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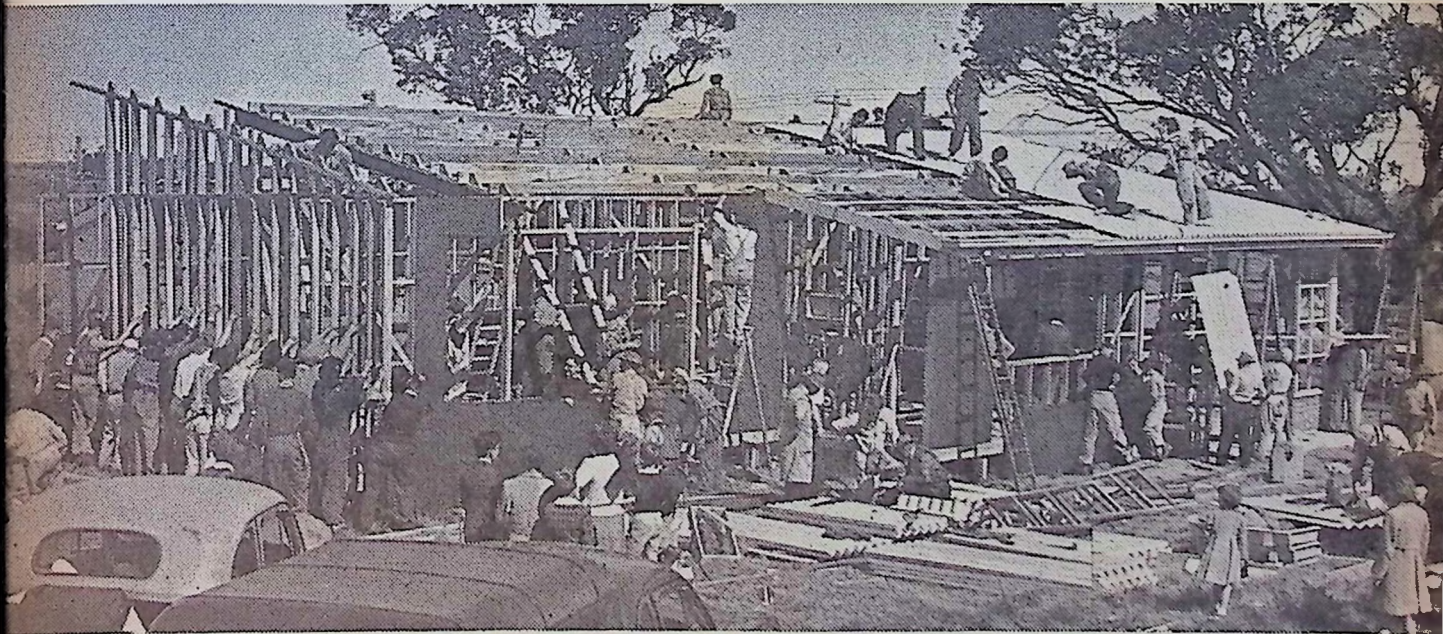
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TO WORK”

TWO BUILDINGS IN A DAY, VIC.



208 were in the team building Jordanville chapel, Vic.

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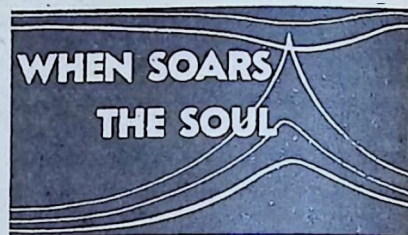
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*When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace*



The following selections are from
Those who Seek, third in the daily
Bible studies for the 1954 World
Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. Week of Prayer
(Nov. 14-20).

The Kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure hidden in a field; a man has
found it and hidden it again, and
now, for the joy it gives him, is
going home to sell all that he has
and buy that field. Again, the King-
dom of heaven is as if a trader were
looking for rare pearls: and now he
has found one pearl of great cost
and has sold all that he had and
bought it (Matt. 13: 44-46).

To enter into the Kingdom of
heaven is the greatest experience man
can ever have. . . . God has promised
that everyone who seeks first the
Kingdom shall find it. We face this
challenge to place "the first thing"
first. The Kingdom of heaven is so
glorious, that he who finds it "goes
off overjoyed, to sell all his pos-
sessions" to obtain it. We must give
up everything to get hold of the
treasure. It is because we do not
set our hearts on this that we often
fall. He who seeks must—like the
two men in the parables—renounce
everything and entirely trust God,
and do so every day. Then God will
give him peace and joy and eternal
hope. Trusting God, we shall be
liberated from the bondage of sin and
inherit life's most precious possession
—the treasure, the pearl of great
price.

Grant us, O Lord, we beseech thee,
always to seek thy Kingdom and thy
righteousness, and of whatsoever thou
seest us to stand in need, mercifully
grant us an abundant portion. . . .
O Lord our God, let nothing separate
us from thee. If we fail, bring us
back quickly to thee, and make us
hope in thee, trust in thee, love thee
everlastingly. . . . Almighty God, who
puttest into our hearts such deep de-
sire, that we cannot be at peace until
we enjoy the certainty of thy love,
let us ever seek thee, and let us per-
sist in seeking, till we have found and
are in full possession of thee; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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“CHRISTIAN MEN SERVING”

SATURDAY, October 23, was a memorable day for close on four hundred workers linked in the task of building two chapels in a day on selected sites in the Melbourne suburbs of Jordanville and Pascoe Vale (or Strathmore). The whole scheme was a daring, dramatic gesture which fully deserved the support it received. Keen interest was aroused, not only among neighbors in the two areas, who watched the buildings take speedy shape, but also by radio and press. All three Melbourne morning papers featured pictures of the buildings in their Monday editions, and the evening paper made approving editorial comment on the Saturday night. It was a splendid witness for churches of Christ.

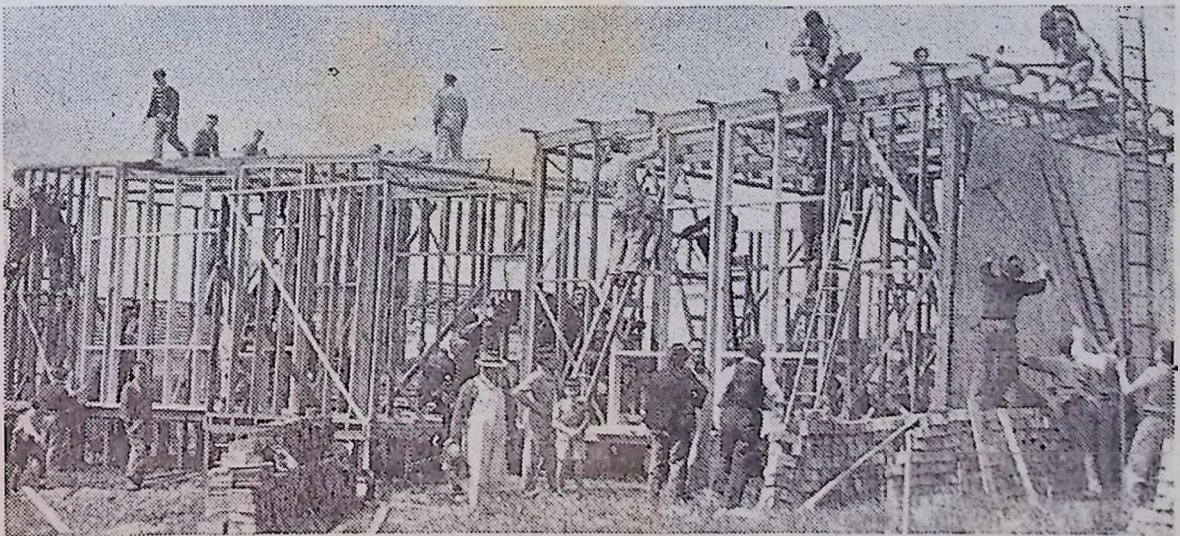
The scheme was organised and developed by the Victorian Church Men's Society, whose appropriate motto is "Christian Men Serving." Working in conjunction with L. Chapman (pres.) and H. Earl (sec.) were men like T. R. Morris (a proven genius at organising efforts of this kind), the builders, F. Haycraft (Jordanville) and B. Barndon (Pascoe Vale), and the architect, R. Drayton. They won the co-operation of bodies like the State Electricity Commission (which promised, and fulfilled its promise, to have men standing by, ready to connect the lights in the new buildings), and insurance authorities (who arranged generous cover—happily not needed, though there were one or two "near misses" of a falling metal 'set square and chisel!). Most heartening was the spirit of the men themselves, many of whom were present on the sites at 6 a.m. to join in short devotional services prior

to the day's tasks—Pascoe Vale men even singing cheerfully, at that time of the morning, "To the work! To the work!"

