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From Kansas to Texas

A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, we preached in one of the great churches in our brotherhood—the Independence Boulevard Church, Kansas. The preacher, W. Sessions, was a chaplain with the U.S. Forces, and was in Brisbane for a period. The large building was filled with interested worshippers. There were 800 to 900 in the congregation and the offering reached 2,000 dollars. It was a rich experience to preach to so sincere a congregation.

From Kansas we travelled to Enid, Oklahoma, and were welcomed with warmth and love into the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. Snodgrass. These fine Christian workers spoke very enthusiastically of their experiences in Australia.

At Phillips University we had the opportunity to speak to the students on three occasions and also spoke to the faculty at a fellowship tea.

From Enid we then proceeded to Fort Worth, Texas. The Texas Christian University is an institution of the highest order. The magnificent buildings are set impressively around the beautiful Robert Carr Chapel. Religion is also set in the midst of the life of the students.

We are living in the luxury of the guest-rooms of the Brite College of the Bible, which is associated with the University. We note in the guest book that Principal and Mrs. E. L. Williams were here just a year ago.

So far, Texas has shown us hospitality, friendship and weather that will be hard to excel.

We preached for Mr. Guyton on

Sunday evening, and in one of the larger city churches in the morning. Mr. Guyton recalls the happy days he spent in Melbourne and Sydney, at the time of the World Convention.

New Work Developing

There is encouraging news of the development of the work at Derby-st., Pascoe Vale North, Vic. A Bible school was commenced in the district on Oct. 31, 1954, under the supervision of the church at Coburg. Beginning with 42 scholars and five teachers, the school had grown to 100 scholars and eight teachers by Feb. 13. C. Latimer, A. Barnden and H. Smedley have acted in turn as general supt., while Mrs. Cheal has been kinder supt. and Mrs. C. W. Davis sec. A Women's Fellowship was begun in February, with Mrs. Cheal as president.

Regular fortnightly Sunday morning services commenced on April 24, with A. G. Bennett as preacher. School and services are at present being held in a tent and shed, but the Campbell Edwards Trust has purchased a large hut for erection on a valuable piece of land, 97 ft. by 223 ft., purchased some years ago. The site is close to a new school being erected, and the tram-line will be extended almost as far as the church block, which has already been fenced. Much local interest is being shown, and encouragement given from the churches at Moreland and Brunswick. Brotherhood leaders have inspected the site, and James Luff, minister of Coburg church, comments, "We feel that this will become the centre of a thriving ministry."

India-Pakistan Flood Appeal

Further tragic details of the enormity of the recent floods in India and Pakistan are to the hand of the Inter-Church Aid Commission.

In Pakistan, 4 out of every 10 of the nation's population of 75 millions are affected, according to the League of Red Cross Societies, in addition to 45 millions in India. Over 28,000 villages in the States of Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Western Bengal were destroyed.

A typical story comes from Mau where the pastor opened his two large compounds on high ground to 200 flood refugees, together with their camels and cattle, turning over all the supplies of the Mission Hostel to them and not knowing where the next meal would come from.

An indication of the huge quantities of medicines required to prevent epidemics is illustrated by the request of India for 110 million anti-malarial tablets and 155 tons of D.D.T.—of Pakistan for 60 million anti-malarial tablets.

The Geneva Headquarters of the World Council of Churches has advanced £5,000 in good faith on behalf of contributing countries.

Australia's share could well be £1,000. Donations should be sent to Inter-Church Aid, 37 Swanston-st., Melbourne, C.I. Funds are forwarded to the National Christian Council Relief Committees of India and Pakistan for purchase of food, medicines and bedding.

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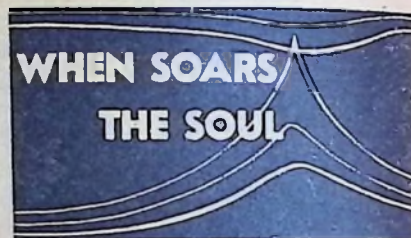
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



In the beginning the Word of God was there. And the Word was face to face with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning face to face with God. All things came into being through him, and apart from him nothing that has come, came into being. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not defeated it.—John 1: 1-5 (Williams).

Whatever darkness may confront us, light shines from the life and teaching of Jesus. He does not attempt to solve all the problems that baffle us. When the disciples and others came to him with a problem he generally asked them, "What do you think yourself?" But when the desperate question "Why?" rises from the agony of our hearts to baffle us, Jesus offers us two things, light to see the step we ought to take, and the power to take it, with the added assurance that if we do, we shall find him walking by our side. . . . Jesus gives us faith to believe, and sometimes also the eye to see, that God's hand is working in the darkness. . . . We do not know what lies ahead, much less what lies beyond the bounds of time. The best pictures of it are but lights that glimmer and are gone. It must be so. Here we know in part. We shall be wise to take our stand where the great saints have stood, on Christ and the things he has made sure to us, and most of all on the love that never faileth.—Dr. James Reid.

O God, who art light, and in whom there is no darkness at all, open our eyes that in the light of Christ we may see light. Amid the mysteries that surround us enable us to bear in quiet faith the limitations of our knowledge and to walk steadfastly in the way of Christ. Help us to work and pray, waiting for the day when the shadows will flee away and we shall behold thee as thou art, and be satisfied.—Dr. Reid in "British Weekly."

My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with him.

—Richard Baxter.

REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA (3)

Our American brethren are keenly aware of the threat of further division in their ranks. Indeed, that "fatalistic shrug" of which I wrote last week is for some just a realistic acceptance of what already exists—a schism which (to quote Stephen J. Corey) "now expresses itself in separate conventions, separate youth meetings, separate missionaries, separate missionary support, a separate group of schools, distinctive periodicals and a separate doctrinal plea." There are "non-co-operative" churches which, for various reasons, will not co-operate in all the organised work of the brotherhood. There has been as yet no formal "break" comparable with what happened when the anti-organ group, known as Churches of Christ, withdrew completely, and claimed official recognition as a separate denomination, which it certainly is today.

PROBLEM OF UNITY

Is another such formal "break" inevitable? That is one of the urgent problems confronting our American brotherhood today. Dr. Corey, after a detailed survey of the issue in his *Fifty Years of Attack and Controversy*, concludes that "not even these rather radical differences of view and policy necessitate a real division among the Disciples of Christ, so long as they are not made tests of fellowship, and if honest disagreements are not heralded by certain periodicals as 'disloyalty,' 'apostasy,' and 'infidelity.'" But the dogmatic insistence of some on these things, and the development by others of open-membership churches, alike pose problems which it is not easy for a traveller to assess. Is there room in one communion for such widely differing viewpoints and convictions?

The tragic thing is that these inner tensions have been allowed to blunt or distort our brotherhood's essential passion for Christian unity. I remember well a young man who came on to the platform to speak to me after I had given my World Convention address on unity. In the course of the message I had said that when we speak so much about Christian unity at our Conferences and Conventions it made me wonder if we weren't rather like the housewife who pokes diligently among the dead coals of a previous fire, hoping to find a spark or two with which to light a new flame. "Do you think there are any sparks of that passion left in our brotherhood?" the young man asked me wistfully. "I was almost ready to give the Disciples away on this matter of unity. Now you've set me hoping again." I wish that those American leaders who think that further division is either inevitable or desirable could have seen that young man's face.

Let our Australian brotherhood learn the lesson, and learn it well. We have, as yet, no history of open division to hang, as a mill-stone, around our neck. *Nor must we ever have!* Let us give no ear to those who, for whatever reason, would seek to disrupt our fellowship. We have too fine a heritage of unity to allow ourselves to become the dupes of those spiritual hucksters who peddle in the whispered slander, the unproved innuendo, the distorted word, the "holier-than-thou" exclusiveness. Let us prove ourselves true to our basic convictions, generous of spirit and strong in our love for the brotherhood and our Lord.

POSITION OF PREACHERS

I was interested to note the status accorded our American preachers—on the whole higher than that of their Australian counterpart. More is demanded of them in the way of organisation, and more facilities given them. When problems arise, a typical attitude on the part of the churchman is, "Well, you're the doctor! Show us the way." That spirit has its dangers, of course, and wise preachers help to off-set it with vigorous men's work programmes, etc.

