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**Jerusalem**

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*





**Egypt.** *In this land, as a Babe, Jesus spent days of peace with Mary and Joseph, before returning to Nazareth.*

## His Cross and Mine

By F. C. Hunting, Ballarat, Vic.

**F**EW of us escape from standing in the crowd that gaped at Jesus as he was being crucified. Most of us are so absorbed in the petty and trifling things of life that we are hopelessly out of our depth when we try to discern what Jesus was doing for us when he died upon his cross. If this be not so, how is it that I will tolerate in my life the shallowness and smallness in life and thought and devotion which leaves me so unconcerned, and in many cases blissfully unaware of its presence. A deep experience of, and a penetrating insight into, his death and what it meant for us, would banish for ever some things from our lives.



**W**E have accepted the salvation, the cleansing and the holiness which his dying made possible, but how often we step back into the crowd that laughs or jeers or is merely there sightseeing. When we have some grudge, letting it poison a whole train of relationships, and we refuse to let him cleanse us from this sin, we have stepped back into the crowd that merely came to his cross to see him die. When we push some point of view, and refuse to play in the game in our church life because we cannot get our own way, or if when we are resisted we limp away hurt, sometimes to carry our hurt through years of life, we clearly show that we know next to nothing of what his death was to mean to us and do for us. How long we pause to consider carefully some paltry

sacrifice, when we are away from the emotional thrill of singing: "I surrender all." When I do this, is it not because I do not know what his cross does for me, and what mine is to mean to me?"



**H**IS cross and mine. What did Jesus die for? He died that I might one day stand in the presence of an infinitely holy God as though I had never sinned. He died that I might make his holy nature my nature. He died that I might share his life, live his life. The cross of Jesus shows me that God can never be happy with me until he has purged from my life all that is sin. He died that I, who naturally want my own way, and in a thousand ways struggle to live my life only as I want to live it, may come to do the will of God, and to rejoice in the doing of it. Having been given by God some insight into the meaning of the cross of Jesus, I know that it will haunt me for the rest of my days.

Henceforth sin in my life will always be a trouble to me. I may begin by trying to excuse it, but his cross will persistently demand that I face it, hate it, and renounce it. Henceforth self in my life will always be a trouble to me. I cannot see all the ways in which self makes its petty demands, but I know that

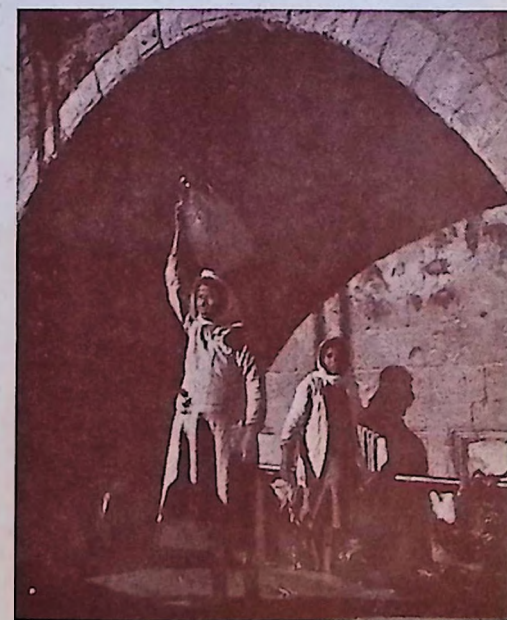
the cross of Jesus will prove relentless in exposing self in all its ramifications. His cross commits me to knowing something of what Paul spoke about when he talked of being crucified with Christ, with the life he was now living being lived in the Son of God who loved him and gave himself up for him.

The almost incredibly wonderful thing is that he actually became sin for me. On the cross, "God caused Christ, who himself knew nothing of sin, actually to be sin for our sakes, so that in Christ we might be made good with the goodness of God (2 Cor. 5: 21, Phillips trans.). He died that I might die in my life to all the sin for which he died on his cross.

His cross was his identification with our sin. My cross is the renunciation of all right to myself in order that I may live in abandonment to God. Therein lies the difference between his cross and mine. He died once, for all the sin of the world. I am to die daily that I might live unto God. If you want to be my disciple, said Jesus, utterly reject yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow me. Cross-bearing on my part is no accident. It is a deliberate choice. I count the cost. I make a deliberate choice to live in abandonment to God.



**T**HIS is the course my life must take. The glory of living with Christ is that, however little I may now see the cross to involve me in, he is giving me a lifetime to work out all that is implied in taking up my cross. "I am learning bit by bit," said Paul. How glorious each little bit is that we learn! Jesus for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross. When we first begin to receive insights into what are the terms of following Christ, we are often put into confusion and begin to secretly wish we could turn back—and some do. But to the man or woman who treads the way of the cross, who rejects self in order to live in abandonment to God, there comes a joy, a peace, and a Presence. It must be something like the joy which he had as he went through with his cross; it becomes increasingly more wonderful the further we follow him.



**Nazareth.** *Where Jesus was a boy and grew in favor with God and man.*



# The Robe, the Crown and the Title

PEOPLE enjoy being dressed up. They like to have new hats, dresses and suits. At one time clothes were marks to distinguish the upper class from the lower. Perhaps efforts are still made to achieve that end. There are people who spend much of their income on costly clothes, believing that these give them an air of distinction and superiority. Needing some support for their fanciful notions of what makes up the essence of life, they make themselves models of the latest style, spending more of their income to do so than they ought. Their life is spent in the world of make-believe and vain show.

