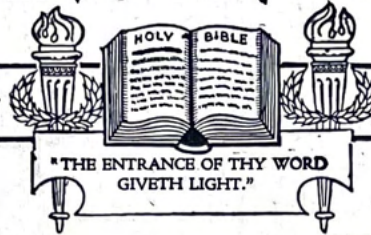


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## A Horrid Evil

*A Study of the Tenth Proposition Thomas Campbell  
announced in "The Declaration and Address"*

THOMAS CAMPBELL lived during a period of church history that was full of bitter sectarianism. At that time people did not disguise their feelings for those who believed differently from them. By bitter attacks upon other communions and by reason of a narrow outlook upon the activities of the universal church, much sorrow and many heart-burnings were experienced. Campbell had suffered a great deal because of the uncharitable attitude of those in higher official positions within the church. Desiring to gather all of the same faith into a communion service on the Lord's day, he found bitter opposition. No wonder, when a little time after these sad experiences, and while writing his "Declaration and Address," he used strong language in his condemnation of divisions within the Christian church. "Division among Christians is," he wrote, "a horrid evil, fraught with many evils." As though he could not get rid of this thought, he referred to it again in the final word of the proposition, saying, "It is productive of confusion, and of every evil work."

THE language seems extravagant when it falls upon modern ears, but when the thought is put in another way we are more familiar with it. How often we have said, "If the church would unite it could destroy the drink traffic, the commercialising of the gambling instinct and prevent world-wide wars." The church is divided and so we have "horrid evils" and "every evil work" abounding within society. Therefore Campbell did not choose words that give a wrong impression after all. When we visualise what God could do through a church united upon the truth in Christ, we perceive how much division is responsible for evil in our modern community.

We may have reason to rejoice in the kindly feelings manifested by members of different Christian groups, but we ought not to be deceived by appearances and think that Christians are tired of division

and are ready to unite. Alas, beneath all the movements toward unity, there remains a secret love for denominationalism. We do not need to look very long to find proof of the existence of this "horrid evil"—love of division. Efforts are made even to justify the existence of divisions. For people to hold in their hands the New Testament containing Christ's prayer urg-

### ★ THE TENTH PROPOSITION

*That division among Christians is a horrid evil, fraught with many evils. It is anti-Christian, as it destroys the visible unity of the body of Christ; as if he were divided against himself, excluding and excommunicating a part of himself. It is anti-scriptural, as being strictly prohibited by his sovereign authority; a direct violation of his express command. It is anti-natural, as it excites Christians to contemn, to hate and oppose one another, who are bound by the highest and most endearing obligations to love each other as brethren, even as Christ has loved them. In a word, it is productive of confusion, and of every evil work.*

ing that his disciples and those believing on him through them may be one as he and the Father are one, and still seek to justify the existence of denominations and sects, is, to say the least, pathetic.

I.

CAMPBELL pointed out that division in the church is "anti-Christian." The church is the body of Christ. How can Christ be divided against himself? Note that we are speaking of the visible church. To suggest that there is a spiritual, or ideal, unity means nothing: such an ideal unity is an abstraction of the human mind. The purpose of unity is to bring this conviction to the world, namely, that the Father sent the Son to save all men from the curse of sin. Such a conviction can come only when the world can see the manifest and visible

unity of the church of Christ on earth. To divide the *visible* church is to act in an anti-Christian way.

II.

DIVISION is "anti-scriptural." Christ taught men to love one another. He urged his followers to serve each other as he served them, even giving his own life a ransom for many. Just prior to his death he raised a most earnest prayer on their behalf. It seems he anticipated division within the fellowship of his followers, and pleaded that they may be one. The communion service which he gave them also symbolises the type of unity to be maintained. There is one loaf and there is one cup. Such symbols are visible, and speak of the need of maintaining the visible unity of the body of Christ—the church.

III.

FOR Christians to be divided is "anti-natural." Why should those who love the same Lord and Master and who are loved by him delight to try to justify the maintenance of division within their midst? By justifying division, we encourage the spirit of sectarianism. Then differences of opinion that ought to be respected are allowed to create opposition and even hatred. When we consider how Christians should look upon themselves as members of one family, bound together by love, we perceive how un-natural it is to maintain divisions in the visible church of Christ. Since Christians are brothers and sisters, they ought to live in peace and love as brethren. Then, instead of confusion and dispersal of effort, there will be the unity and strength that comes to those who live to some purpose.

WE should never sacrifice the principles that provide the basis of Christian unity. Christ is *the* truth: as we surrender to him, we find the unity the church must possess if it is to win the world. It cannot be too often emphasised that unity is a gift of God: it cannot be created by man. We cannot unite the church. Only as we surrender more and more to the Lord's will shall we, with others, help to bring unity within the divided church and bring order where there is now confusion.

## A Vision to Realise

*What are the young men of the Forces thinking in relation to the church?  
Pte. A. J. Rogers, of the 7th Aus. Fld. Amb., writing on Proverbs 29: 18,  
desires that churches experience a revival and find unity in Christ.*

WE discover in these words of Solomon a timely message for the Christian church to-day. It would profit us greatly were we to meditate upon them and to look into our position as it is now. These words are the product of Solomon's deep experience and understanding of life. They explain themselves.

The message is obvious in that it speaks of planning, foresight and preparation to meet the needs of the future and for the preservation of mankind. Joseph made preparation for the future when he stored away the grain of Egypt to cope with the famine. Solomon was such a man of vision, endowed with great wisdom. His empire increased greatly, and lacked nothing. He prepared for, and met the future fully equipped, able to meet any trials should they come.

In our own way we, too, prepare and plan in order that we do not lack, so that we shall be capable of meeting our needs. It is the thought of preservation that causes us to make preparation in accord with a vivid vision.

The church cannot be without vision to-day. Much attention is being given to the subject of post-war reconstruction. We are informed that the government of our nation has made extensive and adequate plans to meet our needs when this war is over. There seems to be an optimistic note about this future that is drawing nearer. It is our sincere desire that our government will carry out its plans to the very letter. Whatever may happen, this one thing we do know—the post-war world will be a new experience for us.

The church has a task to achieve, for it should be a vital, life-giving force in the community, coping with the spiritual needs of the people and giving them a practical understanding of the teachings of Christ, a sane outlook upon life, a hope for eternal glory with Christ.

If we, individually and collectively, have no post-war vision, can we hope to attain any great results in this world we shall enter? I believe we must face facts. The church universal is ill-equipped for such times. An honest summing up will suffice to reveal this fact.

The greater percentage of denominational churches show a decrease in attendance; few souls are being won to Christ. We can put it down to two things. The church has lost its former power. Many members have lost their zeal. The latter is responsible for the former. All who are clear-minded and are concerned realise we face a problem. Something must be done about it in order that we shall not fail in this new world. Church leaders and church members must see visions in relationship to our future or, as Solomon warns us, we shall fail.

There must be a solution to this problem. Two things are necessary, without which we cannot hope to advance very far. In the first place there must be a revival amongst God's people. There must be a fervent zeal that characterises a healthy church. Indifference must be replaced by consecrated and sacrificial service, holy, acceptable unto God.

Our preachers labor on, but seemingly make little progress, because they work with church members who need to know the meaning of revival. We must cease to be wishful dreamers. Every Christian must pray and work for revival, for it is so important and needful. Only when revival comes shall we see souls added to the Lord.

The second thing necessary for our vision is the unity of God's people. This is a vital necessity in the presentation of the gospel. "That all might be one," is Christ's prayer. In unity there is strength, power and conviction. In my army experience I have talked with quite a number of Christian men and the gleanings from our conversations lead me to state that unity is possible and very much desired.

We are living in a war-torn world, divided and antagonistic. Even when peace comes those Satanic characteristics will not be expelled readily from the hearts of men; they will smoulder underneath. The church's task is to foster goodwill, its message to be as a healing balm to the nations.

This is a stupendous task, and will need a revival amongst God's people to accomplish it. How can a Christian church, divided in itself, hope to bring its message of peace and unity amongst the nations? Our position is not a convincing one. Every Christian should be conscience-stricken because the church is

## A Broken Bone

*Ron. Saunders, who recently reached*

*Aoba, New Hebrides, relates how a*

*native child was helped after a*

*painful accident.*

IT is hot. Every day in Aoba, New Hebrides, is hot, it seems to me. About six o'clock two tired young missionaries recline on the verandah, wondering whether to go for a swim or get something to eat, when one of the young men attending the mission school comes slowly up the path. His face is grave.

"Please, Mister Finger, some picaninny fall out of tree at Nakatoro, and break him leg." "Oh, when?" "This afternoon some time!" "Where is he now?" we ask. "Oh, they take him to Ndul Ndul, to house belong Job."

