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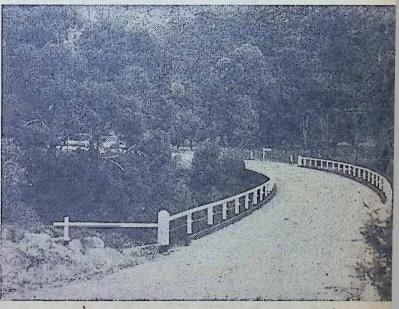
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".... In my eyes

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The star of an unconquerable praise; For in my soul one hope forever sings, That at the next white turning of the road, My eyes may look on Him."

And when we come to the road's last turning And the long last mile is trod, You'll find Friends, Love and The City of God.



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Muncy

"The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul." Prov. 16: 17.

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Jug-o'- War

A tract in tabloid by W. R. Hibburt.

An artist put humor into a religious experience. He depicts a little girl kneeling at her bed-side saying her prayers. Her dog wanting more play and more friendship is tugging at her nightdress. The incident comes to life when the little girl prays, "Please, Lord, excuse me a minute while I kick Fido!" How revealing! Life is like that, it has its tugs and many come to us in unsuspected ways. The way we manage the tug determines the success or failure of life.

There is always a frustrating tug when we would do good. Even so strong a personality as the apostle Paul confesses to a constant tug-o'-war between right and wrong, good and evil. "When I want to do right, evil lies close at hand." Spiritual achievement comes when there is a response to the heavenly tug. The tug of God's spirit is stronger than the tug of the evil one. The apostle John gave the assurance that "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Self tugs when Jesus asks for first place. Ease tugs when spiritual fitness demands inward discipline.

The low road tugs (beckons) when the high road calls for strenuous climbing.

Conformity to public opinion tugs when God's will demands that we act contrary to the prevailing opinion.

Postponement provides a way of escape when God's will insists on obedience.

The clutter of things undone and the clatter of other voices present an excuse for not observing Sunday as the Lord's day.

Response to the tugging of the lesser things leads to frustration and a feeling of futility. Paul says, "This is an agonising situation, and who on earth can set me free from the clutches of my own sinful nature? I thank God there is a way out through Jesus Christ our Lord."

In Christ life becomes unified and simplified and one recognises the constant challenge to-

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THE PRAYER THAT DISTURBS

Based upon the prayer of Jesus in John 17: 20, 21, Dr. James Reid has written under the title of *Towards Christian Unity* in the *British Weekly*. After pointing out the sin of division as condemned by the apostle Paul in the church at Corinth the writer quotes Dr. Temple, who wrote in his commentary on John's gospel:

"We meet in committees and construct our schemes of union; in face of the hideous fact of Christian divisions we are driven to this; but how paltry are our efforts compared with the call of God! The way to the union of Christendom does not lie through committee rooms, though there is a task of formulation to be done there. It lies through personal union with the Lord so deep and real as to be comparable with his union with the Father."

"But how," asks Dr. Reid, "Is this essential unity to be secured?" Answering his own question he continues, "It will not be done by mere agreement on formulas, even if this could be reached. Unity in Christ is the product of something much deeper and much simpler than can be achieved by 'ecclesiastical carpentry.' It is the fruit of love of Christ which enables us to love one another across denominational and other frontiers. This love cannot be produced in committee rooms. It comes to birth in praying and worshipping together, when we sing the same hymns and read the same scriptures and open our hearts without reserve to the same Lord."

This eminent preacher's and author's solution of the problem is love for Christ. By love we learn to know each other and when we come to listen to a sermon it is Christ's word we come to hear, whoever the preacher may be, and that it is from Christ's hands we take the bread and wine. When the love of Christ penetrates our hearts and minds we recognise the good, in what Dr. Reid terms, "branches of the church." As we open our hearts together to the love of Christ we are united in contrition. "Our little superiorities vanish. The barriers of pride break down-pride in our learning, our traditions and achievements." He quotes a saintly bishop saying to a Presbyterian friend, "It almost breaks my heart that we cannot take communion together." Again he asks, "But why not? Surely a doctrine which hinders people who are united in love to Christ from taking Communion together must have some flaw in it."

It is a very excellent sermon in which no doubt we would all concur.

But Dr. Reid has, it seems, missed the further essential which would bring unity. Love must

lead us on to obedience. "If ye love me keep my commandments." It is in love and obedience that unity will be found.

In earlier days Churches of Christ were charged with causing division by the introduction of immersion. It is a challenge not unknown today. But the inclusion of Scriptural teaching, "the whole counsel of God," does not divide. The omission of Scriptural teaching or the inclusion of non-scriptural practices does divide. Obedience to Christ is the natural sequence to love for him.

Stress was, and is, laid on the various names which churches bear and help to keep Christians apart. The Church should bear the name whose building, body and bride it is.

It is a matter of regret that the Ecumenical Press Service in telling the world that Southern Rhodesian Premier, R. S. Garfield Todd, who was to give the Peter Ainslie Memorial Lectures on Christian Unity at the University of Natal in June of this year; should announce that he was "for twenty years a missionary in Southern Rhodesia for the New Zealand Disciples Church." We have never heard Churches of Christ in N.Z. so named. We do not think this is any small matter, for Christ said, "I will build my Church." If the Church is his-and we are thinking of it universally — then it should honor him — the builder, the husband of the bride, the head of the body. We realise the Ecumenical Press Service is in a dilemma, but its excellent work for Christian Unity would be furthered by correct nomenclature in this case.

Dr. Reid is right, love for Christ is a first essential to bring us together. But love leads us on to obedience and it should be love enough to drop unscriptural practices and denominating names, and we would add, love great enough to take into committee rooms.

A few weeks ago we included in the *Here and There* columns the following quotation from Frederick Lynch:

"It may be that some day the Church will be suddenly caught of some passionate, burning enthusiasm for Christ and his Kingdom and suddenly find itself one where in vain it had tried to make itself one."

A correspondent has written in reference to this, "What an exciting unity thought!" It is exciting to think that some day, through whatever influences may be at work to help bring it about, that we "all may be one."

G. J. ANDREWS (Albion, Qld), tells of the Way to Greater Living in

THE TEACHER WITH THE KEYS

A pupil said, of a beloved teacher: "He always threw down in front of us a bunch of keys."

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But one great figure of history does that supremely; for the gospels tell us that Christ, in a crucial moment of his life gave

THE PROMISE OF THE KEYS.

It was not by a mere chance that Jesus took his disciples to Caesarea Philippi when he wanted to question them. A huge white rock was there, with a grotto and a temple, in which the image of the Roman Emperor was worshipped as God manifest in the flesh. It was in the vicinity of this temple that Jesus began to ask: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" His disciples quoted a variety of verdicts. But Jesus is never content for disciples to be quoting other men's verdicts or opinions of him. He wants to know what is the deep conviction in one's own soul. So he questioned further: "But whom say ye that I am?"

Peter said promptly: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And he was not wrong this time, as he had often been in his rash remarks, for Jesus exclaimed: "Blessed art thou Simon, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Declaring that he would build his Church and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it, Jesus continued: "And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven."

Not Caesar then with his military might and his power politics, but Jesus Christ with his faith and love and righteousness is the hope of the world. He has the keys that open the way to the life of God's Kingdom. We all know the 'use that later priestcraft has made of Jesus' statement, in building its highly elaborate ecclesiastical system, and denying to sinners free access to the holy of holies through Jesus Christ. But that later interpretation is out of place here. The keys of the Kingdom which open the gates and doors of a God-planned life are given not only to Peter, but to other apostles, and to every disciple of Jesus who will receive and use them well.

On other occasions Jesus gave similar assurance to his disciples. When discussing his parables, he said: "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom." As D. W. Langridge suggests, "The parables are searchlights which pick up and throw into strong relief at least the essential features of the Kingdom of heaven." Christians cannot make out a blueprint of the Kingdom exactly, but they may make something like a charcoal sketch.

Once, when some disciples began to forsake Jesus, he turned and asked: "Will ye also go away?" Peter replied, "To whom shall we go, for thou hast the words of eternal life." Peter treasured and wanted sometime to use the power of the keys, as he most assuredly did on the Day of Pentecost, and in the home of the Roman officer, Cornelius.