The soldiers who kept Jesus a prisoner dressed the Lord in the royal robes of a king. In the style the rulers of this world dress, and find pleasure in so doing, these soldiers dressed up Jesus. If his kingdom were of this world that would be the way he would dress.

Strange it is how people still delight to continue this mockery of Jesus! Not those who claim to be his enemies do it, but those who have lost his spirit but remain in the company who follow him.

If the church is the body of Christ, we do not think Jesus would desire that it be robed in the royal splendor of worldly princes, yet the costly robes worn by certain church leaders who claim to represent him on "high days," remind one of those gowns of purple soldiers set upon Jesus to mock him and his claim.

Because Jesus had turned from such pageantry, his own nation had sent him to the cross. We believe Jesus would be mocked if he were dressed in the robes of present-day church dignitaries. We believe he would go to the cross again rather than wear them willingly. Perhaps he is still on the cross because so many who claim him as Lord still love purple robes and royal dresses. They have not yet learned to wear that seamless robe of purity.



**Jordan.** By the banks of this river John the Baptist called men to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Christ. Here John announced the coming of the Lamb of God, and baptised him.

## THE CROWN

JESUS was given a crown. How many people love to wear a crown! We are not suggesting people want to set crowns of gold on their heads, although some might like to go to that extreme. What we have in mind is that love people have for the power a crown symbolises: this human weakness to play the part of a "boss," to rule and to dominate, to compel others to do as we should like. Is that not secret sin in human nature?

While the crown soldiers set on Jesus was a symbol of mockery, it also indicated the nature of his rule among men. The crown of thorns cut deep into his

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brow. Jesus did not act as the kings of this world, and make people suffer to save himself pain and hardship; he suffered to save others from their anguish. The ruler in God's kingdom is not the one who demands of others that they do this or that, but he who serves his fellows in meekness. The crown of the kingdom of God is full of thorns.

The sufferings and sacrifices involved in wearing a crown of service are, however, soon turned to joy. No other life is so full of joy as one devoted to helping those in need. The crown we like to wear is the crown Jesus rejected: he chose to live a life that brought to him a crown of thorns.

## THE TITLE

YEAR after year titles are given by the King to selected individuals. We know some are well-deserved honors; but others are obviously the prizes of worldly wealth.

Because the world places some virtue on such titles, there is competition among many to be on the honor lists. Human vanity encourages men to wear titles. We delight to be given some mark of distinction, so we may parade it before our fellows. Jesus condemned this frailty in us.

The Jews would have liked a person whom they could call their King. Many sought out Jesus to make him King, but he escaped from them. They desired an earthly leader with the title King.

This title that Jesus could have worn, but refused, the Romans gave him at his death. They gave him that title to mock him

and the Jews, to hold up to ridicule the passion the Jews had for such a person in their midst.

Jesus turned from the temptation of being a king of this world of power. He sought rather to be a King in the world of truth: not the truth that unfolds atomic bombs, but the truth of a human brotherhood before God, the Father. When the Romans set up the title in Hebrew, Greek and Latin: "The King of the Jews," the Jews felt the sting of sarcasm in the gibe. A great truth seemed to dawn upon them. While Jesus was, in fact, their king, because he was not the type of king they desired they had him crucified. Jesus is not the Leader many desire to-day, therefore they still keep him crucified.

The cross of Jesus and the life that led the Master to the cross still reveal the weaknesses in men. Like the Jews of old, men and women desire to parade in rich apparel before the public gaze. The world is full of that human weakness to rule and to dominate others as the ancient

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★ *In life or in death, there is nothing so moves us to repentance as the realisation that our sin is not only the breaking of a law, but a blow at a loving Heart.*

# Easter's Proof of Love

by G. J. Andrews, of Rockdale, N.S.W.

ONCE, when Edward Irving visited in Scotland, he was taken to see a young man who was dying of T.B. Entering the room, Irving went to the bedside, and looking intently, said quietly, "Young man, God loves you: be assured of this, God loves you!" After the visitors had gone the young man said to his sister, "What do you think? Mr. Irving says, God loves me."

It is not without cause that

## THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

has been called the "greatest thing in the world."

For the difference it makes when one woman loves another, witness what happened when Ruth, the young widow of Moab, and Naomi, her Hebrew mother-in-law, were linked, and lifted, and lighted by their mutual devotions. For some record of what it means when there is love between man and maid, take the inspired play, "Song of Songs." Here is a country maiden secure against the blandishments of the king's court, by reason of her heart's attachment to her shepherd lover. When there is love between man and man, you get such a bond as that between David, the shepherd boy, and Jonathan the king's son—a bond that outlasted death in its power.

As to the source of this grand mystery, we have the statement of highest authority: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

Long before the coming of Christ Jesus

## THE INTIMATION OF LOVE

on God's part towards mankind had a large place in scripture and in life.

Moses mentioned God's love repeatedly, as he realised the meaning of his people's liberation from Egyptian bondage. "Because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt." The pagan king of Tyre, also the Queen of Sheba, remarked on the signs of God's love to Israel.

The psalmists and prophets gave intimation of God's love in a host of ways, especially in the dramatic books of Jonah and Hosea. The one intimates that God's love reaches far beyond the bounds set by a narrow, nationalist prophet. The other declares that God's love agonises and persists, like the love of an amazing husband for his prodigal wife.

