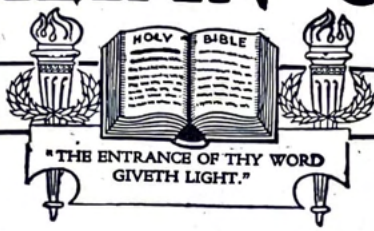


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## Our Bad Manners!



**T**HERE are murmurs of complaint about the way we are all behaving under war-time conditions. It is said shopkeepers and their helpers are rude to buyers. The old-time courtesy toward shoppers is not now shown; so we learn from those who seek to renew their meagre needs of food and clothing from the stores. It would not be right to withhold all the truth. Customers, it is reported, are not civil toward shopkeepers. Train and tram travellers, once willing to be helpful one toward the other, now fight and scramble for what they claim to be their rights. Thus, from those who seem to know how to sum up the behaviour of people, we learn that there is a growing disregard for good manners. To suggest that this is something unique would be to err.

Reading recently an account of the French Revolution in the eighteenth century, we noted how men and women acted under the stress of those times. Apart from certain details and extremes, the general behaviour of the common people then was very much like what we find to-day in public places. We are right, it seems, in suggesting that the nature of man has not changed, despite the passing of years. Place men under the same set of conditions, and they will tend to act in the same way. Only some Power beyond theirs will enable them to resist successfully the pressure of natural desires.

**I**N reply to letters and statements in daily papers, complaining about the behaviour of men and women these days, a psychologist pointed out that people are rude by nature. During normal times this bias toward rudeness is kept back by a code of good manners. We do not speak our mind or react in ways we feel inclined to do. The stream of evil words is held up by a conscious good will. However, if a person is worried or tired this control of self is relaxed, and then the evil of the heart bursts out in unkind words and cruel actions. During war-time there is stress. Long hours of toil in factories make people very tired. Parents, wives, and others are distressed about the fate of relatives and friends in battle areas. War-worry has allowed the big streak of evil in man to find freedom of expression. What is usually held in check by good manners and Christian virtues is now allowed to burst forth. We are not making excuses for this wave of bad behaviour. It ought not to exist. We do not need to be told that truth, for we are all aware of our failures to live the good life.

This uncovering of the natural evil in man by war-time conditions proves the truth of the Bible-teaching on the nature of man. Jeremiah lived in similar times of stress, and his experiences with men then led him to see that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17: 9).

Jesus shows why the heart is evil. "For out of the heart," he said, "proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matt. 15: 19).

**R**EADERS could tell stories of men and women in their town or district who are guilty of doing the evils outlined by Jesus. We all are condemned by that list of sins, for each person is guilty of doing some false deed. The conditions under which people live are not the cause of their evil doing. Certainly unfavorable times and places weaken the control people have over the evil impulses, but the source of the evil is down in the human heart. All need the help we can get from better conditions, and we ought to do all we are able to allow men and women find surroundings that will enable them to keep the evil from ruling their life, but that is not enough.

The good physician goes to the cause of the symptoms of his patient. By getting rid of germs from the body, the doctor enables the patient to cast off the symptoms and to find good health.

Christ knows that the evil heart is the cause of man's sin against man. It is not just a failing of a few, but of us all. Some men thought that those who were slain by Herod and those who perished when the tower of Siloam fell upon them were more evil than other Jews. Priding themselves on their self-righteousness those Jews did not know that they were wicked also. "Except ye repent," Jesus said to them, "ye shall all likewise perish."

**B**Y calling upon men to repent Jesus was going to the cause of man's wrong-doing. To repent demands that a change for the better must arise from the heart. Repentance demands that we yield our heart to God, and we allow him to rule it with the truths of right thinking, speaking, acting and living. Under the power of God's Spirit, a new life will then arise from a renewed heart. How this can take place may confound our earthly wisdom. We cannot understand earthly things like the movement of wind, why ought we marvel at the way God's Spirit moves in the heart of a man who turns to the Lord. Jesus called upon men to repent and to be born from above; for "except a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In the kingdoms of this world men will express the wickedness in their evil hearts; but in the kingdom of God, love, joy,

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# My Lord and My God

JESUS is the most intriguing figure in history. No one ever becomes so used to him that he gets to be commonplace. Those who love him are forever blaming themselves because they feel they ought to love him better. And those who oppose Jesus only prove by their opposition that they are strangely interested in him. They speak of him as though he were only another religious leader, down on a level with Buddha and Mohammed and Confucius. But whoever heard of a Rationalist Society for the suppression of Buddhism or Mohammedanism or Confucianism? The fact is, no one, either friend or foe, can overlook Jesus!

THOUGH he has been under the closest scrutiny of the world for 1900 years; though the searchlight of criticism has examined his every word and action, Pilate's verdict still holds good: "I find in him no fault at all." There can be only one satisfactory explanation: Jesus is more than a man. Let us work it out this way. There are four orders of intelligent and moral beings of which we read in the scripture: first, the Godhead; then angels, both good and bad; then demons; then men. Now to which of these orders does Jesus belong? As demons are foul and unclean spirits and Jesus was sinless, he must have been either God, angel or man. Heb. 2: 16 says, "He took NOT on him the nature of angels." Now, as this verse distinctly says Jesus did NOT become an angel, we conclude he was either God or man. The above verse continues: He "took on him the seed of Abraham," that is, he became a man. Seeing that Jesus had to become a man, that is, a human being, he could not have been one originally. To what order, then, did Jesus belong? Not demon, not angel, not man; what alternative remains? I believe the conclusion is irresistible: he was one of the Godhead; Jesus is God. Whether we can explain it; whether, indeed, we can understand it, is beside the point. To my mind the argument is unanswerable; Jesus belongs in the Godhead, Jesus is God.

It seems unquestionably true that a great deal of confusion on this important subject has been caused by the (no doubt) well-meaning attempts to explain that which, it would appear, is not revealed in the word, that is, the eternal relationship between the three Persons of the Godhead. The scriptures say: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." Now, that is just where the trouble regarding the doctrine of Christ's deity begins. The Bible reveals (as we shall try to prove) that he possesses deity, that he is in the Godhead, that he is God. That is revealed truth, and "belongs unto us and to our children forever." But men have not been satisfied with that; they have attempted to explain, and to impose on the consciences of others that which the scriptures do not reveal and which, perhaps, our finite minds could not grasp even if scripture contained it—the eternal relationship of the Beings whom we call Father, Son and Spirit. So the creeds teach that Christ is "eternally begotten by the Father," "begotten before all worlds" and that, not only when he was upon the earth but through



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all eternities, he was both equal with the Father, yet eternally subordinate to him! Is it to be wondered at that men, their minds

*Writing on the nature of Jesus, K. A. Macnaughtan, of Geelong, Vic., presents a thoughtful and valuable message.*

rebelling against that which they feel to be not merely beyond reason but absolutely unreasonable, have sought a way out of the difficulty by denying Christ's deity, or denying his humanity, or affirming that Father, Son and Spirit were but manifestations of the one Being?

What, then, can we say as to the relationship between the three Persons? First, that, of their eternal state, it is revealed only that they are equal in deity and together constitute the Godhead. Next, that, in the scheme of redemption, they enter into a special relationship as a result of which the Second Person assumes a position of subordination to the First, and the Third becomes subordinate to the First and Second Persons. Thus alone can we explain the apparently contradictory statements made concerning Jesus

as, e.g., "I and my Father are one" (literally "one thing"), and "My Father is greater than I." Again "He . . . said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God," but "I can of mine own self do nothing." How can such statements be reconciled save on the assumption that Jesus, in his eternal state, possessed perfect equality of deity with the Father, but in order to the fulfilment of the plan of redemption arranged by the divine three, took a place of subordination, being "sent" and "commanded" by the Father? Indeed, it would have been impossible for him to have become a perfect mediator, possessed of a nature both divine and human, had he not assumed such a position of subordination. It is therefore only in regard to his office of mediator that Jesus can properly be called the Son of God; in regard to his eternal state he is still "the Mighty God," "Jehovah," "the Lord God . . . the Almighty" (Rev. 1: 8, R.V.).