So we put on our boots again, put our torches in our pockets, and move off through the fast-falling, tropical twilight. After half a mile's journey up a rise and down the hill, we arrive at the bamboo and coconut hovel known as Job's residence.

On two coconut leaves, stretched out on his back, is the unfortunate young lad, Vera, a boy of about 12 years. About twenty relatives and friends are squatting around, mostly just looking and discussing how "one picaninny him fall from tree and break leg be-

lacking in vision. Let all church leaders and Christians be magnanimous in spirit, and make an effort to overcome this seemingly unsurmountable barrier. Unity is possible, and is a practical solution of the problem confronting us.

Unity, together with a revival of God's people, will give new life, fresh power and greater conviction to the life-giving message of the gospel. Let us see visions and God grant their accomplishment, for his honor and glory.

## World Fellowship

THE tragedy of a global war has given to the world a train of thought unparalleled in history. When the individual, in his reflective moods, shrinks from the horrors that can be visualised in the many theatres of war, then he becomes introspective as to how this tragedy affects him. To escape the pall of sorrow and despair resting on him, he finds amusements an outlet which he says results in forgetfulness for the present.

Only when man can offer to man, be he black or white, yellow or pink, a fellowship, which is described by Paul as a fellowship of the Spirit, can a lasting peace come to earth where man may dwell in a state where God is Father and man becomes a brother.

It is surely the work of the Christian church at this time to teach more definitely the need for Christian fellowship among all men, that the warmth of the Father's love may be felt by Jew and Gentile, rich or poor, and expressed by a right attitude of mind for the brotherhood of man. And as the sun shines through the great valleys of our world, only to touch for so short a space the depth beneath, so do we hope that our prayer and fellowship may warm the hearts of those who dwell in the valleys of distress and sorrow. It is because of this fundamental basis of fellowship that the Y.W.C.A. celebrates its annual week of prayer and world fellowship during the week Nov. 14-21.



longa him." One man is carefully (?) rubbing the broken part, not easing the pain for young Vera. The sight of the boy's tears and the sound of his moans would tell anyone that a broken leg hurts even if the skin is a lovely dark brown and not just white.

Thankfully we see it is a simple greenstick fracture of the bone near the ankle. A strong man carries him up to the mission house, where we make splints. Then we put Vera on a stretcher in a spare hut nearby. Some A.P.C. tablets ease his pain. Now he lies at ease, with his splinted leg suspended in the air.

His mother, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins and any who pass by call on Vera, and attend to him now by day and night.

Thus we missionaries are able to do such work of healing for the Master in an area where there is no doctor, no hospital, no chemist shop. Remember young Vera in your prayers. Vera will walk, run and, perhaps climb trees again with a firm, straight leg, because Christian missionaries were at hand to help him.

# Strangers Within the Gate

How friendly aliens are being cared for in Australia is the interesting theme of this article by Miss Kidd, Secretary of the Victorian International Refugee Emergency Council.



**T**HE Victorian International Refugee Emergency Council was brought into existence in 1938. Before the war the British

government used the organisation to select suitable immigrants, and the Victorian files hold a complete record of each individual prior to his leaving Europe and his movements since his arrival here four to six years ago. V.I.R.E.C. continues to be the friend of the refugee, and advises him with regard to public utilities and customs, and if possible, places him in employment. Thus it may justly be claimed that it is discharging a really Christian function.

## I.

During the crisis which developed on the entry of Japan into the war, restrictions were placed on all aliens, including refugees, who were not allowed to travel outside their police district without a permit. It seemed an incredible contradiction that parents of men serving in the Forces had to comply with this regulation, and were not even able to visit their folk in camp. Efforts were made by V.I.R.E.C. and kindred organisations in Victoria and N.S.W. to bring this anomalous position before the government and military authorities, and it is pleasing to report that now this restriction has been modified. It is now permissible for refugees to travel within a 15-mile radius of the G.P.O., without special police permission; and in most cases they report only monthly, instead of weekly.

## II.

Unemployment is no longer a serious problem, except for refugees of the professional classes and those in ill-health or over 60 years. Security regulations preclude refugees from employment in Government departments and in certain defence projects. In that connection the V.I.R.E.C. has had to examine other avenues of employment.

Although the war alleviated the employment position, it gave rise to a problem of greater proportion, in that it prevented refugees from feeling they were being absorbed into the life of the community—every regulation and all aspects of military life tended to segregate them.

When it was announced recently that the Government had decided to form a Civil Aliens Corps, a leading article was published in which readers were given to understand that refugees had done nothing towards our war effort, and that not one was in uniform. Actually a large number of male refugees of military age had already enlisted voluntarily; of the balance, some are medical rejects and many others have been in reserved occupations by virtue of the fact that they are skilled men—in fact, their knowledge of European industries has helped in our war effort.

## III.

V.I.R.E.C. maintains social contact with the refugees, arranging small gatherings, recitals, etc. It addresses groups connected with churches and young people's organisations. Questions raised indicate how ill-informed people are concerning this problem, and prove the necessity for doing everything possible to counteract anti-alien feeling.

## IV.

On the collapse of France, every alien living in a certain area, in England was interned and shipped to Australia—conditions surrounding the voyage have since been the subject of a court martial. As representatives of the Germany Emergency Committee of the Society of Friends, London, these men automatically came under the care of V.I.R.E.C., and regular visits are made to the internment camp. 2300 were sent to Australia, and on arrival their cases were gone into by the home office. V.I.R.E.C. did all it could to improve internment life, and at the request of the internees made efforts to obtain permission for them to join up. A considerable number are now serving in the army, and are doing excellent work. V.I.R.E.C. helps as much as possible in seeing that these men are put in touch with friendly people. Another group of these men which come under its care are the "aged and infirm"—men over 60 years, or younger, who have volunteered for the army, and have been rejected on medical grounds. When accommodation and positions are found

## V.

It is felt that such organisations should remain efficient in order to assist in the solution of the huge problem which will confront the world after the war. There are still great needs for an official organisation to which the refugee can take his problem. If the council is to continue, financial support is needed from the organisations which were responsible for setting it up in 1938.

## I WILL NOT WORRY

I WILL not worry, I will trust,  
 God knows I am a child of dust;  
 I will not worry, I will hope;  
 Perhaps upon some sunny slope  
 The flowers are waiting for me there,  
 While here the hills are blank and bare.  
 I will not worry, I will pray,  
 I know God cares for me to-day;  
 And trusting ever in his love,  
 I'll tread the path that leads above.  
 —Selected.

# No Compromise

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

**A** MAN who won't meet others halfway is often described as "stubborn," "pig-headed" or "dogmatic." Agreeableness is a very likeable thing, especially in the other fellow. But there are times when a policy of compromise—of appeasement—is wrong as we know in our experience both as a nation and as individuals. Nehemiah when building the walls of Jerusalem would make no compromise, nor would Paul where truth was in question. As churches of Christ in days past we required a "Thus saith the Lord," and having it, we would not depart from it. The church must make no compromise with truth even in order to be agreeable. Some truths need continual re-emphasis.

## "There is One God"

The early church was uncompromising in a world of many gods. There was the Greek Pantheon and then the Roman world deified its emperor. Christians had one God and would not budge from that grand monotheism. They were misunderstood, called Atheists, and sent to the lions, but it made no difference.

In these days we hear of the deification of the Japanese emperor which for Japanese Christians is no small matter. In addition there is a deification of the State which takes precedence of the church and God in a matter of loyalties for many. In the days of the reformers there was no compromise with the great truth "there is one God." The Jews had believed that none could forgive sins but God alone, and on that score condemned Christ. He was guilty of blasphemy, and when popes and their agents claimed to forgive sin, and when in addition images were set up and apparently worshipped, the Reformers roundly condemned them. Images were idolatry, and for any man to take the place of God was blasphemy. There was no compromise in spite of thumbscrew, rack and the stake. In many respects it seems that the majority of people are making their own gods to go before them.

## One Saviour Jesus Christ

Jesus was unique, the only begotten Son of God, no mere man and "a martyr to his cause." We make no compromise with any cult which denies the deity of our Lord, for "God was in Christ" and "The Word was God," and the Word became flesh." The general idea to-day is that man is his own saviour. "Be good, be brave, be virtuous, for sin is ignorance and a mistake." "I am the master of my fate, the captain of my soul." Do we compromise and say, "Yes, you are right; we have no business to call you nice people sinners"? I hear Paul, with challenging tone say, "There is none righteous, no, not one; for all have sinned." And my experience and yours testifies to the reality and the truth of Paul's word. We have sinned and need a Saviour.