Yet I sensed more than once that some of my American preacher-friends were more sensitive about matters of status than they need be. Maybe the cynic would retort that the Australian preacher has no status about which to be sensitive! Certainly, some who visited us for the Melbourne Convention went back with that impression, and on one occasion I was asked by one of these men to speak to a group of his fellow-ministers on Australian church conditions, "so that they might know how much they have for which to be grateful." That was rather too much for my Australian pride! By the time I had finished speaking the men were asking, "Who's supposed to be sorry for whom?"—especially when I talked of our much higher percentage of members at communion, and the missionary work maintained by our comparatively small brotherhood. I think I convinced them that the Australian preacher needs no one to be sorry for him! Of course, many salaries *are* lower, and some living conditions poorer, than they should be; but, encouragingly, our churches are becoming more aware of their responsibilities on these matters.

These impressions of our American churches in this series of articles have been necessarily fragmentary and incomplete, but I hope that sufficient has been written to show them, with all their problems, the truly great people they are—brethren to whose warm generosity and friendship I shall always be indebted.

South Australian Newsletter

CHILD DELINQUENCY.

"We can't do much for the present generation of bodgies and widgeys," declared the forthright Head of Pulteney Grammar School recently. Mr. Ray knows more about boys than most people, for he deals with them daily in large numbers. Any short range policy for dealing with this social problem has little to commend it. His assertion is that parents must create the devotional atmosphere from early days, even to parents saying their prayers at the bedside of youngsters. Why not return to the idea of saying grace, singing hymns around the piano, and family prayers. All this is in line with recent statements from Det. Gollin of the Police Department, who, in addressing the parents of one of our largest High Schools, stated that unless the home and the Church came together, then the future was not bright. This same gentleman declared in a radio address that of the cases of delinquency brought before the courts very few came from homes connected with the Sunday school.

It is interesting to read the frequent remarks of Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. in America, who makes similar pleas.

BUILDINGS.

Quite a number of our churches are in the midst of building programmes. The church at Albert Park opened its new chapel on Oct. 15. Less than two years old, this congregation is most active, and the amount of work given by the men has saved considerable sums.

Flinders Park church has the foundations down for its chapel and expect to open it in March. For years, members have been crammed in a small building. Now a school of some dimensions is forcing the issue.

Colonel Light Gardens, where F. G. Banks is conducting a part-time ministry, expects to open its new youth hall soon. This is a commodious structure, which should meet the need of an exacting youth programme.

Blackwood expects to open its new youth hall. This church in the nearby hills is seeing considerable opportunity, as the district is rapidly expanding and homes being erected. G. T. Fitzgerald ministers there.

Naracoorte in the south-east also plans an additional hall. It is pleasing to see that D. R. Stirling is to remain with this church until the new year, when it hopes to have a settled minister again.

Hawthorn is also completing a hall. The work here is growing under the

ministry of A. A. McRoberts, with large morning attendances.

Glenelg is confident that its new manse will be opened free of debt. The new manse is one of the loveliest around the city.

Prospect is also pushing ahead with the new manse, in readiness for the coming ministry of S. Neighbour.

100 YEARS OLD.

Right out against the skyline at Point Sturt is a little chapel with a bell that doesn't ring, and a cemetery packed with history. Just 100 years ago the church commenced, and through the years has never been a large congregation. However, from it have come some of the most honored names in our Australian brotherhood. Great plans are afoot for the centenary celebrations—the second to be observed in S.A. this year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. HAMMER.

Norwood church graciously released the Hammers when the need arose at Carnarvon Mission Station, and a brotherhood farewell took place at the Norwood church. Mr. Hammer was incoming President of the State, but willingly set aside the well deserved honor to undertake work which has always been dear to their hearts. We give them to the mission with great feeling.

NEW CHURCH.

Many years ago we had a cause at Barmera, the adjacent town to Berri on the River Murray. Removals meant the end of the work and the chapel was moved to Wudinna, away over on Eyres Peninsula. Recent months have seen the dead come to life. A group of our people who have been in Barmera have come together, and with help from Berri have decided to set up the Lord's Table, buy land and build. The interesting thing about it all is that neither the Home Mission Committee nor the Berri church forced the issue, the folks deciding that they should do something. This is a commendable spirit and worthy of all prayer and support.

NEW CHAPEL AT ALBERT PARK.

The story of the Albert Park is in line with many before it. Just over two years ago a small group met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fax and determined to set up a church. Others gathered with them, until they taxed the capacity of the home. In the meantime the foundations were down, then walls erected on contract for the new chapel. The men of the church, led by the valiant efforts of Syd. Hoskin of Croydon, worked for two years to build the rest of their new home.

With the partial completion of the

kinder hall, the congregation moved in for worship. Numbers swelled with baptisms and transfers. The group was linked to Flinders Park as a circuit, and came under the ministry of J. B. Baker and the Home Mission Committee. Sixty were soon in membership.

Oct. 15 became the historic day when the chapel was opened. Many hundreds came, and F. Collins declared the building open. The outside of the Mt. Gambier stone building suggested another church. The inside was a revelation of beauty and worshipfulness. An original "act of dedication" was conducted by Mr. Baker, and the address given by E. P. C. Hollard. At night the building was again packed to the doors. In fact, many were turned away from both services. The writer led the meeting, and addresses were brought by D. G. Hammer and A. W. C. Candy, with the Choral Association providing music.

First services in the chapel were a delight. Over 160 attended the morning meeting at which Mr. Baker spoke, and at night H. G. Norris conducted the first gospel service. Two responded to the invitation. Many local residents were among the 140 present.

School and youth activities will commence at once. In fact, residents have clamored for these programmes to operate. This church seems to have an assured future, and with the quality of its leadership should make a real impact on this thriving community.

NEW MINISTER.

Norwood church announces that Mr. and Mrs. P. Woolford commence their ministry to succeed the Hammers. Mr. Woolford is a Balaklava boy who has studied at Woolwich College. Historic Chapel-st., Norwood, has lifted somewhat during the short ministry of D. G. Hammer, and shows quite some prospect for the future.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

We submit the following, not for its news value, but for its warning! Gawler church held its Bible school anniversary recently, and just as T. Edwards rose to give his talk, the special platform began to move. Within seconds it had swayed and begun to collapse. The wife of the Superintendent, Mrs. G. Brown, had a shoulder broken, Mr. Hatherly was pinned to the floor, nine children received medical treatment in the hall, and a first-class panic was narrowly averted. It was a sad ending to a happy occasion. No one doubts the loving and careful attention given by splendid brethren in the erection of these platforms, and still no one can expect near disaster. We pass the word along at this time of happy observances,

(continued at foot of next column.)

This story by W. J. THOMSON, Malvern-Caulfield, Vic. suggests how to "make the most of an affliction" . . .

"HARRIET GRAY"

"Poor Harriet, she must find it a great trial," said Anne to me the other day. "She's so interested in everything—it's a great affliction."

Harriet Gray is a woman of middle age. She has a very sweet nature, which is evidenced in a lovely, if not beautiful, face. But, in recent years, a preoccupied look has been fashioning itself on her, though she nods and smiles when one is talking to her. More and more she has been staying home and taking a less active part in church meetings, in which formerly she was so interested. Harriet's affliction is growing worse. She is already very hard of hearing.

Anne's words made me think much of Harriet, and that very afternoon I pulled up at her front gate, giving the horn a short, sharp toot. She was in the garden, and my approach startled her. Obviously, she was annoyed with herself at not having heard me, and when we sat down on the comfortable garden seat, Harriet inclined her head over so that she could catch what I was saying. Fortunately, I had discovered that, if I spoke in a sharp metallic voice, I could make her hear without any great effort to either of us.

"Harriet," I said after the usual greetings were over, "I've come for a little help from you. Maybe, you can sympathise with me a bit."

She laughed quite merrily. "Really, Mr. Vadis, you're not serious, are you, about wanting sympathy?"

