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"THE SUN RISES IN THE WEST"

says C. J. ROBINSON.

I have no quarrel with science, or whoever is responsible for deciding which is East, and which is West. My purpose is simply to indicate that a new day is dawning for the Western State. The once-called land of sand, sin and sorrow is coming into its own. The sand is yielding up its secrets (nearly half-a-million gallons of oil have been taken from one hole in the sand), and sin and sorrow are yielding to the Grace of God.

The rising scale of industrial production, and the growth of agriculture, are all very pleasing for the economy of the State. But they need to be seen in proportion to the moral and spiritual development of the citizens, and here the picture is blurred. The usual evils are evident here as in every State. A government, for example, doing evil that good may come!—Legalised betting shops, drinking and its toll of accidents due to drunken drivers.

On a tour of country churches recently, I discovered that in the larger country towns, the league football matches and pennant tennis are played on the Lord's day. It was cause for thanksgiving that one of our strong church groups, refusing to play on the sacred day, were instrumental in having the tennis tournaments played on a Saturday.

Besides the economists, however, the churches have faith in the future of Western Australia. There are signs of sun-rising in the spiritual sphere.

At the time of writing, the Christian Citizenship Campaign at Geraldton, is drawing to a close. This effort, in a

town where we were represented by a mere handful of members, has been mightily under-girded by prayer, throughout the whole brotherhood. Meetings for prayer have been held at various centres, and frequently. The Home Mission Committee faced this seemingly impossible task with the deep conviction that it was of God, and in



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spite of tremendous difficulties, the cause at Geraldton has been firmly established. To date, nineteen have decided for Christ, and members of other communions have declared that the mission was the best thing that has happened to the town.

Other churches are clamoring for special evangelistic services within the next twelve months, and are even now reaping the fruits of faithful personal evangelism and witness. Recently, one suburban church welcomed on one Sunday morning, through faith and baptism, more than twenty new members. New causes have been established in three suburbs; new buildings are in the course of erection, or being planned; old ones are being renovated; congregations have been vitalised by a new emphasis and experience through prayer. One hears of outstanding answers to prayer for souls and for the sick.

Another sign of a dawning day is seen in the sphere of youth. The brotherhood has confirmed its decision to retain the services of a full-time youth director at whatever cost, and the annual offering for that department was the best yet. The Director reports bigger and better camping groups with an entirely new personnel of teenagers emerging into a vital Christian experience. In the Bible Schools, the emphasis is more and more on consecrated Christian teaching and witness.

Outside of the brotherhood, in the larger sphere of Christian activity, the churches have been heartened by a new emphasis on religion in the State

Schools. The Director of Education has convened two meetings of representatives of churches in an effort to find a basis for unified Bible study and desegregation. At the moment, the Anglican Church is standing aloof from

the proposal to adopt a scheme of religious education akin to that of Victoria. Churches of Christ have been to the fore in this matter, through their representation on the World Council of Churches.

Many forces of evil are yielding to the faithfulness of Christian witness, and we are confident in affirming that the sun is rising in the West. We fervently pray that it may be the sun of righteousness.

Interesting News from Australians Abroad

The following is an extract from a letter sent by R. P. Morris to his family. At Davos (Switzerland) there is a centre for the care of sick ministers and pastors, conducted by the W.C.C.

"The experience at Davos with the Committees of the W.C.C. has been very stimulating. I must say the whole visit here has been one full of surprises for me. I expected to see a big lumbering organisation, plenty of clerical collars and priestly garments, even miles of red tape and instructions to put everything through the recognised channels, but the reverse has been the case. The organisation is almost invisible. There is little or no formality. A deep spiritual atmosphere seems to permeate everything that is done. No one appears to be sanctimonious, yet the worship services are an experience, as a rule, never to be forgotten. Davos has made a profound impression on me. The folk in W.C.C. jobs here work until they drop, yet they look, and I'm sure they really feel this way, as if they enjoy every minute of it. The greatest is the most humble, and yet there is an air of efficiency and urgency in what is done.

"Most officers are hopelessly underpaid, yet none complains. You have to probe to find out. Even the typists are girls with a sense of service and mission. It is a very contagious atmosphere to work in. The Department of Information had a very busy three days. I think we did well. I hope Australia was a help. I can certainly help when I get home.

"We have a representative on every Division. Interesting to note, according to my figures, that out of 299 in attendance over three weeks there were: 44 "Reformed"; 42 Lutheran; 34 Anglican; 29 Methodist; 27 Presbyterian; 26 EKID (Evangelical German); 23 Congregational; 13 Baptist; 13 Orthodox; 8 Prot. Epis.; 7 Disciples; and 3, 2 or 1 from 16 others."



Further notes, by air mail, from Principal A. W. Stephenson, en route to Toronto.

FIJI AND HONOLULU

The Fijian Islands have a population of 320,000. Fijians number 140,000, and Indians 155,000. There are 2,500 British, and a mixture of 22,500 other peoples. Needless to say there are many prob-

lems. The work of the young people in the Methodist Mission, 12 miles from Suva, we considered equal to that of children in Australia.

At Honolulu, we were met by the pastor of the church and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Legg, who have just commenced their ministry here. To our great delight, Chaplain O. S. Brown came to the ship. Chaplain Brown was trained at Glen Iris College. He went to the U.S.A., and is now in charge of chaplains in the vast area of the Pacific, and as far away as Arabia, and across to Japan. We are sure Chaplain Brown is a great representative of Australia in his work as Chaplain leader in the U.S. Air Force.

The party was enhanced with the beauty of the baptistry, around which ferns are planted, and add a touch of material charm to the First Christian Church building. The ladies in the party were impressed even more by the "model" kitchen.

FROM VANCOUVER TO PORTLAND

Hayden Stewart and the Vancouver Church (Canada) gave the Australian and New Zealand delegation a taste of the spirit of the Canadian churches, being shown the beauties of the city, and provided with hospitality of the best. At Seattle the University Christian Church welcomed the party at a dinner. The church building holds 2,000, and the organ is one of the best in the city. At a united gathering of the Seattle churches, we met missionary representatives from Japan, Africa, China and India.

At Portland we have been overwhelmed with the hospitality of our churches. At the First Christian Church, delegates came from nine of the surrounding churches. Four hundred delegates were welcomed individually. Myron Cole, the minister, led us in a delightful service.

Whatever the differences there may be in customs and practices, the spirit of Christ is everywhere manifest. We have a special bond with these brethren in Christ. There is a sincere desire to work for world brotherhood in Christ, and to establish unity in Christ, on the basis of New Testament ideals and teachings.

We are glad the delegation consists of so many young people. They are enjoying every minute of their experiences.

American Sidelights

A. Anderson (Sec. F.M. Board).

At the time of writing, I have been in America eleven days, which include two Sundays. The first service attended was at Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Here we have a fine group working more or less in isolation as far as Churches of Christ are concerned. They are hundreds of miles removed from other Canadian churches, and the nearest church over the American border is some distance from them. Nevertheless, under the capable leadership of Hayden Stewart, they are alive and growing, and giving a good witness in this very beautiful city. When the church was built, it was named the Shelton Memorial after the pioneer missionary doctor to Tibet. He has an honored name among the older generation and has helped to keep the missionary fires alive.

After a few days of splendid hospitality and fellowship with the Vancouver people, the journey was made south to Seattle. This city has upwards of half a million people and has eleven Churches of Christ, known here as Disciples or Christian churches. People are prepared to travel reasonable distances to church, hence there has not been the tendency to create small causes by following the people who move out. Some of these churches, even in the far west, have a membership of two to three thousand members. Many, however, are no larger than some of our bigger churches.

At Seattle, time did not permit to remain over the Sunday, but opportunity was given to meet various groups for fellowship and to be in homes and share their hospitality. The First Christian Church in Seattle has Dr. John Paul Pack as its minister. He has a splendid reputation and great personality, and a large following. He has a membership of 3,000, but has co-pastors and secretaries to help in the work. They have a very large budget with a high total for missions. Recently, they decided to give two thousand dollars annually for village projects in India. This money was raised and given without any decrease in their overall budget. Pictures concerning their interest in village project work are prominently displayed. Some of the churches have missionary exhibits on

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A VIEW OF THE CHURCH

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Christianity was born in the spirit of sacrifice. It was such a spirit in the first Christians, who said: "We have left all and followed thee," which gave the early Church such a strong and lasting hold on the community. The Church in the future will live vitally only as Christians give freely and spontaneously of their all to the Cause. The spirit of their response to the Church's claims upon them will be the crux of the situation. If accepted as a burdensome and optional requirement, she must fail. But if welcomed as a prized privilege, then the Church's future is assured.

There's a vast difference between the Church whose activities are stimulated largely by external pressures of a programme, and that one whose basic incentives spring from an inner passionate urge which declares: "We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard."

The True Church

Loses Itself in its Great Enterprise

With the first Christians, organisation and institutionalism were not allowed to absorb their time, or dampen the fires of their passion to extend the borders of the Kingdom. Organisation is both good and necessary, but only as a means to an end. There is the grave danger of the Church holding greater interest in the promotion and maintenance of an institution or a denomination, than in promoting a great Cause. More powerfully than by revolving wheels of machinery, men have been moved by a manifest desire to lift humanity by the giving of oneself to a Cause.