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Dr. E. Stanley Jones might well speak for the many of modern times who possess and treasure Christ's keys. He says: "As I have sat in Round Table Conferences and have listened to men of all faiths, and of no faith, talking about their way of life, and revealing their confusions, I have almost involuntarily clutched an invisible something in my hand. I have whispered to my inmost self, 'You've got the key!' I have. That key-Christ. When you don't begin with him, life's sums won't add up. When you do begin with him, life's sums do add up!"

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEYS?.

It was the Key of Faith that Peter used to open the way into the Kingdom for the Pentecost thousands. The faith that God had made that same Jesus whom men had crucified, both Lord and Christ. It was the Key of Loving Kindness that Peter and John used when they said to the poor cripple at the Temple Gate: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk!" It was the Key of Non-Racial Grace that Peter used when he went into the Roman Centurion's house and served as a Christian messenger who knew that God is no respecter of racialism.

Martin Luther became possessed of one precious key, when, unhappy in his own soul and dismayed by the way in which the corrupt church was commercialising the virtues of relics and indulgences, he had come to him the key of truth, "The just shall live by faith." John Wesley became possessed of a precious key when, in the midst of formal clericalism he realised that: "Except a man be born again he cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven."

A certain preacher tells how, as he was spending a day at the Grand Canyon, Colorado, a gentleman came to where he was looking at some Indian curios and said to him: "You are James I. Vance who used to preach in New Jersey. I used to hear you preach there Sunday nights. I was a poor student —working days and nights to make my way through Law school. I studied by

day and worked at the fish market at nights. Often I was tempted to give up, but the biggest boost I got was on Sunday nights when I went to church. It was what I got there that kept me going and put me through." He had become chief attorney for a great railroad company. Through the faithful preaching of the gospel of Christ he had become possessed of those keys that get folk past the barriers that would otherwise shut them out from God's victories and fulfilments in life. It is so with countless millions.

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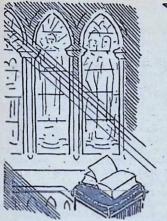
Now, as Paul Scherer suggests, there is very little comfort or satisfaction in the thought that Christianity holds the keys to the future unless we are willing to

TAKE AND USE CHRIST'S KEYS

and quit supposing we can pick life's locks with a hairpin.

I read of a minister who went to a medical clinic, a sick man. He could neither eat nor sleep; had sledgehammer blows at the back of his neck; and was horribly worried. How long would be be able to carry on? Would it be necessary to resign from his work? Examination showed nothing organically wrong. His tissue was healthy and every organ was sound. The specialist said: "As a minister I suppose you read the New Testament?" "Yes." "Well," said the doctor, "why in thunder don't you believe it? I says among other things, 'Be not anxious,' and you have been nothing but anxious. You've worried over your sermons wondering how they would be received. You have worried over your position in the community wondering how you would be received. You have made yourself sick through needless anxiety. Go home and stop worrying or ever thinking about yourself. And for goodness sake put a little trust in God whose minister you profess to be." How pathetic to know Christ has the keys and yet not make use of them. including the key of trust.

Lewis Dunnington's six-year-old son, Teddy, wanted Santa Claus to bring him "some keys on a key ring." There were many discarded keys in a box upstairs, so on Christmas morning, Teddy found a bunch of keys on a key ring on the Christmas tree. He proudly flourished them all day long. However, Teddy did more than jangle and display the keys. Later in the evening the front hall door was locked and father had to ask who locked it. Teddy said proudly, "The keys did!" One of them worked. And haven't we yet found out that our Lord does not give us "phoney keys" but real keys that work?



Sunday, August 14 OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 24: 1-17.

This chapter belongs to the section dealing with David the outlaw. God's chosen successor to Saul is a fugitive from a king unfit to rule. Saul hunted David, who hides in the wilderness of Engedi. Saul searches for him with 3,000 picked men. Then happened one of the two incidents in which David showed his magnamity — by sparing Saul's life.

Commentary.

A similar incident is recorded in chapter 26. It is not as some have argued, another report of the, same incident—every detail that could vary, does vary.

"The rocks of the wild goats" (v. 2). —" "Wild-goats' Rocks" (R.S.V.) so named because of the herds frequenting the region.

"Here is the day . ." (v. 4). — David's men interpret this hour as a God-given opportunity to end Saul's life.

Suggested Theme.

"TWO HUNTED MEN"

I. THE STRENGTH OF WEAKNESS. —Wherein was the weakness of the fugitive? David and his guerilla band no match for Saul's army; David deprived of freedom of citizenship, under the king's condemnation, hunted man with no fixed abode. Yet there is strength beyond his weakness.

(a) The strength of a generous spirit. "My hand shall not be against you." Xenophon one of the favorite disciples of Socrates, and a friend of Plato, in eulogising his hero, Cyrus the Younger, rounded off his praise by saving that no one ever did more good to his friends and more harm to his enemies. Many have learned that not to forgive an enemy is poor spirit—that bearing grudges is a sign not of strength but of weakness and meanness.

(b) The strength of a clean conscience. Conscience makes cowards of us all—conscience makes heroes if it is clear. See verses 11 and 13.

(c) The strength of deep conviction. A deep rooted horror of harming the August 2, 1955

THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Lord's anointed. Such a conviction we should hold for all human personality. **II. THE WEAKNESS OF STRENGTH.** ---Saul's strength lay in his kingly power and prerogatives, yet beneath the royal purple worked a disordered mind.

(a) Saul was driven by self-will. It wrecked his life. Self-will is a false inflation of the spirit. No splendid living flows from it. When a man rejects God's way to go his own way, he is his own deadly enemy.

(b) Saul was driven by jealousy. He brooded over David's successes. "Woe unto those who stir up envy and jealousy, for they shall furnish roosts when the foul brood returns at evening time."

(c) Saul was consumed by his hatred of David. Evil is the only thing to be hated. When we hate men we ourselves become evil. Hatred may inflict terrible wrong upon the person hated, but the victim never suffers so great an injury as the one whose heart is inflamed with this deadly virus.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 18: 21-35.

In this parable Jesus stresses the great truth that mercy is enthroned in the heart of God and that forgiveness should rise up like a healing stream in the hearts of his followers.

The leading character is a man who owed his king a fabulous sum of money. He begged the king for mercy, for an extension of time in which to discharge the impossible debt. Far beyond any appeals of the debtor, the king mag-nanimously stays the order of distraint which would have thrown the man and his family into serfdom, and cancels the whole debt. The debtor is hardly out of the king's presence before he meets a fellow-servant who owed him a trivial sum. Indignantly he pounces on the unfortunate man — "Pay up, or else!" Before this debtor he lays a moral law which he fails to recognise in his own predicament. In the very words he himself had just used, the fellow-servant begs for mercy, but there is no mercy from him to whom mercy had been shown. The news travelled fast to the king and awful retribution descended on him who being mercifully treated failed to render the deeds of mercy.

Commentary.

V. 21. — The rabbinic law ruled that three times was the limit. Peter was prepared to be more generous. Even then he was still a legalist. Woe betide the man who had been forgiven seven times and offended yet again! Jesus firmly brushed aside this calculating approach to life: "Not till seven times, but until seventy times seven"—forgiveness must be unlimited and unfailing.

Vv. 24, 28. - In any currency the

debt is an impossible one for an individual, about £3,000,000; his fellowservant owed his creditor £20. The point lies in the extreme contrast.

V. 25. — Under the Mosaic Law a creditor might lawfully sell his debtor and dependants into slavery, but the reference here is probably to the Roman system.

Suggested Theme.

"AS WE FORGIVE"

The point of this parable is in verse 35. Divine forgiveness and human willingness to forgive are bound together. (Matt. 6: 12, 14, 15.) Forgiveness is never presented by our Lord as a cheap thing. Often the recital of the "steps" toward salvation, give scant regard to this vital condition of acceptance with God.