"It's like this, Harriet," I said. "I'm growing a little deaf. It's not only causing me concern in itself, but I've been making some mistakes. I think I've heard what someone has said to me, only to discover afterwards that my reply has seemed quite foolish. At other times I say 'Yes' to people and I haven't been hearing what they have been saying. I am too self-conscious

so that extra care might be taken all over the country. It could happen anywhere!

The Gawler minister, A. R. Pigdon has been released from his ministry for three months owing to a "pull up" sign being given by the doctor. Some preachers really do go too hard and too fast!

A GOOD HARVEST.

Beulah-rd. church, under the leadership of G. Wood, recently had 26 added in three Sunday services. Some good team work in prayer saw the above result. The number included some who were restored by reconsecration. —E. P. C. Hollard.

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to ask folk to repeat their words. Indeed, it sometimes seems foolish to do so. I'm spoken to and I don't hear my name. In a hundred ways, Harriet, my little affliction, however light, is causing me much concern."

I looked up and was surprised to find that Harriet's eyes had filled with tears. I had not thought to strike so deep a chord, although I was glad that she sympathised with me.

Harriet leaned over and almost whispered, "Why do you come to me?" And then, "Ah, yes, I know. Oh, I'm so sorry. But you're not as bad as I am yet, I hope. Nothing can be done to aid my hearing."

"No, Harriet," I said, "but I want your help, or at least I thought we might be able to help one another a bit. For instance, how do you keep so cheerful?"

"You make me ashamed, Mr. Vadis. Do you really think I'm cheerful?"

"Why, of course," I said.

"Well," she replied slowly, "being forced more and more into the quiet of my own mind, I determined to keep my thoughts fresh and bright. I try to cultivate my mind, just as I cultivate the garden. Each day I take a thought from a poem, hymn, or verse from the Bible. It's a wonderful help, Mr. Vadis. Whatsoever things are good, honest, lovely, pure, of good report, to think on those things."

"Thank you, Harriet. You must have accumulated a good deal of thought that would be a help to people, eh?"

"A help to people! How do you mean?"

"Well, I mean, Harriet, that you are becoming a little of a stop-at-home because of your deafness. Don't you remember what old Mrs. Shaun used to say, 'I allas gives away a bit of everything I've got growin', then I know if mine ever dies I can get a bit of it again.' Harriet, your mind has been wonderfully enriched, but you are growing a wee bit selfish with it. Go out and mix among people. Drop some of these seeds of loveliness in other people's minds—the people who can hear. Remember you are still blessed with speech."

I knew I was frightening her a little, for she was always very modest of her ability to do anything at all, but, at any rate, I went on . . .

"It's like this, Harriet. What's the good of education if one never uses it for others; the gift to paint or play, if the gift is to be used solely to satisfy self? The intelligent use of any gift or accomplishment is the sharing of

it, and thus giving others pleasure, or creating in them the ambition to achieve, or developing their minds or opening the windows of their understanding to what they have never seen clearly enough to understand."

I stopped, because my little talk was becoming a peroration, and Harriet's face was white and set. I wondered if I had spoken too hardly. I reached over and touched her hand. "Forgive me, Harriet," I said, "I didn't mean to hurt you, I . . ."

"You haven't hurt me, Mr. Vadis, any more than the truth may hurt. You've just shown me my own heart in a mirror. Do you know that even these flowers—I grow them behind a hedge." (She moved her arm in that graceful way characteristic of her in indication of the riot of color about us.) "Once I used to take bunches of flowers to people, but now I only give them away when people come to see me." (She picked a sprig of a shrub that grew at the seat's end.) "Do you know what that is; Mr. Vadis?" I shook my head, I hardly trusted myself to speak. "It's not particularly interesting to look at, is it?" she continued, "but crush it, and then . . ." She suited the action to the word by crushing it in her hand, and then she held it toward me, "Now smell it, Mr. Vadis." But already the air was redolent with the perfume of the crushed plant. "That's what we call an eau-de-cologne plant," she said. "But it only gives off its perfume when it's bruised or crushed." She was silent for a space, and so I ventured a further word.

"It's like that with most things," I said, "we dig the soil to make it sweet, prune the tree to make it bear, pick the flowers that the plant may go on throwing out fresh blooms." And then, after another silence, "Harriet," I said, "you are wonderfully brave. You've been making the best of your affliction, and now . . ." I hesitated.

"Yes, I know," she said softly, "I must now try and make the most of it."

"Yes, that's it," I almost shouted.

Harriet Gray has become our most popular woman lecturer. Over the radio her messages go into countless homes and hearts, stimulating her listeners to fresh courage.

She certainly has made the most of her affliction.

But when I see her sitting with her Bible class of girls in the church services, I know without question, that here is a work which she is doing that shall never die.

STIRRINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Aborigines Missions Notes by J. K. Robinson.

He is a lad of 15, intelligent and well spoken. He is a good worker when he wants to be, but at other times, he and this thing called work just don't agree. He has accepted Christ as his Saviour, reads his Bible often, but not regularly, and gives evidence of some buddings of the fruit of the Spirit. However, he is tormented by the personal temptations which come to every boy of his age, but they assail him with particular force because he comes from a family life steeped in immorality. He is of a quick temper, prone to try to settle arguments by force. In the little world of the Mission he is happy enough, but the great world outside, with its thousands of whispering voices, calls to him. So every now and then he runs away, only to return or be brought back to start all over again. In his better self he wants to be a Christian, but Satan has many devices to stop him. Pray for him that he will have victory in Christ.

Here is a girl of 15, bright, intelligent, athletic, a born leader. She accepted Christ and was baptised some years ago, but recently stepped out to accept him afresh, saying she did it the first time because someone told her she should, but she has not yet fully surrendered, for she is very self-willed and her head-strong nature gives Satan an opportunity to get between her and the Saviour. However, the gold is there, to be separated and refined for God's glory.

A twelve-year old girl comes from parents who have citizenship rights. The father manages a sheep station while the owner is away. The parents frequently visit the Mission and are responsive to the gospel message, but when they get back to the station their employer tells them they don't need what the Mission tells them. All they need is to be honest and live decently. So the daughter writes from the Mission to her mother, pleading for her to come to the anniversary and to take no notice of the employer, stressing that only Jesus can save. Incidentally, true to her feminine nature, she asked her mother to give her a new dress for the anniversary. The mother is well able to do this.

A girl of sixteen was once a problem child and at one time, missionaries felt it would be better to expel her, but they persevered, and she is now sincerely trying to live a Christian life. She has grown up a refined young lady and has left the Mission for a very satisfactory position of domestic service in a private home where she will be well cared for.

Another case is of a little boy of nine years of age who has definite desires for spiritual things. He is too

young and immature yet to do more than make his open confession. Pray that he will grow in understanding and in the knowledge of the Lord.

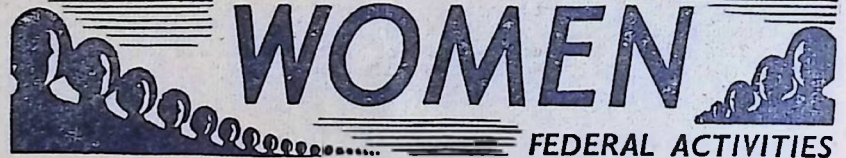
Not all the girls and boys in our Mission are Christians. Many of them are resisting the Christian message. In many cases those who stand out for Christ and the right have to suffer persecution in some form or another from the others. Large numbers of children are still in bondage to the superstitious fears that grip their race. In many of them racial bitterness towards the white race is very strong, so that sometimes they refuse to do what is right because it might make them too much like "the white fella." The power of Satan is very strong and he allows no spiritual advance to go unchallenged. However, the missionaries, like Paul of old, are not ignorant of his devices, and they learn to lean hard upon the Lord for strength that gives the victory. Join

in prayer that every young life in our Mission may come to that full surrender and absolute reliance upon the Lord Jesus as the only Saviour. To him be the glory for ever and ever.