But God's love has gone beyond intimations, and so Easter, as we should know it, commemorates

## THE PROOF OF LOVE

We are challenged by the demonstration of divine love that amounts to conclusive argument.

In life, as we know it, a lovely day is proof, but not proof enough, of God's love; for ere it is through we get word of some earthquake. A sweet babe in one's arms is proof, but not proof enough, of God's love; for within a week we may suffer a painful parting. Our full table may prompt thanks for God's loving kindness, but we are suddenly disturbed by radio news of hunger in many lands.

But the proof of God's love through Christ crucified is the proof that suffices. Now we are able to see God in his creative, redeeming passion, soiling his hands with our humanness, rending his heart over our sin and stupidity, showing himself at grips with our suffering and mortality. Words, intimations, even gifts of love have their limitations, but Calvary has all the force of an unmistakably loving act. As G. H. Morrison says, "Once we have really understood

the cross, once we have grasped its inward spiritual meaning, there is one thing we can never do again, we can never again doubt the love of God."

Life brings a variety of situations where

## THE CROSS IS OUR AUTHORISATION

for declaring God's love one to another, as in the case of a hospital nurse, reported by Dr. W. M. Horton.

A young woman stabbed in a drunken brawl was brought on a stretcher to hospital. It was obviously a hopeless case, but the nurse had to stay by the unconscious girl. The watcher was wondering how a face so young came to be engraved with such coarse lines, when the eyes opened. "I want you to tell me, and tell me straight," said the girl, "do you think God cares about people like me? Do you think he could forgive anyone as bad as me?" The nurse says she did not dare to answer at first. Not until she had reached out to God for a kind of authorisation and then reached out spiritually toward the poor girl, until she was one with her. After that the nurse answered: "I am telling you straight: God cares about you, and he forgives you." At that the girl gave a little sigh and slipped again into unconsciousness. But as death approached her face became smooth and placid.

In life or in death, there is nothing so moves us to repentance as



**The Wilderness.** *Where Jesus was tempted. Here Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Father."*

the realisation that our sin is not only the breaking of a law, but a blow at a loving heart. And God is quick to aid one who is really penitent. As Paul says in the Roman epistle, "God proves his love for us by this, that Christ died for us when we were still sinners. Much more then, now that we are justified by his blood, shall we be saved by him from wrath."



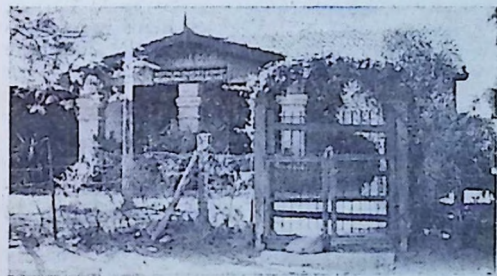
# Baramati Boys Successful

NEW Government regulations make it compulsory for "other than Government schools" to have 60 per cent. of passes in primary schools. It is satisfactory to report on the splendid results in recent examinations. The Government insists that private schools secure 60 per cent. passes though Government schools do not exceed 50 per cent. passes. John Bairagi, in charge of education, has done well in keeping the schools up to standard.

We are indebted to Miss Edna Vawser for these reports about the boys:

"I am happy, for all the boarding boys from the 1st to the 6th Standard have passed this year, or are to be promoted. As far as the headmaster has told me, they are all going up. That is just fine. Results are to be made known on March 1. All the boarding lads in the 7th are sitting this week for the final examination, which is being held at Dhond. I hope they pass this Government examination—actually we only expect 50 per cent. passes. Only two high school boys failed, and if these are the only ones to fail out of all the boarding, it will be marvellous. Neither of these lads will be returning to high school; one will go to a tailoring course, and the other is returning to his people.

Kamalaker Deshmukh was absent with very high fever for part of his examinations. The masters wanted to promote him. As this would mean that he would not have an opportunity later of sitting for the matriculation, I have requested them to let him stay another year in the



Main Entrance Mission School, Baramati.

6th. Kamalaker is in Dhond hospital at the moment. I hope that he soon gets well and strong again. (Later word advises that Kamalaker is suffering from T.B., and they are seeking to have him admitted to the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, where Dr. Rattan Parkhe is on the medical staff. We are constantly faced with this scourge among the young people. In recent years some of our teachers as well as some of our youth have succumbed to the disease. It is pleasing to learn that Dr. Rattan Parkhe, one of our own "boys," is at this hospital, so our laddie will not be so lonesome.)

The children are not sure, but they guess that they have all passed. I promised them a special dinner if all passed, and they know that they are to have the special dinner on the 1st, or at least they think they are. It is such good news. They will all be so happy. The 7th class results will not be out for about six weeks. Then I hope that the rest will be just as happy. Padmaker and Sudhaker have had their names recommended by the high school authorities to Government for a scholarship, or for some special grant for books because they have done so well in the examinations. Padmaker came top in English and third in his class, and Sudhaker Salvi top, in Sanskrit. I hope that the scholarship pays fees for next year. This is a great piece of news. Really these are the best results that we have ever had."

## HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

### Sudhaker Salvi (English 6th).

"Yesterday this lad gave a talk in C.E. and asked me to go. I left the girls' C.E. to go to the boys', and heard a splendid talk. He had built his talk on many references and they were so apt. It was grand. Afterwards I asked how he got all the references, and he said that he had looked all through Proverbs, Psalms, and through all the books of the New Testament up to Jude for the key word, and this was the result. I was amazed. I then showed him a concordance, and said that another time he would be able to use that. Think of the time and energy it needed to get ready one talk, but how good. I am proud of my lads."