For the sake of our argument, we have assumed a point which must now be more clearly proved from scripture: that deity is claimed for Jesus. In this regard one is faced with many arguments from which to choose. Jesus is supreme Creator: "All things were made by him." "By him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth." God only should be worshipped, as Jesus himself taught, yet he expected and received worship of men both before and after his death and resurrection, and is even worshipped by angels. He forgave sins, a right which belongs to God alone, and will raise and judge the dead. He claimed pre-existence. We are told not only that God raised him from the dead, but that he raised himself (John 10: 17, 18). "Prepare ye the way of Jehovah," is a prophecy applied to Jesus who, therefore, is Jehovah. As we have seen, he claimed to be equal with God (John 5: 18). Did Jesus speak the truth? If so, he is the equal of the Father; if not—! A man once said: "If Jesus is divine, the Bible should say so plainly." His friend replied: "In what words would you suggest?" He said: "Something like, 'He is the true God.'" His friend immediately turned to 1 John 5: 20. "We know that the Son of God is come. . . . This is the true God and eternal life."

Oh, that we could understand a little better, and appreciate more, the love of him who "being in the form of God . . . made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant." If we are faithful we shall yet see him in a double glory: that of his eternal state which he had with the Father before the world was (John 17: 5), and that given by the Father to him as to an obedient servant and son (John 17: 24).

## ★ The Death of Mrs. Prayer Meeting ★

WE note in the "Free Will Echo" that Mrs. Prayer Meeting is dead. In the belief that friends of the deceased might be interested, we reprint the death notice:—

"Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and Bible study, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

"For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been falling in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusements.

"Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organisation, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A post mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with the lack of faith, heartfelt religion and general support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power.

"In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday night, save on the third Wednesday night of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the men's handball team."—James De Forest Murch—"The Outlook."

# The C Major of Life

A. O. S. Baker, preacher of Henley Beach, South Australia, calls attention to the importance of the common tasks of life.



MOST students of music know that the key of C Major is the middle key from which we reckon all other keys of music, rising to sharps above, and descending to flats below. Robert Browning uses commonplace things of life. In one of his poems, he imagines himself at the organ, producing music that links earth with heaven. But the music is only transitory, and he is obliged to descend from the lofty theme to the middle key again, to the C Major of life. But he finds comfort in the thought that nothing he has produced is lost, but shall go to make up greater harmonies in the hereafter.

"All we have willed, or hoped, or dreamed of good shall exist;  
Not its semblance, but itself; no beauty, nor good, nor power,  
Whose music has gone forth but each survives for the melodist,  
When eternity affirms the conception of an hour.  
The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard,  
The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the sky,  
Are music sent up to God by the lover and the bard;  
Enough that he heard it once; we shall hear it by-and-by."

Browning's sentiment may help those who feel cramped and frustrated by their lot in life to reconcile themselves to the commonplace things of life. But should such reconciliation be necessary? There is a glory in the commonplace which elevates the soul if we will but pierce through the disguise of familiarity. The commonplace environment, the commonplace task, and the commonplace worker become transfigured before our eyes.

The tendency of humanity is to climb the heights, to "build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach heaven, and make us a name." In this pursuit we may miss the glory of the commonplace. It is a great achievement and satisfaction not only to grasp new things, but to find the ultimate good and glory in the things we already possess.

What of our commonplace environment? It is often suggested that distant scenes are fairest. Are they so to the folk who see them every day? How much do we take for granted the beauties of nature around us? And do we not do the same with our home environment? How much the commonplace things of home-life mean to us when distance and circumstances separate us from them. The little trivial incidents that were scarcely noticed become treasured and hallowed memories. When John Howard Payne wrote the words of "Home, Sweet Home," he was a homeless wanderer on the face of the earth, and at last came to a lonely grave at Tunis.

Parents have a great responsibility to make the home one of the strongest influences for good in the lives of their children. In the commonplace duties and relationships of home life young people must learn, by practice, the great lessons of love, fellowship, forgiveness, unselfishness and social responsibility. Home must be to them more than a place to eat and sleep; it must be a place to live; a place where a world of strife is shut out and a world of love shut in; where the small are great and the great are small; the centre of our affections round which our hearts' best wishes twine; the one place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity.

## What of the Commonplace Task?

How we like to do the spectacular thing, which gains for us the plaudits of the crowd. Yet it takes real bigness of soul to carry on with the common task all unknown, unheard, and unsung. How fundamentally important that task is. The big bass in the orchestra may not be a solo instrument, but it gives the deep foundation notes upon which the harmony is built. So the common task may provide the foundation upon which the harmony of life is built.

"The trivial round, the common task,  
Will furnish all we need to ask;  
Room to deny ourselves; a road  
To bring us daily nearer God."

We need a sense of divine vocation in what we do.

## What of the Commonplace Worker?

Human society often overlooks him. Often enough he little realises his own importance. His courage and initiative may not be seen in some dashing deed of heroism or some record-breaking achievement, yet his efforts may be the deciding factor in a crisis. The teacher stands behind the statesman, the blacksmith

# A Prayer and the Answer

Thomas Hagger, of Frankston church, Vic., tells how a thief was saved, and how we must act to make sure of salvation.

AT Calvary there were three crosses. Two of those crucified are described as "malefactors" (Luke 23: 22); but the One on the central cross was suffering because of man's hard and rebellious heart. It has ever been so. The world crucifies its prophets and reformers as well as some of its wrong-doers.

One of the dying robbers suddenly experienced a change of heart, and cried, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (Luke 23: 42). He evidently felt that somehow the One by his side was unique, and could do something for him. But did he fully realise that he was the Messiah on that cross? We know not. His prayer, however, was a prayer of faith.

The answer Jesus gave was a remarkable display of divine mercy. It was, "Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23: 43). That reply shows that the Master knew of the continuity of life, of the life that shall endless be.

Altogether it was a most sublime incident. How sad that men have sometimes degraded it by using it to try to justify their disobedience to Christ in the matter of baptism. Frequently men are heard to say, "Oh, the dying thief was saved without being baptised, and so may I." By whose authority do they so speak?

Evidently such people overlook the fact that Jesus did not command baptism till some time after this incident took place. He commanded it when he gave his great age-lasting, world-embracing commission (Matt.

behind the anchor chain he forges, the worker behind the plane.

G. K. Chesterton had something of this sentiment when he wrote thus on "The Donkey":

"When fishes flew and forests walked,  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

"With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all fourfooted things.

"The tattered outlaw of the earth  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me;  
I am dumb, I keep my secret still.

"Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet;  
There was a shout above my ears,  
And palms about my feet."

The glory of the Christ descends upon the worker who does his will.

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peace and long-suffering will proceed from a heart renewed by the Spirit of God.

The behaviour common in public places today, points therefore to the sin in human hearts, and reveals the need of individual and national repentance if our society is to be saved. Yes, indeed, except we repent we shall perish like other men and nations.

28: 18-20). Surely we could hardly expect the thief to obey a command of Christ not yet given!

Besides Jesus was by his side when the thief made his request. And Jesus could grant to him, or to anybody else who appealed to him, forgiveness—an entrance into Paradise, or anything else, on any terms he willed. Before Jesus went back to heaven he gave to the representatives he left here, a definite commission. And they and we have no authority to vary that in any way. That commission calls for the baptism of the penitent believer.

And so it does not at all follow that if the thief was saved without being baptised we can be. To be sure about our forgiveness we need to comply with all the conditions laid down in his great commission by the One who died to redeem us (Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15, 16; Luke 24: 46-49).

## PRAYER

A LITTLE more strength of mind I ask;  
A little more patience for each task;  
A little more calmness in my soul  
Until I reach the heavenly goal.  
A little more courage, too, for me;  
A little more faith in things to be;  
A little more eagerness of heart;  
More at the finish than at the start.  
A little more listening when I pray;  
A little less wanting of my own way;  
A little more longing to be like thee,  
I humbly ask on bended knee.

—Ramona G. Yarmy.

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# Notes on Current Topics

## "Unite in Loyalty to Christ"

MR. C. F. McALPINE, Presbyterian minister, in a sermon on "The Church and Post-War Reconstruction" printed in the "A.C. World," strongly pleads for a united front by the churches to oppose rampant evils, and especially to promote and maintain world peace and mutual understanding and goodwill among all nations. In a striking sentence he declares: "That the church should unite in loyalty to Christ and for the promotion of the kingdom of God, that the church should be united against the evils that as vampires are sucking the life-blood of the nation, is of more importance than achieving uniformity in modes of worship or forms of church government." I like the phrase "unite in loyalty to Christ"—that is the highest motive for unity, and if that principle of obedience to the will of Christ be allowed, as it should, to operate in all departments of life, then the force of a united Christian brotherhood would be irresistible in its demand for a moral and social reconstruction in harmony with the teaching of the Saviour in his Sermon on the Mount.

