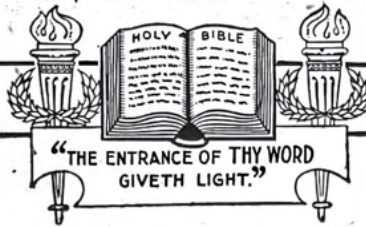


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★ Ethelbert Davis, president of the Conference in N.S.W., writes an interesting article under the title

## Some Things I'd Teach My Sons

"MY son, hear the instruction of thy father." Boys, after all the instruction given by those who are older and have had experience; after all the influences that have had their reaction upon you, you must make the choice of the path you will tread through life. If you choose the highest and the best, there is no reason why you should not rise to brilliant heights. Heredity, environment or poverty cannot hold you back. The limit will be within yourselves.

All we who are older can do is to warn you of the wrong and its dangers, point you to the best and the highest, and advise that the best be chosen. After that the responsibility rests with you.

### TO LOVE GOD

I WOULD teach you, my sons, to love God; your life will be a failure without him.

The first law of the spiritual life is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." And the sacred scriptures say, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," or "Learn to know thy Creator in the days of youth." I want you to love God because to have no God is to have no infallible One in whom to believe, no spiritual One with whom to commune, and no eternal One in whom to hope. Without God you will have no satisfying explanation to the universe in which you live, and no adequate answer to questions of your own being. I don't want you to simply know that God is, but to love him because it is only to those who love him that he really reveals himself.

### TO FOLLOW CHRIST

I WOULD teach you, my sons, to follow Christ. From babyhood I've told you the stories of Jesus. I've taught you to speak his wonderful name in prayer. I've told you of his love, and sought to imprint upon your impressionable minds that though father and mother love you, Christ loves you more than human tongue can tell. I've sung his praises in the hope that your memories will retain his blessed image.

And now you are coming to the age when impressions are being translated into realities and actions, now you are coming to the place we sometimes call the "parting of the ways," when lasting decisions are to be made, I'd urge upon you that life's major turning-point is the decision to let Christ into your hearts as Saviour and Lord. The New Testament points to Jesus and asks you

to believe him. So the important question is not what you believe but in whom you believe.

You are living in an age of indifference to religion and to spiritual values. At the same time there is among thinking people a revival of interest in the person Christ Jesus. Men are critical, contemptuous, even intolerant of churches and creeds, and what they call "organised Christianity," but they want to know more of the man Christ Jesus and his teachings.

Now you have the advantage of many, you know Jesus; I want you to follow him.

### TO READ THE BIBLE

I WOULD teach you, my sons, to read the Bible and to obey its commands.

You know something of the Bible, but let me tell you that the sacred volume has to become more than a book of interesting stories. It can become your guide and counsellor; your comfort and your stay. Read it every day. Commit it to memory. Don't give up your daily portion. So many young men go away from home with their Bible in their trunk, and a promise in their heart to father and mother that they will read it. But the promise is forgotten, and in the trunk the Bible stays, and they are without its guidance, its rebukes and its comfort.

The Bible is the greatest of all books because it contains the word and the will of God. I would have you study the Bible because of its divine origin; because it is superior to all other books; because of its influence upon the world; because it is a book that meets every human need; because it is a book that answers the world's greatest questions; because it has successfully stood every test; because it has triumphed over every foe, and because it is the only book that reveals the way of salvation. Make it your daily companion!

### TO UNITE WITH THE CHURCH

I WOULD teach you, my sons, to unite with the church, to attend its meetings, to support its enterprises, and to find a place in its service. Wherever you may be, one of the sheet-anchors of your life is the Lord's house. Whenever you may go, find out a place where God's people meet for worship, where the Lord's Table is spread for communion, and where the true gospel is proclaimed.

The church plays a tremendous part in your life, my boys.

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# Good Fishing!

F. C. Hunting, of Brisbane, Qld., writes a meditation on the text, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

THE moment I turned the corner I could see that the small boy was quivering with excitement. An event of no small order must have happened. "Dad," he burst upon me with all the enthusiasm of a greatly excited urchin of four, "Dad, I've caught some fish, some real, live fish." Having launched this astounding announcement at me, I could see him carefully watching my reactions. I made them as normal as I could, for the nearest beach was over three miles away and the nearest river seven. "Yes, Dad, I caught them in the waterhole at the back of our place." Then I understood. The fish were the most recent tadpoles of the rains a day or two before. So there he stood, enthusiastic, happy, the latest recruit to that ardent band of men who alone know the indescribable pleasure of a good day's fishing.

I can assure all my readers that there is something peculiarly thrilling in taking home a good haul of fish. It promotes a feeling of well-being, a happiness born from the sense of achievement. The experience is most satisfying. Jesus was deliberately appealing to the imagination of Peter, James and John when he called them to become fishers of men. He knew that such an appeal would be almost irresistible to them. The call that fired their imagination sets ours glowing too. If the haul of a few fishes produces such a sense of contentment and satisfaction, the winning of a man to Christ is more wonderful than words can adequately express.

And the winning of men to Christ is the business of Christians. On every hand I am assured that this is so. Yet I am amazed how often the fish the churches are most concerned about are merely mud-puddle tadpoles. It is men we want, men and women entering into a maximum experience of the



living Christ. Yet our churches are almost entirely set up to maintain the institution. We know how to organise for service, yet we are at a loss to know how to inspire an enthusiasm for changing the lives of men. It is my contention that we are all of us much too easily satisfied with our Christian programme. The congregation of well and healthy people need a preacher, regularly calling on them if their attendance at the church is to be assured. But is not the preacher's big and absorbing business the winning of men and women to a complete change of life through Christ? Is it not true that our conception of a successful church to-day is that of one which is organised from parson to cradle-roll? And, let me finish this mild protest, is not our great concern with every new convert to get them organised (or create one specially for them) into some form of church service, rather than face up to our real task with that convert, teach them in turn how to go out and convert their contacts?

"Fishers of men." The phrase haunts me. It haunts me because I am so amateurish at this, the one task which should absorb me. It haunts me because my brethren contentedly think I am fulfilling the work of the ministry when I am running meetings, organising societies, creating clubs, and paying endless numbers of social calls. I have but one big business in life; it is to fish for men.

## Go Straight

(Continued from front page)

Before you were born the church gave your parents the ideals of life that made the home a place of beauty.

The church enriches childhood with the religion, romance, lessons and friendships that have made life so radiant and triumphant.

The church guides the footsteps of adolescence in the stress and storm of those perplexing days.

The church chastens and spiritualises the affections, sanctifies marriage and blesses the home.

The church helps when sorrow blots out the sunshine from a sky that may have been long cloudless.

The church helps in the training of the children that come into the home.

The church lays the tired body to rest in the silent tomb at the journey's end, and points to the resurrection morn.

### TO GO STRAIGHT

I WOULD teach you, my sons, to go straight. Be honest. Don't gamble. Don't drink intoxicating liquor. Be diligent in all your pursuits. Don't do shady things in business. Be pure-minded.

When you get out into the world you will find men and women who will seek to drag you down. You will be much away from the sheltering influences of the home. Remember to respect other women as you would your own mother. Never do to any other girl what you would hate to think any other fellow had done to your sister. One of these days you will meet the girl who will be your lover, and later your life's help-meet, and perhaps the mother of your children; and when you meet her you will be glad that you hadn't played the fool with other girls. One day you will invite your parents to visit you in your own little home; it will be a proud day for you, too. They will judge by the home you set up whether they have succeeded in making men of you. Don't disappoint us.

If you do all these things, your life will be worthwhile here, and your life will be worth preserving unto life eternal.

"The attempt to serve God without love is like rowing against the tide. Love makes duty sweet. The angels are swift-winged in God's service, because they love him. Jacob thought seven years but little for the love he had for Rachel. Love is never weary."

## Various Topics

### Conserving God's Gifts

REJOICING (accompanied, I trust, by thanksgiving) has followed the coming of bountiful rains to Australia. Over a wide area drought fears have been removed, and incalculable benefit will accrue. The experience we have had should impress on us how insufficient we are of ourselves and how dependent we are on the blessings of God. Another reflection comes. With better foresight and conservation of God's gifts, many of our troubles might be avoided. Water has been allowed to run to waste. In drought time storage and distribution are considered, let us not wait till another drought comes for remedial action to be taken. Much future suffering may be prevented by prompt action to prevent soil erosion and to ensure better conservation and distribution of water.

