meet their accounts, and said, "Two things are wrong: first, the churches don't pay the ministers what they promise, and second, they don't promise enough!" We are not aware of the first part being true of any congregation in Australia, but the second section is still true in some parts of the Commonwealth. Many are realising this and are doing much to adjust matters. Such consideration is, I know, much appreciated by preachers.

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"THE Shane Quarterly," Number 2, Volume 4, has come to hand. This journal is issued and published by the Butler University School of Religion, U.S.A. It has a special value for Australians this quarter since three natives of this land are represented. In a long article Dr. Holmes gives an outline of Dr. A. C. Garnett's latest book, "A Realistic Philosophy of Religion." Many will recall that Dr. Garnett was one of our missionaries representing us in China. Principal A. L. Haddon, of New Zealand, was a youth director in New South Wales before going to Dunedin, N.Z. In an article entitled, "What about Politics?" he discusses the need of applying Christian ideals to every-day life. Another Australian, Dr. W. J. Moore, who went to America and received his training there and is not really known to us, has contributed a valuable article in which he warns the preacher of the dangers of his calling. Dr. Kershner, the editor, writes about Abraham Lincoln, and points out that suggestions that Lincoln was baptised cannot be proved. It seems Lincoln was associated with the circle that was familiar with the work of Alexander Campbell, and read, very likely, much that Campbell wrote. As far as it is possible to ascertain, it seems Abraham Lincoln desired to be baptised; but owing to the influence of his wife, he set aside his intention.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

Devonport.—On June 20 H. Street gave the morning message, after which he baptised two Bible school scholars—Zetia Jubb and Phyllis Kingshot. He then welcomed them to fellowship at breaking of bread. At night Mr. Street was preacher. On June 27 Rod Pitt gave the morning exhortation. At night F. T. Burt preached, and a young girl took her stand for Christ. On July 4 F. T. Burt gave two messages. On July 11 G. H. Newell gave the morning address. In afternoon a brother drove him to Ulverstone to take a service there. At night Mr. Newell preached. There were good meetings for the day.



VISITING PREACHER

INTERIM MINISTRY ENJOYED

L AUNCESTON (Margaret-st.)—Church was delighted to welcome back Ira A. Paternoster, who with Mrs. Paternoster arrived on June 25 for a short interim ministry. Attendances have been very good. Mr. Paternoster has delivered excellent addresses, and the church is grateful to the brethren at North Sydney for releasing their preacher for these weeks.

Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of July 11 sympathetic reference was made to the lives of E. McKinley and Lindsay Wood, who on July 8 were called to be with Christ. George Gilbert returned after a long absence. J. Wiltshire gave a helpful talk. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Cosh rendered a solo and Mr. Wiltshire preached.

Kalgoorlie.—Attendances at all services are well maintained, and Mr. Fitch's messages are helpful. Bible school is healthy, and proud of winning increase and attendance campaign. Another senior boy has made the good confession, Mr. Fitch preaching. A duet was rendered by Mr. Connigrave and Mr. Beavis. Children's broadcast choir is back on the air. The session is much appreciated.

Queensland

Roma.—Sixteen sat for scripture examination on July 11. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Butler had fellowship with the church, Mr. Butler presiding at morning service.

Gympie-Monkland.—F.M. offering now to date totals £26/7/5. On July 11 the church participated in V.D.C. church parade, and at night the Orange Lodge held annual church parade at Gympie service. 15 scholars from both schools sat for examination. New scholars have been enrolled. W. Bugar, of Goolwa, S.A., led C.E. meeting on July 9, the programme that night being an exchange with Strathalbyn, S.A.

Mt. Walker.—Since departure of P. C. D. Alcorn, meetings have been conducted by brethren of local church. Appreciated messages have been delivered by H. Mandelmone, A. and A. E. Hinrichsen and F. Smith. The church eagerly awaits the arrival of Mr. Stowe. To celebrate 78th birthday of two of the church's eldest sisters, Mrs. A. Grunhagen and Mrs. A. Hinrichsen, the church tendered a social in the home of Mrs. A. Hinrichsen.