## Another Loyalty

I quote one paragraph of Mr. McAlpine's sermon. It contains some helpful things as well as one serious error which must be abandoned before union on a scriptural basis can be achieved:—

"A young man whose baby I baptised asked me whether the rite made the child a Presbyterian, of which branch of the Christian church I am a minister. I answered, 'No, your child has been baptised into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, as Christ commanded.' In what I

have to say, therefore, I am speaking of the whole of the Christian church, and include all who believe in Christ Jesus as the Saviour of the world, and endeavor to express his teaching and example in their own lives. For Christianity is a way of life and not merely a creed."

The last two sentences are most worthy ones, the former transcending a merely denominational view, and the latter expressing a truth which we all need to remember and constantly inculcate. But what about the statement that "your child [a "babe"] has been baptised into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, as Christ commanded"? There is in the scriptures no command or example of infant baptism, and no passage authorising it by necessary inference. To claim to do in the name of Christ that which he did not authorise is a serious thing. The practice of infant sprinkling is doubly wrong—it departs from the New Testament action of baptism and so mars the symbolism; and its substitution of an unconscious babe for the penitent believer who in baptism confesses and surrenders to the Lord has had the sad result of obscuring the original ideal of a truly converted church membership. It was a distinguished Presbyterian preacher and author, Dr. John Watson ("Ian Maclaren") who wrote: "Without doubt the perfect idea of baptism is realised when one who has come to the years of discretion makes himself his own profession of faith in the Lord, knowing what he has done and having counted the cost, and then is immersed in the waters of baptism."

## C.E. Interests and Activities

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### WORLD PRESIDENT—SPIRITUAL AMBASSADOR

JUDGING by paragraphs in the daily press, Australian Endeavorers will soon have the opportunity of meeting and renewing fellowship with their internationally renowned leader, Dr. Daniel Poling. From the columns of a Melbourne daily the following has been culled:

Before leaving for Australia on a church mission, the pastor of the Philadelphia Baptist Temple, Dr. Daniel Poling, received a letter from President Roosevelt describing him as America's spiritual ambassador of good will. The president wrote, "At this critical time in the history of both nations, when Australia and America are so closely identified in a common cause, this visit from one in your high position in the religious and cultural life of America is of immense significance. I believe it will add moral value to official contacts between the countries, and the prayers of Americans will accompany you."

Dr. Poling is travelling as an accredited war correspondent, representing the Federal Council of Churches of Christ Alliance for International Friendship, the American and Foreign Christian Union and the Christian Peace Union. In his farewell sermon, he defended the religious anti-pacifist attitude, and re-affirmed his belief that "God has a stake in this war."

### VICTORIAN FORWARD MOVE

WITH a view to helping its members to equip themselves more fully for service to "Christ and the Church" that will make C.E. a vital force, the Victorian C.E. Union

has planned a series of lectures on phases of C.E. activity. Capable speakers will present the lectures in the Independent Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, on Fridays, June 16 and 30, July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25. Topics are:

1. How to Become a Successful Youth Leader.
2. Officership in the C.E. Society.
3. Worship in the C.E. Meeting.
4. C.E. Ideals in Action.
5. The Society Syllabus.
6. Serving the Church and the Community.

Plans are also in hand for district union visitation by members of the State Council. Six Council members have been appointed for this work. They will visit all district unions on mutually convenient dates, working in pairs. It is hoped that these visits will result in the forward policy agreed upon by State Council being put into operation in the district unions.

### PRESIDENT AND ARCHBISHOP ON RUSSIA

DR. POLING had a conversation with the Archbishop of York at Cairo on his recent trip to the Middle East. He writes, "The Archbishop told me of the beginnings of a new freedom of religion in Russia. He paid a generous tribute to Russian war leadership and to the heroic Russian people. Then I asked him, 'Is Russia really an open door to religion?' With a face that lighted up, he replied, 'Yes! just that! An open door steadily the Stalin Government has moved toward religious freedom. I accept these steps in good faith—Stalin has kept faith. Above all, I believe that Russia is an open door.'"

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WITH the national president, (Major H. F. Jullien) as guest speaker, the South Australian C.E. Union will conduct its annual convention from June 8 to 12. Features will be a special pre-convention society visitation by the State Union Cycle Corps; midday prayer-meetings; alumni, junior, intermediate, missionary and consecration rallies; and an after-church meeting on the Sunday in Adelaide Town Hall.

## The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

"SOMETIMES on the Rock I tremble,  
Faint of heart and weak of knee,  
But the steadfast Rock of Ages  
Never trembles under me."

### THE BIBLE

THE uprooter of sin.  
The begetter of life.  
The revealer of God.  
The light of intellect.  
The guide of history.  
The fashioner of law.  
The foe of superstition.  
The comfort in sorrow.  
The enemy of oppression.  
The strength in weakness.  
The star of death's night.  
The promise of the future.  
The pathway in perplexity.  
The escape from temptation.  
The illuminator of darkness.  
The secret of national progress.  
The charter of all true liberty.  
The forerunner of civilisation.  
The steadfast in the day of power.  
The guide and hope and inspiration of man.  
The moulder of institutions and governments.  
The ornament and mainspring of literature.  
The regulator of all high and worthy standards.  
The answer to the deepest human heart hungerings.—Selected.

"The conscientious investor puts his principles first and his interests later."

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—THE HIGH PRIEST'S PROPHECY

- June 12—Romans 5: 1-11.  
" 13—Eph. 1: 3-14.  
" 14—Phil. 2: 1-11.  
" 15—Col. 1: 9-23.  
" 16—Col. 2: 8-15.  
" 17—Col. 2: 24-29.  
" 18—Isaiah 63: 7-16; John 11: 47-57.

EXTRAORDINARY tributes to Christ have at times come from the lips of enemies, as is illustrated in the case of Caiaphas, the high priest, who, when he predicted that Jesus would die for humanity, expressed the fundamental doctrine of Christianity. Doubtless, as a matter simply of expediency, Caiaphas concluded that it was well that Jesus should die (for he and others might lose their positions, had he lived), but little did he know of the salient Christian doctrine fittingly expressed by the very words he uttered. Now, one has only to keep his ears and eyes open to note that many enemies of Christ are apt unwittingly to speak or write words which express great divine truths. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee."

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# Christian Unity Digest

("Unitas")

## "Not Fussy About Being a Presbyterian"

SO spoke Mr. D. K. Picken, former Master of Ormond College, at the recent Presbyterian Assembly in Melbourne, when he said he was grateful to read of the growing interest in church union. He was not fussy whether he was a Presbyterian or not, but he would prefer to be a Christian and not Presbyterian, than to be a Presbyterian and not a Christian, so "The Age" reports him.

## Roman Catholic Priest and Unity

A well-known Swiss R.C. priest, writing in the "Apologetische Blätter," discusses the annual report of the World Council of Churches with its description of the constantly growing ecumenical work of the church. He says, "We rejoice at every growth in faith in Christ, . . . we regard faithful Protestants as our brothers in Christ, to whom we have never denied the honorable name of 'Christians.' All Christians must come closer in proportion as they come closer to Christ. For there is only one Christ, and Luther, Zwingli and Calvin themselves never thought there could be several churches of Christ, and sought to do nothing but renew the one great Christian ecumenical church. The whole conception of the possibility of several churches of Christ belongs to a rationalistic age, and will one day be overcome with it. To foster co-operation where it is possible, and to long and pray for it where it is still impossible would certainly be a good way towards reunion, which may God's providence bring about according to its plans."

## "Ye Hypocrites!"

The Bishop of Gippsland's address at the Gippsland Synod included a call for a "united front" by the denominations. "If the church was to point the way to a fellowship of nations, she must reveal that fellowship in

herself," he said. This leads us to refer to something Dr. Charles E. Raven writes in his latest book, "Good News of God." He speaks of a conversation he had with a prominent business man in Liverpool in 1924. His friend was a colonel in the war, a partner in a great international banking and trading company, and a man of keen mind, large experience and progressive outlook. Their conversation touched on many subjects of contemporary importance. Rising to go, Raven's friend said, "Padre, there's one thing more I must say. You're a fraud. You come here talking about the need for statesmen to meet in friendship in Geneva, and for masters and men to agree to collaborate in industry. When I see Anglicans and Romans and Presbyterians and Methodists and Congregationalists and Baptists and Unitarians and Quakers and the Salvation Army and the rest of you Christians meeting and collaborating here in Liverpool, I'll feel you have some right to expect others to do so. Till then you are a hypocrite—and you know it." Dr. Raven says, "I have never seen that that charge is unjust or that there was any answer to it. And the years since then have underlined it."