## One Book

Men to-day do not know their Bibles. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." People neither know nor wish to know. I shall not compromise. "I must bear witness to the truth, I, if I be true to my God, must not misrepresent, or falsify the truth. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3: 36, R.V.). What did the Lord say? Churches of Christ have been dogmatic and stubborn on this. There is no compromise where definite statements of the Lord are concerned. That is why there is emphasis on Faith, Repentance and Baptism. There is one way into life, and one way of escape from the wrath of God. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." There is one God, one Lord and Saviour in whose word we have revealed the will of God for man. There is then no compromise with truth authoritatively given to men. We must be dogmatic.

## Notes on Current Topics

## The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman.

### OUR PART

"SITTING still and wishing  
Makes no person great,  
Good Lord sends the fishing,  
You must dig the bait."

### TIGHTEN THE BUCKLE

IT is related that a cavalry officer, with a small number of followers, was pursued by an enemy who were in large force. He discovered that his saddle-girth was becoming loose; his comrades were urging him on to greater speed, but he dismounted, tightened the loose buckle, and then rode on, amid the shouts of his companions. The broken buckle would have cost his safety—perhaps his life. His wise delay ensured his safety.

This incident suggests several spiritual lessons (writes Dr. Theodore H. Cuyler). A very obvious one is that the Christian who is in such haste to rush off to his business in the morning that he does not spare any time for his Bible or for prayer, is quite likely to "ride for a fall" before sundown. One of the most eminent Christian merchants of New York told me that he never met his family at the breakfast table until he had a refreshing interview with his God over his Bible and on his knees. His family worship afterwards was not only a tightening of the buckle for himself, but was a gracious means of safety to his household.

One of the greatest dangers in these days is that too many children are growing up—even in nominally Christian families—with sadly lax sentiments in many vital directions. They have loose views about God's day and God's Book, and very loose practices as to attendance upon God's worship. They start out in life with a broken buckle, and when the stress of temptation comes, they are easily thrown to the ground. Fathers and mothers owe to their children, as well as to themselves, the duty of tightening in the saddle-girth.

Constable.—"Did you get the number of the car that knocked you down, madam?"

Victim.—"No, but the hussy driving it wore a three-piece suit, lined with canto crepe, and she had on a periwinkle hat trimmed with cherries."

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—DESERTED, DOOMED

- Nov. 15—Matt. 10: 16-23.  
 " 16—John 15: 1-10.  
 " 17—Gal. 5: 1-12.  
 " 18—Heb. 6: 1-8.  
 " 19—Rev. 2: 8-11.  
 " 20—Acts 27: 27-38.  
 " 21—Psalm 37: 25-40; Acts 27: 27-38.

"EXCEPT ye abide in the ship," said Paul to sailors planning desertion, "ye cannot be saved." "Except ye abide in me," said Jesus to his disciples, "ye are fit only to be burned as dead branches." Yet how many, alas, desert the boat Zion or allow themselves to be swept from the true Vine as wind-driven leaves! Conference statistics always present an alarming list of deserters. And, however much we try to stem the drift (which effort is of primary importance), it continues year after year; which suggests that, after all, the chief responsibility is with the individual Christian, who can either abide in Christ or go to the devil. Our only hope is in being closely allied to Omnipotence. We must stick to the ship, or be engulfed in the waters of despair.

### Sordid City Evils

DISTRESSINGLY sad reports of sordid night life in our capital cities appear in our newspapers. Illicit liquor selling, drunken men and girls in the streets between 1 and 2 a.m., and conduct, unbecoming and immoral, are amongst the dreadful things reported. Some city residents come under police condemnation for the immorality permitted in them. A prominent police officer says that "the seemingly inexhaustible supplies of black market liquor available to servicemen are the cause of the trouble." The authorities should use every possible method of suppressing the evil, to save the men and the girls, as well as to help the country in its time of need.

### In a Japanese Police Cell

I recently read with great interest and much profit the little book entitled "Eleven Weeks in a Japanese Police Cell," by Dr. Chas. I. McLaren, for thirty years a medical missionary and formerly Professor of Neurology and Psychological Medicine at Severance Medical College, Seoul, Korea. Dr. R. Wilson Macaulay, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, in a foreword says that, if read by thousands of public men and leaders in every walk of life, including the armed forces, this book "would go far to making a sane public opinion which might have a profound effect on the after-war world." The book is a very moving and convincing one, Christian in outlook, and bearing the impress of truth. Every page (the "poem" on page 35 is the striking exception) is impressive and helpful. I must try to read also the author's "Preface to Peace with Japan." Meantime I commend to my brethren this booklet which Dr. Macaulay describes as "good medicine from the Christian doctor."

### Better Control of Film Exhibition

The harmful effects of showing unsuitable films to children has been much discussed in N.S. Wales recently. The Theatres and Films Commission recommended that films be placed in four categories: (a) For adults only; (b) for adults and adolescents over 16; (c) for family audiences; and (d) for children under 16. Picture exhibitors are urging that parents, not exhibitors, have responsibility for seeing that children do not see unsuitable films. The business manager of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association declares that it would not be practicable for theatre managements to be responsible for refusing admission of children even to pictures classified as unfit for them. It seems to me that both parents and exhibitors have responsibilities. A recent editorial in the "S.M. Herald" contained the following pertinent sentences: "Unfortunately, as a glance at the audience in any picture theatre will show even at a night performance, far too many persons are entirely reckless in allowing their children to see the most unsuitable programmes. Since the parents cannot be relied upon to exercise discretion, the only remedy is to place the onus upon the exhibitor to exclude children from purely adult programmes. It has long been illegal for a publican to supply liquor to a child under the age of eighteen, and those who furnish so important a part of the child's mental fare cannot escape a similar responsibility."

*A. R. Mann*

## Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

### PARENT TEACHERS

"However the doors may be barred, the hole that the cat gets through, the kittens can get through also, and most certainly will do so."

WHILE it is wise to give our loyalty to the Sunday school and prestige to the Sunday school teacher, it should be recognised that the best school is the home, and the best teacher the parent-teacher. Parent-teachers do not require the formal class procedure, because they have actual life situations. One word or suggestion at the right moment from the parent-teacher may accomplish more than a whole lesson by the class teacher. The values and standards recognised by the parent-teacher are felt and experienced by those in the home-school. Patterns of parent-teachers become the life patterns of their pupils.

The quotation which heads this article is a graphic illustration by Edward Thring, a famous English schoolmaster, of a truth lightly appreciated by seniors.

Parents who make Sunday a holiday instead of a holy day present youth with arguments to dispense with the sanctities and safeguards that have been the stay of previous generations. Parents who cannot be bothered about ordering home life to make regular attendance at church possible, carve a hole through which children may crawl to an aimless life.

Parents who conform to social pressure such as indulging in gambling under the pretext

of a patriotic cause, or drinking toasts in liquors with alcoholic content at weddings, prepare a hole which leads to racecourse, the cocktail habit and the open bar.

When parents want more out of Christianity and the church than they invest, they carve holes through which children find it convenient to crawl to selfish ways of life. Exhibitions will be given in the home to the hurt of the parents.

A young woman in uniform revealed to fellow-travellers in a railway compartment that she wanted "time off," so arranged for her mother to send a telegram indicating that she was seriously ill and urging her to come home for a few days. The telegram was shown to the officer-in-charge and achieved the desired result. Do parent-teachers realise that when they teach their children to lie to others, they not only teach them to lie to their own parents, but commit them to the view that life is a gigantic lie and they succeed by telling and acting the lie?

A scientist, who wanted to give access to a cat and kittens to another compartment, recounts his stupidity in cutting a large hole for the cat and a small one for the kittens. When he observed the use the cat family made of the holes he discovered that the large hole that let the parents through was the one chosen by the kittens.

Parents' arguments, habits, life patterns, become doorways, thoroughfares and highways for their children.

# Misuse of Wealth

C. Schwab, of South Australia, reports on Premier's appeal, youth problems and need for a new political programme.

THE Bishop of Adelaide (Dr. Robin), in a recent sermon, deprecated the unedifying spectacle of political turmoil presented during the Federal Elections, and then went on to say that misuse of wealth had produced class war. This was supposed to be a classless country, but in fact it was one of the most class-conscious countries in the world. Rival business firms were competitive, and not co-operative.

Men must not be out to starve, exploit or dominate other people, but for mutual trust, service and goodwill. What was needed, the preacher declared, was a political programme based on the principles of the kingdom of God.

## An Excellent Record

The passing of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Nicholls, at the age of 93, has removed a prominent figure from the ranks of social workers in this State. Mrs. Nicholls was the most outstanding of all pioneer women connected with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She was a member of that organisation for 57 years, State president for periods totalling 29 years, and Australian president for 9 years. She was one of the first women in Australia to be appointed as a justice of the peace and had frequently sat in the Children's Court. This excellent woman has been described as one of the keenest and ablest ladies in South Australia, who to the end of her life had the courage of her convictions.