Brisbane (Ann-st.)—For overseas missions the church has given £40 and an additional £25 through duplex envelopes. Preachers on July 11 were L. H. Shakespeare (B. and F. Bible Society), and Chap. James C. Crowson, U.S.A. The number breaking bread was 193. In recent weeks seven American soldiers have

been baptised by their own chaplains. Each Sunday night scores of Allied and Australian soldiers are entertained with supper and a praise service.

South Australia

Cottonville.—A record offering exceeding £68 was given to foreign mission offering. Interchange of preachers before this day brought Mr. Nankivell, of Unley, who gave a thoughtful message in support of the offering. On July 11 a large number of scholars sat for scripture examination. Some members are still sick, but others have recovered and are meeting again.

Gawler.—On June 30 the C.E. Society held a quarterly social, at which Ray Goldsworthy and Edna Radomie were honored in view of their marriage, which was celebrated on July 3, Mr. Bartlett officiating. At evening service on July 4 a young man was baptised. On July 11 Pte. J. Andrews spoke at both meetings, and at the evening service gave two messages in song. In the afternoon eleven scholars from Bible school sat for examination.

Prospect.—Services on July 11 were conducted by C. Schwab with good attendances. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors and members of the Forces on leave. Members of P.B.P. and K.S.P. met after service to bid farewell to two Kapps, Max Bunyon and Howard Trenowith, who are called up for service. Both received a New Testament. Intermediate Endeavorers with their leader, Miss Purdie, visited sick and aged members, giving flowers and bright messages.

Flinders Park.—Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Hubbard in the loss of her brother. Helen Wilson has been discharged from hospital and is on the way to complete recovery. Many letters have been received from Geo. Frost, and the church is pleased that he has linked up with the church at Albury. Congratulations are extended to Junior C.E. Society in obtaining third place in State efficiency shield, and intermediates in gaining an efficiency certificate.

Unley.—Offering for F.M. on first Sunday was £186. Miss Redman, Baptist missionary from India, spoke at Girls' Mission Band on July 6, her talk and pictures being very interesting. Plans for Temple Day and evangelism are well in hand. Robt. Burns is improving in health. Messrs. Bawden and Morphett were congratulated on attaining 81st birthday. Service men present recently include Jack Sargent, Allen Burdett, Ron Githsham, Gordon Young and Dr. Trevor Turner.

Fullarton.—Meetings have been well maintained. Mr., Mrs. and June Wright, from Prospect, have been welcomed into fellowship. Church gave £4/2/6 for Bible School Department work. F. Collins gave a splendid address on behalf of foreign missions. Offering to date is about £17 (increase of £8). At annual business meeting, which showed steady progress and a good spirit, C. Sommers was elected a deacon, J. Woodhead was re-elected secretary, and D. Johns treasurer; both have given splendid service. H. Gitsham is back from Queensland owing to ill-health. H. Headland has been unwell for some time. Eight scholars sat for scripture examination. Christian Endeavor is in good heart. Ralph Neiman, R.A.N., has had fellowship with the church. A social evening was spent on June 29 in connection with Tuxis Club.

Hindmarsh.—W. L. Ewers recently paid a visit to Whyalla to open new church building and conduct a week of meetings. Through the League of Five Hundred and in other ways the church has contributed approximately £60

to Whyalla cause. Thanks are expressed to S. L. Patching, G. T. Fitzgerald and T. Edwards for messages during the preacher's absence. The church has granted the request of the Home Mission Committee for Mr. Ewers to continue indefinitely as part-time organiser. The 88th anniversary services were held on June 27 and 29. Instead of usual midweek meeting of reports and address, Grote-st. choir provided a musical treat, "Songs from the Days of Slavery." Overseas offering is so far approximately £40. On July 4 a splendid address was given by Mr. Morgan, of Sydney, who is conducting a campaign in the district under auspices of Evangelisation Society. Miss Giffen was well enough to be able to be present on morning of July 11 for first time for several months.