## Victorian Presbyterian Assembly

The Assembly meeting gave its approval to the principle of Federal union with corporate union as its objective, and authorised its committee to confer with Methodists and Congregationalists regarding co-operation in such spheres as youth work, home missions and church extension, new housing areas, Christian education, social service and theological training.

## "Vision That Made a People"

The unity booklet of this title by F. C. Hunting promises a good circulation. The officers of West Preston church, where A. B. Withers is minister, purchased sufficient copies to provide one for every church home.

The R.C. Trusts Corporation acquired a property at Kew adjoining the Salvation Army Girls' Home and the Baptist Carey Boys' Grammar School, the Government providing the cost, £6500. The Federal Government has made a sum of £25,000 available to the various States to meet the V.D. menace, and there is little doubt that the R.C. authorities were duly advised. The result is that a fine property has been handed over to the R.C. Trust on a mere verbal agreement, and no notice of the intention of the Trust was given. It is interesting to note that the Government recently gave a sum of £14,000 to this same Trust for the Morning Star Boys' Home and a further sum of £10,000 was given by the Victorian Government for the extension of the work among boys conducted by the Salesian Fathers at Brunswick. The Charities' Board, of which the chairman is T. M. Burke, is expected to make a substantial gift in addition. It is interesting to note that T. M. Burke, the noted real estate agent of Melbourne, made the purchase of the property at Kew and made a gift of it to the Jesuit Fathers. The Kew Council may go to law to prevent the R.C. Trust from carrying out its intentions. While we are interested in the matter from the social viewpoint, we are even more interested in it from the viewpoint of Government grants to religious bodies. If this is wrong in principle, how long shall we remain silent on the matter?

## Christian Guest Home

A cook and a helper have been found, which has relieved the tension of more than 15 months. Much sickness prevails amongst the guests which continues to make special demands on the staff.

C.E. members and friends of the late Mrs. Clancy gathered at the home on Saturday evening, April 13, and presented a beautiful chair to the home as a memorial to her. The occasion was marked by a brief service, when young and old joined in the singing of favorite hymns, and short addresses were given. Mr. Clipstone, in presenting the chair, referred to the faithfulness and devotion of Mrs. Clancy, and to the chair which would perpetuate her memory. Mr. W. A. Brown, in accepting the chair on behalf of the committee and staff of the home, expressed sincere appreciation of both the gift and the kindly thought of the Endeavorers.

Receipt of an anonymous donation of £5 for comforts for the guests of the home is acknowledged with gratitude.

## Visit of Conference Presidents

The committee was honored by the presence of Mr. E. L. Williams and Mrs. Jeffries, presidents of the General and Women's Conferences respectively, at its last meeting. Every member of the committee was present, and the Women's Auxiliary was well represented. Opportunity was taken to present Mesdames Perkins and Whittington with well-bound copies of the scriptures to mark many years of association with the Women's Auxiliary and the splendid service rendered.

## Social Service Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay

### District Social Service Rallies

FOLLOWING upon decisions arrived at by the Victorian committee, the first district rally has been arranged to take place at Malvern-Caulfield church on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., J. Eric Owen and S. Neighbour will each address the gatherings. W. R. L. Rodgers-Wilson will lead a discussion period. In view of the general interest in questions associated with the social order and its implications, involving the future of the church, it is expected that there will be large gatherings. Other rallies will be announced in the near future.

### Beer in New Guinea

The committee has called the attention of the Acting Prime Minister to a statement of Sir Raphael Cilento, a member of the Commonwealth Government's Army Medical Directorate Consultative Committee and an eminent authority on tropical medicine, which declares that the effect of alcohol as a depressant to the body's resistance to disease is nowhere better demonstrated than in hot lands. "The

line between use and abuse of alcohol," he says, "is more difficult to draw in the tropics than elsewhere." He warns that over indulgence is naturally more dangerous in the tropics than elsewhere, and that it is considered unwise to take alcohol before sundown. He further states that "the contention that alcohol is necessary in the tropics is sheer sophistry." The committee has also drawn the attention of the public to the matter through the press. Returned men confess that they are advised by their medical officers to leave beer alone while on leave, as drinking, even moderately, is conducive to malaria recurrence. It is no secret that drink is playing into the hands of the enemy overseas, and in some places is readily obtainable though food is severely rationed. Jungle juice made from native berries, and fortified by power alcohol, is being black-marketed at as much as two guineas a bottle. The contention that two bottles of beer per man will lessen this practice is so much moonshine. One evil does not counter another—it is an added one.

### The Proposed V.D. Clinic at Kew

The recent exposures relating to the Government's proposal to establish a V.D. clinic at Kew have led to much questioning and explanation in the form of letters which have been given wide publicity through the press.

## CHRISTIANITY

CHRISTIANITY is a religion of effort, of endeavor to overcome what is bad within us, to curb our wayward desires, to rid ourselves of our lower selfish nature, to labor to live by the law of Christ's life, and on the ruins of our natural self to build up a strong, orderly and Godly self, which knows God's purpose in the world—which finds its own development to lie naturally in the way of usefulness, kindness, tenderness, and love towards those around it."

# Here and There

Because of the holiday on June 12, all copy for our next issue ought to reach us by Friday, noon, June 9.

At Rosevale, Qld., after gospel service conducted by F. B. Stow on April 16, two young people accepted Christ. They were baptised on afternoon of April 30, and received into fellowship the same afternoon, Mr. Stow conducting service. West Moreton executive have procured a car for use in circuit by evangelist. The services of Mr. and Mrs. Stow are much appreciated.

At Ballarat (Dawson-st.), Vic., attendances for April were below average. W. W. Saunders, dealing with topic, "Is it True?" presented instructive messages on pre-existence and divinity of the Son of God; the personality of the Holy Spirit—and the devil—and the coming again of the Son of God. Mrs. Pitts suffered a stroke, and Mrs. Benson has been critically ill, but both are doing well now. Mac Bailey and Joy Neyland were married on 15th. School attendances are creditable.

The Victorian Properties Corporation recently announced a reduction of the interest rate to three per cent. on all church buildings. This gesture has brought considerable relief to many churches. The corporation appreciates the action of one suburban church which has some surplus funds deposited with the corporation, and which has asked that no interest be paid on such deposit in view of the relief now being given by the corporation to the churches.

The quarterly Men's Fellowship of South Central Conference of churches of Christ, Melbourne, was held at the South Melbourne chapel on June 2 with a good attendance and representatives from each church. Conference president C. Cole presided. A bright song service was led by L. Brooker with Mr. Whitaker pianist. D. Stewart led in opening prayer; the scripture reading was brought by E. Roffey. E. L. Williams delivered a stirring address on "The Church Preparing for the Post-war Task," which was freely discussed at supper time. R. Burns closed the meeting with prayer. An enjoyable and profitable evening was concluded by supper provided by men of South Melbourne church.

Ernest W. Pittman, of Hart, S.A., writes: "The passing of H. G. Harward brings to mind my partnership with him as singing evangelist in the Harward-Pittman missions in Vic., S.A. and N.S.W., nearly forty years ago. I would like to pay tribute to his worth and work. As a preacher he was true to the word, forceful, convincing and tactful, and his messages an inspiration. During our work together I rejoiced to hear many eulogistic comments upon his sermons from intelligent hearers. I am glad to have had the joy of co-operating with him in pioneering tent mission work."

To mark the completion of the work of the "Amelia Scarce Trust," an evening was held in the Swanston-st. church lecture hall on June 3, when Miss Scarce gave a recital, assisted by Miss May Clifford (pianist). The hall was filled by subscribers and friends. It will be remembered that the trust was formed four years ago to assist in the musical education of Miss Amelia Scarce, soprano, who is a member of the church at South Yarra, and who completed her musical studies at the University of Melbourne at the end of 1943, gaining the Diploma in Music. During an interval in the programme, the chairman of the trust

(Mr. Stanley Wilson) summarised activities over the four years, and expressed thanks to all who had assisted, and the secretary-treasurer (Mr. Fred Lewis) presented the balance-sheet, which showed that, after meeting all expenses over the four years, a small credit balance remained. Special reference was made to the success which had attended Miss Scarce over the four years, during which she had, on a number of occasions, taken part as a principal in oratorio both in Melbourne and in Adelaide, and had established a very high reputation as a dramatic soprano. Miss Scarce has become widely known among the churches for her ready willingness to sing at Sunday and other services.