There were some thrilling moments as these practical, all-purpose buildings took shape during the day. One of those present at Jordanville comments, "To see the sixty-foot wall framework at one stage flat on the floor, and then to see a team of men march forward and raise it erect in position was a sight never to be forgotten." Tradesmen worked cheerfully with "general helpers," and the ladies gave invaluable aid with their refreshments.

This was no "stunt." These buildings are urgently needed, in rapidly growing suburbs, both of which have challenging possibilities for our brotherhood. Jordanville, for example, began as a Bible school of 27 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coates; within two years it has reached an attendance of 154.

One of the most significant things, from a brotherhood point of view, is the way that the men of the churches responded to a really worthwhile challenge from the Church Men's Society. Doubtless, there will soon be moves to implement the Federal Conference decision to establish a Federal Department of Men's Work, and developments in Victoria will serve as a guide to what might be attempted elsewhere. This experiment at least proves to us once again that our men *will* respond to colorful, creative leadership. As one worker enthused, "The Church isn't dead yet!" Let's set more "Christian Men Serving!"



Part of the team of 153 at work on the Pascoe Vale building.

—Block by courtesy "Age."

The church at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., celebrates . . .

One Hundred Years of Service

The brotherhood throughout Australia and beyond will, no doubt, rejoice with the brethren at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., in the achievement of one hundred years of life and service. Congratulatory messages are being received from all over the Commonwealth. Two years after John Ingram hoisted the pioneer flag for churches of Christ in Victoria (1852), brethren met in Barkly-st., Carlton. They continued thus for eleven years, moving to more commodious premises in Lygon-st. for the expanding work in 1865. Be it noted that our pioneers at Carlton declined to accept a Government grant of land, preferring the high principle of the Lord's people sponsoring the Lord's work. H. S. Earl was secured from America to labor as evangelist, arriving in Melbourne in July, 1864. The unqualified success of this good man's work under God, laid the foundations of the Restoration Movement in Victoria. There followed down the years an illustrious line of God's warrior-saints. Lygon-st. should be a great church if alone for the calibre of the men who have led her, under God, across the years.

It is impossible to tabulate every incident in one hundred years of church history. We think of G. T. Walden's fine ministry, when extensive additions were made to the front of the building at a cost of £1850. We recall how brethren from Lygon-st. began the cause at Nth. Fitzroy in 1873, and many others later, so that Lygon-st. has frequently been called the "Mother Church" of many churches of Christ in Victoria. In past years, many of her young men became prominent preachers in the States of Australia, also in England and America. Missionaries have gone out from this church to give their all in service on the far flung frontiers of the Kingdom.

Lygon-st. has always been

A Brotherhood Church

being the centre of State Conference gatherings for nearly the whole life of brotherhood State activities. Her large capacity and proximity to the city have made her peculiarly suited to this service and honors.

The first annual meeting of the Victorian Conference of Churches of Christ of which any record can be found, is that held at Lygon-st. on April 2, 1866. The first Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Aus-

tralia met at Lygon-st., Oct. 21 and 22, 1889. The first classes of the Federal College of the Bible were housed and nurtured in the historic lecture hall of this church. W. C. Morro and Dr. James Johnston, two Lygon-st. preachers, were moving spirits in its initiation. The Chinese Mission Church in Queensberry-st. was begun by Lygon-st. brethren.

The Great Century Bible Classes, begun under H. Kingsbury and Reg. Enniss, and later recommenced by R. Enniss and S. R. Baker, were epics in the life of this church. The influence they created in the lives of those privileged to be connected with them cannot be over-estimated.

As a local assembly she has loyally supported every brotherhood enterprise. It is not without significance that representatives of Lygon-st. in her hundredth year helped in the erection of two churches in a day, viz.: Jordanville and Strathmore on Oct. 23, 1954.

The church has faced

Difficulties and Problems

associated with various crises in its life. In 1897 acute economic depression enveloped the community, and Lygon-st. members went out to Brunswick and adjacent areas relieving the acute needs of the people. 1914-18, saw 78 of the church's fine young manhood offering for service at duty's call; 16 of whom gave their lives. 1939-45 again saw the world aflame; 68 of the church's fine youth were called to service, four of whom were numbered among the "unreturning brave."

The upkeep of the church property has been a considerable obligation, cheerfully undertaken by succeeding generations. £450 has recently been spent on renovations. This church has

Reason To Be Thankful

for the large number of godly women constantly in membership. Devoted sisters have supported the work of this "Mother Church" through all its long history. One result of their labors was the purchase of a block of land adjoining for £300, which was presented to the church, and is now serving as car park.

The church is happy and contented under the able ministry of Les. G.

Burgin, who is strong and fearless in the things of the gospel. Mrs. Burgin takes her place by her husband's side, and with the sisters in the work of the church.

A splendid centenary programme embraced five well organised gospel services throughout the month of October, leading up to a great Homecoming Day on Nov. 7. Allen Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., comes from Sydney as special guest speaker for three services. At the afternoon service a memorial honor roll in polished blackwood will be unveiled by S. Russell Baker. Hospital Chaplain, Charles Young, will place wreaths of remembrance. On Nov. 12 a brotherhood tea and rally has been arranged — Lloyd G. Read, of Dandenong, will bring the address, entitled "The Unfinished Task." On Nov. 20 a sale of work and gifts is scheduled in aid of the Manse Fund. On Nov. 29 a church family outing by private cars and char-a-banc to the Dandenongs is arranged. The entire front of the building is being floodlit for two months.

The history of a church is like the history of a nation, far reaching, and to a certain extent reads like a romance. A church is one of God's centres of power, influence and light, through which he moves and reaches out and lightens the world. When all the loose ends of humanity are brought together and unravelled in the white light of the day of God, it will be found that the church at Lygon-st. has played an important part in making the world brighter and better. To the extent that any church does this, it can be truly said, it has discharged its God-given mission.— E. McClean.



With the prayerful support of the church at Edwardstown West, S.A., the new church at Ascot Park has been duly constituted, with a membership of 28. Up to the present, the Edwardstown church has paid £80 toward the purchase of a block of land on Marion-rd., Ascot Park, for the erection of the new chapel. H. Cave has accepted a call to minister to both churches, and will commence early next February. A modern home, nearing completion, in Flinders-st., Woodlands Park, has been purchased as a manse.

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MISSIONARY NEWS



(Notes by A. Anderson, Secretary F.M. Board.)

Annual Offering Figures

UPWARD TREND.

Income for General Funds for the first quarter of the financial year (July to September), which includes the Annual Offering, amounted to £11,420. These figures show an upward trend over those for 1953 (£10,988) and 1952 (£11,106). The Board is deeply grateful to the Australian brotherhood for continued loyal support. We need to realise, however, that our commitments demand that a steady monthly income must be maintained.

FACTS TO PONDER.

New Workers.

A new missionary proceeds to India, Jan., 1955.

A new worker for the Islands is likely to be named within a few weeks.

Extra Educational Grants.

Steadily more Indian students are coming forward who are worthy of higher education. In view of our Indianisation programme, it will be necessary to have many equipped workers ready as soon as possible. A larger group is being trained than ever before. Some come under the terms of the TUNSTALL TRUST, others must be supported from GENERAL FUNDS. Extra monies therefore have to be found for this purpose.

High School boys' examination results just to hand! "Examination results are just out, and you will be pleased to hear that at least five of our High School lads topped their classes, others did very well. It is so good to know that these young lives are given a chance." (Dorothy Heard, Baramati.)

Staggered Furloughs.