New South Wales

Lismore.—Mr. and Mrs. Baker have returned from annual holidays, and Mr. Baker is again speaking at all services. Brethren of church spoke during his absence. A number of scholars sat for examination on July 11. Sisters Stock and Newton are laid aside in hospital. Recent visitors have included Miss W. Volckman, A.W.A.S.

Bexley North.—T. V. Weir on July 4 challenged church on responsibility to the Bible school, where teachers are needed. As a result two have volunteered to help the staff. On July 11 Mr. Weir continued a series of addresses on a month of "good news." After gospel service a lady was baptised. Mrs. Bagley rendered a solo. Visitors included Aircraftsman McLean, of Lygon-st., Inveria.

Canley Vale.—K.S.P. Club celebrated anniversary on July 10 by entertaining friends at a social evening. An enjoyable programme was arranged, and an attractive supper served. There was an increase in number of S.S. scholars sitting for annual examination. Morning message on July 11 was brought by D. Wakeley, of Burwood. Three girls from Bible school recently confessed Christ. Mrs. Read passed away on July 3.

Mayfield.—R. M. Wilson has been speaker at all services lately with exception of June 27 when, during his absence in Taree, D. G. Meyers spoke morning and evening. On July 11 one who had confessed Christ and been immersed was received into fellowship. Midweek meeting on June 30 was conducted by two brothers in uniform—Mr. Bangsdon and Mr. Taylor, of Northcote, Vic., who brought inspiring messages. Other midweek meetings have been taken by Junior C.E. Society, the deacons, the Women's Guild and the Crusaders' Club.



MISSIONARY FOR ABORIGINES

WORKER TO GO TO GULF OF CARPENTARIA

MARRICKVILLE.—Attendances at all services have been well maintained, and work in auxiliaries progresses satisfactorily. A young man of the R.A.A.F. has confessed Christ. Robert Palmer leaves shortly to take up mission work amongst aborigines at Normanton in the Gulf of Carpentaria under auspices of A.I.M.

Paddington.—There was a good attendance at morning service on July 11, which was broadcast. Mr. Greenhalgh conducted and gave the address. A solo was rendered by Miss Walter. A social evening was spent by the young people at Kingsford as a camp re-union. Games and entertainment by Kingsford folk and moving pictures of the camp and other interesting outings made an enjoyable evening for about 60 young people. Bible class arranged a picture night sponsored by Shell Oil Co. in aid of destitute women and children of China. An enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Victoria

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—J. E. Thomas spoke at both services on July 18. Several interstate Service men and women were present. Feeling reference was made to the passing of Robert Lyall.

Carlton (Queensberry-st.).—On July 18 there was a fairly good gathering at breaking of bread. D. L. Shue was speaker. Special prayer was offered for Miss A. Baker, the mission secretary, and sympathy expressed to her in the home-call of her aged mother.

Yarrowonga.—G. P. Pittman has commenced a Junior Fellowship Club which is well attended. On July 14 Miss Irene Christie and Sgt. Norman New, A.I.F., returned, were married in the chapel by Mr. Pittman. Much sickness prevails among members. Overseas offering is £49/5/6 (incomplete).



CHAPEL ROBBERY

BURGLARS TAKE CROCKERY AND LINEN

PRESTON.—Fellowship with J. Searle, of Thornbury, was enjoyed on July 11, when he delivered an appreciated message at morning service. Mr. Combridge spoke at both services on July 18. At evening service T. Cuddy, Parkdale, rendered two messages in song. The chapel was broken into on July 15 and crockery and table linen stolen.

Middle Park.—Mr. Whiting and Mr. Stewart delivered helpful messages on July 18. Gordon Stewart was on leave, and best wishes were extended to him as well as Mrs. Dillon, who is returning to Adelaide. A record number of 36 scholars and teachers sat for scripture examination. Offering for overseas missions reached £13.

Oakleigh.—W. J. Williams, of Methodist church, was speaker at Women's Mission Band meeting at Christian Guest Home. On July 11 E. Allsopp (Hawthorn) spoke at worship service, and S. Neighbour concluded a series of addresses at gospel service. Bible school teachers plan to visit parents of all scholars during increase campaign.