### Hopes for India

One of the most important items of news in this momentous period is the renewed offer by the British Government to India, which, it is hoped, will lead to a happy settlement of what has been for long an unsatisfactory and even dangerous position. The Viceroy's request to all sides to forgive and forget and start afresh has, it is reported, been well received. The "Times of India" says it is difficult to imagine the rejection of the Government's proposals. The Secretary for State for India (Mr. L. S. Avery) has emphasised that the offer to India is made, not in a time of weakness, but "in the hour of victory, as an earnest of Britain's goodwill and her genuine desire to help forward the fulfilment of Indian aspirations, as well as the fulfilment of British traditions and instincts." Sir Stafford Cripps, who presented the 1942 offer to Indian leaders, describes the proposals as "a marked step forward for Indian self-government." May the issue be goodwill, peace and security.

### Broadmindedness

The following words are quoted from a sermon preached in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, by a member professor of St. Patrick's College: "All kinds of views were conveniently cloaked by that word. Anyone who attacked the prevalence of divorce or birth control was accused of lacking broadmindedness. Anyone who attacked obscenity, immorality or blasphemy in pictures, plays or books or the radio was forced to retreat before a barrage of demands that he should cease to be medieval or obscurantist, and should develop the broadminded attitude characteristic of the modern age." The preacher held that the word "broadminded" was one of the most abused words in the English language. I cordially agree with the general principle expressed, though a Roman Catholic and I might not agree in its particular applications.

None ever was more tolerant, in the true sense, than the Lord Jesus. He showed, as none other has done, the wideness of God's mercy and love, and his willingness to forgive wrongdoing. Yet there are elements in Christ's teaching which run counter to the broadmindedness which condones sin and disobedience to God's will. The way to life, our Lord declared, is a narrow one. We are warned by Christ to beware of harsh, censorious judgment, but he never said a word to justify laxity of conduct or the breaking of one of the least of God's commandments. I know of one Christian who is accustomed to pray that God will enable him to be as narrow and as broad in his outlook as was the Lord Jesus. That is a worthy aim.

A. R. MAIN.



# India's Dishonorable Profession

There is an appalling need for nursing to be raised to a higher plane so that the masses can get effective service.

"WHEN will the urgent problem be solved of supplying India's nearly four hundred million people with the nurses they need?" says Lieut.-General J. B. Hance, Director-General of India's medical service. The Director-General revealed that the ratio of nurses to the population in India was something like one trained nurse to 56,000 inhabitants, whereas the same ratio in the United Kingdom was one to 300, and in the U.S.A. one to 250. General Hance is convinced that the shortage of nurses here is not due in any way to inaptitude of Indian women for nursing, but largely to deplorable conditions of employment offered to trained nurses and to conditions of training of student nurses. In many training institutions student nurses were miserably housed and treated like menials. They had long hours of duty, were made to cook their own food in their scanty leisure, and had little provision for either privacy or satisfactory study. The General pointed out that conditions of employment and training of nurses in the military services provided a striking contrast.

## Dishonorable Profession

Beverley Nichols, one of England's most provocative journalists, recently completed a tour of India, and sums up his impressions in "Verdict on India." Commenting on the nursing profession in India he writes: "In India, nursing is still regarded as a dishonorable profession by the vast majority of Indian women. The prejudices of Victorian England, which Florence Nightingale had to fight, are mere whims and fancies compared with the hide-bound rules of caste and custom which govern Hindu womanhood. That is why so large a proportion of the tiny corps of nurses is composed of Anglo-Indian girls, most of whom are Christians. The humiliations which these girls often have to suffer are past belief, particularly when they go on private cases. One girl, of high culture and intelligence, told me that she was expected to eat with the sweepers, and that after bathing her patient with antiseptic, the patient always insisted on bathing again in order to wash off the 'pollution' of her touch."

## Hospital Problems

Of hospital problems Beverley Nichols has this to say: "There's trouble in one of the wards in the next wing," said my nurse one Monday morning. "A little boy's just arrived with 18 relations who insist on sleeping by his bed." "Eighteen?" "Yes—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, cousins, to say nothing of three babies howling their heads off. And he has to have absolute quiet." "Why don't you get rid of them?" "We can't. If we asked even one of them to go they'd take the boy away, and he'd be dead before morning." The explanation is the Hindu joint-family system, under which families of twenty or more are required to live under one roof. When I was well enough to explore the quarters of the other patients in a wheel chair, I found many of the rooms to be miniature Bedlams. Every inch of floor space was occupied by some mem-



Patient at Dhond Hospital, India.

ber of the family, from aged crones, to screaming babies.

## DHOND

### Our Problem—Our Responsibility

DURING the war years heavy loads have been placed on all our missionaries, but the hospital work being so exacting has made the task there particularly heavy. The early call-up of Dr. Michael and the retirement from the field of Mrs. Frank Manning (nee Nurse H. Wiltshire) left a big gap in our medical ranks. Heavy responsibilities have fallen upon Miss Foreman, who has faced a record number of hospital patients with a continual change of staff. It is difficult at any

time to train and hold Indian girls, but during war years we have been unable to enter into competition with the conditions or wages offered in Government service. Dr. Oldfield has been greatly helped by Dr. Patil, Indian medical officer, but with the pending furlough of Miss Foreman (January, 1946), and that of Dr. Oldfield (May, 1946), the arrival of Sister W. Walker on the field and the release from the army of Dr. L. J. Michael would be welcome indeed to the field. Transport has held up Miss Walker's departure, and military requirements retained the services of Dr. Michael. We are trying to overcome these immediate problems. We are hopeful that Miss Foreman's rest in the hills and that of Dr. Oldfield will strengthen them for the tasks which lie ahead.

## One of Few Survivors

F. J. Funston, of Victoria, has selected No. 576, planned for 15th, as hymn for July.

SOME hymn-writers, as we have already noted, have left to the Church Universal legacies of great hosts of hymns; others are remembered to-day by one outstanding example of their work; a few wrote only one hymn—and that a masterpiece. From this point of view, John Samuel Bewley Monsell, a Church of England clergyman who died 70 years ago, can be regarded as belonging to the "middle class." He certainly wrote a great number of hymns—about 300—and such a mass of poetry that a dozen volumes were published, but only one of his hymns is to-day very widely used.

Of his "minor" hymns which survive in some current books, it is interesting to note their wide variety and, in the case of each, its great appropriateness for its particular purpose. "Christ is the foundation of the house we raise" is a fine hymn for the opening of a house of worship; "Lord of the living harvest," an excellent song of dedication for laborers in Christ's harvest field; and "I hunger and I thirst," a hymn with a real sense of longing for communion. In few hymns is the love of Christ considered from as many angles as in "I have no comfort but thy love"; "Rest of the weary, joy of the sad" is a remarkable hymn of which the first

two stanzas give no fewer than 15 different names or titles for the Saviour, while in similarly comprehensive fashion "Sing to the Lord a joyful song" recalls a great host of things for which the Christian heart may well express thankfulness. It can be said as a unifying factor of Dr. Monsell's hymns that they deepen the spirit of worship and meet his own expressed wish to put more fervor and joy into the hymnody of the day. But none of those mentioned is in "universal" use to-day.

That honor is reserved for one hymn of his—"Fight the good fight." It was one of his later productions and the one that, so far as its wide use is concerned, has undoubtedly outlasted all the others. For some obscure reason, it was originally labelled as for a particular Sunday in the Anglican Calendar and related to the epistle for the day—Ephesians 4: 17-32, a passage dealing with renewal of the spirit and the cultivation of social virtues. Clearly, though, the verses find their basis in 1 Tim. 6: 12, 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8, 1 Peter 5: 7, and perhaps other passages. As it stands, it is a challenge to more vigorous endeavor, continued reliance on Christ, assurance of his care and belief in his sufficiency.