To keep the Fields up to full strength, some are leaving earlier so they might return when others are due to leave. This year's budget will automatically be increased several hundred pounds because of these moves.

Expansion, Maewo.

As a first step toward expansion in the Islands, Maewo will have re-

sident missionaries. Within a few months, equipment and materials must be purchased to carry out this programme.

Increases in Salaries.

Salaries of missionaries are reviewed each quarter, but for over two years nothing was done in this regard. Feeling that increases were due, the Board made new rates operative from July 1. Though the increases were not high, the aggregate amounts to an additional £500 per annum.

For the above reasons, coupled with the fact that all general costs have increased, we ask the brotherhood to continue this upward trend in income. Failure in this regard could be extremely serious at this stage.

Opening of New Chapel

BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W.

Close on 300 people gathered outside the chapel of the church of Christ, New Illawarra-rd., Bexley North, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 9, for the official opening and dedication service.

The preacher, J. G. Shaw, in words of welcome introduced the builder, George Knight, who outlined the purpose of the building, and opened the doors.

As the residents and visitors flocked into the chapel they were loud in their praise of the atmosphere of worship created by the pastel blue walls, cream ceiling, cream and black tiled open baptistery in the form of a cross, teal blue carpets, and honey-colored platform furniture.

When all had entered (many had to stand in the porch and back of the chapel, although extra seats had been provided) the service of dedication commenced.

Greetings came from many centres, including one from Canberra, and one from T. V. Weir (former preacher, now in Vic.), and also from Alderman McGuinness (representing the Mayor and Rockdale Council). The Mayor, Alderman Gosling, accompanied by Mrs. Gosling, also arrived later in the afternoon.

The State Conference President, S. H. Laney, dedicated the chapel to the service of the Lord, and an ap-

INDIAN PROJECTS.

The appeal on behalf of Dhond Hospital building and Baramati primary school moves along slowly. The £500 required, to assure the subsidy of £500 from the Trustees of the Campbell Edwards Trust, has reached £270. Some promised gifts will probably bring the figure to £300. Will all who have promised, or others who have been considering this matter, please forward promptly so this appeal can be finalised?

BARAMATI NEWS.

Mrs. E. W. Heard, who with her husband and family will shortly be in Australia, supplies the following:—

"The Baramati boys have been on holidays most of the week, there being several big festivals, Hindu and Muslim. To-morrow is the climax of the Hindu festival when they throw their god into the river. We do pray that the word of the only true God may be sown in the hearts of these people that they may come to know Jesus as their Saviour. We do praise him for every opportunity. The work in the Friendship Centre is a wonderful contact with the village people, and we have made many, many friends."

propriate solo was rendered by Mrs. W. McDonald, whilst two pioneer members, J. Saville and L. C. Yelds, took part in the service.

The N.S.W. Youth Director and H.M. Secretary, Roy Greenhalgh, spoke of the progress of the church at Bexley North over nearly 25 years, and stressed the need of "Altered Men for Altered Service."

A buffet tea was provided for 250 by the Women's Fellowship, after which colored slides, showing the recent Federal Conference in Queensland, were screened.

The dedicatory offering was £187, and the guest speaker, Ron Saunders (Hamilton, Vic.) addressed the evening gathering, when the full effect of the baptistery and ceiling fluorescent lighting added beauty to the floral decorations.

On the Sunday every service was crowded, and history made when over 100 communed around the Lord's Table.

Two young people made the confession of faith when J. Shaw gave the invitation after the gospel message.

The added building will give ample space for more effective work among the young people, whilst the appearance of the structure will add to the spirit of worship by the congregation.—L. C. Yelds, sec.

E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A., shares with us these thoughtful . . .

Echoes of Evanston

EVANGELISM.

"Jesus Christ is the gospel we proclaim. . . . We were hopeless about life and our place in it; he has given us hope and filled our life with meaning . . . (We are) the Church of Christ on earth. . . . To evangelise is to participate in his life and in his ministry to the world. . . . This ministry is the ministry of the risen and ascended Christ: Christ as he is to-day. . . . In and by this ministry the Church lives in the power of the Holy Spirit whose work enables and confirms its testimony. . . . Therefore, whether it meet success or failure, closed doors or open doors, the Church in its work of evangelism is delivered from bondage to visible results. The gospel is preached because the Lord is risen and the age of the Messiah begun."

"Evangelism is no specialised or separable or periodic activity, but is rather a dimension of the total activity of the Church. . . . This witness of the Church to its Lord is weakened by our faithlessness—not least by our divisions. . . . Underlying these concerns of evangelism is the bringing of persons to Christ as Saviour and Lord."

"In order to possess the power to evangelise, the Church must nourish its life on the Bible."

"The laity stand at the very outposts of the Kingdom of God. They are the missionaries of Christ in every secular sphere."

"The ambassador of Christ is primarily concerned, not with the faith that a man professes (Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.), but with him as he really is, a sinner like himself and one for whom Christ died."

"The time of evangelism will not last forever, it will be succeeded by the time of the Kingdom fulfilled. The good news will not remain forever a promise made: it will become a promise kept."

THE RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY IN A WORLD PERSPECTIVE.

"The Churches have come to realise that they have a duty to society as a part of their mission to the world."

"The responsible society is a society where freedom is the freedom of men who acknowledge responsibility to justice and public order, and where those who hold political authority or economic power are responsible for its exercise to God and to the people whose welfare is af-

fectured by it.' 'Responsible society' is not an alternative social or political system, but a criterion by which we judge all existing social orders and at the same time a standard to guide us in the specific choices we have to make."

"The Church cannot uncritically support any particular form of organisation as it exists in any particular country, but should be especially concerned with the moral implications of economic life."

"Only as Christians work for social justice and political freedom for all, and rise above both fear and resentment, will they be fully able to meet the challenge of this conflict (the conflict between communists and non-communists). It will be the task of the Churches to point to the dangers inherent in the present situation: on the one hand the temptation to succumb to anti-communist hysteria and the danger of a self-righteous assurance concerning the social and political systems of the West. . . . Christians in communist and non-communist countries are called to hold each other in special brotherly concern and prayer across all barriers."

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

"Christians everywhere are committed to world peace as a goal. However, for them 'peace' means far more than mere 'absence of war;' it is characterised positively by freedom, justice, truth and love. For such peace the Church must labor and pray."

"The foremost responsibility of the Christian Church in this situation is undoubtedly to bring the transforming power of Jesus Christ to bear upon the hearts of men."

"It is not enough for the Churches to proclaim that war is evil. They must study afresh the Christian approaches to peace, taking into account both Christian pacifism as a mode of witness and the conviction of Christians that in certain circumstances military action is justifiable. Whatever views Christians hold in respect of these approaches, they must seek out, analyse, and help to remove psychological and social, political and economic causes of war . . . Christians in all lands must plead with their governments to be patient and persistent in their search for means to limit weapons and advance disarmament."

"We call upon nations to pledge that they will refrain from the threat

or the use of hydrogen, atomic and all other weapons of mass destruction as well as any other means of force against the territorial or political independence of any state. The Churches must condemn the deliberate mass destruction of civilians in open cities by whatever means."

"It is the Christian conviction that war is not inevitable, because God wills peace."

INTERGROUP RELATIONS.

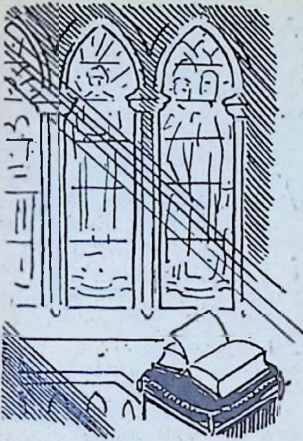
"As part of its task of challenging the conscience of society, it is the duty of the Church to protest against any law or arrangement that is unjust to any human being or which would make Christian fellowship impossible, or would prevent the Christian from practising his vocation. . . . The Church of Christ cannot approve of any law which discriminates on the ground of race, which restricts the opportunity of any man to acquire education . . . to procure or practise employment . . . or in any way curtails his exercise of the full rights and responsibilities of citizenship."

THE CHRISTIAN IN HIS VOCATION.