### Padmaker Gaiwad (English 5th).

"This boy was home with rheumatic fever, or a similar complaint, for five weeks of the term, and was so sick that during that time he simply could not study. When he did return to school

a week before the examinations, he had to be taken to and fro on the bicycle. He set to and worked and worked, but had to be looked after very carefully, and given nourishing things to eat, apart from the boarding fare. He has come second in his class, top in History and Geography and Sanskrit, and second in English and Science. I have discovered that he has a talent for music and shows promise. They do not learn properly, but are really quite clever at picking out tunes. Last night they stayed behind after the other lads went home after the sing-song, and picked out tunes on the organ. If I had many more hours in the day I would try to teach these two boys music. They would be thrilled. I wish there were someone here who could teach them to read our music. The kind taught here is from the solfa, and the notation is different.

This department is conducted by A. Anderson, secretary of our Overseas Mission Board, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A. M.O.'s should be made payable at Adelaide.

## OUR PALM SUNDAY HYMN

F. J. Funston has selected as his hymn for April, No. 147, planned for April 9.

THERE is the widest possible variation in the scholarship and standing of our hymn-writers. Many widely-used hymns represent the one and only excursion of the writer into the field of hymnody—and that by a humble unobtrusive person without claim to distinction in any field. Some who have achieved fame, whether as poets, scientists, statesmen or historians, have made small contributions to our hymnals. Yet others, giants in their particular fields, have made noble contributions to hymnody also.

In the last class was Henry Hart Milman. The vast sweep of his intellect and the power of his pen ensure him a place as historian, as playwright, as Oxford professor of poetry; his ecclesiastical work reserves him an honored place amongst the deans of St. Paul's; the student of hymns can only regret that his pen did not turn more often to hymnody. Bishop Heber's comment is still in order. When he had planned a new hymnal and was seeking the aid of outstanding poets, Milman sent him 13 hymns. Heber replied: "A few more such and I shall neither need nor wait for the aid of Southey and Scott. I have not seen any hymns which more completely correspond to my ideas of what such compositions should be."

Yet his hymns never even approached "popularity," partly because they are too evidently the work of the finished scholar and the literary artist, partly because of the solemnity of the subject-matter of some of them, and partly because several could be called litanies rather than hymns. Nevertheless such hymns as "When our heads are bowed with woe," "Brother, thou art gone before us," and "Bound upon the accursed tree" have a certain grandeur that makes them truly impressive on appropriate occasions.

To-day's hymn (our No. 147), "Ride on, ride on in majesty," is the best known of Milman's and, amongst the comparatively few hymns we have for Palm Sunday, is by far the most impressive. It lays against the background of the triumphal entry the whole panorama of the sufferings and the final victory of the Saviour.

## LANGUAGE SCHOOL

A WYCLIFFE School of Linguistics was opened early in year at Berwick, Vic. The school has almost completed three months of training. Although the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, it has been organised for the purpose of teaching missionaries how to tackle scientifically the problems that await them on the mission fields, the problem of how to reduce the languages of untouched tribes to writing and of translating the Bible into those languages. Robt. Story, Bambra-rd., was responsible for preliminary arrangements in district. Dr. Kenneth L. Pike, Th.B., Ph.D., associate professor of linguistics and professor of anthropology of University of Michigan, U.S.A., and principal of Wycliffe School of Linguistics, Australia, has travelled from America with his wife, who is also a brilliant language student, to give instruction to approximately 40 students in residence at the school. The doctor's time and ability are given free of cost, and where the students would otherwise take twelve months to learn their course, they're cramming it into only three months. Dr. Pike, who is an intensely interesting personality, has travelled extensively, having covered parts of Mexico, been through the Andes and Amazon Valley. Just prior to his arrival at Berwick, he paid a flying visit to New Guinea with the specific purpose of learning something of the language there to enable him to teach students at the school.

Residents of district have given freely of produce and time to keep the school going so that students can give full time to studies. Berwick church was privileged to have Dr. Pike address a meeting one Sunday evening; students have assisted at morning and evening services during their stay. Several social evenings have been enjoyed by members and friends at school. It is hoped to establish an annual summer school.—O. A. Meyer.

## ROBE, CROWN and TITLE (Concluded).

kings. Many still hunger and thirst after titles rather than be content with a quality of meekness. To save us from the guilt of such sins, Jesus went to the cross.

All the world's problems can be reduced to a few human sins, lying within the human soul. The cross reveals them to us. Do not let us deceive ourselves by looking for those weaknesses in governments, economic systems and science; they are to be found in the hearts of men and women who are still in sin; who still crucify Christ. "Except you repent," said Jesus, "you will also perish."

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# COMMONWEALTH ROUND-UP

## HERE AND THERE

THE Hinrichsen-Christensen mission at Bordertown, S.A., is creating much interest. Out of a local population of 900, there were 400 present on evening of March 19, when four decided for Christ.

Enquiries are being received concerning the book reviewed by D. G. Hammer in last issue, "Winning the Children for Christ." The Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. is able to supply copies at 17/- plus postage. It is fruitful in ideas and illustrations for all concerned in evangelising children at the level of their interests and years.

At Drumcondra, Vic., on March 4, Sunday school picnic was held. On 5th harvest festival services were conducted. Sunday school anniversary, at which Mr. Muller was speaker, was on 12th. A mission commenced on 19th with Mr. Bond as evangelist and Mr. Fordham song-leader. At opening meeting, Miss Valerie Love came forward. Several teams have been out visiting.