I. TO FORGIVE IS TO BE FOR-GIVEN.—(a) Our unwillingness to forgive one another bars the door against God's willingness to forgive us. Forgiveness is defined by the dictionary as "to give up resentment or claim for requital for an offence or wrong." God's forgiveness is not like that. God is above resentment, above forcing a claim for requital. This stream of forgiveness flowed from the Cross, God's pardon is in his deep sorrow over our terrible wrongs, this forgiveness meant God sharing the shame and stooping to redeem. Forgiveness is never cheap.

(b) Neither is God vindictive. There is no arbitrary Divine rule—"If you will forgive your enemy, then I will forgive you." Forgiveness is a spiritual act. God cannot (not "will not") forgive the unforgiving. It is we ourselves who by our unforgiving spirit prevent the flow of God's forgiveness to our lives. We cannot earn forgiveness, "In the course of Justice none of us should see salvation." A life which shows no forgiveness revokes its own pardon.

forgiveness revokes its own pardon. II. TO FORGIVE IS TO BE MADE WHOLE. — (a) It rids the spirit of polson. Revenge is sweet but the morsel turns to bitterness. The unforgiving spirit not only closes life to God's forgiveness, it polsons the heart which refuses to forgive.

(b) Forgiveness is the mark of true Christianity. Brotherliness has its expression in acts of service but, far nobler is the possession of a spirit strong to bear injuries without harboring resentment, willing to forgive when forgiveness is hard.

We reflect the Master's spirit when we forgive those who sin against us. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do," he prayed for them who did the wrong. The servant is not above his Lord.

We are never so like God as when we are lifted up into His nature and enabled to forgive one another as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us. (Eph. 4: 32.)



Programme for September

Theme: "OBEDIENCE."

Mrs. W. B. Wharton, South Australia. HYMN.

No. 596. "Hark the voice of Jesus calling."

PRAYER.

RESPONSIVE READING. 2. Psalm 1. MINUTES.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BUSINESS. HYMN.

No. 588. "Take up thy cross." MEDITATION. Acts 16: 14-15.

Man was made in the image of God. but how far short we have fallen of that glorious Pattern! God gave man the will to choose between good and evil, and according to his degree of obedience in submitting to God's will, man has progressed through the ages, from our first parents to the present generation.

Following upon the desecration of God's command by Adam and Eve, comes, in marked contrast, the faithfulness of Noah, who alone, found grace in the eyes of the Lord. When we look about us today, at the godlessness of the people, are we not reminded of the scene of the flood? What a small percentage of people are obedient to the call of Christ to meet and remember him in the way of his appointment! So many are merely nominal Christians, who allow any ex-cuse to keep them from honoring the Lord's Day. Therefore, may we, as Christian women, be especially diligent to see that our homo dution are see to see that our home duties are so arranged that it is not hard for us, or the members of our family to obey the call to worship on the Lord's Day. What a privilege and responsibilty has the Christian mother of presenting herself in God's house, and bringing her family with her!

Following down the pages of Old Testament history we cannot pass the magnificent example of submission to God's will as portrayed by Abraham in the sacrifice of his only son Isaac. God does not test our faith to such an extent today, but he does challenge us to give of our best in service and money for the extension of his Kingdom. How we honor and admire those who have given their lives in missionary service for him! This avenue of service is not possible for all, but what limitless opportunities there are for strengthening the home base.

The story of the child Samuel responding to the voice of God in the Temple reminds us that the Lord still calls for servants today. He calls for evangelists, Bible School teachers, Youth leaders, Social workers and the consecration of talents in his service. May we ever be ready and willing to answer with Samuel, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." Perhaps some feel their inadequacy in any of these fields, but we must not overlook the "silent' service which can be rendered by visiting the aged and infirm, relieving busy mothers of young children, or making it possible for a husband and wife to have an evening's entertainment occasionally. No duty, however small and insignificant is despised or unnoticed if offered in the name of Jesus.

Then there is the example of Daniel. and his obedience in prayer. Contrary to the will of King Darius, Daniel persisted in remembering God in prayer three times a day as was his custom. The consequences were not considered by Daniel. Do we put sufficient emphasis on the power of prayer? It think not. Tennyson says: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." In the mad rush of the present age there seems little time for secluded prayer in the proper atmosphere, but let us not overlook the odd moments when our thoughts may wing God-ward in petition for a sad heart, a lonely or tempted soul, or a deserving cause.

Paul, that stalwart of the New Testament, who "was not disobedient to the Heavenly Vision." In direct con-trast of his persecution of the early Christians, was Paul's insatiable thirst for souls for Christ. As door after door closed in his face he turned to the Lord for further orders. What zeal and enthusiasm! Oh! that we could catch a spark of the fervour which converted Lydia, so that she and her household were obedient to the claims of the gospel. With God nothing is impossible, and with his Spirit working in and through us great things could be attempted and accomplished in obedience to his "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"

May God help us in our ministries as Christian women to obey him implicitly, in honoring his day, his house, his voice and his will.

PRAYER SESSION.

SOLO. "I would be true . . ."

MISSIONARY LETTER.

MESSAGE.

HYMN.

No. 585. "Soldiers of Christ arise." BENEDICTION.

The Ministry of William Clifford 'M. Smith, Highcroft, Tas.

His parents were among the first people to settle in the Bream Creek district when there were no roads formed, no schools and no public buildings.

When a lad he was employed as a ploughman at Forcett for the sum of six shillings a week, plus rations. Each Saturday evening he would walk home, mostly through virgin forest, and arriving late would cook some potatoes in the hot ashes and go to bed about midnight. He was also a very smart reaper, when thousands of acres of wheat and other grain were gathered by sickles, the reapers working from four in the morning until sunset.

Acquiring some land on what was called the Rugged Tiers he settled down to farming. Later he married and also taught himself to read, mainly from the Bible.

When Stephen Cheek visited Bream Creek and preached the gospel, William Clifford, being a good Berean, com-pared the message to the Word of God and believing, was baptised with others and added to the church. William Clifford was a lover of the truth and became a fearless preacher. He was also a generous giver. On one occasion he took his dray to Dunnally, a distance of ten miles, to the store, loaded up three bags of flour, and reached home with only one. Along the road were some very old people; some sick, some unfortunates, so he thought it not good to have three bags of flour and others none.

For more than half a century he helped in the Bible School and in preaching the gospel, building up the church. Like a good preacher he made full proof of his ministry. At the age of 95 years he suffered a heart failure and was taken to the hospital unconscious. He revived for a short time and those standing around listened as he sang "Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee."

"And so the pilgrim came to the brink of the river, and those on the other side sounded their trumpets, and he passed over."

(William Clifford's photo appears in the Jubilee Pictorial History of Churches of Christ (1903) p. 143. The report on Bream Creek reads inter alia, "Owing to the splendid activities of local brethren, notably W. Clifford, the church has risen to be the second of importance in the Island, and is now the principal religious factor in the community."-Act. Ed.)

C. G. TAYLOR (Editor) continues his travel story, "All Roads – Toronto," with this account of . . .

Skyways and British Highways

Our troubles were certainly not over when we reached Fremantle, W.A., after our desert adventures. I had missed my overseas plane, and had to secure another booking. That was not easy. Eventually I was twelve days later than originally planned in leaving Australia. That meant abandoning plans to visit our Mission stations in India, and other features of interest in Rome, Geneva and Paris, so as to fly direct to London and catch up with my British and American schedule. The bitterest disappointment was to miss visiting my sister Kathleen at Baramati and having first-hand contact with the work there. Yet the delay was not without its compensations in added time spent with my folk, and renewing fellowship with friends of the Fremantle church and elsewhere. It was just twenty-one years since the church at Fremantle had farewelled me to begin my ministry as a Home Missionary at Brookton, W.A. Fremantle church has a proud record of the number of folk it has inspired and sent out into the ministry and other fields of service.

