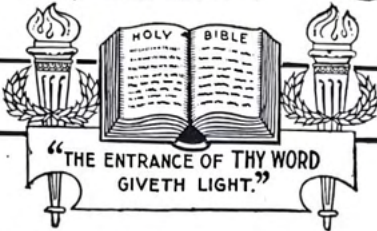


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Beware of a Sick Conscience

BILL SIKES, in Charles Dickens' story of "Oliver Twist," could not escape from the condemnation of conscience. To his mind was brought the picture of the body of the murdered girl. "He could distinguish its shadow in the dark and note how solemnly it seemed to move along. He could hear the noise of its clothes and every breath of wind carried that last low cry. If he stopped it did the same. If he ran it followed. At times he turned with a desperate determination to beat this spirit off. But the hair rose on his head and his blood stood still, for it had turned with him and was behind him then." "Let no man talk of murderers escaping justice." Dickens adds in a comment, "There were twenty violent deaths (for Sikes) in each long minute of that agony of fear."

William Shakespeare shared with Charles Dickens the belief that a guilty conscience is distressed by remorse. This is revealed in his play "Macbeth." With her share in the murder of King Duncan upon her mind, there was no peace for Lady Macbeth. In her sleep she sought to wash her hands clean of the blood of murder, but neither for her nor for Macbeth could the multitudinous seas of Neptune provide cleansing. Do not think that English writers alone are sensitive to this reaction of evil deeds on the conscience. Recall Dostoevsky's story of the student in his book "Crime and Punishment." What satisfaction did that young man get from the money that he stole after murdering the two women? His life was filled with terror. Read also what

the great Greek dramatist, Sophocles, had to say about King Oedipus who, unwittingly, broke the moral code so precious in the sight of the Greeks. Driven by a sense of guilt to a point where he was fearful to take his own life, the king destroyed the sight of his eyes. From men of all ages and climes there is evidence that the sense of guilt does not rest on the flimsy basis of a false delusion. Would men for a snare or a delusion bear the burden of remorse? Certainly not!

Professor Nicholai Hartmann, in his third volume on ethical teaching, entitled "Moral Freedom," shows that this sense of guilt points to the truth that man is free to choose between right and wrong. Man is not a survival of the lower beasts. He does not bring from some evolutionary process this sense of guilt. Man is a moral being, and in maintaining the sensitiveness of the moral conscience he ensures, and safeguards from ruin, the ideals of the highest life.

According to biologists there are cells that are sensitive to pain. These are dis-

tributed throughout the body and play an important part in preserving it from harm and destruction. By giving warning of the nearness of heat, these pain-cells enable a person to withdraw his hands or feet from places where there is intense heat. Some persons are born without these pain-cells. It may at first seem to be an advantage, but often these people lose limbs because they are not aware fire is present. The consequent burning, although not felt, causes irreparable damage.

While it is not likely that a person can lose entirely the guidance of conscience, it seems possible for individuals to allow conscience to become ineffective in some directions. When the warnings of conscience are permitted to become weak and are ignored, then man loses character, standing in a community and the moral urge to live on a high plane.

At the present time modern society in Australia is threatened with disaster because large sections of the community have allowed their conscience to become blunt. To them it is of little concern if they trade on a black-market, steal from the government, defy the laws of chastity and live immorally. Moral decay within the nation will soon bring with it national ruin. To say that moral standards can be ignored because they belong to a by-gone age, is to reveal a sick or dying conscience. Field-Marshal Smuts, aware of this dullness of conscience existing in

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Judas at the arrest of Jesus is convicted by a guilty conscience.



★ *Can the Christian Church Make a Positive Contribution to the*

Re-Education of Germany?

ONE must pay a reluctant tribute at least to the thoroughness of the Nazis. From the beginning they knew what they wanted, and with a single-mindedness worthy of a better cause, have driven relentlessly toward the goal.

In nothing have they been more efficient than in the indoctrination of youth. The generation which was adult when Hitler came to power in 1933 had memories of the past to inhibit somewhat its full conversion to Nazi doctrine; Philip Gibbs, for example, is among the visitors to pre-war Germany who found congenial friends among those of his own generation. But the youth of the nation, through the schools, the youth movement and the controlled press and radio, have grown up blinded and fanatically Nazi. This is the problem, for which no adequate plan has yet been laid, of the re-education of Germany for a co-operative place in the family of nations.



VAST AND UGLY

The problem is vast and ugly; it is stated often and glibly to be a major task, but as yet little worthwhile attempt has been made to bring its demands into clear focus. *How is Germany to be re-educated?*

Regrettably, there are quite a lot of unthinking people who would agree with the woman who said recently in a railway queue, "I dunno why they don't wipe 'em all out and be done with it!" To such crudity do the tensions of war reduce our finer senses!

Then there was the man who, asked the Christian viewpoint, said, apparently with pride, "I don't feel Christian about Germany." Nothing to be proud of there! A faith which cannot cope with the harsh and ugly problems of real life is little more than an escapism and certainly is not a Christian faith.

Don't mistake me! I am not propounding a soft, easy sentimentalism of the kind that says, "Now be good boys and don't do it again." The same Christ who prayed "Father, forgive them" was vigorous enough when occasion demanded. Dorothy Sayers says of Jesus, "We have very effectively pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him 'meek and mild,' and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies. But to those who knew him, however, he in no way suggested a milk and water person. They objected to him as a dangerous firebrand."

The Christian faith, if it is true to our claim to be the word of the Eternal, has some real contribution to make to this, perhaps the major battle in the winning of permanent peace.



NO SIMPLE SOLUTION

The average discussion of German re-education assumes that all text-books will be rewritten so as to exclude Nazi doctrines and interpretations, and that true history, genuine economics and democratic ideals will be inserted in their place. The responsible teachers, it is assumed, will be recruited from among the educationalists of the victors. The plan means well, but it is the very plan by which

This question is considered by W. S. Lowe, M.A., B.Com., preacher of church at Brighton, Victoria



the conquerors of 19th century Poland attempted to subdue the Poles and make them over to a new national pattern. It is the very plan by which Austria-Hungary endeavored to control Czechs, Croats, Serbs and Slovenes; and, as with these others, the plan in Germany is fore-doomed to promote the ends it is created to destroy.

For re-education has psychological as well as political pitfalls, and this proposal is one of them. Such a scheme gives the forbidden doctrines the sweetness of denial and danger, their promotion a matter of loyalty to the old and of daring adventure to the young. However much such an imposed programme would satisfy our immediate feeling of its fitness, realism demands that we recognise the refusal of human nature to bow easily beneath imposition, however just or desirable. This programme just will not work.



THE GERMAN CHURCH

Whatever may be devised as an interim programme, Germany can only be re-educated, converted to reasonable participation in the international family, by Germans themselves. Any foreign imposition can only create sullen resentment and festering hate. Realism would not wish to gloss over the vicious pages in recent German history, but not even Lord Vansittart can prove it an unrelieved black record. This is fortunate because only by an exaltation of what is of worth in Germany can her conversion be achieved.

Progressive political forces have never reached great strength in Germany, though the Republican, Carl von Ossietzky, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1936, to the chagrin of the Nazis who had to release him, temporar-

ily, from a concentration camp to claim the prize. There is some hope here but the growth is comparatively feeble. Albert Einstein, who escaped from Germany to the U.S.A., has paid tribute to the Christian church as the sole opponent of Nazism. Universities, the press and left-wing politicians and authors were early cowed, but only the Christian church has stood, bloody but unbowed, in the path of the tyrant.

The recent release of Martin Neimoller, after eight years in a concentration camp, recalls the courageous lead given by hundreds of German church leaders, now dead or emerging from concentration camps, in resisting Nazi excesses. These men were churchmen first and Germans second. It is only a loyalty to some doctrine or ideal which over-rides the purely national which can be trusted to assume the task of German re-education we have been discussing.



A MORAL FORCE

The German church of 1933 was weak and unready to lead the nation out of chaos, so the German people found a leader elsewhere, a leader who soon emerged as a false messiah. Since then the Confessional Church has been purged with sword and torture, and has come through the trial purified, with a triumphant faith equalled perhaps nowhere else in the world.