## Premier's Appeal

The Protestant Children's Home, located at Morialta receives special care from members and friends of Congregational, Baptist and our churches. Mr. F. A. Halleday, a member of our church at Stirling, is president. The

Premier (Mr. Playford), speaking at the annual meeting, said that he considered the home was better than any Government institution. When he was apprised of the fact that, because of shortage of staff, only 65 children were accommodated instead of 112, he promptly offered to approach the manpower authority. The situation was relieved within a few days. The secretary of the institution is Mr. E. W. Peet, a member of Grote-st. church. His service is exemplary and greatly appreciated.

## Youth Problems

Child delinquency figures have increased by 52 per cent. during the year. Mr. R. J. Coombe, special magistrate of the juvenile court, in commenting upon the matter, said that figures in Britain and America also showed big increases since the war began. He said we should frown on any form of amusement which was likely to reduce moral standards of youth, such as suggestive publications, gangster rubbish in films and books, and the introduction of liquor into healthy amusements. The magistrate thought it possible for public feeling to ban such snares without the necessity of making laws. He also urged that the matter of how to spend leisure hours should be part of our compulsory education.

The Minister of Education (Mr. Jeffries) is also concerned about the "alarming prevalence of crime and juvenile delinquency." He is planning the formation of an advisory Council to provide protection against bodily harm, moral hazard, disease, and to prevent crime by control of basic conditioning factors, and to develop a State-wide sense of social responsibility for the needs of childhood and youth.

Representatives of every organisation dealing with the welfare of youth will be called to confer.

# Obituary

## Mrs. W. W. Burrows

THE sudden home-call, on Oct. 9, of Mrs. W. W. Burrows, aged 71, was the passing from "life to life" of one of God's gentlewomen. As Mary Amess she rendered outstanding service in her old home-church at North Melbourne, Vic., where, at the age of 17, she was baptised by G. T. Walden. Her work was particularly amongst young people of all ages, both as a State school teacher and a Bible school worker; her beautiful character and sacrificing labors won the love and esteem of youth and age, within and without the church. Miss Amess became Mrs. W. W. Burrows, the marriage being one of choice devotion. A great sorrow overshadowed their lives when their four sons were called home, two within a few days, later the third. During the last war, Keith, the remaining child, made the supreme sacrifice. Soon afterwards Mr. Burrows became an invalid, and all through the years was lovingly tended by his devoted wife. Mrs. Burrows was a devout Christian, a true wife and companion, a loving mother and a loyal friend. About 15 years ago she united with the church at Hampton. Although tied by home responsibilities, and later being troubled with failing health, our sister still maintained interest in the work of the church, gaining many friends from amongst those within the circle of the church. The funeral services at the house and the Melbourne General Cemetery were conducted by the writer, assisted by W. Evans and R. T. Pittman. Many friends assembled to pay their respects to

a good woman full of grace and truth. The deepest sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. Burrows in his sorrow.—J. E. Allan.

## Mrs. Cooper

THE church at Prahran, Vic., suffered a loss by the passing of Mrs. Cooper on Sept. 27. Our sister commenced her Christian life among the Baptists. Coming from the country about 30 years ago, she linked up with the Prahran church of Christ during the ministry of P. J. Pond. She was the mother of a large family of children, nine of whom became members of the church. It was a privilege to the writer to visit her during her last illness, in which she manifested a beautiful trust in Christ. After a service in the home on Sept. 29, her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Melbourne Cemetery, when C. Young officiated, assisted by C. L. Lang. We commend the sorrowing husband and family, who have lost a true home builder, to the love of our kind heavenly Father.—L.A.J.

## Mrs. B. G. Corlett

THE home-call to Rose Corlett came suddenly. On Friday, Oct. 15, she took ill while she and her husband were away at Narrabehn on annual holidays. Although there was no anticipation of anything being seriously wrong, they returned home. In the evening she became worse, and was taken to a private hospital, where she died Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Corlett was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pryde, an old pioneering family of

Maitaura, N.Z., early members of church there. A member of a large family, she spent her childhood and girlhood in Maitaura. When her parents retired, and went to North-East Valley, Dunedin, she went with them and took membership with the church there. Before her marriage to Mr. Corlett she was associated with the College of the Bible, Dunedin. Mrs. Corlett was loved wherever she went. At the Belmore church, where she labored so earnestly with her husband, she will be greatly missed. In women's organisations she was a loved leader, a loyal teacher to a class of senior girls, and a wise counsellor in girls' club. Her loss will be felt keenly in the work of Women's Conference, she having served three years as a vice-president and last year as president. Her home was always hospitable, and many missionaries and preachers, when passing through Sydney, enjoyed rich fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Corlett. Mrs. G. D. Verco, who is the only member of her family in Australia, recently came to Sydney to live, and the sisters hoped to have many happy hours together. The whole brotherhood sympathise with Mr. Corlett and Mrs. Verco in the parting with their loved one, but rejoice with them in the hope of a glad reunion. There was not seating accommodation for all who came to the service at Belmore church on Monday, Oct. 18. The platform was covered with flowers, sent as a tribute to the memory of a loved and honored sister. The service was presided over by Mr. S. Stevens. Principal Main, Mr. Adams, Mr. Hillier and Mrs. McCallum took part. Mr. A. W. Ladbroke, an old friend of the Pryde family in New Zealand, paid a fitting tribute when he said in his address, "The workers in the Lord's service make their contribution and then lay down their life's work and pass on, but the work to which they have given their strength and loyalty must go on." A large number of friends went to the Rookwood Cemetery. Mr. Burns and Mr. Greenhalgh conducted the service.—R.McC.

## Mrs. S. E. Fullston

AFTER a short illness and a serious operation Mrs. Susanah Elizabeth Fullston, of Victor Harbour, S.A., passed away on Sept. 27. Our sister must have suffered more than most people realised, but she made no complaint. She was a very faithful attendant at the Lord's table and gospel services. Being a foundation member of the church, she will be greatly missed. Although taking no active part in expression, her presence was always felt and appreciated. Visitors as well as local people have testified to her loyalty, fidelity and consistent witness for Christ. Our sister was immersed at Kersbrook and spent the last 16 years at Victor Harbour. The sympathy of the church has been expressed to Mr. Fullston, our beloved secretary, and to his family.—B.W.M.

## Andrew Mackenzie Meldrum, M.A., D.D.

DR. ANDREW MACKENZIE MELDRUM passed away at Sydney, on Oct. 28, after a very brief illness. He was born at Ayrshire, Scotland, but went to U.S.A. at an early age, where he became an American citizen. Dr. Meldrum studied at Kentucky University and other institutions, and was well known in our American brotherhood as a minister and educationist. For a number of years he was president of Spokane University, Washington. His was a scholarly and versatile mind. He travelled much, and carried out a large amount of research work, particularly in the field of anthropology. He was also well known as one of America's contemporary poets. Many still remember Dr. Meldrum's vigorous ministry, as a young man, at Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, 1903-1906—his first visit to Australia. He made several later visits, and in more recent years ministered at Marrickville and Enmore,

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# Here and There

The world-wide association of Y.W.C.A. is celebrating its world fellowship week of prayer from Nov. 14 to 21.

Mr. L. P. Warmbrunn, secretary Balwyn church, Vic., has been appointed a justice of the peace for Central Bailiwick.

The church at Frankston, Vic., has planned a forward move, and announces that T. Hagger, of Gardiner, Vic., has accepted an invitation to become full-time minister, commencing early next year.

This message reached us in a telegram on Nov. 8: "Wonderful interest; biggest meeting to date last night, Hinrichsen-Morris mission, Dandenong, Vic.; seventeen confessions last week.—Marshall."

On Nov. 11, 1943, a world community day is to be held. In America 10,000,000 church women will be taking part. Under auspices of Women's Inter-church Council and Women's World Day of Prayer movement, a one-day conference will be held at Y.W.C.A., 56 Russell-st., Melbourne.

Amounts received to Monday by the secretary for the Federal College of the Bible offering this year totalled £999/17/2. This does not include money in the hands of State secretaries. It is over £100 more than was received on the corresponding date last year, with 13 more churches reporting.

The Gallery of Ideas conducted by the Victorian Young People's Department last year proved so successful that the department yielded to requests to repeat it in 1943. This takes place in Lygon-st. school hall from Nov. 16-18, but with entirely new features. Parents as well as teachers will profit by attendance.

In 1943 year book of British churches compiled by James Gray, M.A., who is the newly-appointed vice-president of conference of churches of Christ in Great Britain, it is revealed that there has been an increase of 665 in the enrolment of Sunday school scholars. There has been, however, a slight decrease in church membership.