# C.E. Interests and Activities

R. Greenhalgh

## C.E. CONVENTION

**S**OUTH AUSTRALIA established an all-time record with 751 delegates to the annual C.E. Convention, June 14-18. Keith Jones (preacher of Maylands church) is the new State president, and the installation service was conducted by Howard Earle (preacher of Kaniva church, Vic.). A youth-to-youth rally was introduced by a "packed to capacity" prayer meeting. At the rally testimonies were given by Doug. Lawrence, Miss Ruth Muller and A.B. Ben Ewing, of Sydney, whose story of dive bombing attacks at Malta thrilled the audience. Sgt. Lawry Hallgren, of Melbourne, sang "All that I need is in Jesus."

A choir of 250 juniors led the singing at the juniors' "praise and thanksgiving service," when Adelaide Town Hall was filled.

Flinders-st. Baptist church was filled for the Y.P. and Intermediate rally, presided over by Keith Jones. B. W. Manning spoke on "The Joy of Christian Youth," and said that "you may not be able to rejoice in your circumstances sometimes, but you can rejoice in the Lord always." On an appeal for open confession of Christ as Saviour fifteen young people responded.

Special C.E. services were held in the churches on the Sunday, resulting in several decisions for Christ.

At the Monday luncheon E. N. Broomhead graphically described a remarkable spiritual revival which occurred in the P.O.W. camp in Italy, where he was confined with over 3000

Allied soldiers. He said, "That revival, which resulted in 280 men definitely accepting Christ as their Saviour, began in a group of 50 Endeavorers from Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia, who were prisoners in that camp."

At the consecration service, Keith Jones spoke on "Christ for the Crisis," and appealed for "forthright, downright and outright" witnessing for Christ and complete dedication of life.

During the year 30 new societies were formed.

## VICTORIAN C.E. TRAINING CLASSES

**T**HOSE Endeavorers who have been privileged to attend the C.E. training classes in previous years, will be glad to know that another course of lectures has been arranged for this year. A syllabus of six lectures on the vital theme, "C.E. in the Post-war World," has been drawn up, and services of such capable and acceptable lecturers as Principal J. D. Northey, Principal E. L. Williams, A. W. Stephenson, H. Palmer Phillips, L. J. Gomm, and Professor Woodruff have been secured to deal with this subject, which should be of tremendous importance to all thoughtful young people. We feel sure that all who are able to attend will benefit greatly.

The lectures commenced on June 29, and will be held fortnightly at 8 p.m. in the church of Christ hall in Swanston-st.—J. Beighton, assistant secretary.

## R.C. Infiltration

W. Clay, in his *Social Service Notes*, refers to the growing hold of the Roman Catholic Church on State activities and to the necessity of social reform.

**G**RADUALLY, and perhaps to many unconsciously, we are living more and more under the patronage of Roman Catholicism. In the realm of education influential members of this body never let up in their attempts to infiltrate the State education system, and the Public Service is almost entirely in their hands. Perhaps, even to a greater extent, they are making headway through their social institutions. Although Roman Catholics number fewer than 20 per cent. of the population, more than 50 per cent. of the children in homes subsidised by the State are in their care. Hospitals in every State, under R.C. control, are far in excess of their own requirements, and easily double in number all the hospitals conducted by other religious bodies. Protestant ministers and prominent anti-Romanists are being forced to accept their hospitality, and many Protestant women are facing no alternative to the R.C. maternity hospital. Properties are being purchased by R.C.'s regardless of costs, and the governments are making grants of amounts and permitting appeals to the community which, in some cases, meet the whole obligation. In addition, in at least one instance, a property valued at £8000 was handed over to the R.C.'s for a certain purpose which has not and will not be served. An appeal for £20,000 for the Grey Sisters, who, it is claimed, visit homes where wives and mothers are in hospital and children are in need of a mother's care, has been sanctioned by the Charities' Board. Brochures of exceptionally good paper, and containing many pictures illustrating the work of the sisters, have been circulated State-wide. One picture is of a proposed home for these sisters, apparently large enough to accommodate a hundred. It is claimed there are eleven of them. It appears to be intended for erection on a certain property which recently was bought at auction for £8000. If the sum of £20,000 is raised, and the Premier has recommended the appeal, the whole thing is simple. By the same brochure a mention is made of a Mothers' Rest Home at Croydon, Vic., which must be replaced by a more modern building. This is to cost £16,000, of which £8000 is being made available by the government. We could go on. How long are we going to continue under this patronage? The Social Service Committee has given a lead in providing a home for our aged, and also a home for children, and will proceed with a hospital as soon as circumstances will permit. This is not all. We will call the attention of the churches to the matters referred to, with a view to the taking of appropriate action.

## The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

### LIFE'S JOURNEY

**I** THINK not of to-morrow,  
Its trial or its task;  
But still with childlike spirit  
For present mercies ask.  
With each returning morning  
I cast old things away;  
Life's journey lies before me,  
My prayer is for to-day."

### TESTIMONY WORTH GIVING

**P**HILIP INMAN said that in connection with his work at Charing Cross Hospital a friend said to him, "If I had to see the sights you do so often, I should go mad." But Mr. Inman said: "When I came to London twenty years ago, I neither knew a soul nor a street, but I carried with me my mother's Bible, and tried to keep her faith. And if having seen such sights of suffering and disease and death as I have done, day after day, for twenty years, I have been able to retain my sanity, it is because I believe absolutely in God."

[Mr. Philip Inman was the House Governor of this well-known London hospital.]

### PRETTY BOASTFUL

**T**HE case was not going well for the prosecution, and the barrister who was cross-examining the witness for the defence could not get him to make the damaging statements which he had been hoping for all along. At last he thought he would try to discredit him, and finally he asked whether the witness was acquainted with any of the men on the jury. "Yes," replied the witness, "more than half of them." "Are you willing to swear that you know more than half of them?" asked the lawyer in his most awe-inspiring tones. "Why," retorted the witness, without so much as the

flicker of an eyelid, "if it comes to that, I am willing to swear that I know more than the lot of them put together."

### CONVERSATIONAL

"A woman said to a friend of another whom she had met, 'She's so interesting to talk to; do you know she's had everything from ingrowing toe-nails to appendicitis.'"

## The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"KIND DEEDS WILL NEVER DIE"

- July 9—Matt. 25: 31-46.
- " 10—James 2: 14-26.
- " 11—1 Peter 4: 7-11.
- " 12—1 John 2: 7-11.
- " 13—1 John 4: 15-21.
- " 14—Mark 14: 1-16.
- " 15—Psalm 41; Mark 14: 17-26.

**M**ARY'S token of love for Jesus, consisting of the choicest of ointments in the costliest of receptacles, her very best, proved infinitely better than she thought, for our Lord said, "Let her alone; it was that she might keep it unto the day of my burying." So that this lovely offering was not all used at the time it was given, for it was to be of service in anointing the dead body of her dear Lord. And even after that, it would still be of use, for Jesus predicted that it would be held in affectionate remembrance by his disciples till time shall end. Let what we have been used for self, and there it ends. Let it be used in the service of Christ, and its fragrance is everlasting. Kind deeds, done in Christ's name and for his glory, will never die.

### The Power of Beer

So long as we have a parliament that feeds on beer, and at the country's expense will call upon its friends to sup with them, there is not much hope for a dry era. Recently 338 delegates to a Trades Union Conference in Sydney, surely not all beer drinkers, were provided with facilities for obtaining 1080 gallons of beer and 2704 packets of cigarettes. Conference was to continue for five days. If the policy of our country is determined by such a conference, and there is some reason to believe it is, we are entitled to say it will come from beer-fuddled brains. We are now advised that the government has decreed that the Royal Navy shall have assigned to it no less than three million gallons of beer this year—and not all our sailors are drinkers.



# Here and There

B. W. Manning, who took up ministry at Fullarton, S.A., recently, is also assisting once a month at Mt. Compass. The reported revival of interest at Fullarton is encouraging.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee and K. A. Macnaughtan are glad to announce that W. W. Saunders, preacher of Dawson-st. church, Ballarat, will shortly join Mr. Macnaughtan as co-worker and leader of song in his special work.