This is the one hope for a converted Germany. The church has the supra-national ideal and the moral strength to attack the vast, ugly problem with vigor and success. Neimoller, leader of resistance, is probably the one great national figure in modern Germany who would be accepted by his own people and could be trusted to fulfil the task of re-education. Once again, as so often in history, the church holds the key to the future, and this time she is ready to turn it.

On December 7, 1944, General Eisenhower, in a message to the German people broadcast by Luxembourg radio, promised them that Nazi influence in the church would be eradicated and freedom of worship and leadership restored. Are the councils of the Allies big enough in vision to see beyond immediate small-term policies and boldly co-opt the greatest moral force in Germany; to give rein to the only Power yet found adequate to the conversion of the reprobate? This way lies peace.

ENDURANCE

"BE noble in every thought
And in every deed!
Let not the illusion of thy senses
Betray thee to deadly offences.
Be strong! be good! be pure!
The right only shall endure,
All things else are but false pretences."

Beware of a Sick Conscience

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many communities, declared at San Francisco recently that only a spiritual revival can save the world. Among the fruits of such a revival would be a renewed sensitiveness of the moral conscience. Let us all be on guard lest this evil of a dull conscience come upon us as a community and we lose our soul and fall headlong into disaster. Beware, then, of a sick conscience.

Medical Missions in Action

MANPOWER IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CHURCH

A REPORT under the above heading was presented not long ago to the Assembly of the Church of England. The author, Canon J. McLeod Campbell, general secretary of the Missionary Council of the Assembly, states that before the war, taking all Protestant denominations, 900 missionary doctors were at work, one-third of them women. Of this total, 282 were from Great Britain and 416



Dr. G. H. Oldfield.

from North America. This small band of medical missionaries is out-numbered by the doctors who, under the auspices of missionary societies, are serving in their native countries; the indigenous force numbers some 1350. There are fewer Western missionary doctors in China than Chinese, and fewer Western doctors in India than Indians. The same holds true of nurses. Over 1200 nurses have gone out from Western countries, but the number of nurses (one-third fully qualified and the remainder student nurses), who are on missionary service in their native countries is ten times as great. African nurses are in a majority of 1025 to 400 Western nurses in Africa. The growth of indigenous medical missions is all to the good. The medical missionary may well be content to see his labors taken over by doctors from the people whom he has served.

The same report discusses the incentive to medical missionary work. The choice presented to the ordinary layman as between the continuance of his secular calling and a missionary career may be a hard one, but it is not unduly complicated. On the other hand, the medical man may well reply to his conscience that his services are needed at home, especially during the present shortage, where they are of the same quality and value and urgency as in the mission field. The testimony of various medical missionaries is cited in this report as to the adventure of their calling, the richness of clinical experience which it offers, and the opportunities for research. No doubt all that is true, but it is an insufficient incentive. The real motive must be a profound sense of service. One medical missionary in Nyasaland is quoted as saying, "Dirty, lonely, unpleasant, uncomfortable service, the mission hospital stands for that. We are primarily practical workers to demonstrate

Christianity in action in daily work." Medical missions may be expected to appeal to an increased number of medical men and women returning from the war. The only counsel that can be given them is that they must be sure of the reality of individual vocation.

"Dirty, lonely, unpleasant, uncomfortable service—the mission hospital stands for that. We are primarily practical workers to demonstrate Christianity in action in daily work." Such is the statement of a medical missionary in Nyasaland concerning his work, and such is the statement we can make here in India concerning the medical mission work. Our standard of cleanliness has to be lowered to accommodate the people whom we serve, and so our wards are constantly littered up with the paraphernalia of the patients and their relatives, who cannot understand what is the use of having space unless it be filled up in some way. The work is lonely because we cannot meet with other medical men and women with whom to discuss recent advances in treatment, etc. It is unpleasant because it has to be done under great disabilities—no electricity, no adequate drainage, no efficient screening, the treatment of neglected cases which are often most revolting in odour and appearance. It is uncomfortable, for we do not have the apparatus which is a commonplace in any decent hospital in the homeland, and make-shifts have to be used which entail more work and anxiety. In spite of all these drawbacks, it is a grand work to those who definitely try to make it a piece of practical Christianity, for it does demonstrate something of the Christian ideal of service in the way

in which even an ignorant villager can understand. Prayer, faith, work and love are all included in the medical missionaries' idealism. They need to be supplemented, and supported by those with the same idealism in the home country.—G. H. Oldfield.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR FIELDS

India

WE rejoice in being able to announce that a cable was sent to India giving the heartening advice that our waiting missionaries had embarked for India. At very short notice word was received to be in readiness, and Miss Vawser left Adelaide within forty-eight hours and joined Miss Walker and Miss Taylor in Melbourne. By the time this announcement appears, these workers should be safely in India. The field have been awaiting this happy event for several months.

New Hebrides

After a long period of waiting, it now seems certain that a little later in the year a couple will be ready for departure for the New Hebrides. We hope to make further announcement about the ones in view and plans re their departure. As Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger plan coming to Australia about September, the news will be very welcome to them.

SYMPATHY

WE express our sympathy to Miss Lynda Foreman, Dhond, in the loss of her father. Since Miss Foreman went to India this term she has been bereaved of both father and mother—a heavy loss when one is so far away and not having seen her dear ones for several years. We commend our sister to the comfort of the heavenly Father.

Notes on Various Topics

Men We Delight to Honor

WITH many other readers I was much interested in two recent articles in "The Australian Christian" relating to the work of two of our most honored preachers. To us who recall the going out of Thomas Hagger into his first evangelistic field, his "Review of Fifty Years" evoked many memories. I trust the reading would profit our young men and lead them to emulation. No one can calculate the amount of good done by our beloved brother during the half century. The name of W. C. Brooker is also one held in highest regard by his brethren and friends who love him, as does also the community he has so splendidly served. It is a great record to give a forty years' ministry to one church, though our brother's ministry was by no means confined to the one place. Both Mr. Hagger and Mr. Brooker have served Christ and his church well, and both have greatly assisted our work by their guidance and counsel as members of committees. I would that the brotherhood at large could recognise its indebtedness to such faithful preachers, whose influence will long be felt.

Clergymen as Psychiatrists

Under the above heading the "Christian Evangelist" (U.S.A.) some time ago stated that Major William H. McKinney, Protestant Chaplain of the Army Air Force Redistribution Centre at Atlantic City, N.J., deprecated a practice among some clergymen of "acting as psychiatrists" to returning Service men. In an address to a conference of ministers of Disciples of Christ held in Lexington, Kentucky, the chaplain suggested that ministers should refer cases requiring treatment to qualified psychiatrists. He advised ministers to prepare themselves to act as directing agents between war veterans and war workers and

the various governmental or social agencies which are being set up for their aid. Not only should ministers learn the problems of the veterans, he said, but they should keep in close touch with their families.

The "Clerical Voice"

What is often called the parsonic voice has been recently discussed both in England and Australia. From London comes a report that an Anglican vicar (Canon T. P. Stevens) desires that good actors and broadcasters be invited frequently to read lessons in church so that the great qualities of the scriptures may be appreciated by clergy and congregation. This, he thinks, would lift Anglican services from "their present languid, dismal manner." At a conference in Carlisle, Dr. Welch, Director of Religious Broadcasts, said nine out of ten clergymen were affected by the parsonic voice. Dean Langley, of Melbourne, said this voice was "a bad habit caught when young," and that it was used more from habit than intention. Miss Dorothy Willon, speech trainer, is reported as saying that people objected to the parsonic voice because it was a compromise between intoning and ordinary speech. It was a hybrid, lacking color and expression, and would be easy to correct by altering the pitch line of the voice.

When I listen to some broadcast services I regret the foolish habit into which some preachers have fallen. Surely the gospel of Christ—the best and freshest of messages—should be presented in earnest and natural notes, not in what Canon Stevens referred to as a "bleat." I am glad that the clerical voice is not heard in our church services.