The American "Christian-Evangelist" reported that Horace Kingsbury, formerly of Australia, resigned from his ministry with the Allendale church, Mount Carmel, Ill. This became effective on Feb. 28. On March 4 Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury and daughter, Mary, left New York on "Queen Mary." They will visit Leslie L. Kingsbury, who is attending the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Later Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury will journey on to Australia.

Twenty-first anniversary celebrations of Bible school at West Preston, Vic., were of high order, and appreciated by scholars and adults. Conductor, V. Brown, was assisted by an orchestra of five, including new superintendent, A. Notman. Items from kinders, who were trained by Mrs. E. Best, were enjoyed. On March 19 Mr. Kimber spoke at both services. Women's Mission Band packed and despatched a further eleven food parcels for Great Britain. C. W. Hart and E. Best have been appointed to Building Committee.

E. C. Hinrichsen commenced a mission at Bordertown, S.A., on March 5 with crowded meeting in tent. Mr. Christensen is song leader. Messages of teaching and inspiration are being enjoyed by large meetings; nine have decided for Christ. Tent was crowded on March 19. Kitchen evenings have been tendered to Misses Gwen Hudd, Joan Verco and Mary Verco, prior to marriages to John Weise, Don Halleday and Reg. Hudd. Kaniva-Naracoorte-Bordertown district conference was held on March 12-15 at Kaniva. Mr. Taylor, of Melbourne, was speaker.

The following paragraph appeared in Lake-st., Perth, church bulletin: "The Australian Christian" is a weekly paper published by churches of Christ. It costs 15/- per year posted. It is a valuable paper for Christian homes. Subscribe now if you desire good reading at low cost. Write to 'The Australian Christian,' 524-530 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne, C.1." Subscribers may commence at any time of the year, but it is wise to withhold subscriptions until account is rendered to keep subscribers uniform with end of the year. The circulation manager asks other church bulletins to copy.

A mission at Ringwood, Vic., conducted by Messrs. White and Warn, concluded on Mar. 15. Meetings were well attended; all received much blessing. As many as 162 children gathered after school each day, resulting in a number of new scholars being added to Bible school. Two lads responded to invitation on March 14, and six young people came forward on final night. Elaine Collings was received into fellowship, March 5, by faith and baptism. Bible school held successful picnic to Emerald Lake on March 18. Mr. Cameron is sparing no effort in work, and is following up mission by extensive visitation.

Series of addresses, at Unley, S.A., centring around the question, "What Shall I Do?" is attracting interest. Attendances have been on up-grade, and on March 19 the aim of 175 present was reached (197 including children). For day, 159 communed. In view of continuance of polio epidemic, it has been decided to postpone Sunday school anniversary. Donations totalling £93 were received on temple day towards cost of a motor car for pastor's use, same having been ordered. Women of church packed food parcels for missionaries in India, from harvest thanksgiving gifts. Members of Mission Band visited Home for Incurables, taking sweets, jam and magazines. C.Y.F. is attracting a good number of young people, and a recent talk on youth work in England, by Don Bowes was appreciated. The leader of the Junior Boys's Club (Don Burdett) is in hospital, having had an operation on a knee.

Church at North Fitzroy, Vic., commemorated 77th anniversary on March 26. Attendances, taking present conditions into consideration, were good, and presence of past members much appreciated. Keith Jones addressed church at morning service, and in evening D. Whately preached. The soloist at this meeting was Miss I. Atkins. At afternoon service, musical programme was given. Mrs. Olive Smyth, P. Meadows, R. Smyth and L. Myers rendered various items, and H. Swain delivered a brief address. On March 8 members of Mission Band and Ladies' Guild held annual meeting. 60 ladies were present, also representatives from North Suburban churches of Christ and local congregations. Mrs. Chapman, of Jewish Council, gave an address. During year contributions had been made towards home, and overseas missions, College of Bible and manse fund.



## Eastern District Young People's Camp

CHURCH of England Boys' Society camp site at Frankston was rendezvous, from Mar. 10 to 13, for 50 young people from Bayswater, Blackburn, Boronia, Croydon and Montrose churches. Harold E. R. Steele, of Croydon, was leader, study leaders being S. Neighbour, (Blackburn), C. Smith (Boronia) and K. Clinton (Croydon). Mrs. F. Rogers (Montrose) was helpful camp mother, whilst Eric Gill (Blackburn) served as song leader and treasurer. The "out-of-doors" communion service was led by Mr. Smith; he also presided at gospel service at Frankston chapel, when Mr. Steele gave the address. Joyce Hardham sang a solo, and a quartette was given by Mrs. Steele, Eunice Rogers, and Messrs. Steele and Clinton. Morning watch and evening meditation sessions were shared by leaders. Catering arrangements were in hands of members of C.E.B.S., under direction of Quartermaster Clough.



## Southern Bayside District Youth Camp

MONBULK camp site was centre of a successful week-end of camping from March 10 to 13 for 48 young people of Bayside Youth Fellowship, representing Parkdale, Cheltenham, Chelsea, Frankston, French Island and Red Hill churches. Under leadership of L. A. Trezise, V. C. Stafford, F. Morgan, M. Williams, G. Smith, and camp mother, Mrs. A. Andrew, the three days afforded a profitable experience

in developing central theme: "Loyalty to Christ and the Church." Highlights were warm, friendly atmosphere, the devotional life, communion early Sunday morning and film: "Beyond our own." Profitable instruction was given by Messrs. Trezise and Stafford on teaching syllabus. Campers made a gift of £6/15/- to work of Bayside district.—G.S.