With pardonable pride we, as a people, have thought of our mission as the "Restoration Movement." Surely no more urgent need confronts us today than the restoration of the spirit of those early Christians, who unreservedly gave themselves to establish the Spirit of the living Christ in men's hearts. We need to demonstrate our unquestioned faith in Christ's pronouncement: "He that would save his life shall lose it, and he that would lose his life shall find it." When with whole-hearted sincerity, the Church applies this teaching to itself, its cost in energy, time, and money will not be regarded as a burdensome obligation to be discharged — if at all — but as a precious privilege which gladdens the hearts of Christian people and inspires the best in men.

The Virile Church

In the Community has a Broad Outlook

It regards the "world as its parish." When a church narrows all its interests to the local com-

munity, it actually narrows its interest in that community. There's something stifling in such an outlook.

To send missionaries to virgin fields at home and abroad; to erect and maintain Christian Homes and Hospitals for unfortunate children and indigent old people, is to demonstrate that such mercies bless not only those who receive, but also those who give. The preacher who can't see beyond the confines of his local community is probably incapable of seeing the real needs of the local field.

The churchman who will not give to what he ought to support beyond the local congregation will be a doubtful supporter of local interests. He would be opposed to the preacher who, when he was called to the ministry of a congregation burdened with a large building debt, proposed that the first step should be an offering for missions. Any Christian movement that gives itself to causes that girdle the earth, will command the intelligent respect of its followers. Its askings will be accepted as a priceless privilege by those who love humankind, and believe in the "one God and Father of all."

The Church has

A Message the World Will Always Need

We live in an overturning world. In the last few decades, more political institutions have changed form and leadership than, perhaps, in any similar period of time. Multiple conferences have been held to consider plans to meet these changing conditions. At this moment the whole world is poised, almost breathless, on the brink of great eventualities—for good or ill. These are matters of vital concern, and present to the Church a rare opportunity. She must surely pronounce upon the fallacy of a philosophy which states that life consists of mere things, and declare that Christianity is the under-girding force of life itself. She must call for an attitude of trust and confidence, in place of suspicion and fear. Every true churchman passionately holds to the divine doctrine of soul-saving, and gives himself unreservedly to that. He must also, for the sake of souls redeemed, give himself to the task of making "straight in the desert, a highway for our God," when "every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight." When this can be said of Christians, then the appeals of the Church will not be regarded as obligations which custom says we must discharge, but will be welcomed and accepted as the greatest of all privileges, and the most glorious of all blessings of an eternal God.

ROBERT K. BRITAIN, of Fremantle, W.A., gives helpful study on

The Leading of the Holy Spirit

When we speak of Restoration, we not only mean going back to the practices of the New Testament Church, but also going back to the Spirit who gave sanction to those practices. That is, we do not reduce restoration to the law of "doing what they did," but we recapture the life which they lived. This means a return to the exercise of the leading of the Spirit.

One cannot read the story of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles and not be impressed with the prominence which these people gave to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, someone has suggested that the book should have been called the Acts of the Holy Spirit. To them his leading was necessary. It was Christianity as per Pentecost. They knew not only of Jesus, the resurrected Christ, the ascended Lord, but also of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, the Comforter, nothing less than God living in them. This other One established and maintained the Church. He preached through them. He moved them from place to place. He made of them a family and bound them in the unity for which Christ had prayed. Through him they wrote our "God-breathed" writings. They were sensitive and obedient to his speaking and leading.

God's Life in Us

This sensitiveness and its growth is a spiritual exercise. As a blind man's fingers become more sensitive to the touch of Braille, so the converted man becomes more sensitive to the touch of the Spirit. It is a very difficult exercise. Generally we plod along and look back saying, "Here I was led, here I was not," and indeed we must subject ourselves to this type of analysis. But the deepest leading which the New Testament portrays is that in which we know, through faith, that the Spirit is leading.

It will readily be agreed that the leading of the Spirit is not something that stopped with the apostles, nor was given to the apostles alone.

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." The leading of the Spirit is a present experience of those who believe. It is possible and available to all Christians alike.

Practical Difficulties

One practical difficulty, which has deferred our life in the Spirit, has been the fear of the Spirit-led fanatics, who claim all kinds of leading, usually devoid of morality in one way or another. But this is a poor excuse since it be-

trays both a lack of confidence in our own experience and a lack of faith in the ability of the Holy Spirit. He is "able," even amidst false assertion of leading, and will vindicate himself in right leading. Let us cast aside timidity born of others' errors, for we know that his purpose is at work in us when we believe.

Another practical difficulty which has stunted our growth in the Spirit is that we, as Churches of Christ, have generally not stressed worship. Our services have bordered on the vaudeville in order to bump up attendances and decisions, without thought of the detriment to the leading of the Spirit. For a church to feel the leading of the Spirit, worship and reverence are indispensable. Were not visions given to Isaiah in the temple, and Peter on the roof-top? It must grieve the Holy Spirit to have his activity curtailed because of so much futile activity on the part of man.

"They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings like eagles."

Let us then discipline ourselves to the joys of worship.

A Concept of the Trinity

The leading of the Spirit involves some concept of the Trinity. God the Father sent his Son Jesus Christ to reveal to us his nature and how he is, through the Holy Spirit, living within us. There we have a trinity. Now to be led by the Spirit means that we are aware that within us is working this trinity, that is, a Holy Spirit who is God like Jesus Christ. To put it again, the Heavenly Father revealed himself as a Man to show us what work he was doing in us as a Spirit. In Christ God fully resided, in us he doesn't get such a good welcome, but this is never-the-less, the way God is working. The idea of our life being linked up with God is overwhelming and astounding, and that God should help man to live his life is a gospel indeed.

An Exercise of the Soul

We readily say that God's forgiveness is not cheap—see what it cost him on the Cross—but do we as readily recognise that the leading of the Spirit cost Jesus forty struggling nights and days of temptation in the wilderness, hours of blood-like sweat in Gethsemane, and continual prayer with God throughout his life?

The leading of the Spirit is the supreme exercise of the soul. It is an

exercise of committal. It is not bought with self-sacrifice and good works, it is not given to the old rather than the young, it is not endowed by any theological college, it is not given to the good rather than the bad. It is a gift of God upon committal.

God gives this gift to those of faith who do not put their trust in the might of arms, or the power of money, or the exercise of self-gained authority, or anything else—but who trust that God will do all things by his Spirit.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

The unruly attempts of man to govern himself and his commonwealth is like the cacophony of a leaderless orchestra, but upon committal to the great Leader there emerges the strains of a lovely harmony which is the Reign of God.

Some Practical Helps

In this most difficult of spiritual exercises we may note:

(1) The leading of the Spirit is something to be prayed for, because it is a gift.

"If you then who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

(2) The Spirit cannot possess a self-possessed soul. It means we must go through the humility of a new birth. Perhaps the first beatitude could be translated,

"Contented are the non-assertive, for God shall reign in them."

(3) The leading of the Spirit demands a God-centred interpretation of daily events. Believing God is in our life, we must step into each day with the assurance that everything that happens is of utmost importance to God. If he doesn't lead us in daily life, then when will he?

(4) The leading of the Spirit is not determined by our understanding of the Spirit. Provided we are victorious in the struggle of committing our life to the Spirit, he will work in us, quite often as the invisible and unrecognised. Do the known jobs that lie at hand and the unknown will be revealed.

So now let us have faith that God is in control, and is leading his saints in the paths of his purpose, so that we may say as Paul did to Timothy,

"I know whom I have believed and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him."

THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

II. THE REWARD OF SILENCE.

(a) God is found when we keep silence before him. We must never use God simply as an "emergency exit" from danger, or as an ivory tower where we shut ourselves away from the realities of our human existence. True worship is waiting before God, exposing ourselves to the light of his presence. Prayer is not merely "telling God," it must be a listening to God. Hope, trust, peace, are ours when we seek God for himself alone and not just for what he can give.

(b) Finding God thus is the secret of strength. We are enabled to deal competently with difficult situations, difficult people, hostile circumstances, and with the daily grind.

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 1: 19-30.

V. 19. "Your prayers," "the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." — It is implied that divine aid comes through the prayers of others. Paul humbly admits his dependence upon his friends as well as upon the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit of Jesus Christ" — not the spirit of courage Jesus showed in his own sufferings, but the Holy Spirit. "My salvation" — not deliverance from prison but his final salvation.

V. 20. "Eager expectations" — strong word indicating a head stretched out, turned away from other things. "Magnified" — honored.

Vv. 21-26. The contrast in these verses shows that "to live" means "to live in this present world." "To die is gain" — death for Paul was an entrance into a richer experience of Christ than he had on earth. "I wot not" — I cannot tell. "In a strait betwixt two" — "I am hard pressed between the two." (R.S.V.) "To depart" — "metaphor used of breaking camp, or weighing anchor, or the departure of guests." For Paul, death is a departure to be with Christ. "I know that I shall abide"

— Paul is certain that the Philippians need him and believes that for this reason God will allow him to remain.