A. R. Main

Temperance Set-Back in W.A.

SINCE March, 1942, hotel-keepers in and around Perth have had to close their doors at 6 p.m. daily. At that time drunkenness with all its accompanying evils was so extensive that from every quarter came the cry for reform. It was a relief to us all to learn that the cause of so much evil at that time had at least been diminished. Almost

R. Raymond reports an extension in trading hours for hotels. Reference is made to retirement of a popular Baptist preacher, and to a new booklet of doctrinal studies.

from the time the reform was brought about, the daily press has agitated for the extension of trading hours to 7 o'clock. In more recent months, and in all sections of the press, this constant agitation for extended hours in hotel trading would lead one to think that even the press had something at stake. Large headlines and leading articles are now telling the people that it will be possible from July 16 for drink to be obtained up to 7 p.m. daily. "It will relieve the suspicion of tolerant West Australians that the government had allowed itself to get into the hands of the 6 o'clock closing enthusiasts," a leading article in the "West Australian" tells us. The agitation has been for an extension of one hour in trading time. Before the alteration of trading hours has started the press has commenced its campaign—if such it may be called—for 9 o'clock closing. Another leading article says, "It represents an important step towards the restoration of the convenience of 9 o'clock closing." We all hope that no further extension of trading hours will be granted, and that temperance workers and all who have any influence with our youth may give more time to the education of young people concerning the evils of this liquor business.

A Popular Minister

Mr. Harry Reeve, for 17 years minister of the Perth Baptist church, has resigned his pastorate owing to ill-health and will take up his residence in the hills near Perth. Mr. Reeve has been associated with the Baptist church in W.A. for 34 years. Before taking

his city appointment he was secretary of the Baptist Union. Outside his own denomination Mr. Reeve is best known because of his many broadcasts. For many years he has conducted the devotional service on Saturday morning in the A.B.C. State programme. No regular speaker in this weekly series of broadcasts was more popular than he. He has had casts was more popular than he. He has had an effective ministry for good in this city, and all his friends regret that acting on medical advice he has had to retire.

"About the Church"

Mr. J. K. Robinson, of Lake-st. church, has rendered a distinctive service to the cause in this State, and we trust in other places also, by the preparation of a booklet entitled "About the Church." It is a booklet of doctrinal studies for children, and contains 13 lessons suitable for Bible school work or general instruction. There are 13 lessons written in a beautiful and simple style, and junior scholars will have no difficulty in mastering the lessons. It is anticipated that most of our schools will use this booklet for school work.

Half-yearly Conference

W.A. Conference Executive has decided to hold a half-yearly conference at Show time in October next. The conference will be held on a Saturday. The annual conference will be held next Easter as usual. There was a feeling expressed at last conference that some other time of the year than the Easter holiday season might be chosen for the annual conference. The executive was guided in its decisions to hold conferences at above-named times by consultation with representatives of conference committees.

Personal

Mr. S. H. Rodier, in past years chairman of the H.M. Committee and member of various committees, is about to leave West Australia. Mr. Rodier has been an honored member of a prominent city business firm, and one of our most acceptable speakers in our metropolitan churches. For the past three or more years he has conducted the gospel services at Nedlands. Western Australia owes a lot to Mr. Rodier, and is sorry to lose him. He leaves us to make his home at Coogee, N.S.W.

Social Service Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay.

Passing of A. L. Gibson

WITH the passing of Mr. A. L. Gibson the Social Service Department has lost a real champion of the things for which the department stands. On Sept. 30, 1935, he launched the Christian Fellowship Association in Melbourne Town Hall. On that occasion he told the story of his own financial problems when quite a young man. He needed assistance to continue his education, and timorously approached some whom he thought might trust him, but without success. He obtained the assistance he needed from one who made no religious profession. This experience made a lasting impression upon him, and he repeated his story on later occasions in support of the principles for which C.F.A. stands. We shall always honor his memory.

Recognition of Social Service by the Aborigines

Northcote Football Club, in recognition of its appreciation of Mr. Doug Nicholls and his work amongst his fellow aborigines, staged a football match with a native team from Cumeroonga. The match was played on

King's Birthday, and the gate takings exceeded £300. After expenses were paid, a sum of over £200 was handed to Doug. One of his first acts was to attend a meeting of the Social Service Committee, by arrangement, with a cheque for £60 in recognition of the assistance given him and his people by the department and its secretary over many years. The committee greatly values the goodwill of this little gentleman and brother, and told him so.

Social Service Annual Appeal

Arrangements have been made for printing and distributing 3000 extra copies of "The Australian Christian," so that our church paper will be read in every church home in Victoria. This special issue will be published on Aug. 8, and will contain articles bearing upon our work and say much that we have not been able to tell you. For many months past the secretary has been unable to visit the churches, and no direct representation has been possible. We believe the records will be read with interest, and our appeal will receive that reception which the cause merits.

Christian Guest Home

With sadness we regret to record the passing of our dear sister, Mrs. Morse, who was one of our guests for six years. It was fitting that she should spend her last days with a member of her family. She was a woman of great faith in the promises of God.

During the month an anonymous donor gave us £100 for the Hospital Fund.

We are informed that nearly 600 tickets have been sold for the Metropolitan Churches of Christ Girls' Choir concert, to be held on Aug. 25 at Lygon-st. church, in aid of the refrigerator unit for the proposed hospital. This choir and orchestra have assumed the responsibility for raising the sum of £300. Claude Gadge is conductor and organiser. The C.E. Sunshine Department, under leadership of Miss Winnie Lee, has also launched an appeal for the hospital. Endeavorers are selling coupons at 1/- each. Bible schools are also combining to raise the sum of £200 for a similar purpose by means of small contributions.

Made in Germany

A HYMN FOR AUGUST—No. 40, AUG. 12.

IF a new National Security regulation required the branding of everything (even including hymns) with country of origin, many of the church's grand hymns would be labelled "Made in Germany."

That label would probably appear on every Christian programme with either "Silent night" or "Away in a manger"; it would come again at Easter on "Christ the Lord is risen again," and yet again at harvest with "We plough the fields and scatter." We would probably want it in the morning with "When morning gilds the skies," in the evening with "Abide among us with thy grace," and in many a gospel service with "Sinners Jesus will receive." It would appear in times of stress with "Put thou thy trust in God" and "Leave God to order all thy ways," and in times of doubt, we would see it branding "Jesus, still lead on." But perhaps its most surprising and incongruous appearance would have been on so many "V-E Day" programmes, for the hymn "Now thank we all our God" would have to be branded "Made in Germany."

The background of the hymn is in itself very interesting. Chapter 44 of the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus begins with the well-known passage reading (in abbreviated form): "Let us now praise famous men, such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, giving counsel; such as have brought tidings in prophecies; leaders of the people; men of learning; such as sought musical tunes and set forth verses; rich men, men of mercy—their name liveth for evermore." The writer then, in a manner reminiscent of Hebrews 11, recalls the work of leaders from Enoch and Noah down through a long list and ultimately to Simon, the son of Onias who "repaired the house, strengthened the temple and fortified the city." "How glorious was he when the people gathered round him at his coming forth out of the sanctuary!" Simon then "declared the blessing from the Most High" in the form: "And now bless ye the God of all who everywhere doeth great things, who exalteth our days from the womb and dealeth with us according to his mercy. May he grant us joyfulness of heart, and that peace may be in our days in Israel for the days of eternity to intrust his mercy with us and let him deliver us in his time."

This "blessing" Martin Rinkart brought over into German 300 years ago, adding a doxology for the third verse. His "Nun danket alle Gott" has become our "Now thank we all our God." —F.J.F.

Here and There

A social service number will be issued next week. Extra copies will be sent to Victorian churches for each family.

Dr. A. J. Saunders, M.A., recently from India, is to begin an interim ministry at the Dawson-st. church of Christ, Ballarat, Vic., in August.

An in memoriam service, to honor the life of the late A. L. Gibson, is being arranged by the Swanston-st. church together with the conference executive committee, to be held in the Swanston-st. chapel on August 12, at 3 p.m.