## Queenslander for Aoba

FAREWELL TO MISS D. HENDERSON.

MISS DAISY HENDERSON, prior to her going to New Hebrides, where she will take up work on the mission field as a nurse on the island of Aoba, was farewelled at a meeting in chapel at Ann-st., Brisbane, on March 15. The chairman, C. R. Burdeu, president of Queensland churches, gave an inspirational thrill to meeting. Greetings were received from Federal secretary, wishing Miss Henderson bon voyage. Chairman of Overseas Mission Committee, W. Finger, gave details of work in islands. R. W. Graham, of Ann-st. church, delivered an address. Mrs. Haworth, president of Women's Conference, said prayers of women would accompany Miss Henderson as she journeyed to mission field. W. J. Davidson, of Ma Ma church, also spoke in commendation of Miss Henderson. A pleasing feature of evening was a presentation of a book to Miss Henderson by Mrs. E. Berlin, of the Overseas Mission Committee. Miss Henderson replied, giving resume of her call to mission field. The dedicatory prayer was given by V. Parker, of Kedron church. Various items were rendered during evening, and an enjoyable time was spent.—H. W. Hermann.



## Carnegie's Crusade, Vic.

THE Crusade mission has continued under leadership of J. E. Webb. On March 12 reunion of past members was held, many visitors being present. 150 were at worship service, when three lads were received into fellowship. Church is experiencing rich fellowship as mission continues. All week-night meetings have been well attended. The presence of large delegations from sister churches has been appreciated. Mr. Webb's clear, convincing sermons have been an inspiration. A feature of mission has been question box. Mr. Webb ably answered questions. Concluding meetings of mission were held on 19th, when 162 were present at gospel service. A young lad from Bible school, who confessed Christ during mission, was baptised. After a powerful address from Mr. Webb, two girls made good confession. During mission there were three confessions and one reconsecration. Church has been uplifted, and feels there has been much seed sown. After church service, an opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Webb, when presentations were made as a token of good will; also to S. Corlett, who ably led as song-leader during the mission. A social cup of tea concluded the meeting.

## DEATH

DRYSDALE (nee Romeril).—On March 26, suddenly, 46 Hawthorn-rd., East Brighton, Frances Emerald Alice, dearly beloved wife of Alfred John (Bill), aged 33. At rest.

DRYSDALE (nee Romeril).—On March 26, suddenly, 46 Hawthorn-rd., East Brighton, Frances Emerald Alice, dearly beloved daughter of George Leopold and the late Christian Elizabeth Romeril, and step-daughter of Emerald Evelyn; beloved sister of George, Harold, Louis and Leonard. Loved sister-in-law of Olive, Bet, Teg, Fay, Clarice and Keith. Peace, perfect peace.



# News of the Churches



## Tasmania

**Mole Creek.**—Church is being well maintained and interest is shown in meetings for worship, each member being present practically every Lord's day morning. Regular proportionate giving is also good. Increase attendances and interest in gospel meetings are heartening. Helpful exhortations were given by L. Cooke, a student of College of the Bible, while on vacation. On March 9 Keith Jones, organiser of College of the Bible, and Stanton Wilson, of church at Launceston, visited church. Mr. Jones delighted a large gathering with an interesting lecture. Opportunity was taken to say good-bye to Mr. Wilson, before his departure for Victoria.

## Queensland

**Wynnum.**—Fellowship has been enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. H. Bischoff, of New Zealand. At annual business meeting W. Martin was added to diaconate. Helena Clark and Ken Weber were married on March 18.

**Bundaberg.**—Services on 19th were well attended, 73 gathering for worship and communion. Several visitors were present. Sympathy of church was extended to Mrs. W. G. Smith, who lost her brother in a fatal accident. A service was held in Thabeban chapel on 19th; W. Proudley was speaker. A social evening was arranged for the 17th to aid purchase of an organ for Thabeban chapel, £5 being raised. Pre-wedding party was held to honor Miss B. Pohle, of Rosevale, and L. Wills.

**Rockhampton.**—Continuous wet weather has hindered work. Bible school had two new scholars on March 5. Special increase and attendance campaign commenced that Sunday. J. Treseder, a foundation member, who served as deacon and treasurer for 18 years, passed away on Feb. 28. D. W. Tonkin conducted funeral services at chapel and graveside following afternoon. Miss Betty Williams and Roy Fleming were married in chapel on Mar. 4. D. W. Tonkin officiating. Mrs. Park and baby daughter, Wendy, who have been visiting from Marrickville, N.S.W., have returned home.

## Western Australia

**Gutha.**—W. H. Nightingale visited causes in districts of Printharuwa and Gutha on Feb. 11, 12 and 13. This meant a journey of 620 miles. He spoke at Bible school, worship and gospel services. Twenty years ago he organised this church and visited in district.

**Palmyra.**—During January and February W. H. Nightingale spoke. Building was crowded at a farewell social tendered by church to Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, after a ministry of eight years. Beautiful chinaware and jamwood polished frame clock were love gifts from church. S. G. Taylor, new preacher, received a hearty welcome. C. H. Hunt and Jas. Gordon presided and spoke. W. Meyer was laid aside with a severe stroke and was unable to be present.