V. 27. "Conversation" — citizenship. Practise your duties as citizens of the heavenly kingdom; "one spirit," "one mind" — the unity of the Spirit, a unity of purpose.

V. 28. "Not frightened" — don't be stampeded. A word used of scared horses. "Adversaries" — pagan idol worshippers of Philippi; "evident token of perdition" — a clear omen to them of their destruction.

Suggested Theme.

"LO, HERE IS FELLOWSHIP."

"Fellowship" is a strong word in the New Testament. It means more than social warmth generated by like minded people. It is the fellowship, not of a picnic, but of a crusade. It is more than shaking hands, it is sharing lives.

It is more than human co-operation, it is God's gift of unity. It is more than fellow feeling, it is suffering together. You do not go to church to get it, you go because you have it.

Paul's words to the Philippians speak of:

I. ONE FAITH TO HOLD.

(a) A faith centred in Christ. People may believe in God as Creator, Sustainer, but not in God in Christ. Others may give intellectual assent to the fact of Christ without that trust which belongs to the true Christian fellowship. Paul's life was Christ-centred, Christ-controlled — For me, to live is Christ.

(b) The word "faith" is used here in another sense — "your progress and joy in the faith" (v. 25), "the faith of the gospel" (v. 27). This means the content of the Christian gospel — what may be termed "the Christian faith," the faith once delivered to the saints, historical revelation through the person and work of Jesus Christ. This is the faith we must hold in unity and which we must unite in holding.

II. ONE TRUTH TO SPEAK.

The faith we hold is to be transmitted to others.

(a) It is made known in preaching and teaching. "Striving side by side for the faith of the gospel." It is truth we must proclaim, not our opinions. We must speak the truth in love, not with condescension, self-righteousness or narrow dogmatism. We must present it at the level of those we teach.

(b) It is made known in Christian behaviour — "let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ," — a citizenship in keeping with the sons of the kingdom. For instance, the unity of the Christian fellowship must be demonstrated if the plea for Christian unity is to be respected.

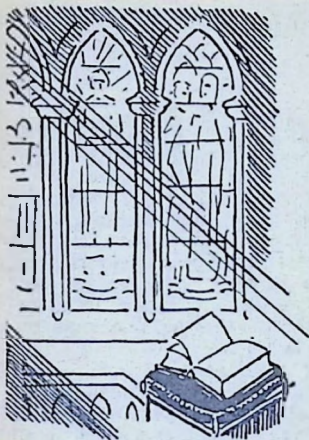
III. ONE LIFE TO SHARE.

(a) A life in the Spirit. Paul knew the help which came from the Spirit of Jesus Christ (v. 19).

(b) Prayer strengthened the fellowship. The prayers of his brethren kept Paul in hope. When we pray together, whatever our denominational tag, we grow more conscious of our unity in Christ, more determined to make it march.

(c) The one life is expressed by standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind. How often Christians strive against and not with each other! A common foe demands a united fellowship.

(d) Suffering together. "Either for other to suffer all things." Note how Paul spoke of suffering as being "granted" — not only to believe but to suffer. The Christian fellowship becomes purer and stronger by hardship endured for Christ's sake.



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OLD TESTAMENT, Psalm 62.

The author of this psalm declares his confidence in God, even under the assaults of people openly his friends but inwardly his enemies. From this colloquy he turns to give counsel. Commentary.

Vv. 1, 2. The first verse has been translated: "My soul is silence, waiting all hushed for God." God is the psalmist's "crag," his "secure high retreat."

Vv. 3, 4. The comparison "like a leaning wall, a tottering fence," applies not to the attackers, but to the person attacked. He feels weak and ready to collapse like a wall battered from without.

Vv. 8-12. Men can find help not in dependence upon men but by trust in God. "Mere men, put on the scales with 'vanity'—literally, 'a breath' i.e., nothing substantial—are outweighed even by that." The writer speaks out of an experience of a personal revelation from God. In the final analysis only God has absolute power. Yet it is a power sheathed in perfect love and perfect justice.

Suggested Theme.

"WAITING HUSHED FOR GOD."

I. THE NEED FOR SILENCE.

(a) We live in a raucous age. City dwellers particularly, planted down in the quiet of a country lane might be driven to exclaim, "This quietness is driving me sane!" Of course, we cannot evade duty. But we must not be deluded by the noisy and the bolsterous. We need to cultivate the making of inward solitude where we can hear the "still small voice of God."

(b) God's mightiest forces are silent. "The stars do not chatter on their orbits. The armies of spring blow no trumpets as they march with leafy banners down the furrowed fields. Human love holds deepest converse when the clumsy tongue is still. The kingdom of God comes not in the bolsterous tumult of our doings, or in the fever of our excitements." "Be still and know that I am God."

H. G. NORRIS, of S.A., reveals how a rightly planned Evangelistic programme

Increased Church Membership Two-thirds in 12 Months

Readers will be interested and encouraged by a fuller report of recent happenings in the Home Mission church at Kilburn, S.A. Amid so many things which tend to discourage in certain phases of our brotherhood, it seems good that we should consider the encouraging implications of recent events in this church.

Twelve months ago Kilburn had 103 members, a small block of land, a totally inadequate Bible School hall, and no chapel. During the year 75 souls have been added to the church. (After allowing for nine losses by deaths and transfers, the nett increase is 66 souls.) So that the church has increased her membership in 12 months by almost two-thirds. Further, two large blocks of land have been purchased adjoining the hall. Church attendances have increased, and the church is on tip-toe of expectation and enthusiasm—looking forward to the day when a chapel can be erected.

What accounts for this tremendous advance in days when church work is difficult?

Many factors have co-operated—a virile policy and support by the Home Mission Department, consecrated workers in the Bible School, patient pastoral work, and a prayerful co-operative church membership—these have all played an important part. But the greatest factor has been a week of visitation evangelism, which has resulted so far in 39 adults making their decision for Christ at a church service, and all have been added to the church.

Further, in the four weeks following "Membership Sunday," attendances have risen at church services from 103 to 176 average at 11 a.m., whilst at the gospel service, average attendance has risen from 60 to 150. A spirit of joy and good fellowship has been created, everybody feels that God's Spirit is working in the church.

How was this done?

Nine pairs of visitors were chosen by the preacher, and gathered together for a month's training each Sunday afternoon leading up to visitation week. The visitors were trained in four stages.

Firstly. The method of personal evangelism as used by the Lord himself. There is nothing new in visitation evangelism, it was used by Jesus, only we have lost his technique through our trust in mass evangelism, and we need to carefully recapture his technique before embarking on any visitation campaigns.

Secondly. A training period devoted to careful training in the ten points of

right procedure in securing decision for Christ in visitation evangelism.

Thirdly. Training in meeting difficulties.

Fourthly. Guidance in selection of appropriate talking points. The booklet "Visitation Evangelism," prepared by our New Zealand churches, was placed in the hands of visitors for study. Dawson C. Bryan's book "A Workable Plan of Evangelism" was used as a basis of training.

Seventy-seven homes were visited during five nights of the week. Thirty-nine decisions resulted. All who made decision were adults. In several cases, husband and wife made their decision. Homes long divided over religion have now been united in Christian witness. Two Roman Catholic husbands made their decision and have united with their wives in our church fellowship. The most successful visitors proved to be husband and wife (where the husband led in conversation with the lessons of the instruction periods carefully observed).

One point which needs emphasis is that each night between 7 and 9 p.m., while the 18 visitors were at work, the

whole church was at prayer. A prayer meeting was held in the hall every night, and there the visitors and the homes were remembered. Visitors were amazed to discover how prayer had prepared the way for them in many homes. The church was, and remains, on active service.

The next phase of the campaign will find the visitors back in the homes of the converts helping them to find their place of service in the church. Already the circle of the church's ministry is widening and another visitation week will be held as soon as possible.

Can these results be achieved in other churches?

Yes. The Kilburn church is not very different from others. (Kilburn is so poorly equipped that we haven't a chapel!) If any church will approach such a plan of evangelism with thorough and consecrated preparation, results like these will be seen everywhere in our brotherhood. But prepare—prepare carefully before you start any visitation effort. This much we do know; a new virility and joy will come into any church were this method of evangelism is thoughtfully and earnestly used.

FRONTIERS OF UNITY

BILLY GRAHAM VISITS THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Fulfilling what he called "a wish that I have had for a long time," evangelist Billy Graham yesterday called on the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and its staff. Billy Graham came here for a meeting that was held last night in the Sports Palace.

Welcoming the evangelist, Dr. Visser't Hooft, said that the Council was "very thankful that Billy Graham had come." He said that "evangelism" was "the most tremendous task of the Church."

In replying, Billy Graham said that he deeply appreciated the privilege of being welcomed by the World Council. "During the Assembly at Evanston last year, when I was an invalid," Dr. Graham said, "I was deeply sorry that I was not able to be there. During that time the great Evanston meeting was in my prayers every day. I am sure that in the area of evangelism we can be ecumenical."