A reader, in a very interesting letter, supplies the Christian name of one of the "Worthies of the British Church" (see "A.C." June 20), Mr. Ludbrook could not recall. Godfrey Kemp is the full name. He was an uncle of the late F. A. and B. J. Kemp who were so active among churches in Victoria.

Sunday, July 9, is annual examination in our Sunday schools in all the States. There have been 1800 entries in Victoria. The Federal secretary, W. R. Hibbert, advises that 5576 papers have been despatched to the various State departments to meet the requirements of scholars' and teachers' divisions.

At Cheltenham, Vic. on June 24, V. C. Stafford exchanged with F. E. Buckingham in interests of overseas missions. Mr. Buckingham gave a stirring message. At night V. C. Stafford preached. At a combined missionary rally on June 27, 40 were present to hear Ron Saunders lecture on mission work in New Hebrides. Overseas offering to date, £43. At Mission Band birthday rally on June 14, 60 ladies were present, and Mrs. A. W. Cleland gave a helpful address.

The 21st birthday of Mission Band at Balwyn, Vic., on June 6 had good attendance, Church of England and Deepdene Congregational Church being especially well represented. Delegations were present from most churches in eastern suburban group. Mrs. Milton, of Box Hill, was soloist, and Mrs. Hope with elocutionary items helped towards success of afternoon. Ron Saunders, of the college, interested with his exhibits and address. Afternoon tea gave all an opportunity for happy fellowship.

In two years and two months of concert work, the Malvern Concert Orchestra and the Malvern Church of Christ Girls' Choir (Victoria) (now known as the Metropolitan Churches of Christ Girls' Choir) have raised the grand total of £504 clear profit from their activities. So far this year they have raised £118. The choir is rapidly increasing in membership since Swanston-st. church have allowed the choir the use of their chapel for rehearsals. The orchestra is carrying on under difficulty, having no "home" for rehearsal.

At 11 a.m. on June 24, World Student Christian Movement was featured at Surrey Hills, Vic. A S.C.M. student presided. Speaker was Aubrey Quick, B.A., of Queen's College, Melbourne University, president of Melbourne University Group of Australian Student Christian Movement, whose unusual and informative sermon was well received. At 7 p.m. Dr. A. J. Saunders conducted gospel service impressively. Norman Astbury, president of Surrey Hills Men's United Christian Fellowship, addressed senior Bible class at 3 p.m. Overseas offering progressive total, £24.

On June 13, at Coburg, Vic., welcome was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd in form of a social gathering. Representative speakers who conveyed greetings and good wishes included A. Cleland on behalf of brotherhood; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crago on behalf of local preachers' fraternal, and Messrs. Graham, Wihers, Prentice and White, representing Moreland, West Preston, Brunswick and North Essendon churches respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd responded. A happy and congenial tone marked the gathering. Mrs. Plunkett has suffered a stroke, and is in Vauluse private hospital.

Well-attended services have been held at Parkdale, Vic., during recent weeks. Messrs. Mackenzie, Allison and Stephenson being preachers. Ladies' "Snowball" afternoon was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Allamby on June 27, and about 30 were present. F.M. offering has exceeded £23. J. Wiltshire, of Western Australia, has accepted invitation to serve as full-time preacher. Mr. Wiltshire will take up duties towards end of year.

The second term of the Victorian School of Religious Education commences on Monday, July 9, at 7.45 p.m. in the Sunday School Union Rooms, 100 Flinders-st. Registrations will be received up to the time of the opening class. Mr. G. R. Giles, B.Sc., B.Ed., will lecture on "Methods of Teaching," and Mr. E. D. Gill, B.A., B.D., on "The Sunday School and Bible Class at Work." Our Victorian Young People's Department is affiliated with the school, and urges teachers to attend as the school is the department's recognised training class to increase teaching efficiency and school standards.

On King's Birthday holiday members of Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held a mystery hike which took them from Fern Tree Gully through Tremont and Sherbrook and then back to Fern Tree Gully. About 160 young people went and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Also on Saturday night, June 23, a "squash" was held in the East Kew chapel, where approximately 150 young people met. A very enjoyable evening was spent; the Mildmay orchestra helped. G. Holmes played the piano-accordion, Miss Frances Cowper was soloist, and W. Pike closed the evening with a challenging message to youth to study the Bible more. Mr. Elliott led and introduced many interesting quizzes. Supper was served.

R. Saunders spoke on night of June 17 at Northcote, Vic., when a young man confessed Christ. On June 24 Dr. Killmier addressed church in support of overseas missions. At night John McKenzie, from college, rendered two delightful solos. Ladies' Mission Band had a successful anniversary on June 6, Mrs. R. Clarke being speaker. K.S.P. celebrated anniversary with a splendid social on June 27. Representatives from other Pi fraternal clubs were present. An excellent concert organised by P.B.P. club was held on June 30, proceeds totalling £12 in aid of Dhond Hospital and Monbulk camp site. Dr. Hinrichsen addressed church on morning of July 1 and W. T. Atkin spoke at night. The young man who previously confessed Christ was baptised. F.M. offering was £40/9/3. 163 broke bread for the day; 102 were present in evening.

At Ormond, Vic., June 24 was 20th anniversary of church. In morning E. L. Williams gave a stirring address. At night W. W. McDowell's sermon was enjoyed. Youth choir sang well under baton of K. Austin. There were good attendances. Mr. McDowell gives good addresses at prayer meetings. At annual business meeting on June 27, the following were elected: Elders, Messrs. Ritchie, McDowell, Bradley; deacons, Messrs. Blackwell, Knee, Lacey, Austin, O'Brien, Jowett, Flanders; deaconesses, Sisters Austin, Barrett, Evans, Yewdall, Cranley, Watson, Whittaker; treasurer, A. Gairns; secretary, F. W. Bradley; organists, Sister Ennor, N. Bradley; pianists, Sister Austin, Mr. Whittaker; auditor, B. Alabaster. Work is in good heart. On morning of July 1 an officers' induction service was held. Mr. Cleland (conference president) was speaker. At night W. W. McDowell preached.

Meetings maintain high average at Essendon, Vic., and splendid messages are given by W. E. Jackel. On morning of June 24, a large congregation had as president P. Bryar, from Sunshine. Mr. Jackel welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Bruton into membership by transfer from Prahran, and Jan Watson, recently baptised. A time of fellowship and joy was experienced

amongst children of local schools at meetings conducted after school hours by Messrs. White and Warne, of Children's Special Service Mission. Splendid services were held, and a parents' night was a highlight. Mr. White was speaker at gospel meetings on June 17 and 24, and Mr. Warne at a tea held by young folk on June 24. Sisters Dockery and Masters have been ill. Word has been received that Geo. Dalton was wounded in action, but is recovering. On June 13 a group missionary meeting was held at which Ron W. Saunders spoke.

At Maylands, S.A., on June 17, K. A. Jones was speaker. At night two young ladies confessed Christ. State C.E. Convention was held from June 15 to 18, when K. A. Jones took over position of State president. Mrs. Michell, evacuated missionary from China, gave a fine missionary talk at midweek service on June 20. A. R. Jones, of Henley Beach, was speaker at Men's Brotherhood on June 22. Church C.E. annual meeting was held on June 23. A fine crowd enjoyed address of H. Earle, of Kaniva, Vic. Musical items were rendered by Endeavorers, and reports showed much good work accomplished. A social time closed a happy evening. Services were continued on June 24 with graduation service at 10 a.m., when minister of Flinders-st. Baptist Church, Samuel Millar, spoke to young people, and gave a fine message to church. K. A. Jones was speaker at night. A young people's choir rendered singing. Mr. Anderson spoke at midweek service on June 27, which completed a month of preparation for F.M. offering.

## EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE annual Eastern District Conference of churches of Christ, Victoria, was held at Ringwood, June 16, 17, 18, under presidency of A. H. Pratt, preacher at Ringwood. Meetings were well attended, delegates and members being present from all churches affiliated with conference save Emerald, where distance accentuated transport problem.

Principal Northey, of Congregational Union, preached powerfully on "Security" at afternoon session, and at evening meeting J. E. Allan, preacher of Hawthorn church, in his theme, "Has the Church a Message for Today?" showed that similar world conditions as existed in first Christian century demanded a similar Christian message.