At an inspiring meeting on evening of July 29 at Footscray, Vic., D. C. Ritchie addressed a congregation of 350 on origin of the churches, illustrating with chart and flannelgraph. Hymns were depicted on colored lantern slides. Church parade of Grand Orange Lodge was held; those taking part included A. Vaughan, Grand Master, Vic.; J. H. Downey, Dep. Grand Master Protestant Alliance; and W. J. Woods. Four anthems were rendered by the "Hope of Yarraville" male choir, accompanied by cornet and organ.

W. Clay writes of fellowship in service: "The Christian Fellowship Association has been instrumental in financing the Christian Guest Home, and has also secured the Murrumbena property for a children's home. These accomplishments speak for the real value of C.F.A. It is expected that direct representation with the churches will be possible with the coming of W. T. Atkin into the work in the near future. Mrs. M. Ward is visiting the Mildura district, and will meet the members of the churches there."

The church at Ungarra, S.A., and the circuit have accepted the resignation of H. G. Norris with regret. At his farewell service at Ungarra on morning of July 15, words of appreciation of his work and witness in the district during the past ten years were expressed, and a money presentation made. On the previous Sunday a baptismal service was conducted by the preacher, two young ladies from Mount Hill church being immersed. Local speakers have assisted in the work at Ungarra, and also at Tummy Bay and Port Lincoln.

At Grafton, N.S.W., on July 22, the service was broadcast, P. J. Pond preaching. Sister J. Mitchell has returned from Melbourne after visiting her mother who is seriously ill. Nineteenth anniversary was celebrated on July 29 and 31. Bible schools are both growing, and will pass century, including cradle enrolment. Visitors have included a brother from Subiaco, W.A. At annual meeting of Women's Guild the following were elected: President, Mrs. Findlaton; vice-president, Mrs. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. Thomas. A Hinrichsen-Morris mission is planned to commence in August.

"At a later date," reports A. Anderson, "definite figures regarding F.M. income and expenditure for year, July 1, 1944-June 30, 1945, can be given. The total general income (£11,465) exceeded last year's record total by £279. Expenditure was the heaviest on record, but after paying interest (£348) on endowments, and transferring this amount to reserve fund, there was still a small credit balance. The No. 2 a/c had some valuable additions to endowment which helped in the consolidation of funds. Thus at the close of the financial year the situation can be regarded as satisfactory. God has been gracious and good, and the brotherhood mindful of his mercies have responded well. Some good reports of the annual offering are to hand, but not sufficient information to form an adequate idea of result. In another few weeks some definite announcement can be made."

"Fighting the liquor traffic," writes W. H. Clay, "owing to its power and influence and the suggested futility of our efforts, has caused many of our good folk to 'give in.' Some have suggested a compromise. Some suggest that another form of control will in the end pay

good dividends. The Social Service Committee is preparing a statement, which is not claimed to be exhaustive, but is impartial, which it proposes to send to officers' boards for serious consideration. The matter might also be presented to the churches. It is desired, if possible, to find unanimous expression of opinion."

At Ma Ma Creek, Qld., four Bible school members were immersed and received into fellowship on July 22. Treasurer's report at half-yearly meeting revealed that finances were in a very healthy state. Church has presented preacher with a cheque of £50 towards purchase of car, and has made a liberal allowance for running expenses. Interior of manse has been renovated. Plans are in hand for improvements to property as soon as labor and materials are available. C.E. Society is conducting an efficiency and new members' competition. Meetings have improved and several new members have been gained.

On July 22 C. P. Hughes, the preacher, and several members of the church at Hobart, Tas., visited Kellevie to conduct a memorial service for the late Les. Woolley. Morning service on July 29 was broadcast. Mr. Hughes is giving over national station a series of talks on famous men. Boys' and girls' clubs are making good progress, and Band of Hope has meetings monthly. Dorcas annual meeting took the form of an American afternoon on July 26. Officers elected for year: President, Mrs. Jarvis; vice-president, Mrs. Clifford; secretary, Mrs. Cole; assistant, Mrs. Stranger; pianists, Mrs. Stranger and Miss Speakman.

After a little over four years' service with church at East Kew, Vic., Mr. and Mrs. Candy have accepted a call to Wollongong, N.S.W. On July 26, church and friends met to farewell and to pay tribute to their loving and unselfish service. Representatives spoke of loyal services rendered; on behalf of conference and overseas missions J. E. Allan; Sudan United Missions, Mr. Sarah; State schools religious instruction, Mr. Wilkinson; Young People's Department, B. Huntsman; Preachers' Fraternal, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Gomm; Chinese Mission, Daniel Gow; Women's Conference, Mrs. Clark; Christian Endeavor, G. Andrews. Presentations from auxiliaries were made by F. Elliot (Sunday school); L. Hurford (I.C.E.); Messrs. Warne and Prince (K.S.P.); Miss Ruth Shepherd (P.B.P.); Mrs. Warne (Ladies' Guild and Mission Band); Billy Brooks and John York (Junior Boys' Club), and Gloria Brooks. Officers and members presented a wallet of notes. The ministry of Mr. Candy was marked by wide activity and love for the Master.

Special services were held at Frankston, Vic., on Sunday, July 22, in connection with Thomas Hagger's completion of fifty years' ministry. There were large attendances and 97 at school. Mr. Hagger spoke morning and evening. At night four were baptised who the previous Lord's day at Moorooduc confessed. Christ. Solos and duet by F. Whittington and R. Geyer were appreciated. R. Geyer brought a greeting from Gardiner church. On July 24 a jubilee tea was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hagger. This happy function was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, conference presidents, personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hagger, Frankston and Moorooduc members. R. J. Hinde presided. Greetings and reminiscences were given by Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, Messrs. Bryce, F. Pittman, E. Allan, A. Fisher, A. H. Webber. W. McRoberts spoke on behalf of members, and presented an autographed souvenir to Mr. Hagger, and Miss N. Ellis, on behalf of ladies presented a bouquet to Mrs. Hagger. Mr. and Mrs. Hagger responded. Items were given by Mrs. Webber, Miss W. Lee and H. Lee.

During July Mr. Brooker completed forty years of ministry with the church at Queens-town, S.A. Special meetings were arranged. On

July 15 the president of State conference, Mr. Butler, presided and gave greetings from executive committee. W. L. Ewers gave an eloquent and helpful address. Mr. Brooker preached the gospel and spoke of some highlights of his 40 years' experience. On following Tuesday night Mr. Hall presided, and Mr. Brooker used the lantern in giving reminiscences of history of the church and of former members. On Thursday evening, at a great thanksgiving service, Mr. Newcombe presided. A representative of each auxiliary of church and daughter churches spoke in appreciation of Mr. Brooker's services, guidance and help. A large number of telegrams and letters containing greetings from all over Australia and the islands were read. Special items by choir were given and Mrs. Purdie rendered a solo. The church secretary, Mr. Martin, on behalf of church presented Mr. Brooker with a wallet containing £50 in notes, and Mrs. Othen presented Mrs. Brooker with a dinner set. Mr. and Mrs. Brooker both responded feelingly. The deaconesses served a delightful supper. Mrs. Brooker cut a two-tiered iced birthday cake. All these meetings were very well attended and a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed. Mr. Brooker exhorted on July 22, and at gospel service Mr. Schwab (Federal president) gave greetings on behalf of Federal Board and congratulated Mr. Brooker on his long and successful ministry. He then delivered an appreciated address to the church. Earlier in the month Grote-st. choir visited and gave the negro minstrels in story and song, Mr. Schwab being narrator. Admission tickets were sold and net proceeds (£5) given to Ladies' Guild. Guild sisters have devoted some days in receiving, preparing and packing 320 garments for UNRRA. Overseas mission offering reached £31, Bible school making a splendid effort in giving £10/9/-. Mrs. Mildrum, senr., is recovering from illness and able to have fellowship again. On July 18 the wedding of R. Scudds and Miss M. Wiseman was celebrated, Mr. Brooker officiating. Miss C. Matthews and Miss B. Norman also have married recently.