"Clergy and laity belong together in the Church; if the Church is to perform her mission in the world, they need each other. . . . The word 'laity' must not be understood in a merely negative way as meaning those church members who are not clergy. . . . The phrase 'ministry of the laity' expresses the privilege of the whole Church to share in Christ's ministry to the world. . . . God calls the whole Church to a life of faith, obedience, service and worship; this is the meaning of vocation in the teaching of the New Testament. Every Christian has a vocation in this biblical sense."

"It would appear that in comparison with the Church's effort to teach the application of the gospel to the life of the family and to personal relations, the effort to apply the gospel to the world of work has been relatively slight. . . . There is a tendency in some sections of church life to be interested in man only as a soul to be saved without regard to his physical, mental and social welfare."

"Doing one's work not as men-pleasers but as unto our Master in heaven, is the only deliverance from the frustrations of men's efforts. . . . All honest work is service rendered to society."



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, November 14

OLD TESTAMENT.

Psalms 45.

Summary.

Originally the marriage hymn of a Jewish king, this psalm came to be interpreted in a Messianic sense, and quoted as such. Many conjectures have been made as to which of the Jewish kings is the subject of this poem, some even suggesting that it concerns the marriage of Ahab and Jezebel! Alexander Maclaren regards its language as "a world too wide for the diminutive stature and stained virtues" of even the greatest of the kings, and suggests that, as "every Jewish king, by virtue of his descent and of his office, was a living prophecy of the greatest of the sons of David, the future King of Israel, the Psalmist sees the ideal Person . . . shining through the shadowy form of the earthly king."

Explanatory Notes.

"My heart is inditing a good matter" (v. 1).—Moffatt has "A noble theme inspires my soul!" The word translated "inditing" literally means "bubbling over." A typical introduction for a court-poet.

"Thy throne, O God, is for ever" (v. 6).—Is the king referred to as "God"? To avoid the difficulty Moffatt follows a textual alteration omitting reference to God, and simply translating "Your throne shall stand for evermore." Similarly, the R.S.V. has "Your divine throne endures for ever and ever," with possible alternatives being "Your throne is a throne of God," or "Your throne, O God." But it is obvious from later references that, whatever divinity the king was thought to possess, was only real insofar as he was the representative of God. Maclaren takes this as an instance in which the poet was "wiser than he knew," regarding the words as truly fulfilled in our Lord and his unshakable kingdom.

"out of the ivory palaces" (v. 8).—It has been suggested that "palaces" is a mistranslation for "harps" (or "instruments"), the words being very similar in Hebrew. Hence Moffatt, "Music of ivory harps is ravishing your heart." R.S.V. combined the two: "From ivory palaces, stringed instruments make you glad."

Suggested Theme.

"A NOBLE THEME."

Introduction.—This singer felt himself inspired by what he called the "noble theme" of

I. THE KING'S MAJESTY.—Expressed in his person (v. 2), practice (vv. 3-5) and perpetuity (v. 6).

II. THE KING'S JUSTICE.—Revealed in devotion to truth, meekness and righteousness (vv. 4, 7).

III. THE KING'S LOVE.—Discovered in self-giving (v. 10), resulting in joy (v. 15), and "remembered in all generations."

Conclusion.—How more noble is such a theme when applied to the King of kings! There was nothing polished or poetic about Paul's heart-cry, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" but that was his life-passion. Is it ours?

NEW TESTAMENT.

Hebrews I.

Summary.

Without any personal introduction or greetings, the writer grapples immediately with his great theme—that the revelation of God through Old Testament historians, psalmists and prophets, "partial and inconclusive" (Wand), has found its full expression in his Son. He proceeds to define the greatness of the Son, and, freely using scriptural quotations, shows how far superior he is to the angels—a theme which is continued into the second chapter.

Explanatory Notes.

"these last days" (v. 2).—Better as Wand has it "the end of this era."

"heir of all things" (v. 2).—The word translated "heir" includes the thought of taking possession; hence Phillips has, "Through the Son God made the whole universe, and to the Son he has ordained that all creation shall ultimately belong."

"brightness of his glory" (v. 3).— "The Greek word here translated 'brightness' may mean either 'reflection' or 'radiance,' and the phrase, therefore, may signify either (a) that the glory of God was reflected in the person Jesus Christ and mirrored in

his work, or (b)—and this seems the more probable explanation—that as the light streams from the sun, the radiance of the glory of God streams from Christ" (Andrews).

"express image" (v. 3).—The word literally means the stamp cut by a die, and hence the impress on a seal. So Moffatt translates "stamped with God's own character," and Phillips "flawless Expression of the nature of God." Robinson comments, "Jesus is, so to speak, God thrown on the screen of human life."

"so much better than the angels" (v. 4).—The writer proceeds to quote seven proof-texts from the Old Testament to show how truly superior the Son is. As is seen by Paul's warning in Col. 2: 8, there was a danger that some Christians were indulging in angel-worship, and falling to acknowledge the unique position of Christ.

"And again" (v. 6).—There is some doubt as to whether the word "again" is simply meant to indicate a further quotation, or whether it should be read with the verb "bringeth." Several good authorities believe the latter is right, and that here we have a reference to the second coming. Note Goodspeed's translation, "of the time when he is to bring his firstborn Son back to the world."

"maketh his angels winds" (v. 7).—"It never says that God makes his Son anything; he acknowledges him as such" (Vine).

Suggested Theme.

"THE LAST WORD."

Introduction.—In uncertain, and often terrifying, times, early Christians were unafraid—they knew that the last word was with God.

I. THE CREATIVE WORD.—The first Word had been with God—creating (vv. 2 and 10), sustaining (v. 3).

II. THE CONVINCING WORD.—Nothing unreal or fragmentary (v. 1) about their Lord's revelation of God (v. 3)—unique, superior to all others (vv. 4-14).

III. THE CLEANSING WORD.—He has "purged our sins" (v. 3). "Now ye are clean through the word" (Jn. 15: 3).

IV. THE CONTINUING WORD.—On the right hand of God (v. 4), securely throned (v. 8), and ever-abiding (vv. 11, 12).

Conclusion.—Even in an atomic world the last word is not with any scientist, but with God. And what a Word!



Next week's issue will feature the work of Home Missions throughout Australia. A number of our regular features (including "The Living Word" concerning which we acknowledge receipt of appreciative comments) will be suspended next week to make way for this enthralling H.M. story. This week's issue goes to press a little earlier, because of the Nov. 2 holiday in Melbourne. Church news which arrived too late for inclusion will be printed next week.

Following on the opening of the new chapel at Bexley North, N.S.W., on Oct. 9, a teaching mission was held, with Messrs. Amos, Norling, Thomas and Andrews as speakers. The meetings concluded with a youth night on Oct. 23. Sunday services on 24th were conducted by J. Shaw, when two young people decided for Christ. On Oct. 27, Ira Paternoster spoke on the work in the Islands, illustrated with beautiful slides.

A. Anderson, Fed. F.M. sec., writes: "Deep sorrow and anxiety has been caused because of the serious illness of Fed. F.M. treasurer, O. V. Mann. After a period in hospital he returned home for a week, but his condition deteriorated, and his return to hospital was essential. At the last meeting of the Board, a resolution of sympathy was passed, and prayers offered on his behalf and for his loved ones. Mr. Mann was elected a member of the Board in 1920, and over the years has helped considerably in the wise and careful expenditure of finance. The present sound position of the Board has been largely due to his judgment and leadership in this direction. Please lend your prayers to ours that God will give him strength and courage and his wife fortitude and peace."

The Gardiner Men's Fellowship organised a mission at South Richmond, Vic., conducted by Miss V. Callanan. Meetings were held every night, with an average attendance of 46. On the opening night, three teen-age girls were baptised, and another made her decision. The chapel was almost filled for the youth service on the Saturday night. Many non-members witnessed the baptismal service on the closing night. The church is indebted to Miss Callanan, to the

Gardiner men for their visitation, and to all who helped with messages of song.