Norseman Building Drive

Plans and arrangements for the erection of the new kitchen and dining-room block (with supervisor's quarters attached) for Norseman Mission are moving ahead. It is hoped that a team will leave Perth on Boxing Day. This is an opportunity for tradesmen and handy men to spend their holidays in an all-out effort to provide this much needed addition to our Norseman Mission. The present kitchen and dining-room buildings have become totally inadequate with the growth of the Mission to sixty children. There is a prospect of its growing to seventy during 1956. Any men who can help are asked to contact A. M. Bell, 90 Guldfordrd., Mount Lawley, 'phone UA 1093.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Programme for December

Theme: "Patience"

Mrs. H. H. McLane, Qld.

HYMN.

No. 498, "O Master let me walk with thee."

PRAYER.

Our gracious and eternal Father, we would draw into thy holy presence, through the only medium through which we can come—in the precious name of Christ, our Lord. We come before thee this day, Father, asking first of all, for the forgiveness of all our shortcomings. As women, we confess how impatient we have been in our own homes, and oft-times with our fellow workers in Christ. Have mercy upon us, our God, and give us the strength that we might indeed, day by day, grow more like our Master, and exercise more fully his patience and his love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

BIBLE READING.

Luke 2: 36-38.

MEDITATION.

Christian teaching about God centres in the statement that he is like a

Father. Yet it is important that, in many ways, God is not like a father, at least not like any earthly father we have ever known. There is no self-seeking, no thought of his own aggrandisement in the love of God for his children, and of what human father could that be said? God is never impatient. He never tires of taking the long way with us, never takes refuge, as we are apt to do, either in a foolish indulgence, to save trouble, or in any angry blow to avoid the tedium of explanation. Always our God is a God of patience. In all of his creation there are no signs of short cuts, of hasty or shoddy work.

When man rebelled and defied him, we see the same endless patience in God's plan of redemption. He showed man the Law by which he must live, and when his chosen people departed from it, he sent his prophets to recall them to true obedience. When the prophets were stoned, God still did not lose patience, but sent his own dear Son to redeem them. Even when we killed the well-beloved Son, God did not give mankind up as hopeless, did not (as we should have done) rub the whole thing out as a failure.

All down the Christian centuries, the Son, risen and exalted, has yet con-

tinued to humble himself, showing himself to Jew and Gentile alike, as a suppliant, pleading for that allegiance which is his by right. Truly our God is a God of patience, of patience too wonderful even to be understood by men.

We need, first of all, to be patient with ourselves. We are so apt to become impatient, when we realise our own shortcomings compared with our profession, but God, who saved us through Jesus Christ, can finish the work he has begun, if we will only cast our all upon him and be patient in his great love.

We need to have more patience with our fellow man. We often burst into God's presence, full of indignation and

self-righteousness, and we tell him about somebody else. May the earnest prayer of our hearts be "Have patience with us, O Father, as we have patience with these, thy other children."

Let us have patience as we live day by day, as we watch and wait for the coming of the great King. God is not slow to keep his promise, although he may seem to be, as our weary eyes scan the horizon for the signs of his coming. Just as at the precise moment when the fulness of time was come, Christ appeared to satisfy the longing of Anna, so also at the exact time appointed, when God's preparation of us and of the world is complete, our patience shall be rewarded and the King shall appear.

So, sisters, let us not grow weary in

well-doing, impatient with our own progress, which can be brought daily to the foot of the cross, impatient with our neighbors' frailties or with the slow dawning of the glory of the coming of the Lord. Rather, let us be instant in prayer, that the God of patience may grant us to be likeminded with himself, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER SESSION.

SOLO.

MISSIONARY LETTER.

MESSAGE.

HYMN.

No. 479, "More holiness give me."

BENEDICTION.

New U.S. High for Church Membership

The mid-century tide of interest in religion—sweeping America ever since World War II—appears to have reached new flood highs.

Americans in the greatest numbers in history belong to churches and Sunday schools and they are donating cash to the religious enterprise as never before. New annual statistics compiled by the National Council of Churches tell the story.

Better than six of every ten Americans are on the church rolls—exactly 60.3 per cent. of the population today, as against 49 per cent. in 1940 and a mere 16 per cent. a hundred years ago.

The new grand total of Americans with church membership in all faiths is 97,482,611—up 2,639,766 from a year ago. The percentage rise for the year is 2.8, as against a population rise of 1.7.

NEW MEMBERSHIP figures by faiths show that of the 97,000,000—plus Americans with religious affiliation, 57,000,000 are Protestant, 32,000,000 are Roman Catholic, and 5,500,000 are Jewish.

Sunday or Sabbath schools are overflowing with a new total of 37,623,530 students and teachers—up 2,234,064 from last year's previous high, in a phenomenal 6.3 per cent. increase.

Church school teachers and officers—most of them volunteers—now number 2,970,614, or almost a quarter million more than the year before.

THE YEAR chalked up a close to two per cent. rise in new church congregations, roughly corresponding to new places of worship. The present U.S. total stands at 300,056, for a year's rise of 5,597.

There are now at least 213,167 clergymen in active charge of local

churches—compared to the previous high of 207,618 last year. There are doubtless more, for only 219 of the 268 religious bodies in the survey reported on clergymen.

To accommodate new throngs of worshippers new churches are going up at a record-breaking pace, many of them of startling modern design. The 1954 construction figure of \$588,000,000, passing the half billion-dollar mark for the first time, is up 25 per cent. over the previous high year of 1953.

Three times greater than membership increases is the rate at which people are contributing cash to the churches. In Protestant and Orthodox churches alone, contributions totalled \$1,537,132,309, for a per capita average of \$45.36 over the year. The rate of giving was up 8.5 per cent. over the year before.

"The latest statistics show there has been no pause or let-down in the vigorous post-war growth of the churches," said Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the *Yearbook of American Churches*.

The *Church Yearbook*, published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., is the only source of statistical data for all religious faiths in the Continental United States. The new figures, covering 1954 in most cases, were gathered from official statisticians of 268 religious bodies.

The relative strength of Protestant and Roman Catholic groups has remained virtually the same since the beginning of the century and before.

Figures show that since 1940 Protestants have increased by nearly 20,000,000, while Roman Catholics have increased by 11,000,000.

A total of 254 church bodies reported on membership, but the *Yearbook* will show 98.4 per cent. of members are concentrated in 81 communions. Of the latter groups, each with 50,000 or more members, 18 have more than 1,000,000 on their membership rolls.

Commenting further on this, Dr. Landis also pointed out that of the 57,000,000 Protestants, the vast majority—about 85 per cent.—are on the church rolls of nine general denominational families and large denominations.

The nine are: Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Disciples of Christ, Churches of Christ and Christ Unity Science.

This year, as for years past, the Baptists are the largest Protestant groups. Divided among 26 bodies, there are 18,448,621. The 21 different bodies of Methodists are second, with 11,680,002 members. The largest single Protestant church body, however, is the Methodist Church, with 9,202,728.—N.C.C.C. (Christian-evangelist.)



Australian church folk visiting London have usually seized an opportunity to hear Dr. W. E. Sangster, the brilliant Methodist preacher, speak at Westminster Central Hall. The recent British Methodist Conference appointed him General Secretary of Home Missions—at first sight a strange task for a famed pulpiteer. But it is hoped that he will not be bogged down with administration, and be able to be actively in the field throughout Britain. Derrick Greeves was appointed his successor at Westminster, and had a congregation of more than 2,500 to welcome him on his first Sunday night, when he began his ministry in September.

here and there

The annual Home Missions issue will appear next week, with news of H.M. activities in all States. The special offering for Home Missions will be received in our churches on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The 65th anniversary of the church at Lake-st., Perth, on Sept. 18 was well attended, R. W. Marshall being guest speaker at the communion service. At the mid-week anniversary social, G. A. Ewers reviewed the year's work, and L. Henshilwood showed some delightful colored films which he photographed while in London. R. Vincent was guest speaker on Sept. 25 when A. J. Fisher attended the Eastern Wheat-belt Conference at Corrigin. That afternoon C. L. Owen addressed a Youth Fellowship tea, and at night Dr. Thornley Thomas preached the gospel. The Women's Auxillary Conference Prayer Committee visited the Dorcas on Oct. 11. After-church Youth Hymn Medleys have ceased with the conclusion of winter months, but a more informal Youth Fellowship is planned in various homes after gospel services, being arranged by a Committee convened by D. Povey. Men held a successful working bee on Oct. 15.