During his visit to the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council, Billy Graham was able to answer the questions of some of the members of the World Council's staff. Discussing the relationship between his own work and

that of the churches, Dr. Graham appealed for team work between the mass evangelist and the local ministry of the churches. "The evangelist can make some breach in the indifference of the people," Billy Graham observed, "but the ministers in their congregations must move in afterwards like the infantry in warfare." In speaking of the value of his one-day campaigns in France, Switzerland, Germany, and Holland, this year, Billy Graham said that he personally had doubts about their effectiveness.

He preferred a longer period in one place with opportunity for follow through. He said that he, and his associates, had increasingly become aware of great dangers underlying the use of mass emotion. "I always try not to use strong emotion, but to remove myself from the centre, so that people can come forward quite simply, because the rest is done by the Spirit of God. What happens does not depend on personality. The human instrument can only go a certain distance." (Information Sheet, June 20, 1955.)

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C. G. TAYLOR takes us from Britain to the United States in this episode of his travel series "All Roads—Toronto!"

American Cities and Campuses

We flew through the twilight beauty of a summer night from Glasgow to New York. The horizon was touched with such glory all the way that I almost begrudged my body the few snatches of sleep which tiredness demanded. For there scarcely seemed to be a time as we flew high over the green that was Ireland, the swirling waters that were the Atlantic, and the dark slopes that were Greenland, when we did not see the soft glow of the sun, either setting or rising. We sensed then how truly fast we were flying, and there was scarcely any surprise in arriving in New York no less than four hours ahead of schedule.

Soon I was through the Customs, talking to Dr. Jesse Bader on the phone, and within the hour meeting him in Manhattan, from whence he escorted me to my hotel. For the next three days I was the guest there of Dr. and Mrs. Bader. They delighted in introducing me to such American customs as the hamburger, and the ball game—especially when their team had a runaway victory in a game whose receipts were to go to the Protestant churches (an annual custom). After the game I had dinner and the evening with them at their apartment, and they immediately tried to make me homesick by playing the records of the Melbourne World Convention Choir. Other friends in New York helped me to see some of the city's sights, including our Park-ave. church, where Dr. Hampton Adams is now minister. I also spent a couple of happy hours with an old friend in Ira Raymond, son of Roy Raymond, minister at Subiaco, W.A. Ira is in the Australian News and Information Bureau in New York, and was able to bring me up-to-date on Australian happenings. (I needed that, for in my first month in the States, almost the only Australian news I read in the dailies here was a cabled report on the holding of courtesy classes for Sydney bar-maids!)

In Capital and Capitol

I had to leave much of New York unseen, for, within three days of my arrival, I was on my way to Washington by a fast, modern train, which was all I had heard American trains to be. (I was to travel on the other kind later!) At Washington, Marion Brinson, one of our preachers, met me, and after a hurried cup of tea, whisked me away on a sightseeing tour, which included a round of the Capitol with one of the best guides I have met—he really made the American story live. After a brief look at some of

the rare treasures in the Congress Library, we went on to the Washington Monument, taking the long elevator ride to the top (marvelling the while at the energy of the young who decided to climb up the stairs—although, flushed and sheepish, they usually rode down in the elevator afterwards!) There were some magnificent views from the top of the great monument. But one of the finest views of the afternoon was provided by the monument itself as we looked towards it later from the Lincoln Memorial. The giant seated statue of Lincoln (nineteen feet from foot to head) looked out from between its columns at the beauty of the green-fringed pool, and the needle-like perfection of the Washington Monument, and made me long for my still unpacked camera.

I was the guest of Marion Brinson and his wife for the next few days, and had very happy associations with them and their two girls. I spoke at their church service (Mt. Rainier) on the Sunday morning, when about 200 people were present. Their School (including adults) numbered about 300. On the Sunday evening I visited Minnesota-ave. Church. Their elderly minister, Dr. T. T. Roberts, was present at the Melbourne Convention. His assistant minister entertained me prior to the service, and at the appointed time led me from his study to a room where a number of folk were sitting around talking. I thought they must be the choir, but I was wrong—they were the congregation, who followed us into the sanctuary and were soon being led in a song-service. There could not have been more than forty present, including the three of us on the platform—and this in a delightfully new building, normally well-filled in the morning. It was a striking reminder of fast-disappearing Sunday night services in this land.

On the Monday I had the privilege of lunching with the Washington preachers, and later speaking to them on our Australian churches. They were keenly interested and asked many questions.

Bethany—Home of the Campbells

After being on the train most of Tuesday, I was met at Steubenville by Prof. Osborne Booth, who drove me the remaining distance to Bethany College. He and Mrs. Booth entertained me several times during my stay there, and were most kind. The College year had come to an end just two days before I arrived, and already the campus

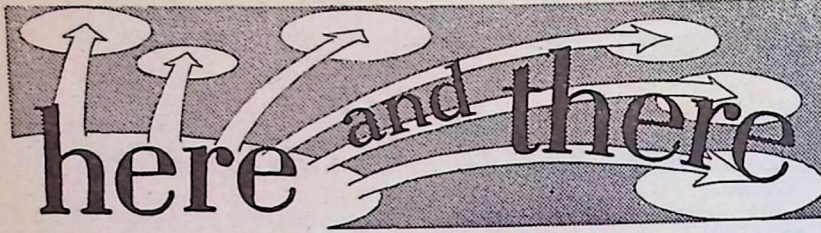
was so deserted of student life that in Gateway Hall, one section of the College, I was the only person in residence. But there were still some members of the faculty completing assignments, and I had some interesting contacts with Lester McAllister (writer of the most recent study on Thomas Campbell), and the College President himself, Dr. Gresham, who, with Mrs. Gresham, entertained me at lunch in a delightful way. Mrs. Gresham, with British family connections, knows what real tea is like—almost as rare here as good American-style coffee is in Australia!

It was fascinating to see the many links with the time of the Campbells, and to reflect on their vision in the founding of this College amid the beauty of the West Virginian hills. I visited the old Campbell Mansion and stood in the graveyard where these and other leaders of our people have been buried. I looked at the chair in which Alexander would sit writing for hours in the early morning, and peered into the famous study where so many problems were faced. Our American churches are wisely doing their best to preserve these and other centres of historic significance for our people.

Not very far from Bethany is Oglebay Park, which was left by Earl W. Oglebay to the near-by City of Wheeling for as long as the people "shall operate it for the purposes of public recreation and education." Its 1,015 acres contain picnic sites, a golf course and driving range, a swimming pool, fourteen miles of wooded trails, and the charming old home of the Oglebays itself, now preserved as a museum, in which every room is furnished in a different period of American history.

City of Steel

After the charm of Bethany I paused for one day in the steel city of Pittsburgh, and through the courtesy of Clarence Schnars, one of our ministers, I saw some of our churches associated with early pioneers, including Walter Scott. I visited the lovely University, noting the brilliant beauty of the Heinz Chapel, and the towering perfection of its Cathedral of Learning, already 36 stories high, and destined to be forty-five. All around the great central hall are classrooms, each decorated in a different national style—Indian, Scotch, etc. Another building of interest in the University campus is the delightful Stephen Collins Foster Memorial. More than ten thousand memorials of the famous song-writer (who was born in Pittsburgh) are collected here.



M. D. Keatch will commence his ministry with the church at Warragul, Vic., on Oct. 15.

For some weeks now reports from Victorian churches have included news of the visit to various Bible Schools of Miss Bonnie Bates (Field Worker for Vic.-Tas. Y.P. Dept.). It is gratifying to the Department that Miss Bates has been invited to so many schools to hold training classes and assist generally in the furtherance of up-to-date teaching methods. Schools desiring the services of Miss Bates are requested to contact the Y.P. Dept., 161 Flinders-lane, Melbourne.

Mrs. Barnett, wife of G. W. Barnett, preacher at Castlemaine, Vic., is making a good recovery in the local hospital after a very serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bond have entered the fifth year of their ministry with the church at Wembley, W.A. An after-church fellowship was held on Aug. 7 and good wishes expressed on behalf of all departments of the local work. Mr. and Mrs. Bond, in response, expressed appreciation of the fellowship and co-operative achievements of the past four years. An atmosphere of willing helpfulness pervades the membership and a readiness to support the work in general.

A. Avery (exit student, C.O.B.), will commence a ministry with Swan Hill-Woorinen-Ultima circuit churches, Vic., in February, 1956.

The church at Ascot Vale, Vic., held a very splendid tea, sponsored by the C.Y.F., with the help of other youth auxiliaries, and recent new members, to honor a number of church members, who have given loyal and faithful service over a long period. G. Pollock presided over the gathering and Noel Hazeldene and Graham Thomas paid tribute to the guests of the evening. F. Petrie responded on behalf of those who were honored. At the close of an address by H. Gross (preacher at Ascot Vale) a young married couple re-dedicated their lives to the service of Jesus Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Nankivell, whose daughter, Elizabeth, aged five years, was killed by a driverless runaway truck at Eltham, Vic., on Aug. 9, are both "children of the manse." Mr. Nankivell's father is the preacher at Ringwood, Vic., and Mrs. Nankivell's father, G. T. Fitzgerald, is preacher of the church at Blackwood, S.A.