"Maybe this sounds like an inventory for a junk-shop, but you would be surprised to find what value these articles have for Red Cross. For instance: gramophone records, gramophone needles, milk bottle tops, old electric light bulbs, bakelite bottle-tops, bottles (Waste Products Depot); interesting books or magazines (Book and Magazine Section); clothing (Civilian Relief Depot); string (Junior Red Cross); herbs, sun glasses, stamps, gardening tools, cotton reels, watches or watch parts, packs of playing cards and crossword puzzles cut out from papers or magazines (Red Cross House). Perhaps you wonder just what Red Cross does with some of these unusual oddments. The crossword puzzles, for instance, are pasted on cardboard, the puzzle one side, the solution the other, and a pencil attached. They go to men in hospital. The watches and watch parts are for a soldier in convalescent home who is learning watch-making and repairing watches. The cotton reels are used in occupational therapy for toy-making, and also for making small

looms for men in bed to learn the first stages of weaving. These are just some of the unexpected uses to which Red Cross puts apparently useless articles. So remember, next time you're clearing up, please check up on this list. Send any of these things to the Red Cross House in your State."

## "The Man Born to be King"

ON Sunday evening, June 4, at 9.15 p.m., E.S.T., the first part of Dorothy Sayers' presentation of the story of Christ was broadcast over national stations. It is evident that Miss Sayers had as an aim the idea of weaving the social and national background of Bible times into the simple story of the gospels. Considerable study of the period and conditions which existed when Jesus was born would be necessary if a faithful background were to be given to the brief incidents recorded in the scriptures. Miss Sayers succeeded admirably in her first section. Knowing the manner of speech of people living in isolated country districts, the author sought to convey the notion that some of her characters were of lowly origin by setting upon their lips the expressions of uneducated people. While Joseph is made to speak in that way, Miss Sayers, it seems, could not bring herself to make Mary speak in like manner. All we know of Mary does not suggest that she would speak differently from Joseph. Why the distinction?

While those who know their Bible will not be misled, yet there are many who will not be able to discern the difference between the historical and social setting supplied by Miss Sayers and the actual story of the Bible.

Such dramatic presentations of the gospel have advantages; nevertheless, listeners ought to be on their guard against the possibility of thinking that all the details given are to be found in the Bible.



## Let Us "Honor the King"

THROUGHOUT the British Empire, His Majesty King George VI, will be honored on June 12. Since coming to the throne, he has been faced with crisis after crisis, in world affairs. The interest of the king and queen in the problems of common people has gained for them a universal respect. We recall that Their Majesties the King and Queen have consented to become patrons of the British and Foreign Bible Society. During a broadcast address last year, Queen Elizabeth, speaking to the women of Great Britain, said, "It does indeed seem to me that if the years to come are to see some real spiritual recovery, the women of our nation must be deeply concerned with our religion; and the home is the very place where it should start. It is the creative and dynamic power of Christianity that can help us to carry the moral responsibilities which history is placing upon our shoulders. If our homes can be truly Christian, then the influence of that spirit will assuredly spread like leaven through all the aspects of our common life—industrial, social and political."

# News of the Churches

## Queensland

Townsville.—Visiting speakers have been Chaplain Trezise and Cyril Beale. At close of gospel service on May 21, two men from R.A.A.F. confessed Christ. A Y.P.S.C.E. has been formed under leadership of J. Adermann.

Gympie Monkland.—C.E. Society enjoyed an exchange programme on May 19, sent from Ann-st. society. Bible school welcomed four new scholars on May 28. The same day two young people were baptised. Monkland was saddened at news of accidental death of Sapper Pearen in New Guinea. A good number of scholars from both schools have entered for examination.

## Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of May 28 Joyce Watkins and Douglas Prince were baptised, prior to the partaking of Lord's Supper. Visitors were welcomed. J. K. Robinson gave a highly informative talk. At 7.30 p.m. a large gathering included members of International Order of Good Templars. The chaplain of the Order read a scripture lesson, and Mrs. D. Ewers rendered a solo. The speaker was Mr. Robinson. On afternoon of May 30, the Dorcas Society held a sale of work, which helped a fund for removal of debt on property by end of 1945. At mid-week prayer meeting, a series on "Christ's Chosen Twelve" was commenced.

## New South Wales

Paddington.—There was a good meeting at breaking of bread on May 28. Mr. Wilson gave the message. Bible class tea was attended by 30 young people. Mr. Ogilvie, of Paddington City Mission, was guest speaker. Gospel service was well attended, and Mr. Wilson gave a fine message.

Rockdale.—Mr. Burns spoke morning and evening to good congregations on May 21. Two Bible school scholars were received into fellowship. There was increased attendance at prayer meeting. Mr. Burns spoke morning and evening on May 28. Another scholar was received into fellowship.

Petersham.—Members have been greatly cheered by the decision of E. C. Hinrichsen to minister to the church for a period. On May 28 a welcome was extended to E. C. Hinrichsen and to V. B. Morris, who will assist. Both meetings were well attended, gospel service being especially encouraging.

## GOSPEL ILLUSTRATED

### SCENES DRAWN TO DEPICT THE MESSAGE

GEORGETOWN.—On May 10 the fourth business meeting of the church was held, when all departments presented encouraging reports. Mother's Day services were well attended on May 14, R. V. Amos speaking. On May 21 Mr. Amos conducted both services, and as he preached the gospel Harold Bruce beautifully drew six scenes. There was a splendid congregation. John Moran was farewelled on May 23, prior to his departure to enter Bible College at Woolwich. Messages of goodwill were expressed by representatives of all departments, and L. E. Jones, of Hamilton.

Canley Vale.—A mother and son, who were recently baptised, were received into fellowship on May 28. V. Parker spoke at both meetings. A. V. Stimson has reorganised the choir. Girls' Club celebrated anniversary at a pleasant social evening on May 27. Sympathy is extended to G. Thomas and family in the passing of Mrs. Thomas.

Wollongong.—The church is in great heart. On May 28 nine were baptised, and in response to Mr. Stirling's appeal, a girl made her confession. At annual business meeting on May 31, £28 was quickly subscribed to complete £100 "building and organ" fund, and later on in the meeting a further £83 was spontaneously promised towards cost of extending Sunday school hall.

Kingsford.—On April 30 Mr. Stirling brought appreciated messages. On May 11 E. T. Hart, of Boonah, Q., spoke to prayer meeting. The church expresses sympathy to him in the passing of his father, and to Mrs. Hart in the loss of her husband. H. McCallum was speaker on morning of May 14. Mr. Wilson spoke to a large congregation for Bible school Mother's Day service. In evening a lad and a young man confessed Christ. On May 21 a young woman made the good confession. Mr. Gilbertson, of Tempe, spoke on morning of May 28. At night two confessed Christ.

Broken Hill.—Previous to gospel service on May 21, John Baker was baptised. H. E. Paddick preached. On May 28 John was welcomed into fellowship. Services are well attended. On May 27 Sunday school, junior and senior C.E., combined for a social. John Cullen, one of the boys recently received into fellowship of church, is leaving to reside at Mildura. He was presented with a Bible. S.S. reports 17 entries for examinations. A literature table has been placed in chapel. C.E. Society spent a happy evening at home of senior member of church, Sister Hocking (aged 94 years).

## South Australia

Pt. Lincoln.—With financial backing from Ungarra church whose interest has been very great, the church is in a position to maintain a preacher when one is available. Local brethren were relieved on two occasions last month by visiting speakers. On May 21 Mr. Peet, secretary of Morialta Children's Home, gave an interesting talk. On May 28 J. Webb gave an inspiring message.

Prospect.—Mid-week service, conducted by John Mackenzie, was a good spiritual time. On May 28 A. E. Brown's messages were enjoyed. Visitors and Max Bunyan (on leave) met with the church. Bible school is rehearsing for anniversary. Bible class, reorganised, has commenced new membership campaign. C.E. Societies are in good spiritual standing. Twenty-two are studying for scripture examination.

Hindmarsh.—A series of Happy Hour meetings was held from April 24 to 28 to secure new Bible school scholars. Apparent results were disappointing. A kitchen evening was given to Miss Evelyn Allan on May 17 prior to her marriage to Arthur Price on May 29. Offering for Bible School Department on May 7 was £14. With regret it is learned that Arthur Jackson has been reported missing in a raid over France. Sympathy of church is extended to his parents. Will Manuel has received promotion and has been transferred to Victoria.