A husband and wife, and a married man, whose wife confessed Christ earlier in the mission, made their decisions during the fourth week of the Baker-Milne tent mission at Kilburn, S.A. Total number of decisions up to Oct. 25 was 26 (13 adults, 12 B.S. scholars, and 1 reconsecration). Attendances have been excellent. Baptismal services each Sunday night have created much interest, with the tent well filled. Singing help has been appreciated from Mr. Gower, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dix, while Mrs. Milne and Mrs. Lawrence have been splendid pianistes.

Many throughout Australia will remember the name of A. Penry Evans because of his ministry from 1929 to 1946 with the Collins-st. Independent Church, Melbourne. He was recognised as an outstanding preacher, and on his retirement the church at Collins-st. published a volume of his sermons as a tribute to his ministry. News has now reached Melbourne of his recent death in Wales, where in earlier days he was regarded as a brilliant Welsh-speaking preacher.

A pen-knife was found at Jordanville, Vic., following the "building bee" on Oct. 23. Owner may receive it on application to this office. An impressive opening service for the new Jordanville building was held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, when T. R. Morris opened the door, and B. F. Huntsman (Vic.-Tas. Vice-Pres.) brought an appropriate message. J. W. Lewis (Oakleigh) presided over the crowded gathering.

The executive committee of the World Methodist Council is trying to find out how many Methodists there are in the world. Conservative estimates place the number at around 15,000,000, but the committee believes the total figure may run as high as forty million. British Methodists have been studying the possibility of establishing a world Methodist centre at Oxford University as a memorial to the Wesleys.

In preparation for an eight-day mission with R. W. Marshall (Mile End, S.A.) the church at York-st.,

Ballarat, Vic., covered a wide area in house to house visitation, and interviewed many in visitation evangelism. Members have been greatly helped in cottage prayer services. The mission opened with challenging messages on Oct. 17, when four were received into fellowship, and one lad was baptised. C. Jackel is the minister at York-st., where evening attendances during Oct. have averaged well above the hundred mark.

After six weeks of enforced rest because of an operation and subsequent influenza, Dr. Billy Graham's first undertaking was a month's campaign in Nashville, Tennessee. The opening meeting drew a crowd of 23,000, of whom 143 registered their decision for Christ that night in the Vanderbilt stadium, every one of them having to cross the main field of the arena under the blaze of batteries of lights. The press coverage has been phenomenal, the evening paper promising to give a verbatim report of Dr. Graham's message for each of his thirty days in Nashville.

Arthur Baker, who recently concluded a ministry of eight and a half years at Lidcombe, N.S.W., has accepted an invitation to Enmore Tabernacle, and is due to commence his labors there on Nov. 28.

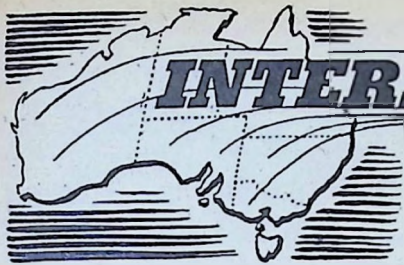
Debt Cleared

MALVERN-CAULFIELD, VIC.

The church at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., held a thanksgiving service on Wed., Oct. 27, when a cheque for the full amount of the church debt, viz., £976/10/-, was handed to the treasurer of the Properties Corporation, F. N. Lee, by J. Holloway. Speakers were R. P. Clark (church sec.), T. Jackson (church treas.) and J. Holloway (elder). Responses were made by F. Lee and R. Enniss (chairman, Properties Corporation). Others taking part were G. Black, G. Mitchell (song leader), Miss A. Hart (organiste), F. Illingworth, jnr., R. Griffiths, M. Moody and G. Lees. Musical numbers were contributed by Mrs. Cooper, Jeanette Smith and Wendy Stamp.

The church appreciates the help given by some former members of Malvern-Caulfield. The offering on Wed. night was £42, which was in addition to other amounts that had come in during the day, making a total of £990, with some still to come. It is hoped to pass the £1000 mark.

The members joined in real thanksgiving to God and the Doxology was sung twice. The giving was on an overall basis, the aim being at least a week's salary by each member. A happy time of social fellowship followed in the church hall.—W. Thomson.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Queensland

Wambo Creek (R. W. Hume).—On Oct. 10 a young woman who meets with Methodist church was baptised. At conclusion of service a man made the good confession.

Lowood (V. G. Boettcher).—5th church anniversary was recently celebrated with F. Langford (Kedron) as guest speaker for week of special services. Preaching of Mr. Langford was instructive and his visitation appreciated by church. Thankoffering almost reached target of £40. Church recently purchased allotment adjacent to chapel with view to future expansion. Combined meetings with Marburg church are held monthly on the fourth Sunday, and meetings at Esk, twenty-five miles distant, on 2nd Sunday of each month. Preparations are in hand for annual Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree. A baptismal service was held on Oct. 10.

Sunnybank (K. Horne).—During mid-winter series of evangelistic meetings six Y.P. made their decision, were baptised on Oct. 6, and welcomed into the church on Oct. 10. B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 26. Afternoon speaker was Mr. Dalrymple (Dalrymple's Book Store). Both services were excellently attended. Mr. Jenner has returned home after spending period in hospital. David Cardinal (C.Y.F.) has recovered from an unfortunate accident.

Ma Ma Creek.—Lockyer C.E. rally was held on Sept. 29, when several societies and Toowoomba A.N.C.M. were represented. Mr. McKenzie (Gatton Congregational) was guest speaker. Rich fellowship and inspiration were experienced on Oct. 2, when Sth. Qld. Country Conference held its annual meeting at Ma Ma Creek. Paul Aurisch (Berwick, Vic.) addressed church during recent visit after attending Fed. Conference. Mr. Ament (B.&F.B.S.) spoke at Gatton on Oct. 10, and showed color films at Ma Ma Creek on Oct. 11.

Western Australia

Claremont (J. E. Gough).—Prayer meeting enjoyed report of Fed. Conference and trip from delegates who recently returned. On Oct. 12, S. G. Taylor addressed combined prayer meeting held with Fremantle church. H. Gray is making progress after illness, but is still at Mt. Henry Home. B.S. held successful anniversary on 17th. H. Rogers conducted singing, and J. K. Bond was guest speaker. Special Building Fund appeal has

reached £300 in cash and promises. Girls' Club raised £8 at a Barn Social.

Perth, Lake-st. (A. J. Fisher).—Gifts have been sent to University for International House and boxes of clothing to Norseman Mission. Riley Memorial Offering reached £89. On Oct. 10 R. Vincent preached while minister was helping at Bassendean. Dorcas was visited by Women's Auxiliary Prayer Committee, address being given by Mrs. Price (City Baptist Church). Offering for B.&F.B.S. was £32. Aged Mrs. Cosh is very weak in Bethesda Hospital.

Subiaco (R. Raymond).—Fifty-sixth B.S. anniversary on Oct. 17 was a marked success. There were large congregations at every service, and singing under baton of E. F. Black was a delight to all. Demonstration on Oct. 22 was well attended, and items by every department were well received. F. J. Stephenson continues as supt. One married woman recently made her decision for Christ. Attendances are consistently good. Preacher is enjoying vacation.

South Perth (S. H. Wilson).—There was record attendance on Oct. 16, with 251 present—also number of new teachers welcomed to staff from Bible Class. Teachers' training week-end, Oct. 23-25, under leadership of Youth Director, R. Hillier, was well supported. Girls' club met for tea on Oct. 16, and later attended gospel meeting. Proceeds from J.C.E. film evening on Oct. 12 amounted to over £5. Furniture for building is to be purchased. Endeavorers farewelled David Samuel, who goes to Naremburn. Attendances during Oct. have been encouraging. Weekly offerings have increased over past weeks. Ladies' Fellowship enjoyed trip to Northam church on Oct. 28. W. Nightingale and J. Gordon were speakers on Oct. 16. Mr. and Mrs. P. Jefferies have left on an extended visit to S.A. Recent visitors have been M. Lindsay and Joy Grigg.