The next meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Wives' Association, will be held in the Lecture Hall, Swanston-st., on Friday, August 19, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Retchford will be the speaker.

The church at Point Sturt, S.A., is planning special meetings in connection with its centenary to be held in November, and the chapel is now being renovated extensively as a centenary gesture. Preachers who have had past associations with the church will be special speakers for the occasion. The secretary, J. P. Yelland, Milang, is anxious to get in touch with any past members and friends so that they may join in the celebrations.

*"Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free."*

Mrs. Dall, for forty-five years a member of the church at St. Kilda, Vic., to which she came by transfer from South Africa, passed away on August 8, at the age of 95 years.

The church at North Fitzroy, Vic., has been saddened by the passing of one of its stalwart members, H. R. Swain. At the morning service on Aug. 7, H. Trotter, the church secretary, paid tribute to the service rendered to the church by Mr. Swain as B.S. supt., preacher, deacon and elder, and how over the years he had contributed in these capacities to the building up of the church. Another good friend of the church, Mr. Truett, passed away and, although not taking any public part in the work of the church, he was loyal in attendance, and was always ready to assist in his business capacity.

Alan P. Wilson (son of A. H. Wilson, an honored preacher of S.A. churches), a noted lecturer in geology in the W.A. University, has travelled 24,000 miles lecturing at universities in the U.S. Another 4,000 mile tour of geological institutions will take him into Canada. He will then go to England and Finland, through the Middle East to Bombay and is due back in W.A., on Dec. 14. He expects to return with 2,000 Koda-slides. On sending greetings to W.A. churches, he also asks for continued prayers.

Plans have now been finalised for the erection of the Glen Waverley chapel by the men of the Victorian churches, by working bees on Saturdays, Sept. 3 and 10. Meals will be provided by ladies of the surrounding district churches. The working bees are being organised by the Central Board of Church Men's Societies.

We have been forced to hold over a few items of church news from this issue, due to the influx of articles from abroad.

The Chicago Daily News, which does not print liquor advertisements, has accepted an advertisement which shows an attractive young couple refusing a proffered bottle, and saying, "No thanks . . . we don't drink." Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent in the U.S. persuading young people to drink, and needless to say this advertisement was refused by most papers. But this one, we are informed, even stirred the boys who write the liquor ads.

Queensland Continues Building for the Aged

This year on Saturday, Aug. 6, the Annual Meeting of The Aged Christians' Home, was preceded by the laying of the Foundation Stone of "The Maud Biggs Memorial Wing." W. F. Biggs had donated £3,000 to the Home, and the Committee decided to build the memorial wing to provide two single flats on the ground floor, and a six-bed infirmary on the first floor. The infirmary will be joined on to the main building. Mr. Biggs laid the foundation stone, after which he was presented with a silver engraved trowel to commemorate the occasion. At the conclusion, Mr. Biggs thanked the Committee in a few well chosen words.

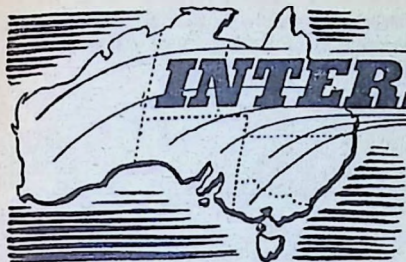
The new building is to cost almost £9,000. It is expected that subsidies will be received from both State and Federal Governments. Mr. Biggs has made a further donation of £500. —C. R. Burdeu.

North. Melb. Church (Vic.)

1870-1938

A reunion of former members will be held on Sept. 11, 1955, at 11 a.m., in the Camberwell church, Riversdale-rd. After the service, the president, Cr. W. A. Fordham, will entertain visitors at lunch.

If you are a former member of this historic church, and can attend the reunion service, please advise the reunion secretary, T. J. Warne, 105 Belford-rd., North Kew (WL 2473), so that catering arrangements can be made.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Betty Dennier, Gympie, Qld., to
Rodney Lambert, S.A.
Irene Warren to Frank Guzass, Swan
Hill, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. M. Chipperfield, North Rich-
mond, Vic.
Mr. Caspersen, Rockdale, N.S.W.
Mrs. Partridge, Launceston, Tas.
Mrs. Wilson, Balwyn, Vic.
H. R. Swain, North Fitzroy, Vic.

Tasmania

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. H. J. Wright). — July averages: morning, 89; evening, 81; communion 111. Overseas Mission offering exceeds £125. Several Y.P. joined in picnic to Mt. Barrow on July 16. B.S. reports another month of excellent attendances with seven new enrolments in July. Mid-winter tea was held July 30, and children sang over TLA, July 24. Y.W.F. is very active, Mrs. M. R. Wilson is new president. Interest in Men's Society increases and meetings are now held fortnightly instead of monthly. Youth Club recently visited Westbury Methodist Youth Club for friendly games. Miss Gwen Foot has taken over leadership of J.C.E. Church pays tribute to Miss Helen Maiden (Harvey, W.A.) for fine service she rendered as acting superintendent of J.C.E. Mid-weekly meetings are held regularly in homes of members. Many members have been sick, including the following in hospital: C. Brain, A. Spooner, T. Sice, Mrs. E. B. Gray, Miss E. Lyall, Kevin Edwards, Miss Lorna Holden and Mrs Pritchard. Temple Day has been planned and money received will be used for re-wiring chapel.

Western Australia

Wembley (J. K. Bond). — Church welcomed preacher back on Aug 7, after conducting mission at Geraldton over past seven weeks. Congregation shared in mission with its prayer sessions. Various members helpfully shared the local work in the interim. Dr. Gibson (Perth Bible Institute) conducted gospel services and mid-week devotional meetings. During the period there were six decisions and three baptisms. At well attended after-church fellowship on July 31, church expressed appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Gibson. Work in various departments is expanding and encouraging. B.S. attendance is best among our metropolitan schools. Foundations for new manse are completed and brickwork is proceeding immediately. Attention is being given to additions to church hall.

Queensland

Gympie-Monkland (R. Roberts). — Morning service on July 11 was broadcast over 4GY. Combined teachers' meeting and tea was held in afternoon. Y.P. enjoyed camera afternoon and barbecue. They also paid visit to local Telephone Exchange. Sisters' annual Day of Fellowship on 14th will be long remembered for heart-searching messages by visiting speakers, Mrs. Bargaen (Brisbane) and Mr. Lincolne (Tasmania). During absence of preacher at Chinchilla on 31st, E. Lightbody spoke at morning worship, and C.E. conducted evening service. A married woman confessed Christ at gospel service on Aug. 7.

Roma (H. E. Paddick). — During June, special campaign messages on Stewardship were given by H. E. Paddick at communion services. Record communicant attendances averaged 29 for month. Series on the Holy Spirit followed in July. B.S. has received with regret, resignation of Mrs. Paddick as kinder supt., owing to ill-health. Miss Gwenda Waldron has been elected to the vacancy. A lady has been welcomed into membership by transfer.

New South Wales

Epping (R. Beadle). — 32nd church anniversary, on week-end of Aug. 6. and 7, was highlighted by splendid fellowship tea held in recently completed new school hall. Approximately 120 were present, and after a well-organised meal served by ladies of church, a film, *The Prior Claim* was shown, followed by the Gospel Harmony Instrumentalists, a happy group of talented Y.P. from Earlwood church, comprising piano accordion, clarinet, piano, and soloists, under leadership of "Scotty" Gibb, rendering stirring gospel choruses. An address by C. Terry on Christian Parenthood brought the evening to a close. Morning service on 7th, was taken by R. Beadle, and evening service by P. E. Thomas (Marrickville).

Hurstville (D. Wakeley). — All church services have shown increased attendances during July. H. Button, who has been a faithful and efficient church sec. for 18 years is retiring from his employment and going to live at North Haven. R. S. Edwards has been appointed sec. R. Pugh (Christchurch, N.Z.) was recent visitor. At July meeting of C.W.F., Miss Pat. Bolin gave vivid description of 12 months' working tour of N.Z., showing slides of many places visited.

Rockdale. — Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Caspersen in loss of her husband after a long illness. Mr. McMillan was morning speaker on July 31. Aust. Christian Theatre Guild

Discipleship

Merilyn Terrace, Jill Medhurst, Robin Francis, Prospect, S.A.
Marie Brookes, Susan Goldsworthy, Kaniva, Vic.
Graham Potts, Keith Thompson, Nailsworth, S.A.
Mrs. Dalton, Diana and David, Pendle Hill, N.S.W.
Margaret Stilborn, Margaret Hague, Margaret Bolitho, Harcourt, Vic.
Kevin Schroeder, Mile End, S.A.
Peter Kennon, John Williams, South Yarra, Vic.
Keith Mottram, Bet Bet, Vic.
Ray Hall, Patricia Barron, Patsy Hall, Mosman, N.S.W.
L. Conley, Misses P. and I. McEwan, Canberra, A.C.T.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, from Marrickville to Hurstville, N.S.W.
Mrs. Boyd, from Bexley North to Hurstville, N.S.W.
Mrs. Rose from South Richmond to Burnley, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Stevens, from Brighton to Warragul, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Phillips, from Parkdale to Warragul, Vic.
Mrs. Williams, from Launceston to Invermay, Tas.
Noel Clifford, from Hobart to Launceston, Tas.
Mrs. T. Cleveland, from Brisbane to Gympie, Qld.
Miss Joy Eaton, from Carnegie to South Yarra, Vic.
Mrs. Hain, from Annerley to Roma, Qld.
Miss W. Bell, to Hamilton, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Carter, to Swan Hill, Vic.