Until recently, the sum of £400 was owing on the new chapel at Long Plains, S.A. This was from members' interest-free loans, but the two brethren to whom this money was owing, recently indicated that they do not wish the amounts to be returned. The church expresses its sincere thanks.

Melbourne preachers, and their wives and families held a very enjoyable social evening in Lygon-st. Lecture Hall on Monday, Oct. 24.

The Mile End church, S.A., has recently concluded a special programme, extending over three months. Designed to arrest decreasing membership through removal and transfer to other churches, the programme was aimed at reaching the man outside the church. A series of "John Citizen" services was held over a period of two months, and each Sunday night saw the appearance of many strangers. Then a short evangelistic mission was conducted by the preacher in a marquee situated on the main road. For weeks the tent was crowded, extended and still crowded. Scores of contacts were made and the church rejoices that during the time of this special campaign some 30 adults have been welcomed into the church

and a new spirit of optimism is abroad. On a recent Sunday, 180 broke bread for the day, with correspondingly high congregations at the evening services.

The result of a two weeks' mission at Bentleigh, Vic., which concluded on Oct. 16, cannot be gauged by decisions. Two adults confessed their faith and one re-dedicated his life. Much profit may result from visits to the homes by the missionary, preacher, church members and Y.P.S.C.E. Mr. Mansell was untiring in a faithful presentation of the gospel, for which the church is grateful. As with former efforts, visiting delegations supported well and appreciation is expressed to those who assisted members in the ministry of song. A. Barber and R. Nugent were song leaders. Temple Day offering for Manse Fund was £290. Dr. R. Killmier addressed church at final morning service of the campaign.

At the fifty-third church anniversary celebrations at Preston, Vic., on Oct. 9, B. F. Huntsman (Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres.) offered a dedicatory prayer for elders, deacons and deaconesses during the crowded morning service. J. Searle, minister, presented a Bible to F. J. Lang, who has resigned from the Board of Officers, after serving for 36 years as a deacon, and as elder for 24 years. Mr. Huntsman gave the morning address. At the P.S.A., H. A. G. Clark was the speaker, and the Three Notes Trio sang. Extra seating was needed at night when "Three Minutes to Twelve" was screened. The thank-offering was £420 (incomplete). The church has enjoyed a year of splendid progress, and looks forward with confidence to the future. F. Jenkins has been elected an elder in place of Mr. Lang, and H. Lofts becomes a deacon.

The story of Belshazzar, King of Babylon, is unfolded by George Frederick Handel in a powerful oratorio which will be presented by the combined choirs of the City of Brighton and City of Camberwell Philharmonic Societies in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Wed., Nov. 23, 1955. With these well known choirs the National Opera Chorus Group will be associated, the whole providing a chorus of very high standard. This famous work has never been heard in Australia. The music was brought here by Dr. Herman Schildberger (who will conduct the choir and orchestra), on his return from his tour abroad in September last. The "writing on the wall" in-

cident of Bible story is depicted and music lovers will have the unique experience of hearing this oratorio for the first time in this country. Details are to be found in another column of this issue.

Albert Anderson, Federal Overseas Missions secretary, arrived in Sydney on Oct. 20, following his world tour, climaxing in his visit to the Indian Mission Jubilee. He has now returned to Adelaide.

Christians of the British Commonwealth have noted with pleasure the honor awarded to Dr. Albert Schweitzer by Her Majesty the Queen. He is on a brief holiday from his famed mission work at Lambarene, in Equatorial Africa.

The two weeks' mission at Ararat, Vic., led by Lloyd Jones, concluded on Oct. 23 with crowded meetings. There were 13 adult decisions in the evening service, making a total of 20 for the mission.

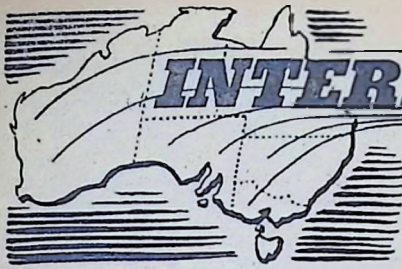
The eighty-seven year old widow of the famed evangelist, "Billy" Sunday, who died twenty years ago in Chicago, has at last released motion picture rights for "The Billy Sunday Story," after turning down all previous commercial film offers. A religious film company will produce the movie, and Mrs. Sunday has promised that she will "do everything possible to make the film correct and spiritual."

The November meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Association will be held in the Swanston-st. Lecture Hall on Monday, Nov. 7. Following the lunch session at 1 p.m., the general meeting will commence at 2.15 p.m., when H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed. will present a book review.

The following addendum was attached to the annual report of the Overseas Mission Dept. of South Australia: "The Overseas Committee places on record sincere appreciation of the fifteen years of unstinted service given by A. J. Ingham as State Secretary and Treasurer. His loyalty to Christ's commission and to the missionary enterprises of our churches; his sympathetic understanding and gracious friendliness, have helped and enriched his brethren both in the home land and overseas." Mr. Ingham was presented with a set of three books by the retiring chairman, Mrs. G. Mathieson. The new Secretary-Treasurer is Horace Cave, preacher of Edwardstown-Ascot Park circuit.

The new manse at Glenelg church, S.A., was officially opened on Sat. Oct. 22. Bruce Burn will conclude his ministry with the church next January.

The South Australian Union Executive is planning a special testimonial gathering late in November in honor of H. R. Taylor, who this year retired as Union Secretary after many years of fine brotherhood service.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Lynette Brodie, North Richmond, Vic.
Arthur Pinnell, North Balgowlah, N.S.W.
Mr. Wilkins, Kilburn, S.A.
Robert Rosewarne, Gary Anson, Leigh Sprosen and John Edwards, Fullarton, S.A.
Lesley McPherson, Susan Dent, Footscray, Vic.
Jennifer Floyd, Valda Parker, Beverley Jordan, Janet Thompson, Boronia, Vic.
D. White, R. Davies, E. Campbell, East Preston, Vic.
J. Flavin, Parkdale, Vic.

Membership

- Mrs. R. Mellett, from Maylands, S.A., to Broken Hill, N.S.W.
Mrs. Chenhall, from Coburg to Bentleigh, Vic.
H. Olney, from Preston to East Preston, Vic.

Marriage

- B. Miles to A. Cardy, Dandenong, Vic.
Alice Prossor to K. Edwards, Red Hill, Vic.
Lorna St. Aubyn to Keith Gurjot, North Richmond, Vic.
Marion Hoyle to Leo Donaldson, Mosman, N.S.W.
Joan Long, Long Plains, to Ivan Roberts, Murray Bridge, S.A.

Fallen Asleep

- Mr. Ferguson, Gilgandra, N.S.W.
Mrs. A. Thomas, Broken Hill, N.S.W.
Miss Day, Echuca, Vic.

Western Australia

Harvey (T. D. Maiden). — Special effort conducted by Messrs. Hindmarsh, Wooders and Newllys raised £60 for Building Fund. Collie, Bunbury and Harvey ladies held special lunch and meeting at Brunswick. Mrs. Sewell presided and Mrs. Digwood (Perth) was guest speaker. Brickwork of new chapel is completed and frame for

roofing is ready for positioning. Resignation of L. Jones, treas., B.S. teacher and song leader was accepted with regret. Transfer of employment necessitated resignation. R. Stanford has been appointed treas., and Mrs. Pollock has joined B.S. teaching staff. Joy Ottrey has resigned as B.S. teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson and family and R. Brittain (Fremantle) were visitors at B.S. anniversary. Mr. Brittain was guest speaker at the services. All meetings, special tea and concert were crowded. Ladies conducted street stall to assist B.&F.B.S. and raised £34. Mrs. Livingstone and A. Stanford collected and boxed flowers for a stall held to assist homes in Perth.

Corrigin (P. E. Perry). — Since coming of preacher and family from Mukinbudin, church now meets for breaking of bread and gospel service each Lord's Day and plans to have a meeting place built this year. Y.P. meeting has been commenced, and B.S. growth is very encouraging. Successful Eastern Wheat-belt Conference was held at Corrigin Town Hall on Sept. 25. All meetings were well attended. State Conf. Pres., C. J. Robinson, spoke at morning service, and A. J. Fisher was speaker at afternoon session and gospel meeting, at which a young lady confessed faith in Christ.