New South Wales

Taree.—Interest has been well maintained during October, and messages of visiting preachers from Sydney have been appreciated. Services on Oct. 3 were conducted by J. C. Thompson (Lane Cove), whilst W. Rugendyke (Canley Vale) was speaker on 17th. G. Gibson (Woolwich) speaker for Wingham B.S. anniversary, spoke on morning of 24th. Attendances are steadily increasing, especially at

Discipleship

- Mrs. Ruthsatz, Miss Day, Mr. and Mrs. Grange, and Mark Frenchman, Echuca, Vic.
- Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. Hamilton, Kilburn, S.A.
- Doug. Mountford, Maidstone, Vic.
- H. Holt, Wambo Creek, Qld.
- Dell Christensen, Lowood, Qld.
- N. Holmes, Box Hill, Vic.
- Patricia Purdy and Margaret Nelson, Seaforth, N.S.W.

Membership

- Mrs. K. Povey, from Wembley, W.A., to Lake-st., Perth, W.A.
- Mrs. Frenchman and Margaret, from England to Echuca, Vic.
- Mrs. Schmidt, from Echuca C. of E. to Echuca, Vic.
- Mrs. Huser, to Kilburn, S.A.
- Mrs. G. Woods, from Horsham, Vic., to Warracknabeal, Vic.
- Keith Woods from Carnegie, Vic., to Warracknabeal, Vic.
- Mrs. D. Dunk, F. Dunk, Mrs. V. McGregor, M. McGregor, from Oakleigh Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- R. Handasyde, from Bayswater, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- Mrs. A. Whittaker, M. Whittaker, from Bamba-rd., Caulfield, Vic. to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- Mrs. M. Murnane, Mrs. T. Symes, Mrs. O. Thodey, from Castle-maine, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- M. Symes, from Geelong, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- Mrs. P. Wickham and N. Wickham, from Hartwell, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- Mrs. M. Stodden and E. Stodden, from Gardiner, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- Mrs. E. Whitten and J. Whitten, from Carnegie, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.
- Mr. and Mrs. M. Bray, Barbara and Dennis, from Nailsworth, S.A., to Unley, S.A.

Victoria

morning worship services. On 10th services were conducted by local speakers; at night, work of B.&F.B.S. was recognised, and color film, Fujita, depicting life of Japanese Christian, was screened.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).—Annual offering for Woolwich has reached £25/13/-. Appearance of chapel inside has been enhanced by erection of new and larger platform. Work has been commenced on painting of inside of chapel. These improvements are being done by voluntary labor. Plans are in hand for building spiritual life of church, and making a more extensive witness to community. Visiting speakers have, been Messrs. Bartholomew and Blankley. Church continues to enjoy fellowship with visitors. Some members attended Northern District Fellowship social outing at Fairland on 16th. Church was represented at opening of Epping's new school hall on 23rd.

Mosman (G. J. Crossman).—At mid-week meeting on Oct. 20, two young ladies from Seaforth branch of Mosman church were baptised. Speakers on 24th were I. A. Pater-noster (North Sydney) and C. A. Murray. The two young ladies previously baptised were received into fellowship at Seaforth on 24th.

South Australia

Gawler (A. R. Pigdon).—Attendances have been very good during winter months. Monthly Fellowship meetings continue, last one being held at Mrs. Algeo's. Several members attended mission held at Kilburn. Successful B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 17, with crowded afternoon service. Kinder prizes were presented. Preacher was afternoon speaker, and L. Armstrong (Williamstown) evening speaker. Ladies' Guild enjoyed fellowship of visiting sisters from Bala-klava recently. Ladies have been busy mending clothing for Morialta Boys' Home.

Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore).—B.S. and kinder attendance last Sunday of over 100 indicates healthy position. Mrs. Roberts has joined teaching staff. All anniversary services were well attended. Mr. Whitmore led singing, and L. Armstrong (Williamstown) was guest speaker. One young lady from B.C. made confession of faith. Highly successful picnic attracted large number of parents and scholars. Club has commenced for boys of 8-12. Men's Group had B. Smyth (High School Staff) as guest speaker on "Rose-worthy College." Special meeting of church approved plans as submitted by hall committee for new Youth Hall

and voted authority for work to proceed. Sisters' Guild already have over £600 in hand as their effort to date for this purpose, of which £200 has been raised since August, including £100 from their special Birthday afternoon. This is a highly commendable effort by the ladies. Ross Manning. (Belgian Congo) spoke to Y.P.C.E. at recent meeting. Mrs. A. Grundy received public recognition and gift from local Temperance Union in appreciation of over thirty years' continuing service as sec. of Murray Bridge Union.

Prospect (K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Comm.).—Speaker on morning of Sept. 19 was Mr. Blamires (N.Z.), Hon. Director of Home and Family Week. After evening service, Mr. Whiting (Youth Director) showed film *The Rim of the Wheel*. B.S. anniversary services were conducted on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, with mid-week meeting on Sept. 29. I.C.E. took active part in evening service on Oct. 17. K.S.P. club have, since recommencement, been spending nights in four-fold fellowship with visits to Cherry Gardens, Osborne Power House and Train Control.

Glenelg (W. B. Burn).—B.S. anniversary services were held on Oct. 3 with good attendances. Speakers were W. B. Burn, I. J. Chivell and G. Wood. Singing of children was splendid. Conductor was John Wood-rafte; organist, W. Choat, and pianiste, Mrs. Woodrafte. Demonstration and prize distribution on 5th and picnic at Morialta Park on 11th were happy occasions. Girls' Brigade paraded at gospel service on Oct. 17, when film, *The Bible on the Table* was screened to a good audience. All auxiliaries are in good heart.

Unley (I. J. Chivell).—October was observed as "Come to Church" month, and included opening of the new hall, church anniversary, and B.S. picnic. Prior to anniversary services, visitation teams visited many aged and shut-in members. Speaker at the morning service was K. Pat-terson (Prospect). A marriage reminder service attracted a large congregation, with many couples returning to the church where they were married. Church and school combined for the largest and happiest picnic of recent years. Elders and deacons shared with Mr. Chivell the conduct of the concluding special for the month. J.C.E. was commended for the way in which they assisted at an evening service, those taking part being Annette Turner (leader), Dawn Chivell (recitation), Robert Wharton (solo), David Henley and Grantley Barney (Scripture readings). They have held four work nights to make scrapbooks for the Children's Hospital.

York-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).—After film, *Hour of Decision*, on Oct. 3, a lad confessed Christ. On 10th, an audience of 115 witnessed missionary pageant, *The Wonderful Story*, prepared by Miss I. York and given by 13 helpers.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd).—All church auxiliaries paraded at gospel service on Oct. 3, when young lad was baptised. 111 were present. After evening service on 10th, community hymn singing session was held, led by S. Corlett (Oakleigh). Tea and biscuits were afterwards served in hall. Concert to assist Y.W.F. and Cricket Club was held in Methodist school hall on 8th, when programme was given by Hartwell ladies.

Portland (V. Quayle).—Y.W.L. has been commenced on Sunday mornings with Miss L. Smith as leader, and Junior Gospel League in evening with D. Griffiths, leader. Youth tea was held on Sept. 5, after which Y.P. assisted in gospel service. Ladies' Guild recently celebrated 13th birthday. Colored slides were used in evening service on Sept. 12. A party from church journeyed to Hamilton, where J. K. Robinson spoke on work of Aborigines Missions. Miss H. Skuce was recent visitor, and showed pictures of "Our India." Youth clubs are functioning efficiently. Senior Club recently held a mock wedding celebration. Proceeds of £13 go towards Land Fund. Average Sept. attendances were morning 65, evening 39. Church sympathises with Mrs. Austin and family in recent death of Mr. Austin. B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 10, and prize distribution night on 15th.

Dandenong (L. G. Read).—On Oct. 5 and 9 a number of members attended Berwick mission being conducted by A. E. White, B.A. On 14th G. A. Grainger (Springvale) showed films of his recent visit to England. Youth Fellowship meeting was held on 16th at home of Mr. and Mrs. Reveleigh. Dr. A. H. Wood (principal, Meth. Ladies' College) was speaker. F. Selby is in hospital to undergo operation.