Marriage

Margaret Daff, Springvale, to Frank Draper, Kaniva, Vic.
Hazel Wallis to Ray Rivett, North Williamstown, Vic.
Irene Green, Rockdale, to Rex Harris, Paddington, N.S.W.

conducted enjoyable and beautiful evening service. Prayer meeting on Aug. 3 was held at manse and members were given opportunity to inspect furnishings and renovations. Mr. McMillan conducted a questions and answers session on the Second Coming at an afternoon service on 7th. C. Bowser and M. Leask addressed morning and evening services.

Hamilton (C. J. Mackenzie). — E. Brown (Slavic and Oriental Mission) showed films of the work on July 6. A lady was received into membership on 10th. Mr. and Mrs. Tandy have returned home after 12 months fellowship with church. Mr. Grahame has returned home from hospital, but Mr. Menon, senr., is in a Sydney hospital. Church has welcomed Sis. Edgar and Mr. and Mrs. H. Blanch. F.M. offering totalled £53. A. Camps, E. Grahame (Georgetown) and C. Fraser conducted gospel service on 24th. Miss Stargatt (converted Jewess) presented an interesting address on 19th. Attendances are being maintained. Sympathy is extended to Sis. Lisle in her recent bereavement. Monthly film and family night was held on 31st, when film, *Jealous Heart*, was screened. Chapel was filled. Mrs. Legg and Sis. Brown have been visitors.

Kurri Kurri. — Owing to illness of E. C. Hinrichsen, alternative speakers have been arranged for District Convention. Working bee has renovated interior and exterior of chapel. On July 31, Messrs. McKlosker and Chesterfield (Mayfield) conducted morning and evening services.

Marrickville (P. E. Thomas, B.A.). — Church is planning for tent mission with W. Howard under theme of *Life at its Best Campaign*. Stewardship committee conducted special meeting on July 26, in home of Mr. and Mrs. Knight, when talkettes were presented by C. Maxwell, T. Benson and N. Moore, followed by discussion period. Fellowship was enjoyed with Miss Bladery (Bamu River Mission) at Life Gift Fellowship, on 27th, when a very informative message was given with the help of films. Men's Fellowship enjoyed meeting on 31st, when H. Pollard gave an illustrated talk on Music. Fellowship is glad to have as regular attenders, a group of men from Enmore Tabernacle. Youth Council arranged gospel service on Aug. 7. Meeting was led by N. Moore, with help of Bible Class choir, and soloists, Miss Anne Gidney. Message was presented by L. E. Thomas. Favorite hymn session, and cup of tea, was enjoyed at the close of the meeting. Church rejoices in baptism of married woman, son and daughter, at prayer meeting on 3rd. Their membership will be with the church at Pendle Hill. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntosh, who suffered double loss of brother and brother-in-law within a few days, and Mrs. Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. Benson, in passing of a son and brother.

Georgetown (W. E. Hoffman). — Visit of E. Heard to district, and Dr. Oldfield's provocative pamphlet, stirred church to double last year's F.M. offering, and £85 has been received to date. Average attendance at B.S. has been over 120 for several months. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have commenced Y.P. club on Friday evenings. Women's Guild recently enjoyed car drive to Burlington Mills. Church is enjoying change-over to Churches of Christ Hymn Book. Campers are planning to attend reunion at Taree on 20th. Men have commenced building garage at manse.

Mosman (D. W. Tonkin). — There was one decision on July 24, and two on Aug. 7. Three young men were baptised at evening service on 7th. J. Blankley (Woolwich) spoke at morning service. Visitors were Mr., Mrs., and Miss Paternoster, and Mrs. Bromilow. B.S. teachers presented an entertainment on 6th, and £6 was collected for school equipment fund. Epistle to Philipians is being studied at mid-week meetings. Boys' Club was commenced on 2nd.

South Australia

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — Evening service on Aug. 7 was conducted by Mr. Morris, and M. A. K. Crosby (Conf. Pres.) preached. After the service, Mr. Crosby showed slides of brotherhood activities, covering a wide area of the State. Supper was served at conclusion.

On 2nd, a special meeting was arranged to inaugurate "Three Year Plan," and attendance was very good. Preacher introduced plan, telling members how it would work with their cooperation and effort. A varied musical programme supported the meeting. Film, *Talents*, was shown at conclusion. Members were invited to take a 10/- note from plate as a talent. Sixty notes were distributed, to be returned in December, some two-fold, some five, etc. Church was grieved to learn of passing away of Mrs. Nash, also A. G. Wickham. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Glenelg (W. B. Burn). — July was month of great activity, highlight being launching of Stewardship Campaign, at church anniversary. A. A. McRoberts (Hawthorne) delivered a challenging message at morning service. M. A. K. Crosby (Conf. Pres.), delivered a stimulating gospel message and at an after-church fellowship, showed colored pictures of brotherhood activities. Groups of members are engaged visiting members of church, and parents of B.S. scholars and club members, in order to stimulate interest in manse project, the aim being to open it free of debt. Amount needed to achieve that purpose is £2,000. Prior to visitation, a day of prayer was held, commencing at 8 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m., when an unbroken chain of prayer was sustained. At close of visitation, a Temple Day will be observed at which sacrificial

offerings will be made. The effort should be a great Christian witness of Stewardship.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — Mrs. Candy (Pres. Sisters' Conf.), spoke to Ladies' Guild on Aug. 2. Despite inclement weather, B.S. attendance was 195, with five new scholars on 7th. Church services were fully attended, including local people invited during recent church visitation. Church appreciates interest of Unley in providing concert for Kilburn Building Fund. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Guess in loss of father.

Nailsworth (N. Gavros). — July attendances averaged 108 morning, and 112 evening. Youth service on Aug. 7 was well attended despite severe storm. Choir of Y.P. sang pleasingly under leadership of Mrs. N. Oxenberry.

Prospect (A. R. Jones). — At baptismal service on July 3, one B.S. scholar made her decision. Evening service on 10th took form of memorial to late Mrs. R. M. Goodwin. Sympathy of church is extended to Miss B. Grosvenor and G. Miller in their recent bereavements. There was a good attendance on 24th when film *The Promise* was shown. On 30th, a social evening was enjoyed, when Mr. Jones showed interesting and entertaining films.

Cowandilla (T. T. Robinson). — Married Women's Fellowship held Home Mission evening, when Mr. Hollard showed slides of churches, and told thrilling story of work being done. 31 Life Boys and leaders held monthly tea and church parade. Life Boys held 4th birthday evening on 19th, over 100 were present. Flinders Park team were guests. A happy time was spent by all. Kinder Mothers' Club, held Cradle Roll Baby Show on 27th. Matron Stewart from local hospital was judge. Each child received small gift, older children, sweets. Fellowship was enjoyed with new mothers in this way.

Loxton (J. McCormick). — Fourth church anniversary was held on July 17 and there was good attendance at morning service. P.S.A. was held in the afternoon, when the large congregation enjoyed items and films. Fellowship tea preceded evening gospel service. Guild held first anniversary on afternoon of 21st, when members and representatives from district guilds enjoyed a time of fellowship.

Mile End (L. E. Jones). — John Citizen gospel series terminated on July 31, with a large attendance. Dr. Day spoke as John Citizen representative. On July 17, T. Richardson gave his testimony as a business man, and on 24th, Graham Kerr, who has been accepted as a student at Woolwich Bible College, spoke as a soldier. At recent meeting of W.M.B., Mrs. Hammer gave an interesting message on Aborigines' Mission work in W.A. At church annual business meeting, E. W. Moore

was elected elder, and Messrs. McAnna, D. McDonald, Baker and Berrett, deacons; Mrs. Barr, deaconess.

Victoria

Burnley (E. C. L. Ots). — A lady was received in by transfer on July 24. Central Suburban Youth Fellowship enjoyed snow trip to Mt. Donna Buang on 30th. Miss B. Bates (Youth Dept.) has conducted series of training classes for B.S. teachers. Newmarket and Surrey Hilly Y.P., joined in C.Y.F. barn social on Aug. 6. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sedgman (former preacher) and baby were visitors on 7th. C.Y.F. held fellowship tea at 5 p.m., and Methodist Y.P. were guests. B. Rivett (Burnley) was speaker.

Emerald (I. C. Mackey).—Films have been feature of recent Sunday evening services. Series, *The Fisher Family* has brought enjoyment and blessing to members and friends. Y.P. club continues to progress. Miss Olive Laird (C.O.B.) was guest speaker at Women's service during July. Attendances at all services are increasing, and week-end ministry of Mr. Mackey, both as preacher and in visitation have enlivened the church.