Flight Features

At last, late on the evening of May 8, I boarded the plane at Perth, eagerly. peering through my little window for last glimpses of the family and friends who had come to farewell me. I stopped off at Melbourne for a few hours in the morning to attend to some business, but was in Sydney in ample time to connect with the overseas plane that night (no more risks that way!). Through the night we flew to Darwin, arriving there early on Tuesday morning, ready to appreciate both the breakfast and shower available at the rest centre to which we were taken for a brief respite. Next came Djakarta, where we sampled the inevitable refreshments and went through the dreary customs and immigration routines during refuelling. The gay Indonesian hostess looked quite startled when I preferred lemon squash to heert

We reached Singapore in the midafternoon. Here, because of our overnight stop at Rafiles' Hotel, I had sufficient time to visit Kranji War Cemetery, where my brother Laurie was buried with so many other Allied soldiers caught in the Japanese trap in the tragic days of February, 1942. With the appreciated help of Chaplain-General Allen Brooke and Qantas Empire Airways, I was hurried through customs formalities and driven to the hotel, where an English-speaking taxidriver had been hired to take me out to the cemetery, some distance out of the city. There, where the white crosses stretched so starkely all around me, I felt again the full tragedy of war-I knelt to photograph my brother's grave, and thought in the stillness of all that young life around me for loss of which the world was poorer. If some who read these lines have loved ones here, let me tell them how carefully these graves are tended and how minutely the records are kept. Mr. Tan, the man in charge, told me that if my brother's wife or mother should want a wreath or some other remembrance placed on his grave on a birthday or some other special day, he would be happy to attend to it, if they wrote direct to him.

My taxi-driver then took me on a tour of inspection of Johore and Singapore. Ancient and modern jostled each other everywhere I looked; at one stage, just after we had passed a line of the most modern cars, there came, with stately slowness, three women with water-pots balanced on their heads. That was typical of much that we saw — though there was certainly nothing primitive about the comfort of Raffles' Hotel, from which we were roused far too early the next morning, to resume our journey.

Bangkok, at which we called next, was a fascinating place — the ladies found the airport gift shop especially so! The airport itself was a most modern building, and there was an air of friendliness about officials which was not as clearly marked in every Eastern airport. We flew on to Calcutta and Karachi, where the heat hit us like a furnace blast. We called in at Beirut in Lebanon somewhere between 3 and 4 a.m., and even managed to eat breakfast at that unearthly hour on Thursday morning. Leaving there, we began what was easily the most fascinating stage of the flight. It was a perfect day, and the blue Mediterranean certainly lived up to its name as we flew over it, gazing down on its islands or musing on the ancient glories of-Greece and Italy as we hastened on to Rome. The coastline of Italy was a glorious sight. We flew directly over the crater of Vesuvius, the sparkling bay of Naples and the holiday isle of Capri.

In Rome we paused long enough for an hour's bus tour of the ancient city —so much crammed into so little time that the centuries old monuments seemed to mock at our temerity. Then on we flew to Frankfurt, across the Swiss Alps, whose snow-laden tops looked glorious in the clear sunlight like some child's party-dream. Frankfurt to London saw us straining for our first glimpse of that "precious isle set in a silver sea," and Shakespeare's words were never more true than in the clear beauty of that late afternoon as we swept high above the rich green fields of Britain, and came circling down over the magical maze that is London.

British Beauty

Most of the nineteen days I spent in Britain, were cold and damp, but nothing could mar the beauty of this land nor the warmth of fellowship we found among our brethren. On the first Sunday morning I was with the folk at Hornsey, a London suburban church which has Australians like the Magareys of South Australia and Marcia Jones of Western Australia in regular attendance. Australian "tran-sients" like Mrs. Jackel and myself of Victoria were warmly welcomed, and later enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Scott. These good folk have entertained so many overseas visitors that their home is affectionately called "Scott's Hotel." Former American visitors have done a lovely thing in inviting Mr. and Mrs. Scott to be their guests on a visit to the Toronto World Convention. I noted in the Hornsey service, and also in that at East Kilbride, Glasgow, the following Sunday, that three planned readings were used-from the Old Testament, Gospels and Epistles. In both cases the second reader presented the two New Testament passages. At Hornsey both readers were women-and I have never heard men read more clearly nor with better interpretation. Here no one man was assigned "the prayers of the church;" those who wished to lead in public prayer did so at that stage of the service, which (not surprisingly) was longer than our average Australian service. East Kilbride is one of the "young hopefuls" of our British churches. Factory expansion in the area has led to intensive building, and our brethren have erected a utility building in the midst of a rapidly growing area. They have been en-couraged by 40 baptisms in eight months, and also by the fact that some Scots overseas have sent money to help in their plans for a more permahent building in the near future. Here, strangely enough where so much was modern, the "common cup" was used for communion; it was my first, and

I hope my last, experience of that. Alan Robinson, who has had missionary experience in India, is the very active young preacher in this promising and strategic centre.

I seized the opportunity of hearing other men preach. Dr. Sangster, the colorful Methodist preacher of Central Hall, Westminster, held a large congregation one Sunday night with a message twice as long as the average Australian minister would dare to preach. (I heard three sermons from London pulpiteers, and the shortest was 35 minutes in length, so this is no place for the lover of sermonettes!) Before the service I stood on the steps outside, watching the people stream past me with an eagerness which was good to see. I also heard Dr. Townley Lord, of the Baptists, and Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, of City Temple-men of strongly contrasting pulpit styles. Of the Baptist service I remembered best the words of a Methodist's hymn - a verse of Charles Wesley's, which seemed to sum up best the way I felt as I faced the preaching tour ahead:

"Jesus, fulfil my heart's desire To live and work and think for

thee; Still let me guard the holy fire, And still stir up thy gift in me."

Dr. Weatherhead said many fine things in speaking on "The Spirit of Truth," but it was his prayers, and his call to the congregation to engage in intercessory prayer for specific cases, which moved me most. It seemed a perfectly natural thing for him to report that, in a seemingly impossible case about which they had prayed the previous week, there had been a change for the better which baffled the doctors.

Of course, likes all visitors, I included Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral among things that had to be seen. From St. Paul's I came away with the beauty of these words at the end of a call to prayer placed in the front of the building: "Pray, finally, for yourself, that the earthly beauty which you have seen may be as a window through which you may look towards that imperishable beauty which exists in eternal perfection in God."

I saw much of natural and historical beauty in those crowded days in which I travelled along British highways and by-ways — the tulips ablaze in the sunken garden at Hampton Court Palace; the patterned glory of the trees in Kew Gardens; the planting of the famous Flower Clock in Princes-st. Gardens, Edinburgh; the sunlit perfection of Loch Lomond and the Western Highlands, rivalled in beauty only by the English Lakes—all this, and much more, I saw and wondered at. How lovely is this Britain!

I could not get away from Australians. Walking down Picadilly, on my first morning in London, I met Mr. and Mrs. Eric McClean, of Lygonst. church. That same day I was with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, of my own Brighton congregation. On my way to Edinburgh by train I met the four Australian ladies travelling together, who left months ago on their world tour which will include the Toronto Convention. In Edinburgh itself I stayed with the sister of one of my Brighton members, and there was much talk of other Australians who have stayed there.

In my London hotel I encountered

Sir Philip Messent, of Adelaide. And

when it came to the last day of my time in Britain, who should arrive back unexpectedly in London to farewell me than the Morrises. It was good to feel friendship like that around me as I stepped into the plane for the overnight flight to New York. Ahead of me lay the long-awaited fellowship with our great American brotherhood; behind me, an unforgettable memory. Next:

"AMERICAN CITIES AND CAMPUSES."



BUSY DAYS AT NDUI NDUI F. Kennedy

The pressure of work at the hospital varies—at times we have three or four mothers and babes, and sometimes we have not any. We average between forty and fifty babies for the year.

Malaria has decreased considerably —I have had very few in with fever this year. Yaws requires far less treatment by the use of penicillin. When I first came, we might have up to fifty for injections each week, and this went on for many weeks before they were cured, but now we give a course of penicillin for five days and they are fixed.

We have had to treat a few nasty cuts lately. We have had one little chappie in for a month. Another lad threw a long knife and it cut across the back of the heel, arteries, tendon and all. We have a young native medical practitioner now on Ndui Ndui, and he came, and together we attended the wound while the patient was under a general anaesthetic. It is the nearest I have been to real theatre work for some time.

I have just one girl helping me. She has been with me for four years now, and knows how to do most things. She is rather nervous to go ahead and do things in my absence, but she is very trustworthy. She has delivered a few bables, and I must let her do more now to help her gain the confidence that she needs.