Blackburn (S. Neighbour, B.A.).—Approx. £300 was raised at annual spring fair organised by Ladies' Mission Band. Phi Betas held successful barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman. Good Companions entertained mothers and friends at afternoon for stall at Fair. Youth Council arranged evening service on Oct. 10, when F. Byatt spoke on work of W.C.C., and at combined after-church service film *Nowhere is Home* was screened. A. Davis has been home from Carnarvon, and at combined

meeting of Y.P. of Eastern District he showed slides of Mission work. Mrs. R. Bluhm is home after recent operation, and Mr. Bluhm, sen., is slightly improved. Church appreciates assistance of W. W. Saunders, E. F. Patterson, J. E. Hodgins and Dr. W. A. Kemp during preacher's absence as Conference President.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin).—Centenary celebrations have attracted larger attendances; messages have been inspiring, as also have been the messages in song from Mr. and Mrs. Macalister Woff and Miss J. Milne and choir. At youth night on Oct. 17 B.S. scholars rendered several numbers. Miss Allen has returned to hospital, and Miss E. Dickens is still ill. Many visitors have been welcomed.

Bayswater (R. Ryall).—Church and B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 3. Miss N. Henderson (Presbyterian Youth Committee), Chas. Young and R. Ryall were speakers. Scholars' singing under leadership of J. Vass was enjoyed by large congregations. Concert and prize giving was held on 8th. I. Mackay was speaker on evening of 10th. Miss H. Skuce gave an interesting talk, and showed slides of Indian work to C.E. on 12th.

Ascot Vale (H. Gross, B.A.).—At business meeting, reports showed work to be in healthy condition, and church finances are sound. Retiring deacons were re-elected, with exception of F. Petrie who, for health reasons, retired from his position as deacon and treasurer after 20 years' faithful service. Church deeply appreciates his services over such a long period. Ladies' Guild raised £23 at a street stall. W. Brown was warmly welcomed to morning service for the first time since an accident, which occurred 2 years ago. Tennis Club held social evening, when trophies were presented to A. Sterling, G. Thomas, Cynthia Driver, Val. Redmond and Dian Pollock. Mrs. DeCampo has returned home from hospital.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).—Youth Week commenced on Oct. 17 with B.S. teachers and scholars assisting in services. In morning, T. Banks presided, and brief addresses were given by Joy Hillbrick and H. Faith. At well attended evening service, Y.P. again shared the meeting. C. Burg (Balwyn) was speaker. On Oct. 4, Y.W.F. celebrated 7th birthday with reunion social, when 56 past and present members attended. Average attendance at their meetings during year has been 35. Hartwell Concert Party gave an enjoyable programme in new hall on Oct. 15, when £11 was realised for Ladies' Guild effort for Guest Home.

Collingwood (G. Powell).—B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 19. Singing was under leadership of T. Collins, and addresses were given by F. Beale and G. Powell. On Oct. 10, G. Cager, former member, now residing in Qld., was speaker. Kitchen tea was held on 14th to honor Miss L. Kennett and J. Mackley, B.S. teachers.

Red Hill (J. Sutton).—Splendid attendances marked services on Oct. 17. K. Christensen was soloist at evening meeting. An after-church song service was held. On Oct. 21, W.M.B. held meeting, at which Miss H. Skuce spoke and showed slides of Indian work. Items were rendered by Mesdames Sutton, Morrison and D. Holmes. 20 attended Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on Oct. 22. Church officers invited men to tea on Oct. 23, at which a discussion on church activities took place. A party of 24 attended Tootgarook B.S. anniversary on Oct. 24.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall).—A successful fete by Women's Fellowship was held on Oct. 22 for School Hall Fund. It is expected that result will be in vicinity of £100. Efforts for Hall Fund are still proceeding, with social at Mr. Waters' residence and a concert. Scholars bring newspapers and stamps to B.S. each week. Many members are sick, and attendances are below usual. One young man made his decision on Oct. 24. B.S. sent parcel to O. Jones and family (New Hebrides), and received an interesting letter of thanks.

Clayton (D. Holloway).—Second Sunday of B.S. anniversary was well attended. L. Warren and D. Holloway were speakers. A B.S. boy made his decision. King's Messengers conducted evening meeting on Oct. 17. A baptismal service was held at which 5 were immersed. Annual church business meeting was held on 21st, and deacons elected were: M. Woff, W. Munyard, F. Tucker, J. Wood, N. Kingsley, F. Reynolds, C. Barnett and J. Hall.

Warracknabeal (W. Wakefield).—Ladies' Aid had special afternoon recently in aid of funds. Mrs. Kelly gave a travel talk on Scotland. Several folk attended District Conference at Horsham. Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Carslake and Miss Gale (S.A.) have been recent visitors. Working bee has been held in church grounds.

Horsham (H. M. Long).—Second day of B.S. anniversary was successful. At afternoon service two memorial plaques were unveiled, honoring William Elbourne and Leslie Davie, two former scholars whose passing was deeply felt. Marjorie Jenkins reaffirmed her confession of Christ at evening service. Evening meetings,

conducted fortnightly by preacher and brethren have been commenced at Dimboola. Morning services will be held on alternate Sundays. A choir has been formed to sing appropriate carols for Christmas services. Preacher is conductor.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney).—At Men's Fellowship tea on Oct. 10, H. Williams was soloist, and guest speaker was V. J. Solomons, Indian student at Ridley College, who also gave the address at gospel service. At a women's gathering held on Oct. 12, and arranged by Y.W.F., guest speaker was Mr. Jungwirth (Vic. Royal Tour Director). At gospel service on 17th, 4 young people were baptised, and a youth made his decision at gospel service on 24th. At latter service church cricket club attended. On Oct. 23 a willing worker in Marjorie Steele was tendered a kitchen tea by church in honor of her approaching marriage. Sympathy is expressed to family of the late Mr. Henley, senr. (Boronia), who gave valued service to Box Hill church in its pioneering days. Sympathy of church is also extended to G. Clare and family in passing of their father.

Black Rock (A. Avery).—In recent weeks three new members have joined church through baptism. Services conducted by Gospel Harmonists and The King's Messengers were greatly appreciated, also quarterly gospel film nights, which are well attended. Resumption of after church sing-songs at members' homes is proving highlight of work. Congregationalists have combined on two of these occasions, when over fifty have been present. New aluminium roof on church building has been completed. Annual fete of Y.W.F. on Oct. 23 raised almost £90. Evening service on Hospital Sunday was conducted by nurses of Royal Melbourne and Prince Henry's Hospitals. Speaker was Sister Bryan. Friends are glad to welcome Mrs. Allison, recently returned home after some weeks in hospital.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).—Excellent attendances marked B.S. anniversary on Oct. 24, when J. Cain (Camberwell) and minister were speakers. Harold Plummer conducted singing, aided by Coralle Frecker (pianiste), Graham Lewis (flautist), and D. Price (organist). Concert on 27th was outstanding success. Church family "Upper Room" devotions are being held on Thursdays at 6.30 a.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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IN THE NORTHERN STATE.

The Youth Centre at Caloundra, Qld., is under reconstruction, and it is hoped that it will be completed in the next few weeks. The Department plans to re-open the building on the first week-end of December. It was in last July that the main hall of this centre was wrecked.

Queensland schools are very keen in contesting the Efficiency Campaign. This is an annual event, and is called "Spring is Here." The poster always has a "spring" appeal about it, and is produced by the Queensland Y.P.D. Points are gained for Contact—Programme—Efficiency—Equipment. Banners are awarded to the schools gaining the first three positions.

A recent investigation showed that 43 per cent. of all scholars joining our schools are added to the membership of the church.

A new training class for teachers was commenced by the Department recently. It is under the leadership of the Youth Director, Miss H. Trudgian, B.A., Dip.Ed., and C. J. Williams. The programme is informal and social, as well as instructive. It is held once a month in a different Brisbane church, and the "home" group plays host to all other groups attending. Miss Trudgian's lecture at a recent Youth Conference is being produced by the Department in booklet form under the title *Why Train Teachers?*

CLUB LEADER HONORED.

W. F. Newham, leader of the Explorer Movement in Victoria, has given 25 years' leadership to our Club at Surrey Hills. The average attendance throughout the years was 46 boys.

This record of service is further appreciated when it is known that Mr. and Mrs. Newham have six young children, and Mrs. Newham takes an active part in the work of the Girls' Club.