New South Wales

Gilgandra (V. S. Dallinger). — Meetings continue with interest. B.S. united picnic proved successful on Sept. 10. Gary McQuayde (Pendle Hill Boys' Home) was visitor during school holidays. R. Mudford was recent visitor from Padstow. Sympathy is expressed to Sis. Ida Ferguson (Dubbo) and family in the loss of husband and father. W. Hodgekiss is much improved after his recent accident. Both I.C.E. and J.C.E. continue to function each Sunday at 5.30 p.m. On 20th, kitchen tea was held to help fill newly installed cupboards in church hall.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell). — Oct. 9 was B.S. Promotion Sunday, following their anniversary held on previous week-end. Hornsby united bi-monthly fellowship tea was held in chapel, and Mr. Owens was guest speaker. Church combined with Asquith in anniversary celebrations at gospel service on 23rd. M. Leask was guest speaker. Miss Riepon is doing well after recent operation. Church suffered great loss in Home call of E. S. Germon. Annual offering for Woolwich College is £16/4/-. G. Glazier conducted gospel service on 9th, assisted by Mrs. Bishop as soloiste. Other speakers have been A. W. Cust, J. Ellerby, K. Fennell and A. C. Kalmier.

Broken Hill (N. Kingston). — Attendances at all services are being well maintained, although several are still on holidays. Successful mystery picnic was held on Oct. 1 for intermediates and young people, at the Gorge, several miles out. Rounders, overhead ball and tunnel ball were enjoyed by all. Tea consisted of grilled chops and frankfurts, and happy time of fellowship was enjoyed around camp fire. Preacher led in chorus singing and Mr. Dixon gave appropriate message.

Mosman (D. W. Tonkin). — On Oct. 8, church tendered pre-wedding social to Marion Hoyle and Leo Donaldson, when a gift was given. On 9th and 11th, North Balgowlah B.S. anniversary and demonstration was held. On 14th, at annual B.S. demonstration, Mosman B.S., with two first prizes, one second, one third prize, and an honor shield, and North Balgowlah with a B class shield, were well represented. On morning of 9th, J. Hunter exhorted church, and gave highlights from Federal C.E. Convention in Brisbane. Combined prayer baptismal service and praise meeting was held on 19th at Mosman, with members from North Balgowlah. J. Blankley was speaker. Recent visitor was W. Brown (Lake-st., Perth). H. W. Cust (Chatswood) gave gospel address on 23rd.

South Australia

Long Plains-Owen-Avon circuit (M. D. Williams). — Avon B.S. anniversary and Owen church anniversary have been held. Young men's "training for service" classes are being held at Long Plains and Owen, with good attendances and keen interest. A number of members of both Long Plains and Owen churches live in, or near to, Mallala, and regular meeting for fellowship, prayer and Bible study is being held in members' homes during week, with good attendances. Y.W.L. has commenced at Long Plains. Circuit C.M.S. held film night at quarterly meeting on Oct. 5, when film Decision was screened.

Ascot Park (H. Cave). — Church has been strengthened by members moving into district. B.S., with Mrs. S. Bull as supt., now has 95 children on roll. Edwardstown-Ascot Park B.S. picnic was held on Oct. 1, and was much enjoyed by more than 200 children, in spite of stormy weather. At B.S. anniversary on Oct. 16, children sang well under leadership of Ken Matthews. Peter Fopp is now secretary of church. Thanks are due to C. Matthews, who carried out these duties until annual meeting. Construction of temporary hall, on loan from Building Extension Committee, is almost completed. Mid-week fellowship meetings in homes of

members continue to build up spiritual life of church.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — Married man confessed Christ at close of morning service on Oct. 23. During afternoon, B.S. fellowship tea was held for classes 3 and 4 and teachers, when about 50 enjoyed community hymn singing and strip films. At night, there was a baptismal service, when building was full. Mr. and Mrs. Young, with daughters Dorothy and Gwen, of Mt. Hill, were welcome visitors for the day. Special half-yearly Building Fund offering realised £124.

Norwood (D. G. Hammer). — There have been good attendances at recent meetings. Mr. Hammer concluded his ministry on Sunday, Oct. 16. Church joined with brotherhood in a farewell on Oct. 13, and made presentations to both Mr. and Mrs. Hammer. Visiting speakers at recent services have included R. Ewers (Kadina), C. Jones (Balaklava) and A. E. Brown (Brooklyn Park). Frank Manning (Mission to Lepers) was also welcome visitor when he showed films of this work.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — At special business meeting on Oct. 18, proposed plans for new hall on recently purchased property were accepted. Tender submitted for building was also accepted, work is expected to be under way in a few weeks. At B.S. rally on 22nd, there was a good attendance and varied programme organised by R. H. Messenger. At well attended morning service on 23rd, A. McRoberts (Hawthorn) gave timely address. Attendance at evening service was encouraging. Judith Overland and Mr. Hensel helped with solos. Four young men made their decision for Christ. Ron Patrick re-dedicated his life. After church fellowship at the manse was greatly enjoyed, and strip film *How we got the English Bible* was shown. Mr. and Mrs. Sawdy (Rockdale, N.S.W.) were welcome visitors.

Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore). — Highlight of month has been sisters' annual Guild Birthday. Despite unpleasant weather, nearly two hundred attended — representative of local Guilds, and Mypolonga, Brinkley and Mannum Methodist and Baptist Guilds. Mrs. Bristow's Concert Party from Adelaide presented enjoyable programme. Ladies' trading tables and door takings amounted to over £100, which, added to other efforts by sisters during year, brings total of their efforts to £511 for 12 months. Anniversary prizegiving and kinder demonstration early in month occasioned much interest. Leaders of Boys' and Girls' Brigades are keenly interested in their work, and Girls' Brigades had State leaders along on recent Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Gruhl have been welcomed back after a touring holiday of W.A. On recent public holiday, number of members joined with Hawthorn church in day of picnic fellowship in grounds

of Aldgate Valley church. The **Friendly Visitor**, recently introduced weekly news-sheet, is proving of interest to all members. Good attendances at B.S. are being maintained. J.C.E. has commenced "Redex Trial" to boost attendance and efficiency. A. C. Page is again indisposed, and is assured of prayers for speedy recovery.

Hindmarsh (J. E. Shipway). — Preacher has returned from holidays. During his absence, speakers were S. Lovell, F. Manning, D. Laurie and University students. A Y.P. service was held on Oct. 23. They formed choir, took prayers and Scripture reading, and Miss L. Young was soloiste. Mrs. Whitney has been able to leave hospital following major operation. Tennis is going well, and Y.P. are quite interested in work of church.

Victoria

York-st., Ballarat (C. Jackel). — All converts of recent mission have been baptised into church. Services of Misses. M. Barrett and Val Jones at organ were tangibly recognised by church. At church anniversary, building accommodation was fully taxed for both services when preacher gave addresses on **The Church**. B.S. attendances are good, there being 154 present on Oct. 16. Up to six men have been rendering speaking services to various Ballarat churches on certain Sundays. V. Berry, F. J. Sherriff and H. Feary have given appreciated addresses during preacher's absence at Geelong and St. Arnaud. Miss E. Fraser, representative of Ballarat C.E. Union at Brisbane Convention, has given helpful information at several services. Four teams are playing in local church tennis association. Second court is nearly ready for use. Misses J. Murray and E. Fraser and Messrs. R. Barrett and A. Johnston are doing good work in girls' and boys' fellowship respectively.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — Monthly average attendance at communion was 110. Miss Margaret Brown was soloiste at evening service on Oct. 23. New piano has been purchased for church and this will enable existing piano to be placed in primary department. Church has appreciated presentation of Bible by H. Chipperfield.