S.A. ORGANISER WELCOMED

GORDON STIRLING, B.A., was welcomed as the new full-time youth director for the S.A. Young People's Department at a tea and public meeting at Grote-st. chapel, Adelaide, on July 24. A. E. Brown, chairman of Y.P. Department, presided at tea. Speeches of welcome were given by S. Beck (Bible schools), F. Cornelius (C.E.) and Miss Ella Muir (clubs), and the president of conference for S.A. (Trevor Butler (for conference departments)). Mr. and Mrs. Stirling responded. At a public brotherhood meeting in chapel, T. Butler presided. Musical items were by members of Grote-st. choir. Good wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stirling by chairman of the Y.P. Department (Mr. Brown), Mrs. Verco (Sisters' Conference) and K. A. Jones (general conference). Will Beiler conducted the induction service. Mrs. Stirling replied, and Mr. Stirling gave an appreciated message. The Y.P. Department of South Australia consider the engagement of a full-time youth director a definite forward movement, and look to the support and co-operation of church members and young people's activities in the venture.

IN MEMORIAM

THOMPSON.—In sweet and abiding memory of our two dear loved ones, Alice, the late Mrs. N. Floate, 7/8/44; also Violet, 21/5/14. They are not, for God took them.

Beyond the turmoil and the strife,
Beyond the cares of earthly life,
Where all is peaceful, bright and fair
Our loved ones are there.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Attendances on July 22 were very good, Mr. Amos giving two fine addresses. Visitors included H. Cooper, K. Ashlin and E. Bellette, home on leave. Sympathy is extended to K. Woolley in the loss of his brother (L. J. Woolley). There was attendance of 72 at Bible school. Average attendance now is 70. Keen interest in Faithful Fishermen competition is shown by scholars. B. J. Golder presided over the midweek service in absence of Mr. Amos. Visitors at gospel service included the conference president, Mr. Orr, and Miss A. Hey, Qld. Second edition of church paper, "The Chronicle," has been distributed, and copies are being sent to all churches in State. At conclusion of gospel service a pleasant social hour was enjoyed at home of Mrs. MacQueeney.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—Mr. Story, of U.F.M., gave an excellent lecture on the work of his organisation in Papua. Visitors have included Sgt. P. Fiddament and Phil Beazley, R.A.A.F. Progress finance in support of living link at end



The Chapel at Fremantle.

of June was £32. Sympathy is felt with Mrs. Grace Cole in death of Beris on July 3, at West Subiaco Hospital, of diphtheria, at the age of 7. F. P. Whelan had an unpleasant experience in recent Murray River floods, being marooned by flood waters for three weeks in his house at Yunderup.

Perth.—Overseas offering reached £81. On morning of July 22 the service was broadcast. Congratulations were extended to R. W. Davidson on his 89th birthday. A hearty welcome was given to F/O Allen G. Elliott after absence in a far-away centre. A talk by J. K. Robinson held attention of all hearers. At 7.30 p.m. E. R. Berry rendered a solo. D. G. Hammer, missionary-elect to new aborigines mission station at Carnarvon, was preacher; Mr. Robinson helped in various ways.

Harvey.—On June 27 a special F.M. evening brought £10. Total F.M. offering was £26. Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Bamford in the loss of Mr. Bamford's mother. M. Livingstone has accepted the position of choir-master. On July 8, in absence of Mr. Bamford, L. Roesner exhorted church. M. Livingstone took evening service, with special singing, and read a paper. On July 10 the church gathered to wish Mr. and Mrs. E. Sharp God's blessing on the eve of their 45th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Sharp was pioneer member. A presentation was made, and a beautiful two-tier cake presented, made by Miss Woodier. Church welcomes G. Rowley home after twelve months in city.

Inglewood.—About 60 attended J.C.E. anniversary and enjoyed an address by Mr. Story. Ladies' Guild held a farewell afternoon for Mrs. Yelland, past president, a presentation being made. School had a special mission Sunday, when an address was given by Miss Jenday, and by T. Banks. F.M. Committee received from school £25 for Dhond Hospital. On July 8 morning address was given by J. Willshire. Evening service was termed "parents' night." L. Peacock gave children's talk and E. Sherman conducted a baptismal service. At close of his address two young people made the good confession. The building was crowded. After service a cup of tea and the singing of favorite hymns were enjoyed.

Queenland

Bundaberg.—Senior Girls' Club held a successful concert on July 18. A Young People's Club and a Tennis Club are now functioning as church auxiliaries. On July 20 the Women's Guild held a successful street stall in aid of A.C.F.; £14 was raised. United F.M. offering to hand so far is £21. Mrs. J. Hay, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Christensen, has returned to Gympie.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—On July 1 F. Hunting spoke at both services, attendance being 195 and 130. In morning Mrs. Henderson was baptised and received into fellowship, also Mrs. Neuman and Mr. and Mrs. H. Payne by transfer. H. Payne is the new treasurer for church. At evening service a young man made the good confession. F.M. offering to date is £59. Many improvements have been made to hack portion of chapel. Mr. Shakespere, from B. and F. Bible Society, was speaker on July 8.

New South Wales

Canterbury-Earlwood.—One surrendered to the Lord when A. Hinrichsen made the appeal on July 15. Visiting speakers, R. Greenhalgh and P. Arnett, gave helpful messages on July 8 and 22 respectively.

Rockdale.—St. George District Youth Fellowship held a 6-20 night, when a large number of young people had an enjoyable evening. On morning of July 15 Mr. Henderson brought a helpful message, and at night Mr. Burns preached. On July 22 Mr. Burns spoke morning and evening, giving good messages. Women's Fellowship held an enjoyable afternoon at Mrs. Allen's home for youth centre, and £5/5/- was sent to same.

Kingsford.—On June 24 church anniversary services were held with inspiring messages from Mr. Read. On June 26 anniversary was continued; Mr. Patterson gave a helpful message. A birthday offering, the aim of which was to liquidate church building debt, was concluded at this meeting, and church officers were pleased with response. On July 15 Mr. Patterson, of the college, spoke in morning. Mr. Read preached at night.

Taree.—On July 15 A. C. MacLean, preacher of City Temple church, spoke at all services, giving helpful addresses, and visited church at Wingham. The congregation enjoyed the messages of Mr. Henderson, of Bexley North, on July 22, and the contribution made by him and his wife to the work over the week-end was appreciated. Mrs. A. Saunders, who has been ill in War Memorial Hospital at Waverley, Sydney, is making good progress towards recovery.

Sydney (City Temple).—Work is in good heart and interest well maintained. There is a good deal of sickness amongst members. During month Mrs. Gray was called to her rest. Her membership was over 49 years, and at her death she was in her 81st year. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Colin Wakely, who

was passing through on his way north. Church is preparing for 50th anniversary of the work in City Temple building. Mr. MacLean is in the seventh year of his ministry with church.

Georgetown.—On July 15 L. Dewbury gave an inspiring exhortation. Sunday school scholars conducted worship service in afternoon. Ron Watts led, and Darrel Nelson gave the address. I. Paternoster showed mission pictures at close. Young Men's Fellowship tea was held in school hall, when Mr. Heather (Baptist) spoke. S. Vanham preached at night. J.C.E. are having success with "doll's house" competition, and report 51 present on July 22. Girls' and Boys' Club combined for social on July 19. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. R. Jones, whose sister (Mrs. Lewis) recently passed away.

Lismore.—Endeavorers recently took part in Richmond River C.E. Convention, at which the special speaker was F. Hunting, of Brisbane. Enjoyable meetings were held, and Mr. Hunting spoke at both services on Sunday. Fellowship has been enjoyed over a number of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Oakes, of Byron Bay. Mr. Oakes assisting with morning services. Ladies' Guild recently held successful social afternoon at home of Mrs. Podmore. Missionary Society had special meeting, when the address was given by Miss Evans, returned missionary. Monthly meeting has again been held at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Davis at Lagoon Grass.