For the past twelve years Mr. Newham has been Chief Explorer, and has given a great amount of time helping other Clubs as well as leading combined activities.

At a special meeting of Explorer leaders held at North Richmond church, Mr. Newham gave an illustrated lecture on "Some Lessons Learned in 25 Years with One Club."

At the close of the lecture Mr. Newham was presented with a gift in appreciation of his long service.

Can any other church in Australia equal or better this record?

DECISIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

At the recent October holiday week-end Missionary House Party, Pat Purdy (Seaforth) made her primary decision for Christ. Three other members of the party, Kevin Crawford, David Oldfield and Norma Laney indicated their decision for full-time service.

In a mission recently held at Yennora where the Youth Department has established a portable hut, twelve young people made their decision for Christ. Mal Leask was missionary, Doug. Willis, a Woolwich Bible College student, song leader.

BASKET BALL CARNIVAL.

South Australian and Victorian Girls' Basketball teams converged on Perth for the second Interstate Girls' Basketball Carnival. Western Australia provided two teams. The carnival final was played between South Australia and Victoria. Victoria won by two goals. West Australian hospitality and generosity was again lavished on the visitors.

IN MEMORIAM.

RUSSELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother (Ellen), who passed away Nov. 8, 1947; also dear dad (William), Nov. 10, 1932.

"A page in the book of memory is gently turned to-day."

—Inserted by their loving children at Maryborough, Natta-Yallock and Avoca.

HUNTER.—In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, "Inez," who passed away Oct. 29, 1953.

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

—Inserted by brother and sister-in-law, and nieces Lois and Valerie.

STREADER (Reg.). — In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who was called home on Oct. 30, 1952.

"God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts."

—Inserted by his loving wife and daughters.

LAWSON.—Water Paterson. In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, called home Nov. 3, 1953, also our dear mother and grandmother, Annie Hoffman, passed away June 17, 1943.

"Reunited."

—Dorothy Daff and family.

Anniversaries and Homecomings

WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH TEMPLE

DAY.—November 7, 11 a.m.: Communion Service and reception of Temple Day Offering; 3 p.m.: P.S.A. with S. Neighbour, B.A. (speaker), and Melbourne Christian Choristers; 7 p.m.: Speaker, Wilkie J. Thomson, music Melb. Christian Choristers.

CARNEGIE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-

VERSARY.—November 7, 3 p.m.: R. McKenzie; 7 p.m.: A. R. Lloyd. November 14, 3 p.m.: F. T. Morgan; 7 p.m.: K. A. Jones. Conductor, C. L. Ward. Everybody welcome.

MARGARET - STREET, LAUNCES-

TION 70th ANNIVERSARY. — Nov. 13: Church Family Tea; Nov. 14: Anniversary Services and Bible School Anniversary; former members welcomed home. For accommodation contact J. H. Harrison, 26 Neika-ave., West Launceston.

DANDENONG BIBLE SCHOOL COM-

BINED ANNIVERSARY. — Robinson-st., Dandenong West and Noble Park, November 14. Services will be held in Public Hall, Buckley-st., Noble Park. 3 p.m.: Speaker, Mr. Marshall; 7 p.m.: F. A. Youens. November 21, services will be held in Dandenong Town Hall. 3 p.m.: Speaker, R. Muller; 7 p.m.: L. G. Read. All welcome.

SWANSTON STREET 89th HOME-

COMING SERVICE.—November 14, 11 a.m.: "Your most holy faith." Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan. 3 p.m.: Guest speaker, Ivor Powell. A Welsh preacher of international fame. Service broadcast 3AK. 7 p.m.: "According to my gospel." Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan. Come and join in the afternoon session and stay for tea in the Lecture Hall.

EMERALD BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-

VERSARY.—November 21: Special singing by scholars. Speakers: 3 p.m., L. E. Brooker; 7 p.m., L. A. Trezise, B.A. Prize distribution and Cradle Roll Cards.

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PASSING OF G. P. PITTMAN.

Re the passing of our late brother, G. P. Pittman, much (but not too much) has been said in appreciation of his life's work, but some of us go back beyond what has been said and written to his ministry of teaching in 1903 and 1904. He, with his saintly father, gave two of three nights a week as teacher in the A.C.B. No, sir, these letters have nothing to do with the Petrov inquiry, but are probably as little known to most, and forgotten by some. The "Australian College of the Bible" night school produced men who went high in brotherhood offices, and others are still in the full time ministry.

Only one of the teaching staff re-

mains—Dr. A. J. Saunders. Surely these men did a great work, and they cheerfully paid the price. May we write to the credit of G. P. Pittman that there are some who loved him for his unstinted help to them in those far back days.—J. Holloway, Ferntree Gully, Vic.

COMING EVENTS.

Western Suburban District Combined Officers' Association Annual Conference at North Williamstown Chapel, Friday, November 12, 1954, at 7.30 p.m. Speaker: A. E. White, B.A. Subject: "The Programme and Passion of the Church." Musical items—basket supper.

Christian Fellowship Association.—The Nineteenth Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, at 7.30 p.m., in the School Hall, Lygon-st. Church. All members invited.

Eastern District Conference Temple Day. — Saturday, November 13, at Ringwood chapel. Fellowship tea 6.30 p.m., meeting 7.45 p.m. Speaker, Dr. G. H. Oldfield. Mrs. Ward (pres. Social Service Dept.) will receive offerings and give dedicatory prayer. Musical items.

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Subject: "The Unfinished Task."



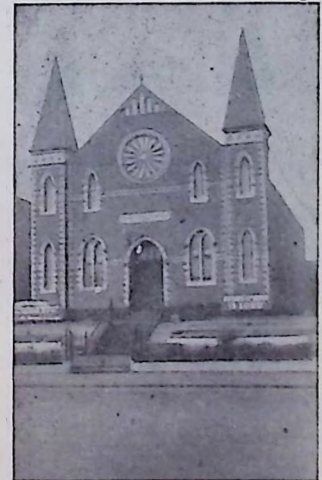
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Here, in Sydney, Australia, we have
seen the formation of a church of
Christ by Slavic people, some of whom
have come from churches of Christ
established in Poland by finances sup-
plied by American Disciples.

Back in 1921, Dr. Jaroszewicz, who
was a member of churches of Christ
in America, went to his homeland
of Poland and set up a church of
Christ there. In 1923 he sent John
Bukowicz from America to serve as
a preacher. Back in 1924 a confer-
ence of churches of Christ was formed
of the churches established in that
area. Among those brought into fel-
lowship was John Wladysluk, who be-
gan to serve as a preaching elder for
these brethren.

(The story of Mr. Wladysluk's ex-
periences during the war, and his later
migration with wife and family to
Australia, was told in last week's
issue, with the story of the formation
of a Slavic church of Christ in Gee-
long, Vic.)

In 1952, George Wladysluk, his son,
decided to enter Woolwich Bible Col-
lege, Sydney. Because of his diffi-
culty in securing work among English-
speaking churches, due to his lack of
experience in English, it was made
possible for him to work among the
Slavic people in Sydney. He found
a group meeting at the Y.M.C.A. with
almost identical beliefs as New Testa-
ment churches. He preached for them
for a few months, and they decided
to become a church of Christ in name.

On Sunday, October 17, a service
was held at the Y.M.C.A., when 14
Australian representatives met with
the Slavic church. Over fifty gather-
ed and enjoyed an inspiring service.
Ira Paternoster presented greetings
for the Australian churches, A. W.
Stephenson for New South Wales.
Mrs. Amos spoke for the Women's
Conference. John Wladysluk came
over from Victoria to speak to the
church. His son, George, served as
interpreter, and presided very grac-
iously over the whole service. F.
Leivesley, representing the church at
Carramar, who assisted in the support
of George Wladysluk, gave a greeting
in Russian.

John Wladysluk was delighted to
meet the daughter of Mr. Puvluk, a
former preacher of churches of Christ
in Poland. It is a tragic sorrow that
the daughter's efforts to locate her
parents in Poland have been of no
avail. It is difficult to get news
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ning among brethren in America,
now begins to bear fruit here in Aus-

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