Nailsworth.—Temple Day offering taken on May 27 amounted to £75. Church anniversary services on May 28 were well attended. Morning speaker was A. Anderson, and at gospel service C. Schwab. Anthems were rendered by choir. Services were continued on May 31, when D. Pike, of Glenelg, was speaker. This was followed by a social supper. All auxiliaries are active. Ladies' Guild, under leadership of Mrs. Manning, is well attended and doing fine work. Church sympathises with Mrs. Grant in news of her son Clive, R.A.A.F., posted missing. Word has been received that Don Perriam and Rob Manning have recovered from malaria and rejoined their unit.

Whyalla.—On May 14 a J.C.E. was started by Sister D. Matthews which is growing in numbers. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors. All services continue to be well attended, and interest shown in all parts of the work is encouraging. Y.P.S. gave a gift basket of fruit to every patient in hospital on Mother's Day. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Greenfield are in hospital. On May 27 a camp-fire picnic was held at Mt. Laura by Y.P.S., ending with a spiritual service.

## STRENGTH OF YOUTH

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FEATURED

DALAKLAVA.—A youth service was held, when young people assisted at gospel service. This was followed by a "strength of youth" demonstration on May 24, every department of youth work being featured. A large number of young people and parents attended. Mrs. W. Pearl and Mrs. A. Mitchell have been very sick for some weeks. F. Webb, Mrs. Anders and Miss Bowden have been in hospital. Geoff Whiting was home from college and exhorted the church. F. Dawes (Band of Hope) addressed Bible school recently. Special services were held on Mother's Day, A. Hutson preaching. Service men on leave are Stan Shepherd, from N.G., and Warren Bowers, Victoria. Distinguished service ribbon in connection with "Schools Patriotic Fund" was awarded to Leslie Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Webb, at a public function arranged by local school committee. It represented £50 worth of salvage. Several visitors have been present recently. Miss Oakley, of Norwood, sang at gospel service on May 21. E. Long has returned to district from Fullarton.

## Victoria

Emerald.—On May 28 F. B. Alcorn gave inspiring addresses at both services. At evening service, the anthem rendered by choir, conducted by G. E. Murray, was especially appreciated.

Portland.—Speakers during May were A. Crofts, T. Davey and F. Warburton. Youth offering amounted to £2/2/2. Bible school is concentrating on scripture examination. All auxiliaries give encouragement for future.

Hampton.—C. L. Lang began his ministry with the church on June 4. He and his son and daughter were welcomed, and good audiences listened to the addresses. In the afternoon Mr. Lang visited Sunday school and Bible class. He also spoke to J.C.E. at commencement of day.

Preston.—Morning services on May 28 and June 4 were addressed by S. R. Baker and G. Grainger (Reservoir) respectively. Young Worshipers' League has been re-formed under leadership of Miss Shirley Waldron, and meets at gospel services. At evening service on June 4 four lads were baptised.

Collingwood.—There is a slight improvement in numbers. T. Fitzgerald continues to bring helpful messages, last month's themes of study being famous hymns, and Mr. Fitzgerald has been assisted by solos. Sunday school has purchased a slide projector. Young people enjoy Saturday evenings in Mildmay rooms.

Mont Albert.—Church anniversary was held on June 4. C. Young was speaker at morning service and W. Jones at night. A quartette party, soloists and friends from Prahran were appreciated. A working bee was held at chapel on June 3, and Young Explorers, Good Companions and parents met at a social at night.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—In absence of C. G. Taylor at Swan Hill, K. W. Barton spoke at both services on June 4. At Bible Class W. L. Searle, of China Inland Mission, gave an interesting address on the life of Hudson Taylor. H. F. Swain is progressing favorably after an operation. Howard Hopkins was welcomed home on leave.

**Reservoir.**—On May 31, West Preston young people conducted Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, and an enjoyable evening resulted. B. J. Combridge on morning of June 4 gave an inspiring address. Mr. Veal, transferred from Thornbury, was received into fellowship. Gospel services are well attended. Interest is well maintained in all sections of the work.

**North Essendon.**—R. Hillier and R. Allison helped the church while J. K. Bond was at Oakleigh mission. Sympathy is extended to E. T. Hart (Boonah, Qld.), in the passing of his father. Officers are planning for painting chapel. Tennis club (membership 18) is providing good fellowship. Ladies' Guild has sent more parcels to men on Service.

**Newmarket.**—On May 21 Mr. Graham addressed both services. On May 28, Bible school anniversary was held. Mr. Graham gave morning address. Mr. Candy gave the message at afternoon service, and Mr. White addressed gospel service. The children sang splendidly under baton of C. Ferguson, of Essendon. On June 4 Mr. Graham addressed both services.

**Camberwell.**—On June 4 a well attended meeting was addressed by Mr. Baird, whose message was appreciated. Mrs. Waterman at gospel meeting spoke on why she was going back to the mission field, and Joan and Winnie Waterman rendered a duet. Youth work is developing and expanding. An Explorer Club has commenced and a first degree Good Companions' Club is being started.

**East Preston.**—On May 28 Mr. Trathen (Reservoir) presided and J. F. Smith exhorted the church. On June 4 Mr. Plummer gave a helpful message. Good Companions' Club has gone into recess for one month. Explorers' Club explored Edgar's Creek on June 3. Bible school attendances are improving after much sickness, 65 being present on June 4. A forward move is anticipated in the near future.

**Port Fairy.**—On May 31 an enjoyable and well attended meeting was held. Mr. Weir extended welcome to W. Gale, who gave a splendid address on the urgency and need of Christian unity. Singing was conducted by H. Feary. A quartette was rendered by Miss Chipperfield, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Cook and B. Feary. Solos were rendered by H. Feary, Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Dunlop. The visit of Warrnambool members was appreciated.

**Boronia.**—The messages given by E. L. Williams are appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Williams spent a short holiday at Marysville. The wedding took place at Mildura of P.O. Don Maguire, R.A.A.F., to Miss M. Hill on May 22. The church extends best wishes. A varied social syllabus arranged for young people of church is creating interest. Service of combined churches on May 28 was addressed by A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.

**Red Hill.**—On Youth Day, May 7, when C.E. Society conducted gospel meeting, A. Salmon preaching, Alice and Norma (twin sisters) and Syd. Prossor confessed Christ. Harvest thanksgiving day was May 21. A good display of fruit and vegetables was seen. This was donated to Dromana Bush Nursing Hospital. Norm. Kingston preached. A united service for Red Cross Day was held in afternoon with Presbyterian and Methodist congregations. Mr. Kingston baptised the Prossors at evening meeting on May 28.

**Middle Park.**—Mr. Symes, of the college, was morning speaker on May 28. Gospel service was conducted by D. Stewart. Mr. Kerrison, of South Yarra, presided over Lord's Table on June 4 and a challenging message was given by Mr. Stewart. Phi Beta Pi Club has been reorganised, and on May 15 entertained mothers at a social evening, when each mother was presented with a gift. Sisters Annear and Reynolds are still laid aside through illness.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—Good meetings were held on June 4, when C. B. Nance-Kivell resumed his ministry after an absence of 12 months. At morning service A. L. Gibson presided, and on behalf of the congregation welcomed Mr. Nance-Kivell, who afterwards spoke. In evening the choir rendered special music from "Redemption," "Messiah" and "Creation." On May 30 a social evening was held to bid farewell to Chaplain-General Allen Brooke and Mrs. Brooke and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Thomas, who had conducted an interim ministry for



Swanston-st. Chapel.

the past 12 months, and to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Nance-Kivell. Alex. Wilson spoke on behalf of the church, and Mrs. E. A. Lawson and Mrs. A. Wilson presented flowers to the ladies. Messrs. Brooke, Thomas and Nance-Kivell (and their wives) each gave an interesting response. A musical and elocutionary programme was contributed to by Messrs. Charles Lomas and Robert Hardy and Mrs. A. H. Hedley, and at close supper was served.

**Box Hill.**—A time of reaping has been experienced during past few weeks under F. Morgan's ministry. His messages are of a high order and given to well attended meetings. Several Bible school girls attended Good Companions' Club camp at Tecoma during school holiday week. The church is glad to have fellowship with Eric Hammond, on leave from New Guinea. Enthusiasm in Bible school rally is well maintained, new scholars being added.