South Australia

Prospect.—There were good attendances on July 15. A. E. Brown spoke morning and evening. Ladies' Guild conducted midweek prayer meeting on July 18. There is an increase in Bible school of 21 scholars; 15 sat for examination. The school is practising for anniversary. A. E. Brown exhorted church on July 22; good attendance. At P.S.A. items were given by Mesdames Bristowe, Farmer and Partington, and A. Roberts. Guest speaker was G. R. Stirling (youth director), who was welcomed by church members. At gospel meeting A. E. Brown was speaker; Mrs. A. Burns sang a solo. H. Burns (England) hopes to return to Australia soon.

Strathalbyn.—Work of church is well maintained, although still without a resident minister, and relying on services of visiting speakers. On July 8, 17 scholars sat for examination, largest number to sit from this school. On July 15 B. and F. B.S. representative, E. H. Swan, gave morning address, and in evening members joined with other churches of town in a combined B. and F. B.S. service held in Presbyterian church. J.C.E. continues to do valuable service under leadership of Mrs. Cross. At a business meeting held July 6, Y.P.S.C.E. decided to hold fortnightly meetings instead of weekly, and new officers appointed were Miss J. Durdin, secretary; treasurer, D. Page. Ladies of church have gathered and packed a large quantity of garments for UNRRA. On July 22 G. R. Durdin gave morning address, and J. Jackling conducted evening service. Attendances have been affected by sickness.

Victoria

North Williamstown.—On July 20, the cricket club held an enjoyable social evening, when a trophy was presented to R. A. Kemp. Services conducted by J. E. Searle continue to help and inspire. On July 28 Western District Youth Fellowship held a social evening at Footscray, with attendance of more than 100 young people.

French Island.—On July 15 F. Sumpton, of Gardenvale, presided at communion service at home of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick. At afternoon service the gospel was preached to a group of 25. Miss Freda Sumpton assisted with piano in a bright song service. On July 22 communion service was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Happy fellowship was enjoyed with return of Pte. A. J. Miller, ex-P.O.W., after absence of 5½ years.

Stawell.—On July 15 W. Evans conducted all services, and on July 22 Mr. Ryles gave helpful addresses. Sympathy is felt for Mrs. Boag in her bereavement. On July 26, Ladies' Guild held an enjoyable sewing afternoon.

Oakleigh.—At men's tea on July 15, a branch of the Christian Men's Society was formed. Three young people were immersed by Mr. Neighbour at evening service on July 22. Members have responded well to UNRRA appeal.

West Preston.—On July 15 S. Lang addressed morning meeting in absence of A. B. Withers at Hamilton. Mr. Gale took charge of gospel service. On July 22 A. B. Withers spoke at both services. Officers recently took charge of Girls' Club meeting. After a devotional period a time of amusement was enjoyed.

South Richmond.—A special meeting was held on July 22, when Servicemen conducted the whole of the gospel service. There was a large congregation. After a fine address by Mr. Jeffrey, R.A.A.F., three came forward, two for confession and one for restoration. The church offered congratulations to Mr. Stent on completing 20 years' service as treasurer.

Hampton.—In a district exchange of preachers on July 29, J. G. Langton, minister of Sandringham Baptist Church, gave morning address. On July 28 Mrs. Austin reached her 92nd birthday, and received the good wishes of members and a token of love. Two young men of the church, L. Chapman and R. Gumley, on active service, have been "mentioned in dispatches."

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—Officers of church conducted Y.P.C.E. on July 18. J. Magilton led, G. Mann gave the address, and officers sang a chorus. Good meetings were held on July 29. K. W. Barton preached at night. C. G. Taylor, preacher of the church, has been ill, but is now recovering. Church expresses sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley in the loss of their little boy.

Dandenong.—On July 28 the South-eastern District Youth Fellowship held monthly meeting in chapel, when Mr. Nance-Kivell gave an illustrated lecture, "Round the World with Christ in Ninety Minutes." There was a well attended and representative gathering to enjoy this address. On evening of July 29 (C.E. anniversary service), a party of R.A.A.F. men (members of churches of Christ in W.A.) conducted. One young brother made the good confession.

Yarrowonga.—F.M. offering reached £45. Church manse will be free of debt next month, Ladies' Guild contributing £150. K. Macnaughtan's visit was greatly appreciated. The church received a wonderful uplift from his messages and the presentation of the word. There were six decisions for Christ. Miss Mavis Lumb, soon to be married, was tendered a social on July 26, and presented with articles for household use. Thankoffering for mission was £19/2/-.

East Malvern.—Annual business meeting of church was held on July 11. The following were elected: Deacons, W. N. McCann and R. S. Ryall; deaconesses, Mrs. I. Jenkyn and Mrs. R. A. Strongman; treasurer, E. F. Morris; secretary, R. A. Strongman. Attendances are very encouraging. Recent speakers have been E. Buchanan, B. F. Huntsman and R. K. Gerand. At close of R. K. Gerand's address on July 29, three young women from Bible school confessed Christ.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.)—Splendid interest and attendances are maintained. Overseas mission offering exceeded £50. On July 15 a young man made the good confession and has been baptised. Bible study and fellowship meetings are an inspiration. At evening service on July 22, favorite hymns were a special feature. Choir social at home of Mr. and Mrs. Dowsey was enjoyed. Robt. Staley has been awarded military medal for devotion to duty and assisting wounded. On July 29 both services were well attended. Messages of R. L. Williams are appreciated.

Newmarket.—On July 22 and 29 R. Ellison, of the college, was speaker. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Heron and relatives in the loss of her brother, Mr. Pétet, of Adelaide.

Middle Park.—Visitation amongst members of Mr. and Mrs. Randall is appreciated. A Young Explorers' Club under leadership of Mrs. Whittaker has been formed. On July 29, quarterly combined meeting with local Baptist Church was held at Middle Park. Mr. Lowson delivered the address and a solo by Mr. Hartvigsen was enjoyed. Sympathy of members was expressed to Mr. Clegg and family in the passing of Mrs. Clegg, a faithful and loyal member of many years' standing.

Wangaratta.—On July 23 K. Macnaughtan as evangelist and I. Barber as song-leader commenced a brief mission with the church. Splendid addresses have been given by Mr. Macnaughtan. The singing led by Mr. Barber is bright and enjoyable. Mrs. Barber has delighted with solos. Mr. Macnaughtan with W. Wakefield, I. Barber and G. Jackel have been busy each day visiting isolated members, non-attending members, and homes in the town. Solos and duets have been rendered by local members.

Croydon.—The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Ashley in the loss of her sister Ruth. Women's Mission Band and auxiliary held successful anniversary meeting on July 25, when Mesdames Cleland and Wickham spoke to a good audience of members and visitors, and Mrs. Gove and Miss Andrews rendered special items. On evening of July 29 a women's service was well attended, Mrs. Spooner being soloist. Mr. Quayle is working hard and giving helpful messages. Attendances are good.

Hartwell.—J. I. Mudford's messages are appreciated. Young people have taken over mid-week prayer meeting on second week in each month. At a special business meeting of church on July 9, plans for extension of Sunday school hall and formation of a gymnastic club were discussed. Cricket Club held a successful social on July 28 to raise funds for coming season. On July 29 the Mayor of Camberwell, Cr. W. A. Fordham, presided in morning. Hearing aids have been placed in chapel.

Cheltenham.—At annual meeting of Mission Band, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. M. Daff were re-elected president and treasurer respectively. Mrs. C. Daff was appointed secretary. On July 29 Presbyterian, Methodist and church of Christ congregations combined evening meetings in a united gospel service held in Methodist church. 220 people were present, and a splendid spirit prevailed. A. W. Ivory, Presbyterian preacher, delivered a challenging address. V. C. Stafford was chairman, and combined choirs rendered two anthems.