Kaniva (M. T. Lawrie).—After evening service on July 3, church farewelled Gwenneth Williams who has joined nursing profession in Melbourne. Church sec., A. F. Williams, has been ill in Kaniva Hospital for some time. Mid-week meetings continue to be interesting, being held alternately at chapel and homes of members. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. E. J. Crouch, whose mother passed away recently. Church enjoyed visit of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon and family on July 24. Mr. Dixon spoke at morning service at Kaniva and he and Mrs. Dixon both spoke in afternoon at Serviceton. At night, gospel service was conducted by members of W.M.B., and Mrs. Dixon was speaker. After service, Mr. Dixon showed slides of work in India. Offering for Overseas Missions amounted to £590. Two girls from B.S. were baptised on July 10.

Warragul. — Church has embarked on Mutual Ministry campaign, with membership serving on various committees. Fortnightly prayer meetings, with numbers up to 23 present, have been held in members' homes, and are proving very helpful. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan and Miss H. Daff (Cheltenham) were present on July 31. Mr. Bolduan gave much appreciated addresses at both services. W. R. Hibbert was guest speaker on Aug. 7, when helpful messages with an emphasis on youth were given. C.Y.F. held fellowship tea at which Mr. Hibbert spoke. Y.P. assisted in evening service.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall). — Annual business meeting on Aug. 3, elected following officers: deacons, R. Geake, A. Hounsell, E. Squires; deaconesses,

Mesdames W. Clencie, S. Hillbrick, L. Kirby and E. Squires; sec., T. Hampton; treas., A. Pfeifer; agent *The Australian Christian*, H. Pfeifer; C.F.A., R. Colwell; organist, V. Waters; asst.-org., Mrs. K. Clencie; press correspondent, E. Squires; auditors, W. Cousins and Mrs. V. Waters; cleaner, Mrs. Curnow. It was decided to commence cottage prayer meetings. Hall Fund stands at over £1,400. On 7th, fraternal clubs paraded at both services and rendered *This is My Father's World*, at evening service, when two were baptised. Explorers were well represented at District Rally at Footscray, and provided interesting project on *Helping the Church*.

Red Hill (J. Sutton). — Two B.S. girls made their decision on July 17. F. Manning spoke at morning service on 24th, and gave lantern lecture in evening. Mr. Tharratt (en route to Borneo) gave morning address on Aug. 7. J. Sutton conducted baptismal service at night. W. and T. Torney assisted in the meeting. Boys' Club, under leadership of J. Sutton, is making good progress. J. Kirby and B. Prossor have been appointed to official board. Several members are ill.

Ascot Vale (H. Gross, B.A.). — J. Strack (Essendon), was visiting president on July 17. Mr. and Mrs. F. Petrie are enjoying a long vacation. A young man from Bible-Class recently confessed his faith in Jesus Christ. Mesdames Greenwood and Patterson, two older members, are now unable to attend services.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — An old and faithful member of the church, Mrs. Wilson passed away at age of 91. Another old member, Mrs. Winter, who is 84, will be leaving the church shortly to live near Warrnambool. On Aug. 7, Mr. Gloyne, who has been organist for many years at Hawthorne, S.A., played at morning service, and in evening his daughter, Mrs. Coventry, was soloist. Church appreciates gesture of anonymous members who presented new electric clock as thanksgiving for blessings received. Special offering has been taken for St. George's Hospital appeal. Y.W.F. held first meeting on 4th, when following were elected to office: pres., Mrs. D. Warmbrunn; vice-pres., Mrs. K. Sturgess; sec., Mrs. Wells; treas., Mrs. Lennard.

Clayton (J. Reid). — W.M.B. held 4th birthday on July 20. Visiting speaker was Miss Val Douglas, matron of "Open Door" Home for delinquent girls. A good meeting was held with visitors from churches. B.S. had record attendance recently with 156 teachers and scholars. There has been sickness among members, but most of them are now back at services.

Frankston (H. R. Coventry). — Work continues in good heart, with fair average attendances. Two Y.P., Wendy Matson and Alan Wells were fare-

welled prior to their departure for Toronto. Aug. 7 was every member present Sunday, when chapel was comfortably filled. B.S. conducted the meeting at night, several scholars taking part. At close, six B.S. scholars made their decision for Christ. Church has released Mr. Coventry for a period to enable him to attend the Jubilee in India.

Harcourt (G. W. Barnett). — Good attendances at all meetings, including night services each month and baptismal service on July 31, when three B.S. girls were baptised. Number of members attended Central Northern District Conference held at Castle-maine on Aug. 6, and a very enjoyable time was had. L. Burgin (Lygon-st.) and Mrs. Lloyd were speakers. Mrs. Broad, senr., is recovering, following operation in Bendigo Hospital. Women's Fellowship Band purchased radiator for chapel.

Horsham (H. M. Long). — Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon and T. Heard, have been welcome visitors during past few weeks. B.S. concert, and annual tea, raised £67 for new organ fund which now stands at £506. Training class for men continues to progress. Between 13 and 16 young men are being trained for church work in local circuit. Mr. and Mrs. R. Fitzsimmons and family are shortly to be transferred to Shepparton. Mr. and Mrs. R. Corp have been transferred to Maroonah, Ararat district. Mr. and Mrs. V. Jenkins and family are moving to Ouyen. Suitable tokens of church's esteem are to be presented to these members. Minyip church is to be supplied by Horsham speakers during month of September. Building committee has made an inspection of Melbourne churches in regard to renovations and additions contemplated to Horsham chapel.

South Yarra (V. Longthorp).—Church has been encouraged by recent decisions of two B.S. scholars. Before their departure for Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were entertained by board of officers at a dinner, also at a church social, when a presentation was made. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer are in Queensland. B.S. has just completed very successful rally, which added many new scholars. Y.W.F. held social at home of Mr. and Mrs. Searle on Aug. 4. Many Y.P. enjoyed snow trip to Mt. Donna Buang. Church has enjoyed fellowship with visitors, H. White (R.A.A.F., Laverton), David, George and Peter Robinson (Mildura), Miss Crouch (Horsham), Miss Gwen Williams (Kaniva).

Bet Bet (D. Beanland). — On July 3, a young man was welcomed into fellowship, having been baptised at Dunolly previously. W. Freemantle gave interesting travel talk on N.Z. to Boys' Club on 9th. Church appreciates gift of platform carpet by family of late Sis. M. Gemmill. Sympathy of members

is with C. Chiswell in his long illness, also W. Freemantle and Mrs. N. Freemantle who are not well. Fellowship was enjoyed with two carloads of visitors from Springvale on Aug. 7. They conducted the morning service and rendered items.

Drumcondra. — Speakers for last two Sundays have been A. Ricketts and R. Geyer (Gardiner). Billy Graham film, **What God Cannot Do**, was shown. Members are grateful to H. Mountjoy (Hamilton) for supplying projector and showing films. Reading board was purchased with money bequeathed by Mrs. Bauer. It was agreed by members that exterior of church building be covered with concrete. B.S. was encouraged by attendance of 92 last Sunday. Sympathy of church is extended to A. McKay, who fractured his leg in recent accident, and is at present in Geelong Hospital.

East Malvern (R. N. Gilmore). — Annual meeting in July received splendid reports from preacher and all auxiliaries, indicating the general progress of work. Church officers are R. A. Strongman (sec.), N. F. White (treas.), T. W. Smith, E. H. Paul, R. E. Padey and Mrs. A. E. Pain. Target of £250 has been set for building fund by direct giving. Women's Fellowship celebrated 15th birthday. Church sympathises with Mr. Gilmore in his father's serious illness. Early consideration is to be given to question of eldership in the church. Work is in good heart and a most encouraging feature is increasing B.S., 161 scholars now enrolled, against 117 in 1954. Mr. Gilmore has been appointed sec. of newly formed ministers' fraternal of Ashburton and Glen Iris churches.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs). — Attendances are averaging well during winter months, and despite so much illness amongst members, work is well maintained. Members of choir held concert to assist Mission Band in their work. Men's Society held monthly meeting on July 17, when C. Barker was guest speaker. Girls' choir had another victory, when they won popular vote for adult section at Amateur Hour, conducted by Church of England. On 24th, an impressive service in form of a marriage recognition service was conducted, all couples married in the chapel were especially invited. B.S. is practising for anniversary. Congratulations of church are extended to Margaret Walters in passing nursing examination. Members of Ladies' Aid are working for their annual fair. Mesdames Chamberlain, Mathews, Forster, and Duncombe, Mr. and Mrs. Cullum, W. Trickey and R. Bursill are unable to attend services through illness.