**Northam.**—The new minister, Mr. Lord, has all activities of church in full swing. Large attendances at all Sunday meetings are indeed an encouragement to church. An official welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Lord and family by a full building of members and well-wishers. Messrs. Pyne and Greenwood, conference president and secretary, were present to represent brotherhood. A Bible study for men on Tuesday night and a similar study for young people on Friday night are attracting real interest. Personal evangelistic campaign

is being planned and led by Mr. Lord. The offering for work among aborigines is £48/3/6.

**Wembley Park.**—Church and auxiliaries are being well maintained during absence of Geoff Whiting on sick leave. Speaking appointments have been filled by Lewis Park, David Hammer, Allen Pyne and Allen Wilson. A quarterly business meeting was held on 2nd, when it was resolved to hold special meetings in May to deepen spiritual life of church. On Mar. 13 a church picnic was enjoyed at Pt. Walter, about 100 being present. Bible school is busy practising for anniversary. Bible school teachers' meeting was held on March 19. C. Hogben was appointed superintendent and Miss Betty Hogben re-appointed primary superintendent.

**Perth (Lake-st.).**—Annual business meeting and banquet were held on Feb. 21. The year had been successful. Keith Robinson has accepted the invitation to extend his ministry for a further term. The questions of a tent mission and an eldership were also discussed at meeting. Y.P. held a basket tea on Mar. 12, at which they planned for progress. Dorcas Society is busy preparing for a jumble sale, also making bed socks and other winter necessities for patients at Wooroloo Sanatorium. Weekly prayer meetings during coming winter months will be held at homes of various brethren. Miss Edith Owen, an isolated member, was married to Cyril Dickenson, on Mar. 4, at Lake-st. chapel. For many years she has conducted a Sunday school near her home at Mahogany Creek, Mundaring.

**Subiaco.**—Annual business meeting on Feb. 23 showed additions by faith and baptism 13, transfer 9, restoration 9, total 30; losses, transfer, etc., 25, deaths 4, total 29; membership, including 100 isolated, stands at 385. Average attendances: breaking bread, morning and evening, 137; gospel service 116. Contributions for all purposes reached £1440. Ladies' Aid, with Mrs. Elliott as president, had an attendance of 20; raised £50. Young Women's Fellowship held evening at members' homes and afternoons at chapel. Men's Fellowship, with J. F. Gordon as president, holds monthly meetings. Athletic Club, of which C. M. Nelson is president, has average of 20. Girls' Club, under leadership of Mrs. Black, has an average of 18. Junior C.E. has an average of 35. Church officers recently elected: Elders C. Olds, H. L. Vawser, H. G. Lake; deacons, E. Black, F. Stephenson, J. Edwards, S. Constable, G. Moignard; conference delegates: Sisters Edwards, Ellis, Grier, Young, Moignard; Messrs. Olds, Vawser, Black, Elliott, Stephenson, Moignard, Lake. A. G. Elliott, who completes three years' preaching service at end of July, was invited to continue for a further term of two years. In addition to preaching and pastoral work, he conducts large State school classes. Mrs. Elliott takes an active interest in all church work.

## New South Wales

**Gilgandra.**—Church's business meeting was held, March 17. Officers were re-elected, with exception of position of church secretary, A. R. Burrell, retired, W. F. Quayle becoming new secretary. Sunday school anniversary is planned for March 26. Mr. and Mrs. Burgin and family are away on annual holidays. Miss Dorothy Butler was home for a few weeks, having completed a four-year training as

nurse at R.A.H.C., Sydney. Mrs. Walker has been an inmate of Prince Henry Hospital for several weeks, and expects to be home soon. Church auxiliaries are in good heart. Mrs. D. H. Butler presented a pleasing report of Women's Guild work at business meeting.

**Bexley North.**—Interest has been created by a series of "vocational" gospel services, when workmen and women have taken part with personal testimonies of how the Lord has helped them in their employment. Mrs. Saunders preached on teachers' night, and Mrs. Rowling and Miss P. Jones gave splendid testimony on leaders' night. The Baker families were represented on the woodworkers' night, when Ron Saunders made a special appeal. Church business meeting elected as elders: A. McAllister, sen., and J. Saville; deacons, T. Bagley, E. Baker, C. Baker, C. Langbein, A. McAllister, jun.; A. Laney, assistant secretary; E. Miller, treasurer; L. Yelds, secretary. Reports showed increase of 7 by faith and baptism, 11 by transfer, 2 baptised believers and 1 restoration, with 2 losses by transfer. Average attendances were, 60 breaking bread, 52 at gospel and 16 at prayer meetings. Financial report showed increased giving to local and brotherhood funds. For general purposes £554 was raised; building fund, £48; brotherhood funds, £215. Building debt was eliminated during year. Future plans include immediate completion of new building, open-air witness, visitation evangelism, and youth work. Church regrets passing of Mrs. Sutcliffe, and extends sympathy to members of family.

## South Australia

**Brooklyn Park.**—Bible school picnic was held on March 11, and children had a wonderful time. Kindergarten has just received a set of new tables, thanks to fine work of Mr. Monck. A working bee was held on March 18, and a new fence erected on playing field block. Spirit of co-operation shown by members in this effort was splendid. Crusade plans are under way.