Boronia.—On June 27, morning meeting was well attended. In the evening the church combined with other churches in a meeting in local picture theatre. E. L. Williams gave the address. There was an attendance of over 200. On July 4 meetings were well attended, E. L. Williams being speaker. Offering for foreign missions to date is £29.

Cheltenham.—On July 17 a combined meeting of young people of local Protestant churches was held in the chapel at 4.15. Mr. Huntley was song-leader and Dr. C. I. McLaren, returned missionary, was speaker. At a fellowship tea about 80 were present. This was followed by a youth service at 7 p.m., young people taking part. One young lady made the good confession.

Rochester.—Meetings are well attended. Young members are taking active part in meetings. Members are grateful to Mr. Payne, of Echuca, for coming to help as often as possible. His addresses are appreciated. Overseas mission offering was £3/10/-. In other avenues also the church's financial position is satisfactory. Sister P. Turnbull is still an inmate of Bendigo Base Hospital.

Black Rock.—A scholar from the Bible school confessed Christ at close of Mr. Wallington's address on June 27, and was baptised on July 4. On June 30 the college faculty and students numbering 57 held a retreat at the chapel. By kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, luncheon and tea were served at their home. Ladies' Guild held a social afternoon at home of Mrs. Bonny in celebration of her 82nd

birthday. Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Prenzel have been to worship services after sickness. News has come that Bob Sercombe, invalided from New Guinea, is on the way to recovery. Messages of Messrs. Edmonds, Wallington, R. Morris and Smith (Hampton Methodist) have been appreciated.

Frankston.—On July 11 there were good attendances. After a stirring address at gospel service by J. K. Bond an American soldier confessed Christ. Soloists were Misses Greig and Organ. On July 18 J. K. Bond was speaker at both services. C. Corbett, of U.S. Forces, gave a testimony. Miss Bond was soloist. At Women's Mission Band there was a record attendance. Twelve scholars sat for scripture examination.

Brunswick.—C. J. H. Wright has resigned to take up the work at Blackburn. His addresses have been well appreciated. T. G. H. Westwood will begin a temporary ministry on Aug. 1. Several members visited aged Sister Sargent, and broke bread. Foreign mission offering amounted to £12/10/6. Christian Endeavor had a successful anniversary on July 12; G. J. Andrews was speaker. On July 11 Mr. Combridge conducted evening service.

Hampton.—On July 17 Miss M. Greedy was married to Mr. C. Stock, R.A.A.F., C. G. Taylor officiating. In the evening a twenty-first birthday party was tendered to Miss D. Whitchurch and a presentation made. Church and school have expressed good wishes to Jean Delaney, who after a long stay in Australia accompanies Mr. and Mrs. Bischoff to rejoin her parents in Wellington, N.Z. This week the preacher, C. G. Taylor, is having treatment in hospital for tonsils.

North Fitzroy.—Good attendances at services on July 18. H. Swain spoke in morning. L. Gole paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Robert Lyall. In absence of R. Ennis, who was unable to attend through illness, P. Foster preached at night. During the week the father of Mr. Shephard passed away; sympathetic reference was made at morning service. Many members are laid aside by colds and influenza. Final offering for overseas missions, £58/16/2 (including duplex envelopes).

Ascot Vale.—Junior Endeavor visited Children's Hospital on July 17, taking papers and hospital sundries. Women's Mission Band held 14th birthday on July 14. With visitors from churches, about 50 attended. Mrs. Turner was speaker. Overseas mission offering was £12, including £1 donated by juniors. 26 scholars sat for examination. Mr. Trickey, Bible school secretary, has been called up; the position has been taken by Bruce Thomsen. A baptismal service was held on July 18.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Appreciated addresses were given by T. H. Scambler on July 18. At close of morning service the ladies were asked to remain behind and in a short period £7/10/- was collected for Norseman mission. Sympathy of the church is extended to the loved ones of a former member, Mrs. Allan, who passed away on July 11. Among visitors was Sgt. Vic Tennant, R.A.A.F., a former member of Bible school. P. Kerrigan is ill in hospital. Deacons are attending to sick visitation.