Ormond.—Enjoyable services were held on July 15. Mr. McDowell had charge in morning, and was assisted by four airmen in evening. Helpful messages were given. Youth choir sang. While Mr. McDowell was on holiday, prayer meetings were conducted by Messrs. Ritchie and Knee, and C.E. meetings by Messrs. Austin and Knee. On July 22 stirring messages were given by Allan Thomas, of Gardiner, in morning and by Mr. Miller at night. He was assisted by Betty Miller, whose singing was enjoyed. Youth choir rendered two items under baton of K. Austin. On July 29 Mr. Knee gave a good message in morning. Steve Corlett at gospel service gave an arresting message. Youth choir assisted. The church was grieved at the passing of Ernie Gunn, R.A.A.F. Sympathy goes out to his relatives.

Brighton.—At annual church business meeting on July 24, the following were appointed: Elders, T. R. Morris, J. D. Lang; deacons, E. F. Baker, J. C. Forrest, J. P. Hall, E. B. Hilbig, A. J. Mann, R. A. Morrall, R. P. Morris, L. J. Price, W. R. L. Rodgers-Wilson; Bible school superintendent, K. C. Hemsley; treasurers, J. H. Charlesworth, C. W. Emmetts; secretary, N. R. Arnott; assistant, K. P. Balson; organist, Mrs.

W. R. L. Rodgers-Wilson; assistant, Miss N. Lanaway; choir leader, Miss C. Plummer. All auxiliary reports were very satisfactory. During year £1300 was received for all purposes. The creche on Sunday mornings has had an average attendance of nine children. Since arrival of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lowe attendances have improved considerably. Good response was given to young people's appeal for clothing for UNRRA. A men's fellowship has been commenced, the tennis club re-formed, and a primary department has been formed because of growth of kindergarten.

ADDRESS

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Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

PREACHERS AND CHURCHES

ALLOW me to ask several questions concerning the city-country preacher problem which may suggest their own answers:—Whose responsibility is it to see that our brotherhood evangelistic programme runs in advance, or at least parallel with our college product? Whose business is it to gather together small non-home mission churches which cannot support a preacher separately, secure a suitable man and provide him with adequate means of transport, etc., to accomplish the needed task? Again, who has the power to veto the decision of the local church board to "do nothing for the present" concerning recommendations of conference on matters such as manses, salaries and the like, affecting preachers? (Such matters seldom come before the local congregation.) Or whose concern is it if men of proven ability in our full-time ministry feel forced by circumstances to go into business, when they would prefer to carry on in the task to which they have dedicated their lives? Then, whose task is it to acquire land in the right location in new districts for the future?

The weaknesses of our particular form of congregational government reveal themselves in our present "set up." It is useless talking about the need for "enthusiastic preacher-leaders with a 'country complex' in every centre," unless they are given the opportunity of helping the languishing causes in the centre where they serve. Many churches have lost irrevocable opportunities through being burdened with crippling debts; while too many preachers have "starved" while church debts have been paid. But a statesmanlike grappling with the whole situation is long overdue.

I dare to suggest a Department of Evangelism; the division of the State into zones to be worked from key centres; and the appointment of one or more superintendents of churches commissioned to represent all brotherhood departments, to confer, advise, hold missions, etc., in accordance with the local or district need. But assuredly we must do something and do it soon. The opportunity to demonstrate Christian unity is here in our midst.—G. M. Mathieson, Bendigo, Vic.

BIRTH

THOMAS.—On June 30, at Dhond (India), to Jean and Colin—a daughter (Carolyn Ruth).

DEATHS

BAKER (nee Tonkin).—On July 21, Blanche Iris, of 19 Lennox-st., Yarraville, dearly loved friend of Mrs. Harding and Bonnie, Kew. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

LEGG.—On July 25, at Ballarat, Ruth Eileen, beloved youngest daughter of the late Mrs. H. Legg, of Kilsyth, and of Henry Legg, of 49 Carlisle-cres., Oakleigh. Loved sister of Hugh (dec.), Lucy (Mrs. Goings), Eric (dec.), Ethel (Mrs. Corr), Trevor (A.M.F.), Ralph (R.A.N.) and Mildred (Mrs. Ashley). Sweet rest for our darling.

"When the blest who sleep in Jesus at his bidding shall arise,

From the silence of the grave and from the sea;

And with bodies all celestial they shall meet him in the skies—

What a gathering and rejoicing there will be!"

LEGG.—Precious memories of our crippled sister, Ruth Eileen, who passed peacefully away at Base Hospital, Ballarat, on July 25, aged 19 years. Our darling resting in the "everlasting arms. A patient sufferer at rest. "For of such is the kingdom."
—Inserted by Mildred and Arthur Ashley, Croydon.

LEGG.—Ruth Eileen, loved sister-in-law of Tom, Bill (A.M.F.), Arthur (A.I.F., abroad), Myrtle and Elsa, aged 19. Loved by all.

LEGG.—On July 25, Ruth Eileen, affectionate auntie of Colin, Eric, Faith Legg, Timothy (deceased), Phillip, Eunice Corr, Joy, Gaius Goings. Grandma and Auntie Ruth re-united.

WALMSLEY.—On July 26 (suddenly) David Henry Bryan, aged 8 months, darling son of Henry and Margaret, the Manse, Swan Hill. Our darling wee laughing cherub home again.

WALMSLEY.—On July 26, very suddenly, David Henry Bryan, adored infant son of Henry and Margaret, first grandson of Alfred and Eileen Osborne and Lydia Reeve, great-grandchild of Abraham Bryan, and beloved nephew of Judith, Tui, John, Doris, William and George.

IN MEMORIAM

BRODIE.—In loving remembrance of our dear parents, who passed away at 88 Lord-st., Richmond: mother, August 4, 1944; father, March 14, 1927.

Always unselfish, loving and kind,
Beautiful memories they leave behind.
—Inserted by their family and grand-children.

COLLINS.—In loving memory of Benjamin William (Will), called home July 31, 1938. Taken from the evil to come.

HARDING.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Alfred Charles, who was called home July 22, 1943. In my memory ever. In God's care.

—Inserted by his wife Alice and daughter Bonnie, 129 Eglinton-st., Kew.

HARROP.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away Aug. 4, 1942; also dear father, Dec. 1, 1936.

A little token, true and tender,
Just to show I still remember.
—Myra.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 23.—Croydon church of Christ (Victoria) home-coming services, Sunday, Sept. 23. Past members and friends are invited to reserve this date and to watch for future announcements.

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The Family Altar

TOPIC.—TWO PARADOXICAL PRAYERS

Aug. 6—Phil 4: 1-7.
7—John 14: 1-6.
" 8—John 14: 25-31.
" 9—1 Peter 5: 1-7.
" 10—Rev. 2: 8-11.
" 11—Mark 15: 21-32.
" 12—Psalm 22: 1-8, 11-21; Mark 15: 33-47.

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commanded, which Joshua read not before all
the congregation of Israel, with the women, and
the little ones, and the strangers that were
conversant among them."—Josh. 8: 35.

"So they read in the book in the law of
God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused
them to understand the reading."—Neh. 8: 8.

"And Jesus—as his custom was—went into
the synagogue—and stood up for to read."—
Luke 4: 16.

"A man of Ethiopia—of great authority—sit-
ting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet."
—Acts 8: 26-28.

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A Front Line Hero

★ Missionary's Death on Tarawa

HOW Alfred Sadd, of Maldon, refused to trample on the Union Jack when ordered to do so by the Japanese is told in a letter to the London Missionary Society, which reveals for the first time the full story of his death in the Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

He went to this group of barren coral islands in 1933 for the London Missionary Society. Thirty-five and unmarried, he taught some 200 Gilbertese boys and girls at the society's school.

When the war against Japan was started all Europeans in the islands left with the exception of Mr. Sadd. He knew his life was in danger, but his love for his Christian natives, many converted by himself, would not let him go.

Now that Allied troops have thrown the Japanese out, a native has been able to send an account of how the Japanese slew Mr. Sadd. He writes:—

"The Japs came to Rongorongo, and all the people gathered together on the west of Jubilco Church with Bataern. The Japs created fear, for when anyone stood up, they frightened them with the point of the bayonet.

"Tupeli came along by the store, and one of the soldiers went to meet him with a gun, and led Tupeli to the officer and they stood talking.