**Croydon.**—The church has been greatly strengthened through the addition by letter of Mr. and Mrs. Burden from Ringwood. Dr. Killmier delivered an outstanding address to the united service held in our chapel on afternoon of May 21. At united fellowship youth tea, on same date, Mr. Hibbert gave a highly appreciated address. Sunday school anniversary services were held on May 28. At conclusion of evening service four senior scholars made their decision.

**Echuca.**—During May, attendances were average. Mr. and Mrs. Thurrowgood were on annual holidays, so meetings were taken by E. Rosendale, L. Dudley, Mr. Dusting and Mr. Curtis. Several visitors met with the church. On Mother's Day, Mrs. E. Rosendale entertained 20 mothers of kindergarten scholars (who now number 56). They witnessed a usual Sunday afternoon's school, and then scholars and mothers partook of afternoon tea. Each mother received a bouquet and present from her child. On May 18 Mrs. Rosendale held an afternoon for ladies at her home. About 40 were present, and were entertained. £4 was raised for church funds.

**Doncaster.**—During recent holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Banks entertained a party of Bible school girls at Tremont. An enjoyable week was spent. The young people expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Banks. During Mr. Banks' absence, H. Robbins addressed morning meeting. Evening service was conducted by J. Brown, of Ivanhoe. On evening of June 3, about 25 young people from Box Hill and district visited Doncaster chapel and had fellowship with the youth group.

**Cheltenham.**—R. L. Williams spoke to Men's League on democracy. W. Crittle and Ron Wolf are home on leave. Mrs. F. Deane and Mrs. A. Baker are recovering after serious illness. The 87th anniversary of church was celebrated on June 4. A. W. Stephenson was morning speaker and V. C. Stafford preached at night. Meetings were fairly good throughout day. The church extends sympathy to F. E. J. Smith in the loss of his father at Booleroo, S.A., at the age of 91.

**Frankston.**—The church is enjoying the addresses of T. Hagger. On June 4, three were received into membership. A young men's service was held in evening, several young men assisting; T. Hagger preached. W. Wakeley, N.S.W., was a visitor. At Women's Mission Band, Mrs. Hagger was welcomed by a large meeting of women and introduced as president. Retiring president, Miss Ellis, was presented with an enlarged Sankey hymnbook as a token of love and appreciation of her leadership over past five years.

**Ormond.**—On May 31 a farewell social was tendered to C. L. Lang, Ron and Jess. The chapel was full. J. Holloway spoke on behalf of Home Missionary Committee. Letters and messages were read by F. W. Bradley. J. Ritchie spoke for Bible school. Presents were given to Ron and Jess. Mr. Lang was given a Bible (Goodspeed) and envelope of notes. All spoke well of his six years of service. On June 4 J. Ritchie gave a good message in morning. J. Holloway brought a fine message at gospel meeting. Teachers of Bible school had tea and invited senior scholars.

**Gardiner.**—Principal Scambler and Mr. Thompson (Malvern) were speakers on May 28. A. W. Stephenson was visiting speaker at 3rd degree K.S.P. on 30th. On 31st, a social evening was held to farewell Mrs. Waterman. Gifts on behalf of church, Women's Mission Band and Phi Betas were presented with messages of appreciation of services rendered over past ten years by Mrs. Waterman, who feelingly responded. M. McCann and L. Stevens assisted with items. Mr. Scambler was speaker at both services on June 4, and during gospel service Miss Lois McLean, from Bible school, was baptised.

**Prahran.**—On May 24, over 100 Endeavorers from various churches gathered to enjoy an illustrated lantern lecture by R. Baker, of B. & F. Bible Society. Well attended meetings were held on May 28, Mr. Burns addressing morning service, which was in keeping with Church Union Sunday, whilst evening meeting took the form of a pictorial choral service conducted by A. G. McCullough, of Bayswater, aided by several soloists. Mr. Burns was speaker at both services on June 4, when Sunday school commenced a competitive rally against South Yarra. A pleasing feature has been the presence of many members home on leave. Miss Campbell, of Wangaratta, has been received into fellowship.

## Tasmania

**Hobart (Collins-st.).**—The chapel was well filled for special evening services during May. On 28th a civic service was conducted by C. P. Hughes. The Lord Mayor and Alderman Smith were present, the Mayor reading the scripture. Mr. Hughes spoke on the ethics of gambling, choir rendered an anthem, and Mrs. Stranger sang a solo. Sunday school has improved, over 100 scholars attending. At Women's



Mission Band annual meeting, on May 18, officers elected were president, Mrs. C. P. Hughes; vice-president, Mrs. Cole; secretary, Mrs. Watkins. To celebrate anniversary a missionary rally was held on May 24. Representatives from local churches attended. Mr. Hughes presided; Mr. Gordon Arthur, of Wesley church, gave a fine address. Mrs. Watkins read a splendid report of the year's activities. Mrs. Stranger rendered two solos. Supper was served, and a happy time enjoyed. Mr. Hughes, and sisters of Prayer Meeting Committee, hold a meeting at the Sanitorium each month; this is appreciated by the patients. A number of ladies assist every fortnight at Comforts Fund tea shop. Mrs. Bradley, one of the oldest members, passed away at the age of 84.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.)**—During past fortnight S. H. Wilson accompanied State conference president on a tour of southern Tasmanian churches in interests of Home Mission Committee. Services on May 21 were conducted by E. Stevens and R. Edmunds; Mr. Wilson had returned to the platform for 23th. Annual youth offering to date amounts to £19/4/8. Recently-formed Mission Band held first meeting on May 17; Miss K. Skirving is president. Visitors to morning service on May 28 included A. G. Elliott, of Perth, W.A.

#### WELCOME

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E. W. Roffey (preacher South Yarra church, Vic.)—143 Surrey-rd., South Yarra, S.E.1. Phone, Windsor 2358.

#### DEATH

**PHILLIPS**—On May 28, at St. Just Point, Bendigo, Eliza Ann, daughter of the late John and Maria Phillips; loved sister of Jack (deceased); William (deceased), Ernest and Reginald (deceased). "She, being dead, yet speaketh."

#### IN MEMORIAM

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—Inserted by his wife and family.

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"And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since and lost  
awhile."

**WINTER**—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, Conrad Winter, who passed away on June 7, 1942.

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**JUNE 12**—Eastern Districts Women's Conference annual meeting will be held at Croydon church of Christ, 2 p.m. Leader of devotions, Mrs. E. L. Williams; speaker, Mrs. Ker-shaw; and items.

**JUNE 12 (King's Birthday)**—Second Advent Convention, Collingwood church of Christ. 3 p.m., J. E. Thomas, "Will there Ever be a Warless World?" Dr. E. L. Watson, "The Necessity for and the Glory in the Coming of the King." 7.30 p.m., W. L. Wright, "The Redemption of the Purchased Possession," and W. Jackel, "Why the Bridegroom Still Tarries."

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Sun., June 11, Croydon Hall, 3 p.m., CONFERENCE SERMON, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D. Soloist, Miss Amelia Scarce.  
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# A New Station

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## Five Year Plan

WE are thinking of a five year plan for the mission in India, and have to plan for the maintenance of the present work. This includes furlough periods, and means that more missionaries than there are posts have to be planned for. Some are almost always coming and going. Not only should we plan for such regular changes, but we need to plan for the expansion of the work.

As more and more Indian Christian workers are trained, they may be able to take the places of missionaries in some spheres. Instead of having more missionaries on our existing stations, we should in some cases expect to have less. Some of the present staff may then reach out to other centres. We should increase our staff to enable this to happen, and to be able to establish at least one new station during the next five years. It is over fifteen years since we opened a new station. Some of our fields have been very barren of results if counted in conversions. If it had not been for our institutions, children's homes, industrial settlement and hospital, how many baptisms would we have been able to report in most of our fields? Shrigonda is the exception, with the good field around Dhoraja.

There are many who maintain that we should leave some of these barren fields, and go to the fertile ones where ingatherings of souls are taking place. There are areas in India where converts are being won by thousands every month. Should we not seek such a field and open a station adjoining such a fertile area? We might expect to build up a considerable church in five years, so it is said. We do not suggest that existing stations should be abandoned, nor would many people. Some suggest that a small staff sufficient to maintain existing work remain and the others be freed to open up work in a more fertile field. Perhaps one item in our five year plan should be a new station in an entirely new area which would adjoin one of these fertile areas.

We ask your prayers as we face this issue, that the Holy Spirit may guide us into the right path, and that many souls may be won into his kingdom as the result.—H. R. Coventry.