South Yarra.—On July 11 Col. Ede, of Sudan United Mission, preached at night, and afterwards gave an illustrated lecture on the work of the mission. Soloist was Miss W. Lee. Mr. Cole has delivered fine morning addresses. A record F.M. offering of £14/18/3 was made. The church farewelled the assistant secretary and Sunday school supt., E. Wilson, who has joined the R.A.A.F. On July 18 J. Elliott, from St. Kilda, presided. Mr. Cole spoke morning and evening. Miss Amelia Scarce sang a solo.

Bentleigh.—On July 4 Mr. Goldsworthy was speaker morning and afternoon. Mrs. Arnott was soloist. Mr. Keneley was morning speaker on July 11 and Mr. Goldsworthy addressed afternoon meeting. Miss Cowper, from Chel-

tenham, sang a solo. Mr. Nance-Kivell was speaker at morning meeting on July 18. Mr. Goldsworthy gave an illustrated address in afternoon, and an item was rendered by R.G.B.D. quartette. Increased attendances are encouraging. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Scott in the loss of her brother.

Hawthorn.—On June 27 C. K. Milne gave a helpful address in morning and C. Page, of the college, spoke at night. J. E. Allan spoke at each service on July 4. Foreign mission offering has reached £20. Special reference was made by Mr. Allan on July 11 to the passing of Mrs. Inglefinger, a member for 60 years. J. E. Allan has accepted an invitation of the church to minister for another three years. A social evening was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Allan on July 1, when reference was made to their good work.

West Preston.—Splendid meetings have been maintained over past three weeks. A. B. Withers was speaker at all services. At close of gospel service on July 4, a member of the A.I.F. made the good confession and was baptised the following Wednesday at Y.P.S.C.E. meeting. P.B.P. club won dramatic competition in connection with the movement. Overseas mission offering has reached £25. Chap. W. A. Wigney was present on July 18 on brief leave. Five new scholars were welcomed to Bible school on first day of increase campaign.

Moreland.—On July 11 Mr. Marshall and John Skinner were welcomed into fellowship following confession of faith. Miss Grace Lacy, from Boort, was also welcomed. On July 14 the Bible school sponsored a concert given by West Coburg juvenile choir to augment school funds. Bible school is conducting a house-to-house canvass to gain more scholars. W. G. Graham has accepted the invitation of the church to stay for duration of the war and at least six months after. He has, however, undertaken part-time chaplaincy work with R.A.A.F., having been transferred from the Army.



SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

FELLOWSHIP TEA ENJOYED BY 110.

MALVERN-CAULFIELD.—On July 17 second coming of Christ convention was held. Chairman was Dr. J. J. Kitchen. Afternoon speakers were W. E. Jackel and W. J. Embery. Fellowship tea had 110 present. Conference and discussion followed, opening speaker being F. E. Buckingham. Evening speakers were J. E. Thomas and W. L. Pike. The church choir, under leadership of R. D. Besson, rendered anthems, and girls' choir (conductor, C. Gadge) also assisted. The building was almost filled on July 18. Morning speaker was A. L. Gibson, evening, F. E. Buckingham; soloist, Miss Enid Buckingham. The special meetings were a great success. Jim Beveridge is in Alfred Hospital, having met with an accident.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Morning speakers over past fortnight have been T. Maxwell and C. Hill; evening, W. W. Saunders. At Doveton-st. North, C. Hill and W. W. Saunders have been morning speakers and J. A. Wilkie and T. Comer evening speakers. Mt. Clear services have been conducted by W. H. Benson and E. Davey. Annual meeting of school staff was held at preacher's home on July 10. All officers were re-elected, and R. Barnett was appointed vice-superintendent and Mrs. J. K. Martin was added to the executive. Miss Myrtle Payne has been added to teaching staff. School is entering State-wide increase campaign. J. A. Wilkie has given appreciated help in Bible class for some weeks. Annual offering to Y.P. Department was £22 and to F.M. Department £133. Fair attendances are maintained despite much sickness.