Alcohol education would keep many a lad out of trouble and out of jail. It is an essential part of any school's curriculum, and it should have a place in the rehabilitation of young prisoners, many of whom could not have realised beforehand the inevitable consequences of drinking, which landed them where they are.—"Union Signal."

At a youth rally at Footscray, Vic., on Nov. 3, J. E. Thomas gave an inspiring message to about 70 representatives of Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Anglican and churches of Christ youth organisations in the district. Vocal, elocutionary and instrumental items were rendered, and the meeting in the chapel was followed by supper. There were many expressions of appreciation of the rally.

We are sorry to report that fire destroyed the vestry and contents of the Balwyn chapel (Vic.). The main building also suffered severely. Damage is estimated to be about £1000. The church appreciates messages of sympathy and offers of help. A. E. Hurren, of Grote-st., Adelaide, has accepted call to labor with church at completion of H. J. Patterson's ministry in new year. Splendid working bees by men of church made services possible on Nov. 7; during day 115 broke bread.

The difficulties of the church in Holland under the Nazi regime become more obvious every day. Thus a cable from London reveals that, owing to the wholesale destruction by the Germans of large areas in the Hague in preparation for invasion by the Allies, some congregations have lost their houses of worship and are compelled to convert floors and

rooms of large stores and similar buildings into temporary churches in which they foregather for religious worship. Another cable advises that among a large number of patriotic Dutchmen arrested recently for sabotage and condemned without legal trial were eleven Calvinists whom the Germans dubbed "communists."

Letters and postcards to Australian prisoners of war and Australian internees in enemy hands must in future be addressed direct to the prisoner at his place of internment, and not sent through the Australian Red Cross Society. Correspondence should show in full the latest camp address of the prisoner and the name of the country of internment. Only relatives and close friends of prisoners should write letters, which should be short and not be sent too frequently, as delays occur in enemy censorship if letters are too long and too numerous. The text of letters to prisoners in Japanese hands should not exceed 25 words and should be typed or written in block letters. The next-of-kin parcels system will not be affected. Next-of-kin must still address parcels through Australian Red Cross Parcels' Departments.

Barnet Nover, an American correspondent, writes: "All Americans, Catholic, Protestant and Jew alike, are aware of the tremendous problems facing the world in the years that lie ahead, and the increasingly important role America must play in world affairs. Church groups particularly have been conscious of these problems and have given them deep study. Already, in fact, over one hundred pronouncements of world peace have been issued separately by religious bodies in the United

States since the war began. On Oct. 7, 1943, something new occurred. That day, for the first time in American history, religious leaders of every domination joined forces and issued a manifesto emphasising the basic agreement existing between them regarding the principles of peace.

## Women's Federal Conference

As we, a Women's Federal Conference Executive, pass this work over to the women of Queensland, we thank God for the privilege given us to help build a good foundation for this new work. We are thankful that one great aim has been achieved, namely, the launching of the appeal to have a living link, missionary to the aborigines of Australia. We look forward to Jan. 1, 1944, when we shall be ready to support our living link, Miss Joan Saunders, who is working at Norseman, W.A. Contributions may be sent to the appointed Federal treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Hermann, Milman-st., Eagle Junction, Brisbane, Qld. We thank all women of churches for splendid co-operation given this executive. The president is sorry it has not been possible to visit all States. It was a great privilege for her to visit Victoria, and we thank members there for the gracious way in which they received her as Federal president. We pass on this great work which is so near to our hearts, and pray that God will continue to bless and guide the new executive. Signed: E. Evelyn Reid, president, and Muriel Trowbridge, secretary.

### ADDRESS

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## From Week to Week

MOTHERS whose sons are away on active service are presenting a brave face to the world. Those who attend to the pastoral duties of the church will soon learn the deep concern that burdens mothers' hearts in these days of war. Much of the tragic side of war is borne by the women of the community. In spite of their sorrow, no complaint comes from their lips. I visited, one afternoon last week, a mother who has a son a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, another on service in the Mediterranean area, while a son-in-law is in the merchant navy, and has been rescued three times from ships wrecked by torpedoes. A little later I called at another home, and listened to a mother tell of the activities of her three young sons. The country has called the whole of her family into the army. Naturally her thoughts follow her boys during the conscious hours of the day. To those who pass by at a distance no change of appearance is noted, but those who act as "shepherds of the flock" detect quickly the concern of a mother's love, and realise how much spiritual support is needed to sustain people during these days of trial. Perhaps similar experiences of generations of mothers have made women more religious in outlook than men. They have felt the greater need of drawing upon the spiritual Fount at the heart of the universe. It is the privilege of those conducting church services in these days, to provide spiritual food that will sustain all those who are feeling the weight of sorrow's burden.

In the scripture lesson for Nov. 7, we read King Agrippa's reply to Paul, when the apostle said to him, "Believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest." In the Authorised Version, Agrippa's reply is given as "Almost

thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Many commentators find it difficult to get such a meaning from the Greek text. There seems to be an element of irony in the reply. In the A.V. "almost" is given as the translation of the Greek, *en oligoi*. Alex. Souter points out that those words may be translated as "in a few words"; "in brief"; or "briefly." We suggest a familiar expression in English, namely, "in short." Agrippa's reply may be translated as "In short, you are trying to make me a Christian." When Paul turned to Agrippa and asked, "Believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest," it seems Agrippa thought Paul was going too far. He replied, with a note of rebuke, "In short, you are trying to make me a Christian?" In the Greek the expression may have different shades of meaning, and Paul took up the words used ironically and gave them a serious emphasis, saying in effect, "Whether in a short time or in a long time, I desire that you and all present will become Christians." Paul never missed a chance to present the truth. He seemed to make every event an opportunity of witnessing for his Master.

After discussing the tragic decline of the Roman Empire, Prof. Childe points to an encouraging feature associated with world history. Although civilisations rise and fall, the decline never reaches the low level of a previous depression. "Progress is real," he writes, "if discontinuous." The upward curve resolves itself into a series of troughs and crests. But in those domains that archaeology as well as written history can survey, no trough ever declines to the low level of the preceding one, each crest out-tops its last precursor."

# News of the Churches

## Queensland

**Gympie.**—On Oct. 29 Sapper L. J. Hook gave an interesting lecture on his experiences in Palestine, illustrating with blackboard maps. A working bee was held on Oct. 30, in preparation for anniversary. The same day the J.C.E. held a picnic. Good services on Oct. 31, when A. J. Fisher exhorted the church on the worship and ministry of the church in preparation for annual business meeting. S.S. and J.C.E. are collecting stamps for B. and F. Bible Society.



## PASSING OF PIONEERS

### DEATH OF CONVERT OF STEPHEN CHEEK

**SOUTH BRISBANE CIRCUIT.**—A. E. More, 80 years of age, passed away on Oct. 21 after a brief illness. Mr. More was an elder of church at Moorooka. Mrs. Hoffman, a convert of Stephen Cheek, died at age of 91 years. Mr. Kirkwood conducted funeral services on Oct. 25. Sympathy has been extended to relatives of these worthy pioneers of the church in Queensland.

## New South Wales

**Marrickville.**—All auxiliaries of church reported progress at half-yearly business meeting, with attendances at services well maintained and a satisfactory financial position. Visiting speakers have given helpful addresses during absence of Mr. Thomas on conference presidential visitation. Sunday school anniversary services on Oct. 30 reached a high standard, with fine addresses, good music, and an outstanding scheme of decoration.

**Three.**—Further appreciated visits have been made by Sydney and Newcastle preachers. D. Wakeley, of Burwood, spoke at all services on Oct. 17; R. V. Amos, of Georgetown, Oct. 24; and D. G. Meyers, of Hamilton, on Oct. 31. Reports at church annual business meeting held Oct. 26 showed that, despite some reverses on account of members leaving district, progress has been made. Financial position is sound, apart from helping various brotherhood appeals. Congregation was able, during year, to set aside a further £105 to "new building fund."

**Broken Hill.**—On Oct. 28 there was a good attendance when the public welcome to H. E. and Mrs. Paddick took place. J. C. Cremer (elder) presided. J. E. Shipway, of Adelaide, represented Home Mission Committee. Representative speakers gave greetings, including Mr. Pemberton (ministers' fraternal), Mr. Wilson (Methodist), Mr. Noske (Presbyterian), Capt. Lucas, Salvation Army (C.E. Union). Mr. and Mrs. Paddick responded. Speeches were interspersed with musical items. The ladies served supper. H. E. Paddick commenced his ministry on Oct. 31 with a message at Railwaytown at 10.15 a.m. Helpful messages were given at Wolfram-st. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

## South Australia

**Unley.**—S.S. picnic was held at Brownhill Creek on Oct. 30. At good meetings on Oct. 31, Dr. P. S. Messent spoke in morning and Mr. Nankivell at night. Splendid attendances at mid-week prayer meetings. Girls' Mission Band and Torch Club held combined meeting on Nov. 2, when Mr. Simpson (Glen Osmond Baptist) showed colored moving pictures of Great Barrier Reef and other parts of Australia. Temple Day offering is now

£273; thankoffering for mission, £16. Ron Gitsham, Peter Taylor and Doug. Lawrence were at meetings on Oct. 24. Jeff Taylor sustained a slight wound in recent New Guinea action.