Not long ago we had a busy time, when we were caring for three or four maternity cases, and with one it was a real fight for life. Several times the family were weeping around me, and then the little one breathed again. I stayed at the hospital for five nights to be ready for any emergency, and our efforts were rewarded for the baby survived. During this period, another baby was born, and two nights later, another difficult case kept me at the hospital. We rejoice in the knowledge that these two little lives were saved --under village treatment neither baby would have survived, and possibly the mother would not have lived in the latter case. Again we sent for the native medical practitioner, and were glad of his help.

Prior to the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Beale, I was the only missionary at Ndui Ndui, and in addition to the usual round of tasks, there were three Bible classes, teachers' prayer meeting, women's meeting and village meetings to attend. It left very little time for my own Bible study. I would sit down for that, and then decide that there was a lesson, or perhaps two or three, to prepare for the next day. The teachers' prayer meeting has been a happy time, and it was nice to know that they wanted me to be with them whenever I could. Whenever I could leave the hospital, I would run across after the bell had gone, read a few verses of Scripture on which my talk was based, and then leave them to carry on. Now Mr. Beale has taken that over, and he and Mrs. Beale each have a Bible Class, leaving me the one nearest to here. Our meetings have all started off really well with good attendances. The prayer meeting usually is attended by over two dozen from several villages, and we feel that is really good.

This year, our leaders desire to go ahead. Several of them are going out week after week to the villages preaching. We had quite good Easter meetings, and four of these men were willing to row a dinghy four or five hours up the coast to help in the meetings there, and they had large meetings too.

The work here is developing, but we need to pray for the deepening of the work of the Holy Spirit, we need to see our people with personal experiences of the salvation of the Lord Jesus. What a wonderful Saviour he is!



At the morning service at Black Rock, Vic., church on July 17, a piano stool, a gift to the church from the Y.W.F. in memory of a past-president, Mrs. June Allison, was dedicated in the presence of a large congregation.

The new building at Bowral, N.S.W., is steadily progressing. Members are working in a voluntary capacity on Saturdays. Wednesday nights have now been included in an endeavour to have the building completed this year. J. Cook (Tempe) is voluntarily tiling the baptistry whilst on holidays.

J. E. Brooke, preacher at Balwyn, Vic., has accepted the unanimous request of the membership for a further three years ministry with that church. Tributes to Mr. Brooke's faithful ministry were paid by various members at the annual church meeting. Plans were adopted for crection of new hall, kitchen and amenities at a cost of approx. $\pounds 5,000$.

Fifty pounds has been given by the members of the University Association of Churches of Christ to the fund which maintains a part-time chaplain at the University of Melbourne. Members of the Association will meet Chaplain D. Macrae, B.A., at a dinner on September 13. Graduates and undergraduates of Universities and Teachers' Colleges who desire to join should contact the secretary, D. W. Hibburt, 24 Rennie-st., Coburg, N.13.

Church of Christ, East Kow, Vic.

The new chapel of the East Kew church, Vic., was officially opened on Saturday, July 23, B. F. Huntsman, President Vic.-Tas. Conference declared the building open when Mrs. Harding, a foundation member, turned the key.

Inside the chapel, a service of dedication and praise was addressed by representatives from the Properties Corp., Ministers' Fraternal, Builders and Foundation Members. The secretary, R. Trompf gave a short narrative outlining the history of the church from its commencement with a Hinrichsen-Brooker mission in 1923. Principal E. L. Williams, M.A., delivered the address to a crowded meeting, the service being relayed to an overflow in the old chapel. On Saturday night, F. A. Youens gave the address. Sunday morning communion service was presided over by F. H. Elliott and D. W. Mansell spoke. K. A. Macnaughtan gave gospel message, L. E. Brooker was guest song-leader. Temple Day offering has reached £500. D. W. Mansell is in third year of ministry with the church.

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Intense interest centres around the approaching new hall opening at Murray Bridge, S.A., on August 13 by Theo. Edwards. Gifts of chairs has reached a progress total of 163, representing a saving of £438. Many other practical gifts have been added to furnishings and the complete electrical installation, with. fluorescent lighting, power points, foot-lights, etc., installed for the bare cost of materials under supervision of R. Spencer and A. Hutchinson, with a consequent saving of £200. P. R. Whitmore is the resident preacher.

The Annual Social of the Ministers' Wives' Association in S.A., was held at Grote-st. on July 22. It was attended by seventy members of families of the manses. An entertaining programme of games and competitions, arranged by Mrs. G. Whiting (pres.) and committee, was conducted by J. B. Baker. Items were rendered by D. Matthews, Helen Jones and A. R. Jones. Mrs. N. Gavros played a delightful selection of hymns prior to devotions which were led by D. Hammer. Supper was served and an enjoyable evening brought to a close by the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds."

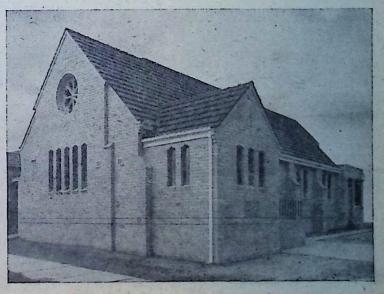
At the request of the Australian Branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators Incorporated, J. R. Story, General Secretary in Australia and New Zealand of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, has been granted leave in order to attend the important Bi-annual Conference of the parent body of W.B.T. in Arkansas, U.S.A., in September, 1955. Having been associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators and the School of Linguistics since the inception in 1950, and having a knowledge of New Guinea and its needs, Mr. Story has been entrusted with a Conference Assignment which may materially affect the progress of translation in New Guinea and other areas in the near future. The travel costs involved will not be a charge upon the Unevangelized Fields Mission. Mr. Story is in membership with the church at Bambrard., Caulfield, Vic., and members there are assisting in personal ways.

"The Aged Don't Want Chromium Chairs!"

These are the words of Dame Pattie Menzies when she presented a cheque for $\pounds 4,000$ to the Aged Christians' Home in Brisbane on behalf of the Federal Government. This represents the Government's first payment.

When being shown over the new rooms Dame Pattie asked if we permitted the old people to bring some of their personal property, like an old chair. She had visited very modern Homes that were too modern for old folk.

On Friday, July 22, Dame Pattie, A. W. Paul, Acting Director General Department of Social Services, the Queensland Director, W. T. Crookall, C. F. Adermann, M.P., and Mrs. Adermann, and G. Lawson, M.P., attended a happy function over which H. W. Hermann presided. The Home General Committee and the Ladies' Auxiliary attended. Afternoon tea was prepared. The Ladies President, Mrs. Machin, presented Dame Pattie with a shoulder spray.-C. R. Burden.







Discipleship

Mrs. V. Fisher, Kilburn, S.A. Janice Roberts, Nailsworth, S.A.

- Mrs. Richardson, Shirley and Dorothy Horton, Devonport, Tas.
- Rea Wilson, Merle Bowden, Ian Corlett, Kevin McIntosh, Roger and Haydn Mills, Mr. Parry, Gardiner, Vic.

Max Hall, Max Muir, Mosman, N.S.W.

Membership

- Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson, from Chatswood, N.S.W., to Gardiner, Vic.
- Mr. and Mrs. Carter, to Swan Hill, Vic.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. Selby, from Hurstville to Bowral, N.S.W.
- Mrs. Hull, from Northcote to Drumcondra, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. L. Parr, Kilburn, S.A.
- Mrs. M. Finger, Bayswater, Vic.
- Mrs. Lord, Bockdale, N.S.W.
- Mrs. F. Harding, Forestville, S.A.

Tasmania

Devonport (D. P. Holloway).—Everymember-present service in morning and family service with youth parade were special services for June 5. Baptismal service was conducted on 19th when three were immersed. These were welcomed into fellowship on July 3. Much interest is being shown in services being conducted in conjunction with Tasmanian Gospel Campaigners for month of July. Bi-weekly prayer meeting is averaging 15. On alternate Sundays, when Mr. Holloway is at Ulverstone, services are taken by Messrs. C. and T. Burtt, Stevens, Pitt and Walshe. Auxillaries and B.S. are making steady progress. Mrs. Bruton is new president of ladies' work.