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WYLIE.—At Roma General Hospital, Qld., on July 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Wylie (nee Bessie Talbot), church of Christ Manse, William-st., Roma, the gift of a son, David Lyall. Both well.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

LAWSON.—Mr. W. P. Lawson and family desire to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for personal expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, telegrams, letters and cards in their recent bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of their deep gratitude and appreciation.

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IN MEMORIAM

AMMON.—In sweet memory of my dear wife Sarah, who went to her reward on July 11, 1942.

If I could only speak with you to-day,
Laugh with you in the same old way,
To hear your voice, and see your smile,
Then life to me would be worth while.

—Inserted by her loving husband.

HATTY.—In sad and loving memory of our dear father, James Hatty, passed away on July 22, 1937. A wonderful father.

—Inserted by his sorrowing family.

HATTY.—In loving memory of Mr. James Hatty, who departed this life on July 22, 1937. Ever remembered.

—Inserted by members of Newmarket church.

HOUSTON.—

"Be good, sweet maid, and let who can be clever,
Do noble things, not dream them all day long,

And make Life, Death, and that vast forever,
One grand sweet, song."

—Inserted by her loving husband and children for Mrs. R. M. Houston, who passed to her eternal rest on July 25, 1940.

WATERMAN.—In loving memory of William, eldest son of Amy and William Waterman, of Monbulk (Victoria), late missionary of churches of Christ (China), loved husband of Grace and father of Joan and Winnie, Glen Iris.

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COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 6.—Swanston-st., 2 p.m., Victorian Women's Conference Executive will meet. Leader of devotions, Mrs. R. L. Williams. Speaker, Mr. C. L. Lang, of the State Aborigines Committee; also lantern slides.

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Harold Finger Visits Pentecost

ONCE again the folk were very willing to receive us, and to see our faces after four and a half months absence; and for my part I felt real joy in visiting them again. This time most of the villages knew we were coming, and so every preparation had been made for our visit. A real change exists in the lives of folk when they exert themselves sufficiently to create a good impression upon the visitor. I was really inspired to see how each village had been cleaned and swept and the tracks neatly cut. One group of villages situated "high up on top" of Pentecost had undertaken to clean the track for at least one mile, which must have taken many days to complete. Perhaps these things seem childish things to do



R. W. Saunders,
New Missionary for Islands.

in order to welcome a visitor, but they are real signs of genuine conversion. There is a definite change within the native when he labors to cleanse his environments, and especially when he seeks to express that change with a true sense of pride. One cannot blame the native here for his slow working system, because he lives in an uncondusive climate, and his diet is anything but strengthening. Hence all the more credit to these Christians for their efforts to "tidy up" their villages. I like to state this because it reveals how the conversion is continuing, and the native realises that he is not yet perfect.

We held many services in the native churches. After a few words of greeting, etc., the service begins, and sorry are these folk, according to the expressions on their faces, when the service concludes. (The same look can be seen on other faces when the service fails to end in one hour.)

Medical Needs

The Christians, and incidentally the unreached people also, always look forward to the medical aid which the mission renders. This time I saw some shocking sores and ulcers—they would make a person creep if he were inclined that way. But what good does one smear of ointment and one injection do for a man or a boy with a horrible, gaping wound about three inches in diameter? One boy aged ten came limping on a stick for an injection. He had a mass of raw meat where his ankle is, and apparently has had it for many months. I tried to impress upon his father the need and the urgency to take him to the Melanesian Sisters for daily treatment and care. If the church of Jesus Christ does not care for these souls then no one else will. The government

there does not seek to assist these needy people, so in the name of Jesus we must do more for them, and that extra can be done only with the aid of a hospital. May God give us the zeal to establish and support a hospital for our island work.