### CALLING ALL CASTES

WHILE at Indapur recently we received a cordial invitation from Misses Swain and Monot, of the P.I.V. Mission at Akluj, to come down and spend a day working with them in the bazaar. As the bus service is more than a little uncertain nowadays, and especially on bazaar days, we decided that the three preachers take the equipment over on the bus, while I went on the cycle. We were, in this way, able to seek out a place for a future camp along the road and cover the 17 miles to Akluj by midday. The bus on which the men were to come was due to arrive at 3 p.m., but we were all agreeably surprised to hear the men's voices outside the mission house while we were having lunch. After the men had been catered for by the ladies, we were all able to go to the bazaar and make an early start with the preaching of the word.



Pilgrims on the Indian Road.

Here we see a great bazaar, a place where all castes must needs gather together in order to buy and sell the common needs of everyday life. In the shade of a temple on the edge of the bazaar street, we stood or sat in the midst of the crowd that gathered and invited all classes of men to seek God through the Lord Jesus Christ and take him as their Saviour from sin. But for the fact that small change is rather hard to get, it would have been rather hard to prevent the men selling all the Gospels we had, and leaving none for the rest of our tour in our own district. We sold fifty portions within the hour, and we could have sold lots more. The bazaar here is one of the biggest I have seen in this part of India, and I was thrilled to look out on the great mass of humanity and feel that here was the opportunity of touching so many people at one time. When I arrived back at the house, the three preachers were waiting for me. They introduced me to two young Christian men who had invited them to stay the night and have a bhajan and preach to the crowd they would be able to get together. One young man is a fitter at the sugar factory, and the other a constable in the police force here. This was a grand opportunity to witness for Christ, and the men came home after having preached and sung until about 2.30 a.m., praising God that they were able to be witnesses for him in such a place.

Since returning to Baramati for a few days, I have received a letter from Mr. Dongre at Indapur, to say that they were able to have a unique gathering of high class Hindu people in the Christian wada (house). I will quote from his letter. "I am very happy to let you know that I tried an experiment last night (25/2/44). For a couple of days I visited some Hindu friends and invited them to our house. Firstly we were a bit discouraged; but to our astonishment, nearly twenty-two Hindu persons came and brought an organ and a pair of tublas (drums), as ours are not in very good order. They seemed very happy to have the occasion. A young boy gave several solos, and there were a couple of drum players, but Wamanrao's playing of the tublas and singing were also approved by the assembled

persons. There were six different castes represented at the gathering, namely, Brahmins, Jains, Rajputs, Marathas, Gudjas and Goldsmiths. That is, all these caste people had access to the mission house. So far as I know, we have been visiting Indapur since the year 1923, but last night's occasion was a special one."

In our next camp, at Nimbaon, we were somewhat hampered by sickness among the preachers, and also the fact that our efforts had to be confined to the farmer population only. The outcastes, with whom we had such happy times some three years ago, were for the most part away on work in the Kalamb sugar factory, so that we have not yet contacted them. We are hoping to be able to return after the sugar season is finished, and contact many of these young men who were so interested in the gospel story in days gone by.

In Indapur there have been several doctors and lawyers asking for enlightenment about Christianity, and we hope, before long, to have a meeting of the high-caste people in the mission school building. It is difficult to do the dual work we would like to do in the villages, in order to reach all castes. We are warned that sometimes the high castes will be offended if too much attention is paid to the outcastes. Nevertheless, it is good to see that in many places the barriers are being broken down, and we are gaining the confidence of all castes. May the day soon dawn when India will realise that the Lord Jesus Christ is "calling all castes" to a grand unity, at the place of salvation.—Colin Thomas.

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# Day of Prayer for Students

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Throughout the world to-day students are sharing in the suffering of mankind. Universities have been destroyed or disbanded, many students are in prisoner of war, concentration or internment camps; others are refugees or exiles, striving to carry on under almost impossible conditions. Large numbers of students are in the fighting services, and those who are serving their country by continuing their studies are carrying on under conditions of unusual strain and unrest.

The A.S.C.M. seeks the prayers of Christian people for all such students in every land, and for all those who are seeking to help them—in particular for the World's Student Christian Federation and for the Student Christian Movement in this country, in their effort to lead students to commit themselves to Christ and to unite them in his service. It is requested that prayers should be offered for all universities, theological colleges and schools—for those who teach and those who direct their affairs; and in particular for the educational work in which the church herself is engaged.

"We commend to the Christian people of Australia the request of the Australian Student Christian Movement for co-operation in the observance of Sunday, June 25, as a day of prayer for students, and ask that on this day special thought should be given in all our churches to the needs and problems of students throughout the world, to the church's responsibility in relation to education, and to the work of the Australian Student Christian Movement and of all its sister movements in the World's Student Christian Federation."—C. Bernard Cockett, President of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand; R. Wilson Macaulay, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia; Henry Perth, Primate of Australia; L. H. Trezise, President of the Federal Conference, Churches of Christ of Australia; A. J. Waldock, President-General of the Baptist Union of Australia; H. M. Wheller, President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia.

## Obituary

### Mrs. A. G. Burden

ON May 12 Mrs. Annie Gertrude Burden received the home-call at her home, 5 Bedford-rd., Ringwood, Vic. For some time she had been in indifferent health, suffering from blood pressure and a weak heart. Deceased, with her late husband and family, came from Somerset, England, and for a number of years resided at the Basin, near Boronia, Vic., and later moved to Ringwood. Mrs. Burden united with the church of Christ at Ringwood in 1938. Her sincere Christian witness shed a loving influence both in her home and in the church. Of a quiet disposition, her influence was manifest in her service rendered as a deaconess and as a faithful member of the Ladies' Class and Women's Mission Band. Three sons—Frank, Jack and Victor—with their wives are members of the church of Christ. Frank has served as a deacon and church secretary at Ringwood. Victor and his wife are members of Boronia, he being the church secretary. G. McLaren (City Mission, Clifton Hill), an old friend of the family, together with E. L. Williams and the writer, took part

in the services at Ringwood chapel and at the graveside, Fern Tree Gully Cemetery, when tributes were paid to our late sister's faithfulness as a loving mother, and of her steadfast Christian character. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Deep Christian sympathy is extended to all members of her family.—A. H. Pratt.

### Mrs. M. Oswin

MRS. MARIA OSWIN was called suddenly from this life on May 13 at the age of 82 years. She was baptised at Bendigo, Vic., by the late A. E. Illingworth, and was in membership with the church in that place for many years. She later took membership at North Melbourne. For many years she had been resident in Western Australia, and was well known in the church at Kalgoorlie, and later at Fremantle and Subiaco. At Subiaco, as in other places where she held membership, she was a faithful worker in the Dorcas Societies. Her only daughter is Mrs. George Banks, to whom with her family we extend the sincerest sympathy. Another good woman, ripe in years, has entered into eternal rest, and we are the better for having known her.—R.R.

### Miss E. A. Phillips

THE home-call of Miss Eliza Ann Phillips, of St. Just Point, Bendigo, on May 28, will recall to all who knew her a life of good works and consistent Christian witness. Baptised in the Temperance Hall in 1902, the whole 42 years of her membership were linked with the Bendigo church. Up to two years ago, when sickness prevented her, she delighted to share in the church's life and service, being particularly interested in the practical side of the women's work. Her unswerving loyalty and quiet, unostentatious ways of serving the kingdom, will remain with us as a rich and inspiring memory.—G.M.M.

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This was an old shoe. Peter's fancy was  
taken by a thin little package labelled, "I'm  
often despised!" And lo, a copy of John's  
Gospel. There were others too. However, it  
was agreed that while Peter's was the most  
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awfully unsatisfactory. This was confirmed  
when at Mr. Stanbury's direction Peter read  
John 7: 24.

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was read by Allan, from First Samuel 16: 1-13.  
Here was a selection, not of parcels, but of  
persons, and in the Lord's good judgment he  
looked upon the hearts. A light from the  
New Testament was read by Edna, from Matt.  
6: 16-18, reminding us that outward appear-  
ances can never deceive our heavenly Father  
who sees us inwardly.

"What of life's greatest choice?" challenged  
Mr. Stanbury. "God's best gift to mankind  
is not a parcel but a Person. Do we give  
more than hasty glances at Jesus? Remember,  
he calls for something more than our super-  
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these days of national emergency.

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that all may share equally.

The discipline of deprivation has ad-  
vantages in fact and in effect.

It is important to remember that the  
greatest things of life are

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thing."

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