North Fitzroy. — Morning speakers have been Messrs. Turner, Killmier, Hearn and Cole. Mr. Cole is speaking at evening services, which have featured meetings conducted by B.S., and Y.P., and screening of film **Three Seconds to**

Midnight. C.M.S. had debate on Sunday Sport. W.M.B. met in home of Mrs. Hall for afternoon and preparation of future plans. Women's Fellowship was addressed by Senior-Major Stevens, probationary officer of Salvation Army.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th.). — Mission Band successfully celebrated 38th birthday, with well attended meeting, including representatives from other ladies' guilds in the town. Mrs. R. W. Saunders (Hamilton) gave an appreciated address. "Birthday Bags" distributed amongst members of Mission Band, and returned at last meeting, have so far realised £5 for Manse Fund. Church enjoyed visit of B. J. Combridge (H.M. sec.), on Aug. 7, when he addressed gospel service, and took part in after-church fellowship which followed. On same date, Y.P. shared in youth tea and programme, before gospel service. C.E. took part in annual rally of District C.E. Union in Warrnambool on Aug. 6.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks). — Church is preparing for anniversary and Temple Day. Preacher conducted gospel service at Woorinen on Aug. 7, and I. Crowe was speaker at Swan Hill. Monthly fellowship meeting was conducted at manse on 6th, when there were 25 present. Several working bees have been held by officers around church building, including interior painting of new kinder hall. Kitchen tea was tendered to Miss Irene Warren on July 29 prior to her marriage. Mr. Banks continues to minister to district churches in a splendid way in preaching of the word in out-lying districts, and visitation of isolated members. He conducts a devotional session over local broadcasting station once a week and engages in extensive Religious Education in State and High Schools.

West Preston (A. B. Withers). — On Aug. 8, R. Williams spoke at Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, and was given a surprise party by members for his 21st birthday afterwards. Piano has been purchased for church hall. Y.P. hope to complete payment for this by end of year. K.S.P. had devotional evening on 5th. Members of C.E. attended Missionary Rally at Prahran on 6th.

Tootgarook (K. Heath). — Meetings maintain a good average, and B.S. is showing improvement lately. New building is making good progress and is ready for fixing of roof. Church extends to Mrs. Green and family deepest Christian sympathy in loss of her husband and father, and our late treas., who passed away after a long illness.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire). — On Aug. 7, a number of members attended Y.F. tea, when 65 heard Mr. Moseley (International Missionary Society, U.S.A.), tell of gospel work in Europe. His slides caused interest. Later, he gave inspiring message at gospel service. W.M.B. are attaining encouraging results with sewing and knitting for

Mission distribution. Mrs. Wiltshire has been unable to attend meetings for some time, but delights in her remembrance of the Lord in her home each week. Mr. Styles has been called Home, at age of 93. Because of poor health, he was unable to attend meetings for a long time.

Fairfield (T. A. Fitzgerald). — On July 31, speaker at morning service was J. Northeast. Two were welcomed into fellowship. At evening service on Aug. 7, J. R. Story (Un evangelized Fields Mission) showed color film, **Where Headhunters Reigned**. Miss Clare Fish was soloiste. Christian sympathy is extended to S. J. Northeast and family in Home call of his wife. B.S. has commenced anniversary practice under leadership of G. Bowman.

BIRTHS

PATTERSON (Wright). — On Aug. 4, at Mosglel, Surrey Hills, to Wilma and Ray, the gift of a son — Linley Douglas. Both well.

TILLACK (Crossfield). — On Aug. 2, at Melbourne, to Merle and Bill, a daughter — Lorraine Anne. Both well.

DEATH

HUGGAN (nee Dowell). — On Aug. 6, 1955, at 27 Tanner-gve., Northcote, Lily, dearly loved wife of Bill, devoted mother of Joan, Elaine, Robert, Lois and Douglas.

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IN MEMORIAM

CURRIE. — In loving remembrance of Mrs. Currie, whose sincere Christian life, which closed on Aug. 8, 1954, is an inspiring memory to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Best, West Preston.

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— Agnes.

LEACH. — Loving memories of Marion, dear daughter of Mrs. Fred Barnden, and dearly loved sister of Howard, Cliff, Vi., Bert, Lois, Eric, Betty and Max.

WEBSTER, William. — Beautiful memories of a loving husband and father, who said "good-night," Aug. 16, 1954.

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News from the Capital

There have been a further three baptisms since the last report. Services have been well attended in spite of a rigorous winter with its attendant ills.

Mr. and Mrs. Heard visited the City, and gave the church an inspiring Sunday, as well as a night with the Christian Women's Fellowship. Overseas Missions offering amounted to £50. Canberra church has given £157 to brotherhood causes in the last twelve months.

The fourth church anniversary services were addressed by the Federal President, I. A. Paternoster.

The church annual report gives some interesting figures and facts.

- * 29 baptisms since the opening of the building, in April, 1954.
- * Average morning attendance, 42. Average evening attendance, 46. Average breaking of bread, 50.
- * Bible School enrolment, 126.
- * Church membership.
Commencement, July, 1951, 7.
Commencement, full-time ministry, February, 1954, 23.
Third church anniversary, July, 1954, 46.
First church business meeting, December, 1954, 60.
Annual business meeting, August, 1955, 75.

It has been decided to pay an extra £2 a week to the Federal Executive, to the amount already being paid as subsidy. The church's present commitments for subsidy, payment of Canberra share of the cost of the present buildings, and all local expenses, are £17. This is being met with an average offering of £17/11/-. Average giving per member a week, is 4/8. Average giving per wage-earning member is 8/7 a week. The church is working hard in its endeavor to be self-supporting in twenty months' time, the third anniversary of the opening of the building.—G. R. Stirling.

PROFESSIONAL

The Victorian Social Service Department needs the services of a capable stenographer. An appeal is made to some qualified young woman of our churches to meet this need, and thus render a full-time ministry for Christ and the church. Office, 241 Flinders-lane, Melb. MU 2104.

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display which are changed from time to time. This is all done locally by the individual church. It is naturally easier to work such projects in a large brotherhood (over one and a half million) which also has such wide areas of missionary activity.

The second Sunday found me in Portland, Oregon. Arriving on the Saturday, I was met by Myron Cole, pastor of First Christian Church. He is a fine warm-hearted man and ministers, with the help of co-pastors, etc., to a congregation of over two thousand. On the Saturday afternoon I was taken for a wonderful trip into the mountains, where from vantage points one can look down the valley of the Colorado River. It is breathtaking in its beauty. At several places along the road, waterfalls are seen cascading from heights into the valley below.

Our American brethren have named the place where they worship "The Sanctuary" which dignifies and glorifies the sanctity of worship. Most sanctuaries are beautifully equipped and have a cathedral-like atmosphere about them. It must be a great help to the minister who preaches in such surroundings, and is also a reminder to the congregation that they are in the house of God. The sanctuary at First Christian Church, Portland, is beautified by having historic stained glass windows. These windows are eight in number and each has a centre piece depicting the Cross and the Crown. The pioneers of the Restoration Movement are shown in these memorial windows by the names of Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, James A. Garfield, Isaac Errett, John W. McGarvey, whilst the missionary interest is maintained in the names of Archibald McLean (great missionary leader) and Dr. Albert L. Shelton, missionary martyr of Tibet.

The Sunday in Portland gave an opportunity of meeting the people as they met for worship. The services differ little from our own, and the people are very similar. From what I saw, it is evident the people came in a simple devout way to remember their Lord and to worship.

On Sunday morning I crossed the Colorado River to Vancouver (Washington State). To meet the convenience of members, a number of the churches have two morning meetings. The first service at Vancouver is held at 8.30, and is followed by Sunday School. At 11 o'clock the second service is held. Thus at Vancouver an entirely new congregation attended the second service, this being much better attended than was the first.

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ing was of a distinctly evangelistic
nature and well attended. The Mallory
Avenue people were interested in asking
about their old friends, Mr. and Mrs.
Nankivell, who ministered at one time
to this congregation.

OBITUARY

Mrs. S. Wilson.

On Aug. 2, Mrs. Sarah Wilson en-
tered into her rest at the age of 91.
Though not able to be active in the
Master's work, of recent years, she
had a remarkable record of Christian
service and left a widespread influence.
She was one of the original members
of North Carlton church, transferring
later to Lygon-st. Though only a little
woman, she had amazing energy, and
busied herself in all kinds of service.
She was a B.S. teacher for many years,
and for the influence she had upon
them in this way, many throughout
the brotherhood have cause to thank
God. Her husband, though deaf and
dumb, was a man of remarkable ability,
and Mrs. Wilson's assistance enabled
him to live a most effective and creative
life. Many old members remember how
in services she would swiftly and skil-
fully translate to him with her hands
every word of the message. Our sister
gave much time and energy to help-
ing other deaf people, and was con-
sidered one of the most expert speakers
of sign language. Removing to Haw-
thorn, fellowship and service were en-
joyed with Glenferrie church. Her
latter years were spent in membership
with the church at Balwyn, where she
was greatly loved for her sweetness
of spirit, utter faithfulness, and atten-
tion to any kind of service she could
render. Her sons, Alec and Stanley,
entered fully into their Christian
heritage, and are well known for their
consecration and service, in Swanston-
st. church and the brotherhood. The
service, conducted by the writer at
Box Hill cemetery, was an expression
of the Christian triumph in which the
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