"Then Mr. Sadd came hurrying along on his bicycle and two soldiers went to meet him. Mr. Sadd dismounted from his bicycle. The Japs had spread a Union Jack on the ground right by his path. Mr. Sadd saluted—perhaps to the Union Jack, but he did not tread on it—he walked round it to visit the officer. He talked with the officer, and later went to Tabulei in Beru (government station), escorted by two Japanese soldiers, to be tried by the commander.

"He went without fear; he was not at all troubled or heavy-hearted. The two soldiers were very angry because Mr. Sadd walked quickly. They shouted at him and looked angry, but Mr. Sadd went on the same until people told him that the Japs were annoyed because he was going so fast. He then went slower.

"When they reached Tabulei, in Beru, the Union Jack was again spread out in his path so that he would tread upon it.



"But Mr. Sadd, when he advanced towards the commander, on reaching the flag, stooped down, gathered it in his arms, kissed it, and carried it and presented it to the officer who was sitting beside the commander."

There follows a description of how he was taken away by boat, saying "Itaia Ti a leabo" (which means good-bye).

And here is a touching description of the final scene, when Mr. Sadd and others (including New Zealand soldiers, who had been part of a garrison) were killed:

"They stood in a line, Mr. Sadd in the middle. Presently Mr. Sadd went out and stood in front of them. He spoke words of cheer. He stood in front so that he would be the first to die. Then came a Jap and struck him with his sword. The others clapped their hands and were happy and unafraid when they saw the courage of Mr. Sadd.

"Mr. Sadd's staying among us was of value, for he very clearly showed his pluck and courage before the people of Rongorongo, the people of Beru, the Japanese, and his friends on Tarawa.

"He has made history. He has gone out in a blaze of glory. Bless him! Long may he be remembered! Somewhere beyond his joyous spirit is surely still making others glad."—Reprinted from a New Zealand daily newspaper.

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CABBAGES AND KINGS

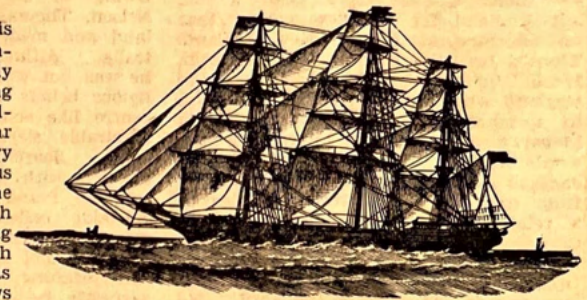
Rolf Gledhill, M.A., of Birmingham, England, writes an interesting article on the text, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."—Mark 8: 34 (R.V.).

THE life of a sailor is always full of adventure. He has to be ready for any emergency. Long ago, in the days of sailing ships, there were far more difficulties; and every voyage was a hazardous exploit. And though the sailor could battle with strong winds, and bring his ship safely through strange seas, there was one danger he always feared. It was a dread disease called scurvy. Against this evil he seemed powerless. Every year it killed more sailors than were killed by shipwreck, or in battle, or by any other illness.

One of the greatest achievements in those days of sailing ships was a voyage round the world by Lord George Anson. He set out in 1741, and it was nearly four years before he returned home again. This great voyage brought him wealth and fame. Everyone admired his courage and endurance. But there is a sad side to his story. It was not all success. For on the voyage most of the crew died. This terrible plague had broken out on board his ship. It killed two-thirds of his men.

This disease did not only attack sailors. Everyone was subject to it, and it would sweep through a whole country spreading suffering and death. But at last the cure was found. And the name of the source of the cure is particularly interesting. It is the Cruciferae. The word itself means "cross-bearers"; and it is the name given to one of the largest of the natural orders of plants. One of the best known of these Cruciferae plants is the cabbage. This contains the principle of life—or vitamin, as we now call it—which destroys the disease. When green food such as cabbage was used, scurvy disappeared. So the dread evil was abolished by the Cruciferae. The life-bringer was the "cross-bearer."

The story of Lord George Anson is only one of the many records of man's great triumphs. Right down the ages man has been setting out on great voyages of discovery. He has crossed



many seas and discovered new lands. He has delved into the earth and found new treasures. In all his adventures man has won great achievements. But there is a sad side to his story. It is not all a tale of triumph. There is also a record of sorrow and suffering. And much of this is caused by the terrible scourge called sin. It has brought more unhappiness than anything else in the world. And against its attacks man seems powerless. It might also be called a "deficiency" disease. If only sin could be overcome, new life and new joy would be possible for man.

Once again it was the Cross-bearer that was the life-bringer. In the hour of need the King of kings left the glories of his heavenly home, and came into our world, and lived our life; for us he suffered and died upon the cross. His name, we are told, is Jesus "because he shall save his people from their sins."

Among the large number of plants that belong to this order called Cruciferae there is not one that is poisonous. All are health-giving. All can be used to bring health and happiness to the world. But there is another order of Cruciferae, an order instituted by Jesus Christ himself. "If any man would come after me," he said, "let him take up his cross and follow me." Jesus calls us to be cross-bearers. He summons us through worship to join this great company, who, through him, know the fullness of life. He bids us carry our cross, and be among the Cruciferae. For by so doing we are helping to heal the wounds of the world. —"Expository Times."

Y O U T H S ' M A G A Z I N E

Thomas Magarey

A YOUNG PIONEER

ABOUT one hundred years ago Thomas Magarey, little more than a lad, left England for the new colony that was opening at Nelson, New Zealand. Thomas had been born in County Down, Ireland, in 1825, and had been taken to England where he received an education in a school near Manchester. Young Magarey took a great interest in the word of God, and he found Thomas Jackson a helpful companion. Receiving from this new friend several copies of a religious paper edited by Alexander Campbell, he saw the need of fulfilling the requirements of Christian baptism. In 1845, at the age of 20 years, he was immersed in the name of the Lord. He also saw the truth of the teaching that a Christian ought to remember Jesus each Lord's day in the breaking of bread or communion service. With others he met in a humble service at Nelson,

and carried out the request of his Lord. Owing to a depression occurring at Nelson, Thomas Magarey left New Zealand and made his way to South Australia. Although only a young man, he was not willing to cast aside his religious beliefs when he went to a new centre like some have done; there was admirable strength in his pioneering spirit. Searching for a group of worshippers with whom he might link himself, he found some worthy people in Adelaide called Scotch Baptists. He was happy with them, but he saw that they did not carry out in worship the full teaching of Christ. Kindly and earnestly he pointed to the truth. As a result of his lead, a service of Christians after the order of the New Testament was commenced in 1846. Can we not follow that young man's example wherever we are?

We Read That

Dr. Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, received not a penny for his monumental achievement, except a few personal contributions from persons not financially interested in its production and distribution.

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Bible Quiz

SOME NOTABLE NAMES

1. Who hid two spies in her house?
2. Who found honey in the carcass of a lion?
3. Who was a herdman in Tekoa?
4. Who was a shepherd for forty years in Midian?
5. Who was called from tax-gathering into Christ's service?
6. Who had a vision on the isle of Patmos?
7. Who was a doctor in the service of Paul?
8. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
9. Who was appointed an apostle in the place of Judas?
10. Who was the first martyr of the Christian church?



1. Rahab. 2. Samson. 3. Amos. 4. Moses. 5. Matthew. 6. John. 7. Luke. 8. Zachæus. 9. Matthias. 10. Stephen.

ANSWERS.

Youths' Magazine



BEAUTY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIPPING the Lord in a church service is not as dull and uninteresting as some would have us think. There is much joy in worship if we are ready to do our part. Is it not a glad time when we join in the singing of that great hymn which opens with the lines,

"O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love?"

To hear the preacher read from a Psalm in which an ancient king cried out of his heart, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord," is to learn again that for thousands of years people like ourselves have found worship full of gladness, and certainly not dull. If we attend the services of the church regularly, take a real interest in the words of the hymns, in the truth of the Bible reading as well as in the aim of the sermon, we shall find worship the richest experience of life. So let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth and in the beauty of holiness.