Queensland

Kingaroy (P. French). — A young man was baptised at gospel service on June 26. Mrs. Horne, senr., is again in hospital. Members are constant in their visitation. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Mrs. Holt (Chinchilla). Ladies' Guild has forwarded parcel of clothing to Aborigines' Mission and is preparing parcel for New Hebrides. Youth Director, K. Horne, visited church from July 15-17 and conducted an evening rally, spoke to B.S., and addressed both services on 17th. He also visited Corndale B.S. and showed films of Caloundra Youth Camp. The films were also screened at after-church fellowship at Kingaroy.

Western Australia

Lake-st., Perth (A. J. Fisher). — Two cases of clothes and a portable phonograph have been sent to our Aborigines' Missions. A central prayer meeting on July 14 was addressed by C. J. Robinson (Conf. Pres.). G. Smith (Cottesloe) addressed church on 17th. An extension of Women's fellowship has been established and it now meets alternately on Thursday afternoons and Thursday evenings, thus providing for both married and professional women. Dorcas visited Christian Guest Home on 20th and provided devotions and entertainment.

New South Wales

Bowral (B. A. Roberts). — Church was much encouraged by recent decisions of three adults and two B.S. scholars. Two have been received into fellowship by transfer.

Broken Hill. - Recent speakers have been B. Richards (C.O.B.), M. Crosby, Mr. Mathieson, jnr., Mr. Cornelius (Adelaide) and Mr. Dixon (Olary). Church appreciates Mr. Dixon's offer to conduct services until arrival of Mr. Kingston, B.S. conducted successful Pets' afternoon on July 9. Prizes were awarded for pets, best dressed dolls, decorated prams and bicycles. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Mellett and Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer. Mr. Dean showed films and school staff served afternoon tea. M. Rogers and J. Hosking had charge of jumble stall. School is practising for anniversary. Mr. Mathieson has returned to Adelaide after several weeks' fellowship with church. Other visitors have been Mr. Houghton (Lane Cove), Miss Dixon (Cowandilla) and Sis. Freemantle of hospital staff. Mrs. Martin has been ill in hospital; but is now home. Mr. and Mrs. H. Garner are also sick and Mesdames Huckle and Thurgood have not been well enough to attend regularly.

Granville (C. Terry). — Visiting speakers have been R. Bartholomew, D. Oldfield, H. C. Wheat and Mr. Knight (Aborigines' Mission Board) who showed slides of recent visit to Carnarvon and Norseman, at fellowship tea on July 10. Members have been assisting with erection of new building at Holroyd. A young man was

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baptised on June 26. J. Davidson (Dubbo) was recent visitor. Working bee was held on June 23, when kinder hall was repainted in bright modern color scheme. I.C.E. is maintaining active work. Visit was paid to Holroyd I.C.E. where they conducted the meeting. C. Dainty commenced Junior Boys' Club on July 21.

Marrickville (P. E. Thomas, B.A.) .-Church is preparing for tent mission with W. Howard (Merewether) as missioner. Much prayer and planning is being carried out and each member is requested to accept a particular task for success of mission. Fellowship was enjoyed on July 20 when W. Howard visited prayer meeting and presented personal experiences in prayer life. Youth Council organised salmagundi evening on 16th. A time of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by the 47 who attended. Boys' Club, under leadership of T. W. Benson and R. Clifton, con-tinues in a happy spirit. Attendances have remained steady during winter months. Short devotional talk is given to boys each week by preacher. Increased attendances were recorded at both morning and evening services on 24th. Recent visitors have included Mrs. Perkins (Invercargill, N.Z.), M. Trainer and F. Rush (W.A.), R. Woolley, M. Collins and S. Woolley (Burwood).

Mosman (D. W. Tonkin). — Mr. Tonkin has now settled into his ministry, and has spoken at all services. Mid-week prayer meeting has built up. Two young men made their decision at evening service on July 17. Seaforth, due to reclassification of boundaries is now known as North Balgowlah. Mr. Blankley (Woolwich Bible College) is doing good work there.

Rockdale. — On July 12, Girls' Club held concert and social to honor Miss I. Green and presented her with a nice gift prior to her marriage. On 19th, M. Saxby was morning speaker and at evening service, C. Stebbins. A pre-wedding social was given to Miss I. Green and Rex Harris (Paddington) by church on 23rd. Church presented them with a family Bible. Mr. McMillan was speaker at both services on 24th.

Tamworth (H. I. Walmsley). — First anniversary of J.C.E. was held on July 24. E. McIlhagger (Inverell) was guest speaker. C.E. members took part in evening service. Mr. Walmsley exchanged with Mr. McIlhagger. Women's Fellowship had a family social during week raising £6 for Building Fund. Mr. Bowers (Bundana) has been in hospital, also two juniors. Mrs. Green is in hospital. Visitors have been Mrs. Bowers (Bundana), and Mr. Martin (Sydney).

South Australia

Hindmarsh (J. E. Shipway). — Gospel Bells service was conducted on July 17. Singing of suitable hymns and pieces by B.S. scholars was enjoyed. Three splendid short addresses of experiences in a recent University camp were given by Rosiland Hallett, Pat Derham and John Allan. Fortnightly group studies on The Holy Spirit and His Work have been planned.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — A married woman confessed Christ at close of baptismal service on July 24 when eight were immersed. Record attendances are being maintained at both morning and evening services with quite a number of interested local people present. P. Fopp arranged programme for C.Y.F. on 22nd, and preacher conducted devotional session. Mrs. Kelly is rendering splendid service as soloiste and leader of rapidly growing Y.W. League. Church sympathises with Mr. Parr and family in loss of wife and mother, and Mrs. Whelan in loss of sister.

Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore). -Church has been happy to welcome Sis. Haupt and Mr. Page back to services after periods in hospital. Mr. Williams has been very sick in hospital, but is making progress. Sis. Downing continues active interest in church affairs, despite being confined to her home through increasing years. Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. Carpenter in passing of his father. Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon (India), have twice visited us with slides of work in India, and display of curios, dolls, etc., creating greater interest in overseas work. F. Mitchell, church elder for many years, has been congratulated on completion of forty-one years service with the State Irrigation Department in Murray Bridge and is wished many active years of happy retirement. Anniversary practices have commenced under leadership of Mr. Whitmore. Happy Hours campaign will be held by G. Whiting for week immediately following hall opening. Sis. Phillips has been welcomed to kinder teaching staff.

Nailsworth (N. Gavros). — During July, preacher is delivering special series of addresses. Attendances have been good and there have been three decisions. Ladies' Guild held annual meeting and commenced new year with five new members. Officers: pres., Mrs. Gavros; vice-pres., Mesdames Houghton and Farrow; sec., Mrs. Rebbeck; asst.-sec., Mrs. G. Gaskin; treas., Mrs. Pittman. Church business meeting was happy gathering. Healthy reports were submitted and officers duly elected. F.M. offering £55 from church and £26 from B.S.

Norwood (D. G. Hammer). — Back to Norwood meetings brought visitors from many parts of S.A., and fellowship was renewed. I. A. Paternoster's address's were much appreciated, and after the evening service his colorslides of the Islands were also enjoyed. General attendances are keeping up, in spite of some sickness amongst older folk.

Victor Harbour (S. L. Patching). -Well attended annual business meeting was held on June 21, and reports showed church to be in good heart spiritually and financially, K. Sinkinson was re-elected sec., and A. Williams, treas. G. A. Whiting conducted a suc-cessful Teachers' Conference on July 9, and, following instructional classes held in the afternoon, two car loads of Y.P. were transported to Grote-st. for C.Y.F. meeting in evening. On 10th, Youth Director spoke at both services as well as assisting in B.S. and Youth Tea in afternoon. £43 was received in response to the annual appeal for F.M. R. Dixon visited church on 13th and presented a number of excellent slides supported by appreciated talk on Mission work in Our India, to combined C.E. Societies and church members. Ladies' Guild is enjoying good meetings with increased numbers attending and members are busy making gar-ments for Aborigines' Missions as well as sewing for District Hospital, Church members express appreciation of services of preacher and wife who are now enjoying better health.