The conference sermon on Sunday at 3 p.m. was given by J. E. Owen, M.A., B.D., of Presbyterian Church, Gardiner, on "Crossroads," to a congregation of nearly 150.

The Women's Conference was held on Monday afternoon, when Mrs. Nankivell gave a stimulating address on "The Christian Women's Task in the Call of Peace." The session concluded with a basket tea.

The final conference meeting was a united youth rally at 7.30 p.m., Monday, addressed by Mr. Neighbour, of Oakleigh church, on "The Daring Leader of Men."

Musical items throughout conference were given by Miss D. Clark and Hilton Williams, and Miss Baird contributed elocutionary items.

Reports from churches indicated advances had been maintained. The report by Miss Rowan, secretary of Youth Committee, revealed splendid work among young people.

Election of Officers.—General Conference: President, R. Graham, Boronia; vice-president, F. Rogers, Montrose; secretary, R. J. Sandells, Box Hill; treasurer, F. Rogers, Montrose. Women's Conference: President, Mrs. E. Gill, Blackburn; vice-presidents, Mrs. Jordan, Boronia, Mrs. Henwood, Blackburn; secretary, Mrs. McDowell, Blackburn; treasurer, Miss B. Lowan, Blackburn; superintendent church work, Mrs. Wilkie, Mitcham.

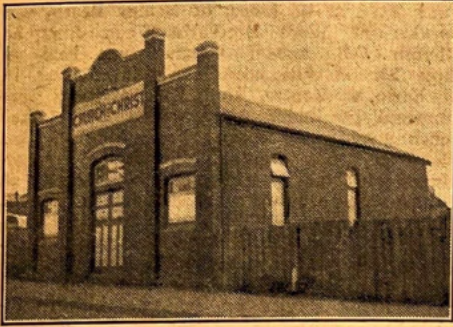


# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Mole Creek.**—Meetings are maintained under difficulties. Church was encouraged by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who visited practically every home in township. Clem Burt has removed from Devonport to reside here. His presence and help at morning meetings are appreciated.

**Devonport.**—Attendances at prayer meeting, Ladies' Guild and Youth Fellowship have shown improvement in recent weeks. Ladies held a gift afternoon, and are making material, pur-



The Chapel at Devonport.

chased with proceeds, into garments for Norseman. Twenty-first anniversary was celebrated on June 24. H. Street and H. Crowden, former preachers of church, delivered addresses. Past and present members enjoyed a home-coming tea, and after-church fellowship. Mrs. J. Webb, Miss Philma Howard and Mrs. H. Byard assisted with musical items. Youth Fellowship presented light shades as a birthday gift to church.

**West Hobart.**—Attendance on morning of June 24 was good. A fine message was given by R. V. Amos. The church secretary, B. J. Golder, is in hospital following an accident. First issue of monthly church paper, the "Chronicle," was distributed. Bible school is growing; attendance, 75; five new scholars. To an attendance at gospel service of about 50, Mr. Amos gave an excellent message. Two Bible school scholars, Elsie Harding and Ross Davis, made the good confession. Boys' Club, under leadership of Mr. Amos, is growing in interest and numbers.

## South Australia

**Goolwa.**—Meetings show splendid average attendance. Many members travel ten miles each way to be present, and are rarely absent. School is doing constructive work. Another senior scholar made the good confession on June 24, making third from this family during past quarter.

**Forestville.**—Bible school anniversary services were celebrated during June. Visiting speakers were P. R. Baker, J. E. Brooke, C. Butler, H. Dunkerton and R. H. Lampshire. The school superintendent, G. Clarke, conducted singing throughout. Members regret losing fellowship with Headley Barnes, a Bible school teacher, who has returned to England to live.

**Brooklyn Park.**—Recently, Ladies' Guild reopened. Though church is without a regular preacher work remains interesting and attendances have been maintained. Visiting speakers assist, also a few from the membership. During public schools vacation, superintendent

of Bible school escorted about 30 young people on a hike. On June 24, decision day was held in Bible school, and one lad made his decision. At gospel service two lads from school took their stand. Satisfactory negotiations are being made with Home Mission Committee regarding church and preacher.

**Edwardstown West.**—Nightly meetings of mission were discontinued on June 14, but Mr. Fitzgerald has continued with messages on Thursdays and Sundays, and to date three have confessed Christ. A. Glastonbury gave good service as song-leader during first two weeks, and A. H. Lovell has carried on since.

**Queenstown.**—Services during month were addressed by Mr. Brooker and J. Hall. At gospel service on June 10, Mr. Brooker made reference to departure from this life of Mrs. Stephenson. J.C.E. is having an increase campaign in competition with Alberton Methodist society, highest attendance here being 43. A. Harris, after having an operation, has returned home and is improving. Mrs. J. Broadbent is in hospital having undergone an operation. Ron Watkins, R.A.A.F., has been transferred to this State. A number of letters and greetings have been received recently by Mr. Brooker, from boys on active service.

**Unley.**—On June 25 F. Lade, of Methodist church, addressed morning meeting, and Sen. Chaplain H. R. Taylor the night service. Robt. Burns was welcomed back after illness, also Peter Rosser and Alan Burdett on leave from Services. W. B. Wharton has relinquished his position as State intermediate C.E. superintendent after two years of splendid service. Mrs. A. G. Lawrence has been appointed president of Ladies' Mission Band for six months from July 1, when Mrs. McCallum will retire from the position. C.E. Convention proved one of the best in recent years. Intermediates of Unley church secured second place in efficiency competition. H. H. Strutton, who has been worshipping with church for some months, has returned to India.

**Fullarton.**—Two valuable members have been removed by death—Miss Mills, a foundation member; and more recently Mrs. Gitsham, who will be greatly missed. Meetings have grown. Special service with male choir first Sunday night of each month finds chapel packed. Finances have doubled, with weekly offering of nearly £7. In three months debt on manse has been reduced by £400 by cash donations and loans free of interest. Sister Drew has been received by letter from Dulwich. B. W. Manning pays monthly visits to Mt. Compass for visitation and preaching. The church is giving a great witness in that growing district of 1000 people. Last visit a combined service was held with over 100 present. A. B. Erskine, S. E. Riches and J. G. Bridgeman have greatly helped Fullarton by addressing church during preacher's absence. Unfortunately Mr. Manning is not able to occupy manse yet, but visitation is yielding good results.

**Nailsworth.**—The 33rd anniversary of church proved a helpful and encouraging time. Special services were held, at which C. Schwab and A. Anderson were speakers. Choir provided special anthems and solos. Public meeting was held on following Wednesday. S. Butler was chairman and D. Hammer speaker. Mr. Manning gave special addresses on Sunday mornings in preparation for overseas offering. At gospel service on June 17, L. C. Carr (West Croydon Baptist Church) visited here and Mr. Manning took their service. C.E. had a visit from Miss K. Taylor, of W.A. All enjoyed meeting her. Harold Steward gave a helpful message. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Rex Sander, Bruce Bristow, Howard Trenowth, Don Semmons, of the Forces. Bible school keeps up to 100 scholars each Sunday, and a number of scholars are entering examination. Mrs. Crouch and Mrs. Pitt are recovering after

illness. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Scache and Miss Ruth Scache, from Orange, N.S.W., also with Mrs. K. Moore, of Melbourne.

**Henley Beach.**—On June 13, Ladies' Guild terminated another year. Mrs. Strudwick, secretary, said £119/6/5 had been raised, and distributed amongst various organisations. 126 articles had been made and distributed, 52 being sent to Mareeba Babies' Hospital. Mrs. A. L. Read gave talk on work in India. On morning of June 17 Mr. Bowey gave an address on behalf of S.A. Alliance. In evening A. R. Jones preached powerfully. Misses Marjorie Sleader and Audrey Jones were baptised. On June 24 there were good attendances. A. R. Jones gave helpful messages. The two young ladies were received into fellowship. Mid-week meeting for prayer and Bible study is helpful.