Black Rock (A. Avery). — N. Bradley, en route to 3WL Warrnambool, was organist at morning service on Oct. 15. Film **Neighbor Next Door** was screened at evening service. Following on special mission, three adult brothers were recently baptised. Good Companions are making toys for distribution to Brighton Orphanage. Fortnightly prayer and discussion meetings are held on Wednesday nights.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin). — During preacher's absence at Inverell, church has been well served by C. Young and W. T. Atkin. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Duncan (En-

more), Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Mann, C. Miller, N.S.T. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Burt (Chatswood), Mr. Robbins (Fairfield), Mr. and Mrs. A. McKean (Sydney). Misses F. McClean and N. Snooks are ill. Mrs. J. Landen is now assisting in B.S. W.M.B. gift table brought in £6/14/-.

Collingwood (K. Christensen). — Visiting speakers during past weeks were Messrs. Butler, Beaumont, North-east, Miller, and Styles (C.O.B.). C.E. entertained Springvale Y.P. at an exchange meeting. B.S. anniversary services were successful, speakers being T. Fitzgerald, J. Styles, A. Avery and K. Christensen.

Dandenong (L. G. Read). — On Oct. 9, an hour of fellowship was held after evening service. Young Explorers held enjoyable sports night on 10th and social evening on 15th. On 20th, special church business meeting was held to alter constitution. Y.P.F. was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Haggerty on 22nd. Dandenong West and Dandenong B.S.'s are practising for anniversary.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — Preacher exchanged with H. Steele (North Williamstown) on Sept. 25. Morning service was broadcast on Oct. 2, and many messages of appreciation were received. Mr. Cant (C.O.B.) was speaker at evening service in interests of the College. Women's Fellowship attended rally at Lygon-st. and have also celebrated their 9th birthday. B.S. conducted successful anniversary under leadership of Alan Hurren. Thanks is expressed to R. Brooker, D. Beasy and A. E. Hurren. Attendances were good at all services. Successful demonstration by scholars was held on 19th. Church regrets that on account of ill health, A. Smith has been compelled to relinquish position as choir conductor. Two young girls made their decision on 19th. Ladies' Aid held a recipe afternoon at home of Mrs. Carter.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall). — One of the best services held in the morning was attended by 130 people, including the board of management of Footscray Hospital with Matron Mitchell and nineteen nurses. Dr. Farrar and A. Pfeifer read Scriptures. After evening service church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer and their six sons. A presentation of a dinner set was made by the sec. on behalf of members. Mrs. Clencie, senr., is unable to attend services because of illness.

North Richmond (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.). — On Sept. 26, Senior Girls' Club gave kitchen tea to Lorna St. Aubyn and Keith Gurjot. K.S.P. spent morning of 29th cleaning up church grounds. N. Glover, recently returned from visit to Russia and China, was speaker at K.S.P. on Oct. 3. K. Draney was guest of Ladies' Friendly Club on

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6th, when slides of pictures taken in many parts of Aust. were shown. At evening service on 9th, three B.S. girls made their decision. Youth Fellowship held swim night at City Baths on 10th. At officers' meeting on 11th E. C. Addicott was appointed sec. for a further twelve months and J. Graham, treas. Church regrets that Miss I. Graham is still unable to attend services. Interest in B.S. is being maintained and new competition is planned for near future. Church members are contributing "favorite text" for insertion in monthly church paper.

North Williamstown (H. E. R. Steele). — Chapel was almost filled for memorial service held for P. Duffy, victim of drowning tragedy. After-church fellowship was held on Oct. 23 when Mr. and Mrs. F. Marks were farewelled prior to transfer of their residence to Portland. Both have been very active members over period of many years, serving on various committees, also as deacon and deaconess. Presentations were made from church and other auxiliaries. Church regrets death of C. Lemke, former member. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Lemke and family, also to Mrs. Thompson in death of her husband. A. E. Hurren (Footscray) recently exchanged with H. Steele for morning service.

Pyramid. — R. V. Holmes, Bendigo preacher, spent five days in district and conducted prayer and Bible study meeting, formed C.E. Society, and visited many homes. Mr. Holmes addressed both services on the Sunday, and two young ladies made their decision at the gospel service. Special afternoon meeting was held for Y.P. when films, etc., were enjoyed.

Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang). — W.F. birthday held on Oct. 13 was most successful ever — biggest attendance, and £25 from stalls, etc. B.S. anniversary tea and concert on 17th, attracted a large audience. High percentage of marks gained by scholars has been very gratifying, one senior girl obtaining 100%. Attendances continue to be very good at all services, with visitors present. C. M. Leng (Mildura) was morning speaker on 23rd when Mr. Lang conducted broadcast service in Mildura.

Northcote (W. Gale). — Two Y.P. from B.S. made their decision on Oct. 16. R. Dixon was speaker at youth tea on 23rd and showed slides on Indian work at close of evening service. Presentations were made to Miss L. Gilbert and D. Anderson, Miss L. McGowan and R. Collings, Miss B. Christie and H. Andrews prior to their marriages. Successful Garden Fete held at home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Edwards realised £127 for Rebuilding Fund.

Red Hill (J. Sutton). — H. A. G. Clark spent week-end in district and spoke at both services on Oct. 23, and screened pictures of his world tour

at close of evening service. There were large attendances at all meetings. Talent Fund was collected, the amount received being £139. Many visitors were present. Members who were ill have now recovered.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire). — Open night arranged by M.I.S. was well attended. Film *The Stones Cry Out* was shown and Mr. Wilson (Institute of Archaeology) gave interesting talk. Delegation attended mission at Clayton. Miss A. Yewdall has been assisting church at Black Rock as evening organiste for many months. Men have taken services at Oakleigh Guest Home during Oct. A married man made his decision on Oct. 23.

East Preston (T. V. Weir). — Regular direct giving is meeting interest on church property, and efforts by Women's Fellowship, assisted by other auxiliaries, to reduce capital owing, will culminate in a fete. Y.P. work forms major part of church activities and it has become necessary to form a Second Degree Good Companions under leadership of Miss M. Trengore, in addition to Junior Good Companions and P.B.P. B.S. recently conducted "talent quest" which was much appreciated by large number of parents who attended. An additional activity for B.S. children is Saturday morning tennis club which is being conducted by John Hatton and Margaret Noad. Hospital Sunday offering totalled £20/11/-. In the absence of preacher, on vacation, Messrs. R. Dixon, B. Cook, P. Foster, I. Soulsby and G. Hearn have addressed church.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis). — Elders H. Miller and S. Fordham have conducted morning services during preacher's continued illness. B.S. anniversary services were held on Oct. 16 and 23, guest speakers being A. R. Haskell, W. W. Saunders, R. N. Gilmore and H. Farmer. Church sympathises with preacher in Home call of his father.

Spring Vale (G. A. Grainger). — Annual business meeting was held on Oct. 19, when following were elected: elder, G. Thompson; officers, M. Munyard, M. Collyer, A. H. Kingsley. £790 has been paid off building debt in last 12 months. Ladies held social afternoon on 19th, and raised £10/12/- for Oakleigh Guest Home. J.C.E. visited Age office for an interesting tour; their numbers are steadily increasing with Miss N. Seymour as their leader. B.S. reports good numbers and records being broken since school commenced new year after very good anniversary services. M. Munyard is supt.

Parkdale (C. M. Dunse). — 40 Y.P. and helpers enjoyed Bible study and discussion week-end at Monbulk. A young man was baptised, following decision at morning service. *I Beheld His Glory* was screened on 23rd. Auxiliaries are preparing for fair in aid of B.S. hall at East Parkdale.

Grateful acknowledgement is made of an anonymous gift of £10. The letter bore the Kew postmark.

Advice has been received that by the will of the late Mrs. E. T. Hateley of Horsham, Vic., specified bequests have been made to several brotherhood departments, and the College has been included.

Notice is given elsewhere in this issue that the forty-ninth graduation service of the College will be held in the Lygon-st. chapel on Friday, Nov. 25.

L. J. Butler, a well known businessman, and member of the Hartwell church, has been elected deputy-chairman of the College Board of Management, filling the vacancy caused by the death of G. L. Murray.

Two of our graduating students of this year are volunteers for service with the Aborigines Mission Board. In addition to her course here, Miss Olive Laird is a fully qualified nurse. Donald R. Oakes is also offering for work among our needy native people.