Forestville (W. A. Russell) .- Attendances are averaging well during winter months and work is well maintained. Splendid work is being done by Y.P., both in church and B.S. I.C.E. and J.C.E. societies are in flourishing condition. L. Lovell is leading I.C.E. and B. Cutts, J.C.E. Four basketball teams are in C.O.C. Association, and are doing well. Recently a mother and daughter confessed their faith in Christ. Newly renovated chapel is greatly admired by members. Church was saddened by tragic death of Mrs. F. Harding, who has been a devoted servant of the Lord for many years, F.M. offering has reached £80.

Victoria

Peel-st, Ballarat. — L. Smith was speakers at both services on July 17, and meetings were well attended. R. McLeod rendered a solo on 24th. F. Hunting conducted morning service and A. Graham evening service. Soloiste was Miss Rosalle Birch. Prayer meetings continue to be well attended in spite of cold weather, attendance being from 15 to 20. A. Graham is leading studies. Mrs. Richards, Mrs. N. Floate and B. McKay are all home from hospital and progressing favorably.

Bayswater (R. A. Ryall).—Combined meeting was held in Bayswater Hall Methodist church. Croydon Methodist on July 17 preceded by Y.P. tea in Y.P. staged a Biblical play. F.M. offering was £9/12/-. Church is saddened by loss of Mrs. W. F. Finger, one of the foundation members and the oldest member.

Bendigo (R. V. Holmes). — For July meeting, C.M.S. visited St. John's Presbyterian Brotherhood, when C. Houston (violin) and K. Smith (vocal) contributed to musical programme. On July 22, chapel was headquarters for District C.E. Annual Rally, when 300 attended. J. Hull (State Pres.), was guest speaker. I.C.E. has recommenced activity after lapse during preacher's illness. Good Companions honored J. Ellis-a friend to all Y.P.—with a party on his 82nd birthday. Preacher conducted broadcast worship service on July 24, assisted by elders J. Martin and A. Mudford. B.S. has commenced anniversary practice under K. Smith.

Black Rock (A. Avery). — On July 1, Y.W.F. raised another $\pounds 20$ on their stall towards their objective of enlarging kinder hall. Evangelistic visitation by members has begun in preparation for mission shortly to be conducted by J. E. Brooke.

Glen Waverley (D. D. Stewart). — Despite very trying weather conditions meetings have been continued in the tent, and church rejoices that building operations have commenced and are grateful for assistance from sister churches. Since D. D. Stewart has come to assist in the work for three months, mid-week meetings have commenced and gospel services are held every Sunday night in the Mechanics' Hall, this being the only Sunday night service of any church in the district. B.S. is increasing. Duplex envelopes are also being introduced. Mrs. H. Thodey has joined Hospital Committee, assisting in visitation of Children's Wards at Alfred Hospital.

Collingwood (H. K. Christensen). — Worship services are well attended and interest maintained. Presentation has been made to Mrs. R. Scott for many years of loyal service as church cleaner. Visiting speaker on July 10 was J. Western (C.O.B.). Church has missed Mr. Scott during recent weeks of illness. Visitors have been Mr. Cook (former member) and Mr. Brown (Perth). Practice for B.S. aniversary has begun under leadership of J. Mackley.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — Church held its annual meeting on July 27. Preacher-reported a year of blessing and progress. The number breaking bread each Sunday has been 118 compared with 100 last year; 21 had been added by faith and baptism. Consideration has been given to new activities which will fill a very real need. X.W.F. has been formed and a C.M.S. is projected. B.S. reported 130 on roll with 26 teachers and average attendance of 112. 25 babies are on cradle roll. Deaconesses' reported 172 visits, written 115 letters, sent 25 birthday cards to aged and shutin members. Treasurer's statement showed £669 given by church to societies and missions. This is equal to over £13 a week contributed to others. Election of officers: sec., H. Turnham; asst.-sec., D. Russell; treas., L. Warmbrunn and E. Bristow; deacons, J. Cuthbert, J. Drummy, S. Hogan, F. Parsons, I. Soulsby, K. Sturgess, W. Sturgess; deaconesses, Sis. Cuthbert, Drummy, Hoffman, Oliver, Race, Seely, Turnham. Vote of thanks was passed to F. Haycraft (Hartwell) for the work and time spent in preparing plans etc. for new hall.

Drumcondra. — On July 10, a cheque was presented to R. Wilson on his retirement from the ministry. Members of church had an enjoyable evening at home of K. Hughes. B. J. Combridge was speaker at both services on 17th. L. Mountjoy and R. Tattersall (elders) took charge of service and L. Rawlings spoke at night on 23rd.

Wangaratta (R. J Anderson). - Mr. Oliver (Evangelisation Society of Aust.) has completed successful one week's children's mission at South Wangaratta, where we conduct regular B.S., and a gospel service on alternate Sundays. On July 24, Mr. Oliver conducted gospel service and held meetings for adults on 26th and 28th. Much interest is being aroused in our work at South Wangaratta. B. Huntsman (Conf. Pres.) visited on 24th, taking both services and addressing men's tea at 5 p.m. Mrs. A. Benson sang at gospel service. Happy Hour, Girls' Club, Boys' Club and the three C.E. Societies are progressing well. There have been several re-dedications lately, thanks going to preacher for his straight-forward messages. New heaters have been installed in chapel.

Newmarket (D. W. Hibburt, B.A., Dip.Ed.). — Combined youth tea and service were held with Baptists. Speakers were Mrs. E. Tan and J. Sykes. Talent scheme for all church has commenced for twenty weeks. Yard has been cleared and covered with tan for use of B.S. All departments of B.S. now meet with church at 11 a.m. for their closing session. The First Disciples and Jesus Teaches Forgiveness were screened on July 24.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks). — During absence of preacher, services at Swan Hill were conducted by E. Mott, and B. Huntsman '(Conf. Pres.). K. Masterton was speaker at morning service at Woorinen on July 10. 20 members of Masonic Lodge were present at gospel service on 24th. Kinder have moved into new room at rear of the chapel and their number has increased over the past few weeks.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th.). — Temple Day on June 26 was an excellent one with good attendances at both services, splendid messages and a fine fellowship, with a record thanksgiving offering of £175. Pleasure was expressed in visit of B. F. Huntsman (Conf. Pres.) with Mrs. Huntsman at gospel meeting on July 3. Mr. Huntsman illustrated his message with lantern slides, and also gave an illustrated resume of the work of the church at the after-church monthly fellowship. The Women's Mission Band is encouraged by increasing attendances and interest, and is adding considerably to the church work. Men's Society excelled with the organising of a social evening on the occasion of their meeting on July 21. The conducting and the carrying out in every detail by the men was appreciatively accepted by the ladies. The loan of a piano for an indefinite period by Mrs. Owen is a generous gesture and very much appreciated. Miss M. J. Wright (Sunshine) who has been appointed to the teaching staff of the local Technical School, is meeting with church.

Ormond (F. E. Buckingham). — Church annual business meeting was held in June. Reports show an excellent state of efficient resources. Ladies have paid for seating for new chapel. Carpets, etc., have also been decided on. A sister has donated platform furniture. Preacher is back after three weeks in W.A. Sis. Kiernan, although not well, was present on 24th. Sis. McMillan is still very sick in hospital. Thanks to visiting speakers during absence of preacher. P.B.P. basketball team 1 still remains on top of competition. Mr. Booth is organiser for Grand Fete.

West Preston (A. B. Withers). -Preacher continues studies on The Lord's Prayer in morning services. On July 23, Y.P.S.C.E. held cottage meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd. P.B.P. entertained Good Companions' Club on 26th. W. Atkin (Social Service Dept.) spoke on 27th to S.C.E. Ladies attended Women's Meeting at Independent Church on 27th. Representatives of C.M.S. attended local C. of E. for talk by Mr. Jessop (Chairman, M.M.B.W.). On 22nd K.S.P. held record evening at a member's home. Some members journeyed to Hurstbridge church on 29th and attended meeting there. Church oraganistes are Misses Shirley Seal and Beryl Hall. Miss Hall is also assisting in leading of church choir.

The East Kew church and the many visitors regretted that E. C. Hinrichsen, who was a planned speaker at the opening meetings of the new chapel was too ill to attend. The church appreciated those speakers who at short notice so readily took his place.