## Western Australia

**Kalgoorlie.**—The church has maintained spiritual glow, all meetings being well attended. Average communicants over last five weeks was 80; average at gospel service also 80. On June 17 F. Stephenson spoke in morning, and Mr. Larsen conducted gospel service in absence of preacher, H. R. Fitch, who was at Norseman mission. Bible school continues to grow, over 200 gathering each Lord's day, while Endeavor societies continue to attract young people. Ross Smith has been home on leave, and assisted with solos.

**Palmyra.**—Splendid Bible school anniversary services have been held. Children did well and received prizes. R. Read (superintendent); E. Whelan (conductor); Mrs. P. Short (superintendent kindergarten); Mrs. Watchorn, piano. W. H. Nightingale spoke at all services on Sunday and C. F. W. Smith, chairman Y.P. Department, at demonstration. School held an amateur trial, games and social evening a fortnight later. All miss E. A. Rowe, who has taken up farming at Latham. Three lads from Explorer Bible Class and Club confessed Christ on June 3.

**Perth.**—Good Companions and Explorer Clubs have gained several new members as result of "Happy Hours" held recently. Bible school had eight new scholars and one new teacher. On morning of June 24, service was broadcast. Visitors included G. A. Collett (Maylands, S.A.). Church welcomed home Walter Brown and Harry Smith, after absence in Services. A talk by J. K. Robinson was uplifting. Following the message, Cyril Cook gave an organ recital. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Robinson rendered a solo. Mr. Robinson was preacher. On June 29 the young people had a social evening. Lantern pictures were shown of last Christmas camp.

## New South Wales

**Canterbury-Earlwood.**—Another of the young people has surrendered her life to the Lord. It is hoped to have some very necessary extensions and alterations to chapel in near future. Plans are in hand to wipe off debt on present building.

**Grafton.**—On morning of June 24, a total of 47 (including Y.W.), was present. Record attendance same afternoon at South Grafton, with Miss Ivy Fernance in charge. During P. J. Pond's absence in Sydney recently, Mr. Winwood Smith, announcer of 2GF, delivered the message. Hinrichsen-Morris mission, postponed from May, is expected in August.

**North Auburn.**—Prayer meetings have been stimulated by discussions on the second coming of our Lord, and attendances are encouraging. On June 17 Mr. Kallmier, from South Auburn, addressed morning meeting. Fellowship has been had with Mrs. Porter after several weeks illness. Mrs. Robt. Hickin, of South Auburn, has given valued assistance at organ.



**Kingsford.**—On May 27 inspiring and helpful addresses were given by Mr. Reid. On morning of May 30, Mr. McCauley passed away. The church expresses sympathy to relatives and friends. Other services in past month were held successfully.

**Wollongong.**—A. W. C. Candy, of East Kew, Vic., expects to commence his ministry here on Aug. 5. In meantime members are indebted to A. R. Main, R. D. Main, I. Samuel, Mr. Pearce, K. Thompson and H. Thompson, who have taken Sunday services. Fourth annual church meeting, held on June 6, was very successful. W. Shipp, secretary, was appointed an elder. All reports showed great work accomplished in past year. Several members are sick, but most are improving.

**Marrickville.**—Mr. Thomas has returned from holiday to commence his sixth year of ministry here. The love and esteem of the church were expressed by presentation of a cheque for £82 towards purchase of a car. Mrs. Thomas received a handbag from the sisters in appreciation of her untiring service. On June 23 the chapel was crowded for marriage of Rose Knight, A.W.A.S., to Sgt. Neil Monson, of Victoria. Mr. Hilder addressed the church on June 24. Many Servicemen were among the large congregation.

**Georgetown.**—Nord's Wharf Easter camp reunion was held in chapel on June 16 with good programme under direction of R. Greenhalgh. Several visitors were present on June 17. One was received into fellowship, and a young man made the good confession, S. Vanham preaching. Good meetings were held on June 24. A lady was given the right hand of fellowship in morning. Kindergarten reported record attendance of 94 scholars and 14 teachers. A successful youth social was held at East Lambton on June 23. Block of land for future building is being secured in this suburb.

**Lane Cove.**—Meetings have been on the upgrade, and recently Mr. and Mrs. F. Button were received into fellowship from Mosman and Manly respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, who have been worshipping at North Sydney, are now in fellowship here, and Lorene and Bruce Ferguson are receiving letters of transfer from Chatswood. Mr. Ferguson now has charge of Explorer Club, and is doing a good work. Attendance of young people at all services, and their assistance in youth choir, are very helpful features of church life and work. Mrs. Leggett has commenced a meeting for mothers which is well attended and enjoyed.

**Broken Hill.**—The churches look forward to the mission with G. T. Fitzgerald and H. E. Paddick (song-leader), commencing July 22. Officers and elder boys of church distribute literature each week-end. The sisters had fellowship recently with Mrs. C. Verco, of Adelaide, president S.A. sisters' auxiliary. She attended morning service at Railwaytown on June 10, and in evening at Wolfram-st. On 11th she met ladies of churches at Wolfram-st., and gave a delightful talk. Ladies of church had a special meeting in co-operation with sunshine afternoon on June 14. H. E. Paddick presided. 14 ladies were present. H. E. Paddick addressed the ladies on the work they could accomplish for the mission. This was followed by a season of prayer for mission. Afternoon tea was served.

**Bexley North.**—Speakers for June included Messrs. Corlett (Belmore), J. Grant (Beverley Hills) and J. Henderson. Colored slides on life of Christ have been used to illustrate "On the Highways with Christ" at prayer services on Wednesdays. Interest is maintained at gospel services, soloists being from Rockdale church. G. Brown, Maylands, S.A., was amongst recent visitors. "The Toyer House" of Bible school entertained other houses at a social on June 23. Mr. McAllister, superintendent, made a presentation on behalf of school to W. Bagley. On June 23 J. Henderson conducted both services, which were well attended. After morning service a presentation of books was made

to Mr. and Mrs. Bagley, prior to their leaving the State. Latest word of Sid Creek is that he has been transferred to a prisoner of war camp in Japan.

## Queensland

**Boonah.**—There have been three further decisions. Mrs. Bagley, of Bexley North, N.S.W., has had fellowship with church. On June 24 Alf. Jenner took gospel service at Boonah, while E. T. Hart had service at Mt. Alford. Dulcie May and Wilf. Willey were married on June 16, E. Hart officiating. C.E. Society held a successful concert in chapel.

**Ipswich.**—Sunday school picnic held on King's Birthday was a great success, a large number of parents and friends being present. Youth work keeps up well. Youth Fellowship gatherings are helpful. Meetings both morning and night are well attended. A series of addresses given by L. Larsen on the Christian church from A.D. 33 to the present has been well received. K. Hack is making a fine song-leader. Young men of church are working well.

## Victoria

**Geelong.**—On June 24, at night, two made the good confession. Prayer meetings are increasing spiritually and numerically. 25 Sunday school scholars who entered for examination have been studying under Mr. Stirling.

**Ascot Vale.**—There is much sickness amongst members. Mr. Young, who has been very ill, is improving, also Mrs. Moncur. The church welcomed Mr. Gardiner, home on leave. On June 16 Miss Ivy McCallum and Murray Percey were married in the chapel.

**Mitcham.**—At close of Mr. Pratt's address on May 27, one young man made the good confession; he was baptised on June 10. Sunday school is increasing in numbers, but is badly in need of teachers. Church members spent an enjoyable time at Eastern District Conference.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—Meetings on June 10 were well attended. Mr. Pfeifer gave a fine address in morning. Mr. Graham preached at night, and Betty Crowe was baptised. Mr. Graham gave delightful addresses to good congregations on June 17 and 24. Sunday school interest is maintained; average 85.

**Bayswater.**—Services in recent weeks have maintained good average attendance and encouraging spirit. Prayer meeting prior to evening service has been commenced and proves helpful. At annual business meeting on June 12, reports indicated a happy position of church and auxiliaries. Plans were made for improvements to building and in services. District conference on King's Birthday week-end gave encouragement to the brethren. Youth Club enjoyed a combined social at Boronia on June 19.