**Norwood.**—A special prayer meeting on Nov. 3 was led by H. Greaves. On Nov. 7 Sister Tucker was received into the fellowship in morning by letter from Hindmarsh; A. J. Ing-ham was speaker. A great debt reduction offering was also taken amounting to £646/0/4, and more is expected. The church rejoices in this result.

**Prospect.**—Y.P.C.E. Society held consecration service on Oct. 29. C. Schwab gave helpful consecration message. Bible school intermediate department held picnic at Long Gully on Oct. 30. On Oct. 31 C. Schwab gave helpful messages. Fellowship with B. Furler (R.A.A.F.) was enjoyed. Church extends sympathy with Mrs. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard in the loss of loved one. Mr. Howard was connected with work of church for many years. L. H. Crosby is in hospital.

**Cottonville.**—Half-yearly rally of south suburban C.E. societies, held here on Oct. 30, proved inspirational. Tuesday evening prayer meetings have been re-established, and 18 members attended first one on Oct. 26. Mr. Brooke is seeking increased interest in this. He is settling down and his addresses have been appreciated. A pleasing feature has been increase in attendances at gospel meetings. Alf. Bradshaw has been home on leave and fellowship with him has been enjoyed. Several Service men attended gospel meeting on Oct. 24. Mr. Shearing has been called up with C.C.C., and has left for North. Gospel meeting on Oct. 31 took the form of a youth service.

## Western Australia

**Maylands.**—J. W. Gordon conducted gospel services during October; good attendances, challenging messages. Bible school anniversary on Oct. 24 and 26 was very successful. Sunday afternoon, aisles used and not sufficient seating available. C. R. Burdeu addressed parents and scholars. J. W. Gordon led evening meeting. Social and presentation by church to Lieut. H. Hahoe and Miss T. Bremner on their marriage. Women's Guild visited Woodbridge Women's Home.

**Perth.**—On morning of Oct. 31 visitors included R. G. Carter (Melbourne). Mrs. R. W. Ewers was welcomed after absence in Victoria. J. Keith Robinson gave an instructive talk. Following young people's tea in church hall Mrs. Harris rendered a solo at 7.30 p.m., and Mr. Robinson preached. A large attendance included members of Mount Lawley Voluntary Aid Detachment. At the close of the service a play entitled "Inasmuch" was given by a group of young people.

## Victoria

**Preston.**—At morning service on Nov. 7, F. Lee, Thornbury, delivered an appreciated message, Mr. Combridge speaking at night. In preparation for special services week-night prayer meetings are being held in members' homes with good attendances and interest.

**South Yarra.**—To raise funds for the Christian Guest Home a series of moving pictures of Victorian scenery was shown in chapel on Oct. 29, £5 being raised. C. Cole is conducting a mission at Wangaratta. Mr. Hunt, of St. Kilda, was speaker on Oct. 31. Church has been fortunate in securing services of E. W. Roffey to succeed Mr. Cole, early in new year.

**East Kew.**—J. Northeast gave an appreciated address on morning of Oct. 31. Mr. Fitzgerald gave the final message of a group of five. These addresses were interesting and instructive. In an exchange of presiding brethren on morning of Nov. 7, Mr. Scott, of Box Hill, came to East Kew.

**Emerald.**—During past few weeks work has continued to progress. Bible school is practising for anniversary, being led by Mrs. Legge and assisted by Mrs. Berry and Miss Gwen Roberts. F. B. Alcorn, owing to a severe cold, was not able to conduct services on Oct. 31. M. Williams was speaker at both services and his help was much appreciated.

**Montrose.**—On Oct. 14 annual business meeting of church was held. All reports showed work to be in satisfactory condition. Officers were re-elected. T. Legg takes place of late Mr. Clear. Mr. Hindman, of the college, has been preacher for year. Collection for hospital appeal was highest on record—£6/12/-. On Nov. 6 Sunday school picnic was held; a most enjoyable day was spent.

**Berwick.**—Anniversary services were held on Oct. 31. Mr. Wright was speaker. Special singing was rendered by school. At evening service Mr. Combridge gave a talk, using flannel board; a collection for hospitals amounted to over £5. Anniversary was continued on Monday evening, when items were given by school, prizes were distributed, and supper was served. Many visitors were present at the meetings.

**Footscray.**—Mrs. E. L. Watson was speaker when Mission Band entertained Baptist ladies on Nov. 2. An inspiring youth to youth rally was held on Nov. 3. J. E. Thomas being speaker. 33 young people attended inaugural meeting of young people's club. Baptismal service was conducted on Sunday evening, Nov. 7, at close of Mr. Ritchie's address Miss Joan Buckley made good confession.

**Ascot Vale.**—A Mission Band produce afternoon to raise funds for aborigines realised £5. Mrs. Holland was able to be present after six months' illness. The church regrets Mr. Thomsen's serious illness. Mr. Bensley has been helping the church for a few Sundays, his messages being enjoyed. Bert Thorpe, Mr. Trickey and Alan George have been welcomed home on leave. Because of conditions in India the kindergarten is sending £5 instead of £3 for support of orphan.



## TEN-DAYS' MISSION

### ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCES: THREE CONFESSIONS

**WANGARATTA.**—On Oct. 31 Sth. Wangaratta B.S. held anniversary and prize-giving. Mr. Cole, from South Yarra, gave the children an illustrated address. A mission is being held for ten days. Mr. Cole is the speaker. Every day after school he has held a service for children, showing moving pictures. The first day 30 attended. After two days 128 came. In five days of the mission three elder scholars from the school made the good confession. Mrs. Cole has helped with appreciated solos.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—Meetings on Aug. 31 were well attended; 85 present at gospel service. Mr. Graham's messages and ministry are helpful and appreciated. Mrs. Hearn, who has been president of Ladies' Guild for over 12 months, had to relinquish position owing to illness, and Mrs. Roberts was elected in her stead. Mr. Coad, sen., is very ill. Local charity offering amounted to £2. T. Hagger was speaker at morning service on Nov. 7. At a well attended gospel service A. Graham spoke and one young lady made the good confession.

**Brunswick.**—T. Westwood has concluded four months' happy and useful work with the church. Hospital collection was £13/10/-. On Oct. 31 the church celebrated 61st anniversary. Mr. Sparks (conference president) and Dr. Killmier were speakers. Special building fund collection amounted to £19/12/6. A. White takes up the work for November, pending arrival of Mr. Prentice in December. Mrs. Ed-house is very low in health.

**Hamilton.**—Combined prayer meetings have been held in chapel for month of October. W.M.B. held last quarterly effort for year on Oct. 26. The men made toys and helped make the effort the best yet. On Oct. 23 parcels



Hamilton Chapel.

were despatched to all boys in Forces. Oct. 24 was a record day for Sunday school—101 present, 43 in kinders. All young people's auxiliaries are in very good heart. On Nov. 2 Endeavorers tendered a social evening to Cpl. Lindsay Robb in honor of his 21st birthday.

**Minyip.**—The church enjoyed a social afternoon with L. E. Snow, of Carnegie, on Sept. 30. During the month messages were enjoyed from L. E. Snow, G. T. Black and J. Earl. Mavis Smith was baptised on Oct. 3 and received into fellowship on Oct. 17. The church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons in the death of a sister and granddaughter. Mr. Black has commenced his eighth year of faithful ministry with the circuit.

**Cheltenham.**—On Oct. 27 a prize-giving and demonstration night by Bible school was held. Flannel-board demonstration given by Mr. Combridge, of East Kew, was appreciated. "Forward with Christ" campaign continues with Mr. Stafford ably presenting the gospel. Oct. 31 was promotion day in Bible school, a new feature being formation of two junior Bible classes. A successful social was held on Nov. 6 to raise funds for Christmas cheer for members in the Forces; £7 was raised.

**Gardenvale.**—During past month meetings maintained average, with good spiritual tone in all services. Bible school reports increased enrolment and interest; anniversary plans under way. W. Andrew has returned home from hospital. Mrs. Andrew and Mrs. Lunn are still confined to their homes. After five years abroad with Egypt General Mission, Miss Kelson has returned home on furlough, and at a well-attended and representative gathering was welcomed home by the church on Oct. 25.