DEATH

HANCOCK. — On July 14 (suddenly), at his home, 21 Nevis-st., Hartwell, Albert Edward, dearly loved husband of Catherine May, loving father of Len, Allan, Dorothy, Gwen (Mrs. Hicks), Don, Eric and Peter.

"In God's care."

[We regret this notice appeared as an "In Memoriam" in our last issue.]

BIRTHS

BURTT. — At Mosgiel, Surrey Hills, on July 17, to Margaret and Bart, a daughter—Janine Ruth. Both well.

SYMES. — On July 24, to Thelma and Mervyn, a son—Stephen Lorne. (Brother for Bronwyn.)

DEATH

CHIPPERFIELD. — On July 25, at her home, 82 Lyndhurst-st., Richmond, Mary Margaret, beloved wife of the late Stanley Grindrod, loved mother of Ruby (Mrs. Alderson), Stanley, Ethel, Jean (Mrs. Killey), and Mavis (Mrs. Howse), loved mother-in-law of Allan (dec.), Gladys, David and Geoffrey.

"A wonderful mother at rest."

IN MEMORIAM

BYRNE. — Treasured memories of my darling husband, Jack, who passed on, August 5, 1953.

"That bright morning, when the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee."

CASLEY. — Treasured memories of my darling husband and our dearly loved father. "In God's Keeping."

-Inserted by his loving wife and family.

DOWNS. — In cherished memory of a loving mother and grandmother who passed to her heavenly Home on August 6, 1945.

"Awaiting where no shadodws fall, Just a prayer away."

—Inserted by H. and A. Annetts and Merle.

McINNES. — Treasured memories of 'my dear wife, Florrie, and loving mother of Horrie (Manly), Pearl (Mrs. Alcorn, Sunshine), Bette (Mrs. Francis, Noble Park), who passed away at Reservoir, August 7, 1951.

"For ever in our hearts."

-Wal.

PHILLIPS. — In loving memory of our dear friend, Emma E. Phillips, who passed away July 31, 1954.

"The happy years spent together, Leave memories that last forever." —Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Norman.

TATE. — In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tate, passed away, July 18 and 20, 1954.

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WILSON. — Ethel May. In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, called to rest, July 31, 1949.

-George and Noel, Roslyn and Bruce Wilson.

ENGAGEMENT

BROWN—STEVENS. — Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brown, of Bankstown, N.S.W., announce the engagement of their second daughter, Betty, to John, second son of the late Stuart Stevens and Mrs. D. E. Stevens, Hurstville, N.S.W.

Open Forum

I wish to correct what I consider to be a misleading comment concerning the Abbe Couturier, appearing in your editorial entitled "Tolerant?" date 17/9/55.

Abbe Couturier, who died in 1953, established the observance of the Week of Universal Prayer for Christian Unity. He proposed that all Christians petition God for "the unity which Christ desires by such means as he shall desire.' He realised, from long experience of conversations with non-Roman Catholics, that they believed themselves to be in full possession of the full truth of the Revelation of God, and he loved to quote the fine aspiration of the Edinburgh Conference, "towards a common apprehension of the truth as it is in Jesus." He believed that all Christians should "meet and love one another," and he used to say that the barriers of confession do not reach to heaven

As to his methods, he could hardly remain a member of his church unless he believed that reunion would mean submission to Rome. But it was im-possible, he thought, to resolve our disagreements by skirmishing with concepts or arguments, and the attitude of theologians who advance confidently to vanquish their adversaries seemed to him not only doomed to failure but impure, blemished by pride. No "exchange of views" was entered upon without both sides together asking the enlightenment of the Spirit; when the exchange grew sharp and high words passed, he would suggest a moment of meditation, and perhaps the deferment until later of the subject embarked upon. "Lord," he would pray, "grant us the union of hearts in charity, that there may come the union of hearts in truth." On each 24th August, the anniversary of the St. Bartholomew massacre, he, along with many other priests, offered Mass "in contrition and explation" and he called upon French Catholics to offer "reparative prayers."

The above information is largely quoted from an article appearing from the pen of a colleague of the Abbe, and appearing in the Ecumenical Review (July, 1953). I think it puts a great Christian in a fairer light than could be gathered from your editorial.-H. F. Gross, Ascot Vale.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. H. Swain.

Mrs. H. Swain, senr., fell asleep on June 24, 1955, at the age of 89 years, after a very beautiful and useful life. Born in England she was brought to Australia whilst still an infant in the ship "Netherby" which was wrecked near King Island on that journey.

Mrs. Swain made her decision at the age of 12 at North Fitzroy and was baptised in Collingwood (Landridge-st.) chapel. In 1883, she and members of her family transferred to the newlyformed Brunswick church. She remained at Brunswick until her marriage, 68 years ago, and then worshipped in the Johnston-st., Fitzroy Tabernacle. When the church moved to Gore-st., Mrs. Swain and her husband attended there. Here Mr. Swain preached for four years, ably helped in every way by his wife. She ministered with her preacher husband at Margaret-st., Launceston, Devonport and Ulverstone. In 1921, Thornbury church was organised and for ten years this church felt her Godly influence and the impact of her love for the church. Then followed 8½ years at Coburg and finally she returned to her home church at North Fitzroy—a place where she was greatly beloved and where her husband preached for 18 months.

Wherever Mrs. Swain went she won the admiration, goodwill and love of the members of the church and community. She was an ideal preacher's wife, unobtrusive, kindly, a good or-ganiser of the women and a wonderful encourager of and friend to all.

In spite of a very busy home and church life, Mrs. Swain entered fully into the life of the community and served as Mayoress of Preston and organised Hospital Auxiliaries in that district. A passage of Scripture she dearly loved was 1 Cor. 13, and was the foundation and expression of her life.

She leaves her husband, two sisters, three sons, four daughters, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-two greatgrandchildren as a family to carry on the great tradition of her life. She is sadly missed but not mourned because her lovely life has left many fragrant memories and her faith knew no Death. -J.T.

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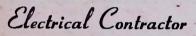
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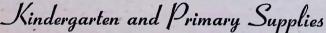
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OBITUARY

Keith Morgan.

The church at Wollongong was saddened by the passing of Keith Morgan at the age of 33. When actively engaged in the work for his Master the call came. On the Lord's Day morning he presided at the communion service, the following morning he became suddenly ill, lapsed into unconsciousness, and passed away.. A deacon of the church, a builder by profession, a strong man with a beautiful voice and a most cheerful personality, all given in the service of his Lord. Loved by all who paid tribute to his service to the church was reflected in the crowded gathering at the chapel, where a memorial and thanksgiving service was conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen. To his wife and family sympathy is expressed.

J. P. Pallot.

On July 14, 1955, the church at Claremont was saddened by the Home call of J. P. Pallot after a short illness in Bethesda Hospital. The late Mr. Pallot was born in England on July 8, 1871, and was baptised at Prahran church (Vic.) as a lad in his teens. In 1893 the family moved to Fremantle, W.A. and he became a member of that church a year after, its establishment. In 1917 he took up residence in Claremont and was a faithful member of that church for 38 years. During that time he served as Bible School superintendent for nearly 20 years and as a church officer for more than 25 years. In recognition of his service he was elected deacon emeritus by the church in 1947. Mr. Pallot is survived by three sons and three daughters, fifteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and two sis-ters, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Etheridge. To his loved ones we extend our sympathy, yet rejoice that after a full life of 84 years he is now at rest. He was truly "a man in Christ."—J. E. Gough.

Elizabeth Margaret Dawson.

After a prolonged illness, suddenly, on June 23, Mrs. Dawson passed to be with her Lord at the age of 81 years. Born at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1873, she accepted Christ as Saviour at the Gateshead Church of Christ at an early age. After the death of her parents, she came to Australia with her sister and brother-in-law, in her late twentles, and entered into fellowship with the Lake-st. church, where she met Horace Dawson whom she married in 1906. Apart from a few years at North Perth, she was an active member of the city church until the death of her husband. when she then transferred to Inglewood three years ago. She was a quiet and unassuming Christian lady, and we thank God for every remembrance of her life. A service at the Crematorium was conducted by the writer.

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