Whole Villages Turning to Christ

It was a great thrill to hear from Peter, one of our village teachers, telling about nine villages turning from unreached darkness unto the light of salvation. I mentioned the village in a previous letter, and am glad to state that further progress can be reported. Nine villages with hundreds of souls is no mean harvest. Praise God for the fruitful efforts during past years which have made such a harvest possible. The natives there have given an order for £10 worth of Bibles and hymn-books, but so far they have been unprocurable. The native teachers have been visiting the villages for several weeks each, and giving the converts instruction in the paths of Christian living. Perhaps the native teachers can bring these folk to a knowledge of the truth better than we can, since pidgin English is unsuitable for such newcomers. If our Pentecost work continues to develop in such a manner, then there will be a pressing need for some established workers on the island. The best work cannot be done from this Aoban base.

Work of Native Teachers

I cannot speak too highly of the native teachers who care for the Christians on Pentecost. One can hardly believe that cannibalism was the lot of their ancestors, because they seem so far removed from such devilish practices. One teacher is training fifty boys and girls to read and write, and he is being very successful according to the way in which they can sing. His own lad is at our school here.—H. J. Finger.

RON SAUNDERS

AFTER enthusiastic farewells in Melbourne and Sydney, Mr. Ron Saunders left for the Islands. Owing to boat having to undergo repairs sailings were delayed; and though it appeared at first that no passage would be available, a last minute booking was offered. Thus, on the first possible sailing since the arrival of Mr. D. Hammer in Australia, a companion has gone forth to share the venture with Mr. H. Finger. In a letter from Mr. Finger, he says he is happy in the work, but was eagerly awaiting the boat that would bring him a companion. The brotherhood will rejoice in the prompt response of Bro. Saunders who came in at very short notice to help out in a difficult period. Prayer is asked on behalf of these two young men as they seek to minister to the native churches.

FRIEND OF MISSIONS PASSES

MORE than fifty years ago the Australian brotherhood commenced organised overseas work, and during the whole of that period Mr. Robert Lyall was associated with the work. For the greater part of this time he served on its committees; and even when he no longer sat on committees he was helping in some way to further the interests of the kingdom overseas. Enthusiastic and loyal, friend of all our missionaries, counsellor and guide through the years, to the Federal Board, lavish in gifts of time and money, was the record of our late friend and brother. The Federal Board and all missionaries join in paying their tribute in the passing of one of the best-known figures in the history of the brotherhood. His works and labors will be a standing memorial, and be enshrined in the hearts of the brotherhood. To his son and daughters we offer our Christian sympathy. Their father's God will be to them a God of comfort and love.

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TO BANISH WANT

"HOW the people may lift themselves by their boot-straps" might well be the sub-title to the Beveridge report.

In the plan therein set out a pool of finance is to be collected in three ways:

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3. The Government is to pay into the pool a large sum yearly (estimated for 1945 at £351,000,000). This is to be contributed by taxation. Companies will no doubt take into account the income tax due from them when fixing the selling prices of their products.

From the pool will be paid pensions for all, funeral grants, marriage grants (to women), guardian benefits, children's allowances, unemployment benefits, and so on. From the pool will also be paid out the considerable costs of administration. Clearly the sum total of benefits paid out will be less than the total contributions by the amount paid for administration.

The calculations in the Beveridge report assume that in future, over the whole body of insured employees, unemployment will average 8½ per cent. (1,500,000 people!). And yet the report claims acknowledgment as a revolution abolishing want and implementing a pledge in the Atlantic Charter! It is a travesty of the Charter to suggest that it proposes such a nationalisation of charity as is, in effect, the burden of the report. Faced with this criticism, Sir William Beveridge now admits that the plan will only remove "the extremes of want."

The potential harm inherent in such schemes as the Beveridge plan and its Australian variation, unemployment insurance, lies in their deflection of the mind of the nation from concentrating now upon fundamentals. Instead of considering the alleviation of the effects of unemployment, why not consider, with a view to their removal, the causes of unemployment? To this end Christians might study with profit the economic principles of the Old Testament. As suggested by "Constant Reader," the land question will therein be found fundamental.—L. E. Stevens.