**North Fitzroy.**—On Oct. 17 the Bible school celebrated 70th anniversary with two bright, well attended services. Messrs. White and Roberts, children's missionaries, interested young and old. This was followed by a mission to boys and girls led by these two brethren for eight days. There was an average daily attendance of 200. 65 names were obtained of children not attending Sunday school, resulting so far in 30 new scholars and 13 signed decision forms. Mr. Roach has suffered bereavement by death of brother. Mrs. Turner, who was recently received into membership from Fitzroy, passed away a few days ago. Hospital Sunday collection amounted to £16/6/9, and the offering for the College of the Bible, postponed till Nov. 7, was £7/4/-. Twenty-eight dozen eggs have been sent to Austin Hospital. On Nov. 7 W. Gale addressed morning service. At monthly P.S.A. Ex-Senator R. D. Elliott

spoke on England during the "blitz." A musical programme was presented by Mr. William Laird and Miss Mary Miller. Offering was taken for the Prisoners of War Fund. At the evening service R. Ennis preached and Mrs. Fawcett sang two solos. Mrs. Bald has been received into membership by letter from Ipswich, Qld.

**Horsham.**—Attendance was fine at the three services on Oct. 31, when Bible school anniversary was held. W. R. Hibburt gave the addresses and distributed prizes on following Monday. The visit of W. R. Hibburt and his wife was appreciated. Bible school picnic was held at Bungalally on Nov. 6. On Nov. 7 J. Butler addressed the church. At gospel service, when C. Jackel stressed linking home with church, six young people made the good confession. 111 scholars were present at Bible school, and 20 new scholars were gained in campaign.

**Warracknabeal.**—Young people who were baptised at conclusion of jubilee celebrations were received into fellowship on Oct. 10. College offering has exceeded amounts of previous years. On evening of Oct. 25 Mr. Edwards was speaker. Sunday school picnic was held on Oct. 24, members and friends providing the provisions for the table. Bible school had record attendance of 50 on Oct. 25. This has been the goal for many years. A. Cunningham and Mary Cunningham, who are in the Forces, have been among those having fellowship with the church.

**Essendon.**—Meetings were well attended on Oct. 31, when speakers were A. G. E. Smith, who substituted for W. E. Jackel at morning service on account of a minor indisposition. Ron Stein and Eddie Haig were welcomed into membership. At gospel meeting Mr. Jackel gave an inspiring exhortation and was assisted by newly-formed choir under E. Forbes. Roy Shuttleworth assisted the organist, Mrs. J. A. Strack, with violin. A social entertainment was tendered to Bible school scholars on Oct. 30. An offering was received on Sunday night for Christian Guest Home.

**Black Rock.**—Attendances are well maintained. At a parents' night on Oct. 31 scholars sang choruses under leadership of Mr. Baker. Kindergarten contributed an item. Mr. Wallington gave a forceful message. At annual business meeting on Nov. 3, reports from auxiliaries showed them to be in excellent condition. Financial report revealed a record year. All retiring officers were re-elected, with addition of Mr. Clark and Mr. Elliott. Christian Guest Home debt elimination fund has reached £10. Increased attendance at midweek prayer meeting is reported. Helpful messages have been given by Messrs. Gadge, Holloway, Geyer, Lang and Wallington.

**Maryborough.**—The church had a healthy month for October. Average breaking of bread, 126. Bible school adding new scholars almost each week. On Oct. 31 four new teachers commenced. Average attendance of school, 141, highest for years. Another piano has been purchased for kinder. Ern Branton has been received into church fellowship. Explorer and Good Companions, totalling 48 members, conducted a social. New Youth Fellowship group is active. Fred Davies, Fred Robertson and Ted Sugars have been welcomed home on leave. Mr. Holland has been elected to executive of local progress association. Mrs. Parnall and Mrs. Thomas have been bereaved.

**Mitcham.**—Bible school anniversary services were held with good attendances on Oct. 17. Mr. Candy, of East Kew, spoke in afternoon and Mr. Pratt in evening. Scholars sang well under conductorship of Sister Reeves. Anniversary tea and concert were given on Oct. 23 in Scouts' hall. Blackburn young people and Box Hill boys' choir provided main part of concert programme. Owing to failure of lights, prize-giving was postponed until Nov. 6, when Mr. Page, of Mitcham C. of E., gave a lantern lecture. Sister Roberts is able to

meet again for worship after illness. The church suffered the loss by death during October of Mrs. Walker, late of Bambra-rd., Caulfield. Sympathy is extended to the Misses Walker.

**Hampton.**—At morning service on Nov. 7 W. D. Lang was speaker. Allan Tinkler was welcomed home on leave. In afternoon Mrs. Waterman spoke to school on China and received record year's donation for Dhond Hospital, £22. Soldiers' Aid Society has sent Christmas parcels to members serving in the Forces. Women's Mission Band continues helpfully and has made contribution of £2/4/9 for missionary Christmas cheer. W. J. Evans is giving appreciated service in speaking and visitation.

**West Preston.**—In absence of A. B. Withers at Swan Hill on Oct. 23, Mr. McRoberts, Mont Albert, gave helpful messages. College offering, deferred from Oct. 3, was taken and amounted to £10. A. B. Withers was speaker morning and evening on Oct. 31. New scholar campaign resulted in 33 additions to S.S. A children's mission under leadership of Messrs. White and Roberts is creating enthusiasm; average attendance of 189 children. On Nov. 7 Mr. Fisher, of the college, was morning speaker. At gospel service Mr. White preached.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—A great day was experienced on Nov. 7, combining "home-coming" services and commencement of C. G. Taylor's ministry. Mr. Taylor was associated with Mr. Baker and T. H. Scambler in morning service, when two ladies were received into fellowship. Mr. Taylor spoke inspiringly. New Century Bible Class session was memorable, Mr. Taylor speaking. Miss Beryl White was soloist. Gospel service crowned a magnificent day. Mr. Taylor preached, and Geoffrey Swain took his stand for Christ. Mr. Walsh was soloist. Between 400 and 500 meals were served throughout the day. The marriage of Miss Beryl Martin to Mr. Colin Haines was celebrated by S. R. Baker on Nov. 6 and also Miss Joyce Gannaway to Mr. Harold Plum on the same date.

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**SURREY HILLS.**—Christian Citizenship Sunday was observed in local churches on Nov. 7, pulpits being occupied by laymen from district men's Christian fellowship. Mr. Connor and Mr. Anderson were speakers here. There was one baptism at night service. Explorer club leaders enjoyed week-end (Oct. 30, 31) camp at Mount Evelyn with W. F. Newham and H. Friece in charge. G. J. Andrews, whose varied and extensive ministry is appreciated, has complied with the church officers' request to add another year to his term of engagement and to accept an increase in stipend. Prospects are encouraging. A.S.O. Nancy J. Friece has been posted to S.A.

**St. Kilda.**—Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 24. T. R. Morris spoke at teachers' consecration service in morning, L. G. Crisp gave illustrated talk in afternoon, and H. A. Hunt spoke at night. School singing under Mrs. Box was much enjoyed. Building was crowded for concert and prize-giving. Mr. and Mrs. Featherston have provided annual dux of school prizes as memorial to Jack Featherston, late school secretary. First awards went to Carlyn Nettelbeck and Peter Tuck. Oct. 31 was observed as C.E. day. J. Smith addressed church in morning. Intermediate and junior Endeavorers conducted evening service, L. Finger giving message. Hospital offering was a record at £5/6/-. H. A.



Hunt has completed a year with the church, and much progress has been made through his efforts.

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### IN MEMORIAM

BENN.—In loving memory of our beloved husband and father Adam Rea, who entered into the fuller life on Nov. 13, 1939.

"Until the day break and the shadows flee away."

—Inserted by his loving wife and family, Kaniva and Murrumbidgee.

BERLIN.—In loving memory of my dear father, William Berlin, who went to his eternal home Nov. 12, 1942; also my dear husband, John Paradine, on Oct. 27, 1935.

"Until the day dawn, and the shadows flee away."

—Inserted by Annie Paradine.

BOAK.—In loving memory of our wife and mother, Jane Boak, whom God called home on Nov. 16, 1942. "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

—Inserted by her husband and family.

BOAK-GRACIE.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Jane, who was called to higher service on Nov. 16, 1942; also brothers William, Jan. 17, 1943; and Edward, Sept. 14, 1943. "He giveth his beloved sleep."

—Inserted by Jessie Gracie.

STURGES.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our loving mother, who was called home on Nov. 11, 1942. "Forever with the Lord."

—Inserted by Dad, Alice (Mrs. White), Constance (Mrs. Daniell) and Myrtle (Mrs. Searle).