**Camberwell.**—Communion service on June 24 was well attended. Miss Taylor, from Unley, S.A., was welcomed into fellowship. 110 communed. W. Nankivell's address in evening was helpful. Under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Huntsman and E. Lewis, 20 young people attended a camp during King's Birthday week-end, and assisted in conducting services at two churches in hills. 33 men of church are used in plan of morning services. Each acts in some capacity at least three times during every quarter.

**North Richmond.**—As they commence their work here, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Clipstone have been busy in visitation. Attendances in recent weeks have increased, and excellent messages from Mr. Clipstone have been enjoyed. Work of church and auxiliaries is in a very healthy condition. W. Harding is very ill, and Mrs. F. Hancock has been ill. On June 23, the quarterly social of Richmond-Collingwood district conference was held in North Richmond hall, and a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed by young people of churches.

**South Richmond.**—On June 24 both services were well attended. Mr. Gavros's addresses were appreciated. Ladies' Sunshine Circle held sixth anniversary on June 26, when chapel was filled. Mr. Bond, P.M., was speaker.

**Hampton.**—On morning of July 1, G. Stirling, who had just arrived from N.Z., addressed church. A youth tea was held, and at night C. L. Lang's gospel address was illustrated with lantern slides. F.M. offering was £37/1/3.

**Preston.**—A. Withers, West Preston, spoke on morning of June 24 in interests of overseas missions. Young people took part in evening service, which was attended by a good congregation. Specially selected hymns were sung by a choir of young people, who also selected congregational hymns. Miss Betty Salisbury rendered an appreciated solo. B. J. Combridge preached. Mrs. Reddum suffered bereavement through death of her father; sympathy is extended to her and relatives.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—All services for last few weeks have been conducted by C. B. Nance-Kivell, except on June 24, when morning meeting was addressed by C. G. Taylor, of Lygon-st., exchanging with Mr. Nance-Kivell. Fourth monthly fellowship meeting was held on June 20, when an excellent programme of recorded sacred and secular music, with commentary, was arranged and presented by H. S. T. Brown, choirmaster. On June 24, in evening, choir provided a choral service.

**South Yarra.**—On June 17 L. Finger, of St. Kilda, presided, and E. Roffey spoke. Jim McKenzie was home on leave from New Guinea. J. Brown addressed church on June 24 and R. McLean on July 1, E. Roffey preaching at night. Mr. Taylor, of Devonport, Tas., was received into church. An Intermediate C.E. Society is to be formed, grown out of J.C.E. Society. R. McLean is doing a fine work amongst lads, conducts Bible class, and supervises district visiting with members of Endeavor society.

**Sunshine.**—Ministry with Mr. Bennett continues. The church has renewed fellowship with Roy Bartlett, back after a long absence due to work in country. During absence of Mr. Bennett the church enjoyed messages by Mr. Stockman, of Ascot Vale, on June 17. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary. On June 24 Ron Saunders gave an interesting talk to Bible school, and vividly described work in New Hebrides. Visitation of homes in district was planned for June 30 by Bible school teachers and staff, in an effort to gain new scholars for the school.

**Frankston.**—After returning from holiday in N.S.W., Mr. and Mrs. Hagger commenced second year of ministry with church. Mr. Hagger has a group of 300 senior high school scholars and a class at State school for religious instruction each week. Women's Mission Band had good meeting. Mrs. Webber, from N.S.W., was a visitor. On June 24 W. Appleton, home on leave, was welcomed. At night Mr. Shepherd was visiting preacher in interests of B. & F. Bible Society. A combined after-church meeting was held at Presbyterian Hall to meet general secretary, S. R. Baker. Mr. Hagger has preached at all other services.

**Gardenvale.**—Speakers assisting Mr. Anderson during past weeks and whose messages have been appreciated were Messrs. Arnott, Wallington, Sumpton, Kenely and T. Smith. On June 6 the annual business meeting and election of officers of Women's Mission Band was held. Mr. Tippet, who is on leave from North Australia, gave an interesting talk on Australian aborigines. On June 11 the boys' Explorer Club paid a visit to Bambra-rd. club. Miss Gorler and Miss J. Laird have been appointed Gardenvale's delegates to South Suburban District Youth Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson have presented some beautiful light shades to church.



**East Preston.**—On July 1 meetings were encouraging. In morning K. Clinton exhorted and Mr. and Mrs. Hemming were received by letter from Shepparton. C. Fletcher has commenced an Intermediate C.E. on Sunday mornings.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—There were good congregations on July 1. C. G. Taylor spoke morning and evening. A. A. Hughes was guest speaker at Bible Class. Overseas offering has passed £60. Laurie McClean, R.A.A.F., was welcomed home from overseas. E. McClean and B. Jackson are indisposed.

**Bentleigh.**—Meetings over recent weeks have been encouraging. R. J. Anderson and A. Wallington have been speakers. At conclusion of gospel service on June 17, Mr. and Mrs. Baensch took their stand for Christ and were baptised straightway, R. J. Anderson officiating. A. Wallington sang two solos beautifully. The rest of church work is giving encouragement. A. Gouldson is out of hospital and enjoying fellowship of church. Mr. Carne is very ill, but has improved since he came home from hospital. T. Smith was speaker at morning service on June 17.

**Dunolly.**—Meetings of Ladies' Guild have been held in homes of Mrs. Beasy and Mrs. Chenells. Tea and social evening given by teachers to S.S. scholars was enjoyable. Church appreciated message of Jack Sewell, on vacation from college; also a talk to young people by Mr. Berthelsen, from W.A. On June 3 speaker was C. J. McKenzie, from college. J. Hindman addressed meeting on June 10. Miss N. Treble and H. Flett have been added to teaching staff. Mrs. Birkett has received a message that her son, Sgt. G. Birkett, A.I.F., has arrived safely in England after being a P.O.W. for many years.

#### ADDRESSES

D. G. Hammer (aborigines missionary).—Carnarvon, W.A.  
W. B. Manning (preacher Fullarton church, S.A.).—C/o Church of Christ, Fullarton.

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#### DEATHS

**BURLING.**—On June 24, 1945, at "Highbury" private hospital, Burwood, N.S.W., Thomas James, devoted husband of Violet M. Burling, of "Strathmore," Cambridge-rd., Canley Vale, and dear father of Hazel (Mrs. Colin Hinrichsen), Norman, and Sgt. Russell, A.I.F., aged 62 years.

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

**TULLOCK (nee Smedley).**—On June 22, at her home, Glen Iris, Emma, dearly loved sister of George, Annie (Mrs. Morrison), Sam (deceased), Frank, Herbert (deceased), Gertrude (Mrs. Kittson), Collis, Laura (Mrs. Glendon); sadly missed.

"We have you in our memories, God has you in his care."

#### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

**MURDOCH.**—Sisters and brothers of the late Miss Isabella Murdoch desire to express their sincere thanks to all relations and friends for floral tributes, telegrams, letters and cards, and personal expressions of sympathy, in their recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of sincere gratitude?—63 Victoria-st., Flemington.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**DAVIES.**—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Evan J. W. Davies, who was called home July 13, 1938.

Memories are treasures no one can steal;  
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## PREACHERS AND CHURCHES

THE letters written by F. Cowper and C. W. Jackel should not pass unheeded. Take down your map of Victoria and have a look at those churches that are without preachers. Cannot some grouping be done to give temporary relief? The churches at St. Arnaud, Boort and Pyramid Hill have been mentioned. Why not include Wedderburn and make a circuit out of them, put in an able man, and give him a decent motor car? I know a lot of people will read that and say it cannot be done. Of course not, while we sit on a chair and think of the difficulties and imagine a few more. It is only a suggestion. There may be better methods, but it is time we did something to save our country causes. Sending a man around to hold missions now and then, or taking conference greetings to them, is not touching the problem. I haven't any doubt that the country conscience of the brotherhood is well-nigh dead. I have had 15 years in the country, and am not yet angling for a city church. Why talk of sacrifice when a preacher goes to the country? Rather, I call it privilege.—I. J. Chivell.

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God!"—Isa. 40: 9.

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Saviour."—Isa. 43: 3.

"I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth  
thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way  
that thou shouldst go."—Isa. 48: 17.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the  
feet of him—that saith unto Zion, Thy God  
reigneth!"—Isa. 52: 7.