Obituary

Emma Elizabeth Drakeford

THE home-call came to Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Drakeford on June 17 at the age of 76 years. Her fellowship with the church at Northcote, Vic., dated from the opening day in 1903, when services were held in the Rechabite Hall. The church met in this place for several years, and during that period our sister labored incessantly with others to make it possible to erect the present building in 1913, and later to free it from debt. Mrs. Drakeford has always been an active member, and although ill-health of recent years made it difficult for her to attend the services, her love for, and interest in, the work never ceased. It may truly be said that she is among those

of whom it is written, "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Sympathy is extended to the sons, daughters and relatives in their bereavement.—W.T.A.

John Gray

AFTER a lifetime of devoted service in the church, John Gray has left for home. As a shorekeeper for many years at Port Fairy, Vic., he supplied the people with their physical needs; but with John Barnacle and T. J. Bull he also built a storehouse for the spiritual needs of the people, and this chapel stands today as a memorial and a witness of his devotion and fidelity to God and mankind. Twenty years ago he came to Melbourne with his wife and family of eight daughters and sought at Gardenvale to contribute of his rich Christian experience that through the years has been a benediction to all. After 75 years the Lord called him to a life not measured by years, nor bearing the marks of time. Of the life that has been we can say he was a stalwart in the faith, gentle in temperament, with every grace adorning the office of an elder in the church of Jesus Christ. He was one of a large family. His brother, Hugh Gray, one of our preachers in W.A., is very well known and honored throughout Australia.—T.R.M.

Mrs. A. McArthur

MRS. ALICE McARTHUR, widow of our late beloved Wm. McArthur, of Brighton and Gardenvale, Vic., was called to rest after a brief illness at the age of 75. She and Mr. McArthur for more than a third of a century contributed of their best to the service of the church. For many years Mr. McArthur was an elder of the church at Brighton in which his dear wife in no small way contributed to his faithful service. Our sympathy is extended to the family—Andrew McArthur, of Shepparton; Miss Ailsa, of Gardenvale—and to Norman and Marion. Theirs is a rich inheritance.—T.R.M.

Gilbert Washbourne

THE passing of Mr. Washbourne has come as a shock to the church at East Kew, Vic., and to all who knew him in other avenues of life. At the age of 51 years he has left us to take up his more intimate fellowship with his Lord and Saviour. He was a man who could be ill-spared, and whose frank, straightforward, and intensely conscientious personality will be greatly missed for a long time. Born in England, he came to Australia with his wife thirty years ago, and together they accepted Christ during the ministry of Mr. Coward at Collingwood church four years after. Later he served with the church at Preston for a period of six years, and then came to East Kew, where for eighteen years he was loved and esteemed by the brethren. During this time he served for almost twelve years as church treasurer, and in this capacity served magnificently. His character was revealed in his statements and reports. He is sadly missed, and we are consoled by the knowledge that there is another jewel in the "divine crown."—C.C.

United Church Action in N.S.W.

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selves anything but church of Christ; and they call themselves Christians and nothing else. They do not christen babies; they only baptise grown-ups. They have communion every Sunday. I have heard that they never use prayer books; and their preachers never wear clerical collars; they are just men like anyone else." "Well," said another, "I don't see anything peculiar about that."

What further was said we did not hear, but if adherence to the pattern of the New Testament church makes a church peculiar, well, we are content to be peculiar.

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Jean was asked to read Acts 16: 10, and in the discussion the resolution was framed: "I will endeavor to hear and answer the call of the Lord." Graham's reading of Ephesians 4: 3 led to the agreement, "I will endeavor to keep unity and make peace." Shirley turned to First Thessalonians 2: 17, and the decision was, "I will endeavor to keep in touch with fellow Christians." The statement in Second Peter 1: 15 was read by Douglas and as it was discussed all felt that the Apostle Peter shows the way to a grand decision and purpose: "I will endeavor to make life a lasting Christian memorial."—G. J. Andrews.

THOUGHT

A good speech should have a good beginning and a good ending, and keep the two as close together as possible.
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