The College treasurer, A. W. Cleland, is engaged in business abroad following attendance at the World Convention in Toronto. Mr. Cleland spoke for Australia at the All-Nations luncheon.

At its recent meeting, the Board received with regret the resignation of Mrs. D. E. Curtis, Matron of the Ladies' Hostel. Mrs. Curtis, who is retiring to make a home of her own, has given excellent and sacrificial service to the brotherhood through the College for seven years.

Those who are intending to begin studies at the College in 1956 should forward their applications to the Secretary without delay.—K.A.J.



With plans largely modelled on the Australian Mission to the Nation and the "Tell Scotland" movement, the United Church of Canada, with its membership of 900,000, has entered on a period of preparation for its own Mission to the Nation, due to be inaugurated in Sept., 1956. The aim of the preparation period is to deepen the spiritual life of church members before the community-wide effort is launched, and this is being done through missions to ministers, aiming at renewed consecration to the evangelistic task; missions to church workers, concluding in solemn services of re-dedication; and missions to church members, culminating in re-affirmed membership vows and allegiance to Christ as their Lord and Saviour.



Open Forum

"ANY OTHER GOSPEL?"

I wondered if that excellent letter from E. F. McIlhagger would draw response. The response from M. O. Collyer was equally to the point. I think that the latter writer hit the point clearly when he spoke of the over-emotionalism, which is almost neurosis, and in particular the smugness of some who associate with this type of thing. This latter inevitably leads to the "sinless perfectionism" which is peddled in a subtle manner.

However, there is another side to all this which cannot be exposed too soundly. It is in the disruption caused within local churches by these neurotic movements. Many a preacher is deeply concerned because his young people are divided, with one group obviously "holier" than the other, and all because of this association. From it develops a declining loyalty to church services and the use of talent, as young folk are cajoled into these bustling meetings held in the cities. I know of cases where those giving primary allegiance to this type of movement, and holding responsible positions in our youth work, have had Churches of Christ Bible school material ousted.

Whilst agreeing with the two previous writers regarding the "faith alone" teaching and its natural belittling of Scriptural teaching, I am constrained to draw attention to the fact that the Restoration Movement was in a large degree a protest against this emotional type of evangelism. Did not the Campbells find it repugnant in their day? Have we not always made an appeal to reason as well as emotion?

I hope I am not misunderstood when I say, that it is just as weak for us to seek to toss "modernism" out the front door whilst we leave the back door wide open to things which are just as much a denial of New Testament truth and methods.

Mr. McIlhagger has sounded a warning and the earnest prayer of many among us is that it will serve a good purpose.—E. P. C. Hollard, S.A.

THE EVANSTON REPORT

Recently there has come to hand the "complete official documentation, speeches, reports, resolutions, of the Second Assembly of The World Council of Churches held in Evanston, Illinois, in August, 1954." (Australians have an interest in the fact that John Garrett, former Secretary of the Australian Council, played a large part in the preparation of the volume.)

In a day by day narrative some of the movement and color and significance begins to form for those who did not share in this event. This is the most fascinating section, with its glimpses of personalities and summaries of main addresses. Let me quote from the report of the Thirteenth Day of the Assembly.

"Principal A. L. Haddon, of Churches of Christ in New Zealand, presided at morning worship . . .

"As the night was again humid, Bishop Berggrav abandoned formality and stood in his shirt sleeves, speaking in blunt and definite style.

"... we in the Church cannot convict the world for its destructive tensions as long as relations in the Church are also motivated by fear or anger. In the unity of Christ love is the constructive and over-ruling force.

"Today we can say that unity in Christ has become to some extent a force in the life of the Church. It serves as a constant reminder of, and gives us a bad conscience about, our destructive tensions: it creates a new willingness in us to listen to those with whom we are in disagreement; and it helps us to see that there is no 'master church' but a 'church family' in Christ. And when this spirit of unity in Christ comes to influence the life of the Church, then it may also influence the tensions between nations. For we must demonstrate love to man in political

relationships also. This does not mean that we should overlook injustice and wickedness and 'make a sweet soup of all the mess we are in.' To be in unity in Christ means to be in unity with the full Christ, in unity with his love as well as in unity with his law."

When Bishop Berggrav finished speaking, his audience rose to clap for several minutes. Their appreciation was silenced only when he whimsically applauded them in return.

Part of the Narrative of the Fifteenth Day reads:

"Professor Hromadka was introduced by Bishop Berggrav from the Chair. 'My heart is warm toward you with Christian brotherhood,' Bishop Berggrav said. 'I often disagree with you, you know that, Dr. Hromadka; but you are our Christian brother.'"

If you would be informed about the facts and spirit of the Second Assembly, this volume is indispensable.

Contributed by C. L. Smith for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Unity.



In a meeting held at Toronto, just prior to the World Convention, the newly-named National Christian Men's Fellowship Commission of our American churches set a goal of 1,200 men to represent the brotherhood in the inter-denominational convention of Christian men, to be sponsored by the National Council of Churches, Sept. 14-16, 1956, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Fred Lee, of Melbourne, addressed the group. William H. McKinney, executive secretary of the Department of Men's Work in U.S.A., reported that about 6,000 men had taken part in more than 70 week-end retreats for churchmen held during the past year.

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METHVEN. — On Oct. 22, 1955, at her son's residence, Castlemaine, Gertrude, dearly loved wife of James, mother of Jim, Reg, Max, Jean, Jack, Molly, Tops and Val.

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LYGON-ST., 101st ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AND HOMECOMING DAY. Nov. 6. Speakers: 11 a.m., L. G. Burgin; 2.45 p.m., Major A. G. Young, Probation Officer to the City Court. Artists: Mrs. Colin Dabb, Miss Jean Milne, Ron Smyth. 7 p.m., L. G. Burgin. (Miss Lottie Somers and Steve Corlett.) Hospitality provided. All welcome.

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BRIGHTON CHURCH 96th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING. Nov. 20. 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.; 3 p.m., P.S.A. Musical programme. Address: "The Challenge of Comics." Dr. Wyeth; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., J. J. Dedman, "Resettlement of Refugees and Persons in Need." Choir at morning and evening services. Past members and friends warmly welcomed.

PARKDALE HOMECOMING SERVICES. Nov. 27. Speakers: 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.; 7 p.m., C. M. Dunse.

MITCHAM BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES. Nov. 6. Speakers: 2.45 p.m., R. Edgar; 7 p.m., S. Colliver. Nov. 13. Speakers: 2.45 p.m., D. Mansell; 7 p.m., W. Clack. Nov. 18. Grand anniversary concert. All welcome.

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life strong, a real concern for the mis-
sion's work (including that amongst
lepers) in Nigeria. Temperance work
apparently lags; excessive drinking is
rife, legislation very lax, the Alliance
not relying on the support of the
churches to any real extent. The Bible
Society has its Bible House in several
of the larger centres—usually an
attractive building with a fine appeal-
ing window display. In view of the
number of African languages in which
the Word is distributed, the work is of
a vastly more complex character than
in Australia.

In Johannesburg, I attended both
services at the beautiful new chapel
at Linden, where Basil Holt ministers.
He is himself South African born and
the son of a missionary. He spent, how-
ever, something like 18 years in the
United States. Services here (where the
church practises "open membership")
were very dignified and the messages
thoughtful and scholarly.

I had not heard of the Port Elizabeth
congregation, but, seeing "Church of
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mediately found John Hardin (from
Texas, U.S.A.) most cordial. In a way
typical of our American brethren, our
Australian churches (and myself) were
soon "sorted out." I am more than a
little interested to find in print that
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tralia has been by-passed." Tribute is
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strongest denominations . . . with a
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rupted organisation and worship." More
pointedly, it is reported from this
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nation—almost fantastic, isn't it?"
These Australian workers, as those in
"P.E." and elsewhere, are "supported
some" by churches in Alabama and
Texas. The P.E. congregation is small,
worships in a hired hall, has several
afternoon meetings with non-Europeans
in the "locations," and has an evening
Bible study group. They "cannot
conscientiously use musical instru-
ments," but the singing was fine and
melodious, by no means hampered by
the African voices where natives and
"coloreds" were present. Both addresses
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