"The Lord shall be unto thee an everlast-  
ing light, and thy God thy glory."—Isa. 60: 19.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all  
thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all  
thy mind. This is the first and great com-  
mandment."—Matt. 22: 37.

"It shall come to pass, that in the place  
where it was said unto them, Ye are not my  
people; there shall they be called the chil-  
dren of the living God."—Rom. 9: 26.

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# What is a Blind Man's Fog?

★ Read what Mr. Derrick Cuthbert says about it

I WAS surprised to discover the other day that there is such a thing as "blind man's fog." This is the name blind people give to the wind. Many blind people find their way about by listening to the echoes of their own footsteps. The way in which the echo comes back to them tells them when they are passing a motor-car parked by the kerb, the entrance to an alley, or even a lamp-post. But on a windy day these echoes do not return to them properly, and they say that it is just as confusing for them as a fog would be for those of us who are able to see. The fog which is such a nuisance to us makes very little difference to a blind person; so long as the air is still he can hear the echoes which tell him where he is. It is the wind which baffles him because it carries away the sounds on which he depends.

This finding our way by listening for the echoes of sounds we have sent out, echoes from things we cannot see, is rather like the modern method of mapping the bottom of the ocean. In this case not sounds, but electrical impulses, are sent out from the ship, and these impulses "bounce" back from the floor of the sea. The time taken for their return tells how far away the sea floor is, or in other words, how deep the water is. In this way unseen reefs and shoals are quickly discovered and noted on the map, for the future guidance of seafarers.

The worst thing a sailor dreads, however, is fog, which may cause him to run ashore, to collide with another vessel or to run into an iceberg as did the ill-fated "Titanic." But once again this principle of sending out an electrical impulse and noting its reflection may prove the answer to the problem. This principle, in a new form, is already enabling airmen to see through clouds two miles thick and pick out details on the ground below. The "magic eye" or "radar," about which a few details have lately been disclosed, sends out impulses from the aeroplane to the ground and these are reflected back on to a screen which shows the outline of the country or the

buildings over which the aeroplane is passing. When all ships can be fitted with an instrument of this kind the worst dangers of fog will have been removed. They will be able to keep on their way, seeing what is unseen.

Is there not an even more important way in which this principle ought to be used, this principle of sending something out into the unseen and being guided by the answer that comes back to us? Yes, I mean our prayers. We

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send out our prayers into the unseen and the answers that come back to us give the guidance we need, every one of us, if we are to keep on the right way through life. These answers are not just the weak echoes of our own voices. Our words do not come back to us with the depressing, hollow ring of a greeting shouted into an empty house. We know that there is Someone there. Someone unseen, but real, and the answers are his answers. He shows us ourselves as we really are—as only he can see us; he tells us what we have done wrong and what are the right things we must do; and he assures us that he himself will be with us in all the difficulties this may mean, every step of the way.—"The Expository Times."

# Consider the

## RAVEN

THE first bird mentioned by name in the Bible is the raven. It appears, as you will remember, in the story of the Flood, and many guesses have been made, as to why Noah selected this bird to bring him the news he wanted. Some see in the words "to and fro," which form part of the narrative and describe the raven's flight, a picture of the bird going from and returning to the Ark, again and again, and perching on it, but never going inside as it would do if it were hungry. Noah therefore concluded that it had found food floating about on the water, but there was as yet no dry land on which the bird could rest.

The other notable reference to the raven in the Bible is connected with Elijah. According to the scripture, God commanded these birds which, to the Israelites, were unclean and not fit to eat, to bring food night and morning to the prophet, which they did. At the brook Cherith, to which God had sent

Elijah, there were in the ravines great flocks of ravens, and among the rocks much food for birds. But note this wonderful feature in the Bible story. At the command of God these greedy birds, renowned for the way they feed their never-satisfied, clamorous chicks, took berries and fruit to the prophet.

"Consider the ravens," said Jesus, "for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn" (that is, they are not like ants, bees and squirrels that store food for the winter); "and God feedeth them"; "how much more are ye better than the fowls."

The raven belongs to what is called the crow family, which includes also the rook and the jackdaw, that "dear little negro with the pale blue eye."

For other things in the Bible about the raven read Job 38: 41; Psalm 147: 9; Prov. 30: 17; Song of Songs 5: 11 and Isaiah 34: 11.—"The Bible in the World."

## Earl Lloyd George

WHEN David Lloyd George was made an Earl and when, so soon afterwards, his death was announced, numerous press references gave reminders of what the great little Welshman contributed to the Empire's cause. We know of his brilliant oratory, his dramatic leadership, his effective war service. We are concerned here only with the influence of his religion.

Lloyd George was reared by his mother's brother, Richard Lloyd, co-bieler and preacher. They lived just outside the little Welsh village of Cricioeth. Lloyd was co-elder of what was then called a Campbellite Baptist Church, later a church of Christ. David Lloyd George and his younger brother, William, early joined this church, and William became its co-pastor. David remained a member of the congregation to the last, and worshipped regularly at Cricioeth church when in his homeland. Both his children are members of the same

congregation. It was of this little church that he said: "I owe nothing to the University. I owe nothing to secondary schools. Whatever I owe, it is to the little Bethel." When he was Prime Minister he said: "A very large part of the economic and political measures I am urging on the English people I obtained from reading the writings of Alexander Campbell."

When in London, Lloyd George attended Castled Street Welsh Baptist Church primarily because Welsh was the language of its services. Claims about a man's church affiliation are not a fitting subject for controversy. However notable the man, he is honored—not the church—by his membership in it.—From "N.Z. Christian."

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## Thomas Jackson

A YOUNG man named Thomas Jackson arrived in New Zealand in 1844 and sought to settle successfully at Nelson. Although far from his home-people in Scotland, he held fast to his religious beliefs. He had learned that the New Testament contained simple truths that the churches of his day neglected. In Great Britain he had been in membership with churches of Christ that sought to follow the example of the New Testament church. The aims of those churches had been expressed by an American leader, Alexander Campbell. With the aid of literature by Campbell and others, Thomas Jackson sought to win his fellow N.Z. colonists to the truths of the Bible. In 1844 he gathered with a little group of Christians, whom he had convinced, each Lord's day to observe the Lord's Supper. After a period he went to Auckland and then returned to Nelson. During 1848 he found his way to Adelaide, where he met Thomas Magarey, a young friend whom he had led to the truth in N.Z. Young Magarey, about 21 years old, had helped to start the cause in Adelaide. What a lot young people can do for Christ!

## Chey Say

THE Australian gum tree yields sugar, which sometimes exudes through its bark or leaves. Pyrethrum, basis of various insecticides, is made from the dried flower of a chrysanthemum species. Sugar-cane sap is roughly 80 per cent. water, 16 per cent. pure sugar, and 4 per cent. molasses and impurities.

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The first twin kangaroos of which there is any record were born recently at the Philadelphia Zoo. One is being bottle-fed with cow's milk; the other is being cared for in the mother's pouch.

In North America, sugar, sometimes called maple syrup, is extracted from the sugar maple, and it is certainly unique in flavor. When the sap first flows it is tasteless, but after a day or two it becomes sweet.

Some plastics can "bend" light, and this peculiar property may make possible "piped sunshine" for the windowless offices, factories, and homes of the future.

## Nature Notes

THE proverbial speed of the tortoise has been measured at twenty feet a minute, or four miles a day.

It is estimated that the sands of the Sahara Desert have advanced southward about 186 miles as a result of improper cultivation.

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## Bible Quiz

### SOME NUMBERS

- (a) How many books are there in the New Testament?
- (b) How many in the Old Testament?
- (c) How many apostles did Jesus call into service?
- (d) How many days are there between the Passover and Pentecost?
- (e) How many times did the children of Israel march around the city of Jericho?
- (f) How many people were converted in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost?
- (g) How many years were the children of Israel in the wilderness, after leaving Egypt for the Promised Land?

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HOW many glories are left to blush unseen? Beauty in very tiny forms can be discovered only with the aid of a microscope. But there are beauties that are not noticed because there is a lack of divine love. Paul therefore could say, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Love God and appreciate beauty in nature, goodness in man, and joy in life.