STURGES.—A tribute to the memory of Mrs. Sturges, who passed away from us on Nov. 11, 1942.

—Inserted by the Women's Guild and Christian Endeavor Society of South Yarra church.

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### Baramati

"We want you to rejoice with us over our recent encouragements. Last airgraph letter we reported five baptisms; since then on two Sundays we have received others. On the 19th two more free colony men were received, and again on 26th, six home boys, two lads of Christian families, and one more man from the free colony came. That makes eleven baptisms this month, for which we praise God and go on."—H. R. Coventry.

### Dhond

"A couple of weeks ago, I baptised six persons in the chapel. Two were from Hinduism, a married couple; and the other four consisted of two married couples, young people, who were baptised to become members of the church, though they are of Christian families. It was very satisfactory to be able to baptise three married couples at the one time."—G. H. Oldfield.

## PROGRESS IN MEDICAL TRAINING (INDIA).

IN reading the record of Christian Medical College, Vellore, one is impressed with the development of medical training in recent years. This school was opened in 1918 because of the faith of a group of doctors in South India who saw the need of having Indian Christian doctors to meet the needs of India. Since the opening there has never been any lack of students from the Christian community. "In January, 1920, a two-year campaign was begun in America to raise three million dollars for seven women's Christian colleges in the Orient, one of these being the Medical College at Vellore. So the buildings needed for the school and hospital were erected. In the city itself there is a hospital of 300-bed capacity, with residences for staff; and at the Hill Site, amid beautiful surroundings, are the grey stone buildings of the college, students' hostels and residences. Each group of buildings has a beautiful chapel at the centre. About two hundred and fifty students have graduated in medicine, the majority of whom are serving in Christian hospitals, but many in Government hospitals and some in private practice." At present the above college is for women students only, consideration is now being given to the advisability of making the institution a united college for men and women. The Christian Medical Association of India has stated: "It is our conviction that at the present time there should only be one Christian medical college of the higher grade." To this end, missions in India are being asked to help. Our own mission is taking an increasing interest in this wider ministry. Dr. Oldfield writes: "Next month I am due to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Christian Medical Association of India, Burma and Ceylon. This is to be at Nagpur, and so will necessitate a journey of about six hundred miles each way. I feel that in the work in connection with the Christian Medical Association, although it takes up some time, it is one way in which we as a mission can help in the wider work of medical missions in all India, and I feel that I gain much from contact with those who are so devoted to this work. One of the biggest things at the present time for the committee to tackle is the detailed organisation of the United Christian Medical

College at Vellore. It is a big thing and needs a lot of thinking out."

## ALL PEOPLES AND TONGUES

IT was hot! Hastily swallowing a homoeopathic dose of quinine bisulphate, I jumped aboard Dr. Frater's mission launch. On landing a friendly lift took us to the front door where, to our surprise, we found about twenty waiting to get inside. With a squeeze we were accommodated. Inside ecclesiastical furniture added inspiration and atmosphere immediately on entry. At home we glibly speak of Christian unity; but never before have I been impressed by its necessity, practicability and capability of execution. Though not many in number, their diversity was outstanding. Here were peoples of many a nation and many a tongue. Here were brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ of many a branch of the universal church of Jesus Christ. Here were many of every faith united in one purpose—to worship the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. There was a perfect harmony. I sadly missed the remembrance of the Lord's death in the manner of his own appointment, but otherwise for a united service it was perfect.

There was the shining open cross to remind us that our Saviour was living and here with us below. Below it the open Bible—"The entrance of thy word giveth life and light"—with two ever-burning candles spake, "Ye are the light of the world. Let your light be as a city that is set on a hill." But Oh; these were only symbols. The joy of fellowship sweet and strong came into the service, infusing it and our faith into a lively reality. Brief, pointed was the invocation; strongly and wonderfully rose the doxology. You know it, of course, but the blessings of providence, guidance, protection, comfort have rarely overshadowed you as they have those brave souls who often see disease and swift destruction all round. Humbly, penitently, we recited the general confession. How marvellously real those old familiar hymn words sounded! "Open the gates of the temple" was beautifully rendered by a white resident woman. "The Way Ahead" was the title of the inspiring and uplifting sermon. The way for Moses, for Isaiah, for Christ, for Paul when in prison, the way of Christ ahead for us, a way of holiness, of certainty and of peace. We were encouraged to face the way ahead against disappointment, disease, danger, and perhaps at the end of it all death—but not even death can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. With heartfelt praise we lifted our hearts in those words—

"There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea." Yea, and it has been wide! "And our lives would be all sunshine"—how real in a land where the heat sinks into the very marrow. May we Christians be a bright glory to the Lord "where sin doth abound may grace the more abound." God give us thy strength and thy peace.

With this thought we went again into a town where no stop had been made in feverish war activity, grasping business or heedless pleasure.—Ron Saunders.

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# Obituary

(Continued from page 533.)

N.S.W. He retired from the active ministry soon after his return from the world convention in Britain in 1935, but continued to be much in demand, particularly for lectures on his travels and on scientific subjects. Dr. Meldrum was a scholarly and vigorous preacher, a fearless advocate of the truth, firm in faith, a champion for the rights of the poor, and a courageous Protestant. To Mrs. Meldrum, and to the members of his family in America, we extend our Christian sympathy, looking forward with them to a glad reunion in the better land. The funeral services were conducted by D. Wakeley, assisted by P. E. Thomas (N.S.W. conference president), A. C. MacLean (City Temple), and Albert Chandler (former secretary at Enmore), in the presence of representatives of the family, and of the churches at Enmore, Marrickville, Swanston-st., and various conference committees.—D.W.

## Miss Clara Schmoock

THE death occurred of Miss Clara Schmoock recently at the Strathalbyn Hospital. She joined the church at Norwood, S.A., and later went to Milang with her mother. For many years she took a great interest in the C.E., and did a splendid work. Later, during her mother's failing health, she was unable to attend services, but after the mother's home-call she again renewed fellowship. We commend the loved ones to the God of all comfort.—S.H.G.

## Frederick William Stubbins

AT Ardmona, Vic., on Oct. 13, 1943, F. W. Stubbins passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harris. Our late brother was 85 years of age, and had been an earnest follower of Jesus for over 60 years, being a convert of Stephen Cheek, at Taradale, Vic. He had fellowship at Newmarket, South Yarra and Brighton, where his wife predeceased him six years ago. Though frail in body, our brother never missed an opportunity to meet around the Lord's table, and when his health permitted, met with the church at Shepparton. To the last he was deeply interested in evangelistic work, and contributed of his means to assist weak causes. His body was laid to rest in the Springvale cemetery, C. B. Nance-Kivell, Brighton, conducting the service.—H.H.

# Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

## MUTUAL MINISTRY

YOUR correspondent, Mr. Ferguson, has become alive to a condition which has been evident for years past: that the old time mutual edification in the morning meetings of the church is now a thing of the past, and very few of the members of the church are at all concerned about it—not even elders and deacons make any noise about it. The attitude seems to be—we pay a brother to do the speaking for us; it is his job, and why should we encroach upon it? If we may speak frankly, we have to admit that there is no demand for mutual edification. To those who are concerned we say there is a remedy. It is to make a start at giving the Bible a proper place in our life; that is, to prayerfully read and study, not spasmodically, but on a definite system. We admit this is not easy,

but nothing worth while is easy. Let us say it gently—we have ceased to either carry or read our Bible except in a way which brings little help. A word to the wise is considered sufficient.—R. C. Edwards, Hawthorn, Vic.

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(Jer. 1: 11, 12.)

ONE Sunday morning, early in Spring, Mr. Stanbury held a cluster of blossom, as he stood to address us. "When do you pray? Where do you pray? What prayer settings prove most helpful?" With such questions he drew us into discussion.

Eric told of a preference for morning devotions. Harry confessed to varying from sleepy bedside to quiet moments among the roses. Alice remarked that Jesus had a customary prayer place in a garden. Whereupon Mr. Stanbury began to refer to the prayer adventures of Jeremiah. "Prayer for this prophet was conversation," he said, "not just one-way utterance, but speaking and listening in the presence of God. One adventure was that where the potter worked. Another was during a stroll one Spring morning. The word of the Lord came, 'What do you see, Jeremiah?' 'I see a twig of an almond tree,' he replied, 'You have seen aright,' answered God, 'for I am watching over my word to put it into effect.'"

Mr. Stanbury suggested that early Spring blossoms should always remind us of the watchfulness of God, for like the wake-tree of the East, God is always awake and dealing with every scene of life long before we come to it. So blossom time should enhance one's prayer time.—G. J. Andrews.

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*It is a point of dishonesty in a man, to make a show of one thing and do another.* —R. Aylett.

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