**Fullarton.**—At a good service at morning worship on March 19, G. R. Stirling spoke well in interests of youth dept. B. W. Manning was at Flinders Park. In evening a song service opened gospel meeting. Three followed their Lord in baptism, Mr. and Mrs. Keen and Miss Dawn Frost; they will continue to worship in Methodist Church. B. W. Manning preached the gospel message. Miss W. Thorpe sang a solo. Harold Phipps is laid aside with a sprained ankle.

**Prospect.**—On March 9, Ladies' Guild held a meeting to which elderly folk of church were invited. On March 12, harvest thanksgiving services were held, L. S. Patching being speaker at both services. In evening anthems were rendered by choir, and a solo by Mrs. K. Dix. Groceries were forwarded to Morialta Children's Homes. At Fellowship meeting, March 14, Mrs. G. R. Stirling spoke. L. S. Patching was speaker at both services on 19th; in evening service members of Girls' Club assisted.

**Forestville.**—Special youth services were held on March 5, which was a day of real blessing. A large congregation met for breaking of bread; young men conducted service. Colin Stock delivered a good sermon. In evening a youth fellowship tea was held. In praise session helpful address was delivered by S. E. Riches. A youth choir rendered special anthems at evening service, when a large gathering heard gospel preached by S. E. Riches. Films depicting work of Mission to Lepers were shown during an interesting lecture after service. W. A. Russell preached at morning and evening services on March 12, and continues a faithful ministry. Mr. Roberts, well-known aboriginal evangelist from New South Wales, delivered an inspiring message to a large gathering at morning service, March 19, and W. A. Russell preached at gospel service. Work of church and auxiliaries is encouraging. J. T. Train is slowly recovering from a painful accident, but is still confined to his home.



**Kilburn.**—Mrs. Bald is in Adelaide Hospital (Magill), having suffered in a fall. Annual meeting was held on March 14, when Mr. Lawrie, of Home Mission Dept., presided. Reports showed definite progress in all departments. Deacons appointed for new year were: P. Roberts (secty.), B. J. Lawrance (treasurer), F. Lawrance, R. J. Peacock, J. Edwards, A. Gawer and F. J. Bolton. Letter from F. Collins resigning as minister was received with regret, and appreciation was expressed for past services. 116 attended 10 a.m. Bible school on March 19, including two new scholars. Total roll strength is now over 200, 118 being on Cradle Roll. At 11.15 a.m. service, 31 adults and 40 Young Worshipers appreciated messages by F. Collins, who also addressed gospel service at 7 p.m.

**Maylands.**—Mr. Sherman has returned from W.A., and he and his family are now settled in new manse. Annual business meeting of church, held March 8, was well attended. One change took place in personnel of official board when Bill Heath was elected in place of V. Rogers. At this meeting a recommendation was passed that £550 be borrowed from Building Extension Committee to erect a hall at Koongarra Park. Geoff. Heath and Miss Joan Coombe were married on March 11. At an inspiring gospel service, March 12, three young people from Lenswood church were baptised. After this service a social hour was held in church hall. Visitors were out in pairs again calling on the homes of folk in district, on 15th, when some interesting and helpful contacts were made. This was the third time that this work has been undertaken in recent months, and results have been encouraging. At gospel service on 19th, two young people made confessions of faith in Christ. Temperance day was held in Bible school on that day.

## Victoria

**Geelong.**—March 15, marked commencement of anniversary celebration mission with E. J. Miles as evangelist. Meetings are creating great interest. On Sunday 19th anniversary services were continued. In morning a teachers' dedication service was held. Mr. Miles spoke at all services. Children's singing, under leadership of S. Annear, was excellent.

**Maidstone.**—A time of joy was experienced on evening of March 19. Local church witnessed first baptismal service in chapel, when four people who recently confessed Christ were baptised. 82 were present at service, which was helped by a soloist, H. Easton, from Footscray church. Young people's work continues in great heart; clubs have been commenced, boys on Wednesdays and girls Fridays.

**Prahran.**—Men's night, held Feb. 26, was well attended. Members of society took part in gospel service. Fifty stayed to a song service. Prayer meetings are well supported by members, and lately members of Bible class have been attending. This study on the "second coming" has been interesting and encouraging. Mr. Berthelsen addressed church on March 5. Evening of Sunday, March 5, was young people's night, Mr. Buckingham being preacher.

**Frankston-Moorooduc.**—Well-attended and enjoyable anniversary services were held on afternoon of March 5 and following Tuesday evening. Dr. W. A. Kemp was speaker, and Miss D. Clark soloist. On Tuesday evening a film programme was presented. An offering for Churches' International Relief Committee's Appeal amounted to over £9. At Frankston, on March 12, J. Hindman was morning speaker. Evening service was conducted by youth campers from Eastern district churches. E. Smith presided, H. Steele preached, several others assisting with singing, etc. 52 campers attended. Several interstate visitors were present. Mr. Morgan and several young people from Frankston attended Southern Bayside District youth camp at Monbulk. At Women's Mission Band business meeting all officers were re-elected. A record year was reported. Membership is 41.

**Bayswater.**—W. McDowell addressed church on morning of Feb. 26. At night a combined service was held in public hall. Mr. Robinson, of Campaigners for Christ, was speaker. Campaigners trio rendered items. Dr. G. H. Oldfield was speaker on morning of Mar. 5. Mrs. Waterman was speaker at Ladies' Mission Band in afternoon and also addressed evening service. On March 12 Mr. Hibburt commenced his second year with church. Several young people attended camp at Frankston on Labor day week-end.

**Warrnambool.**—Church sympathises with family of Mrs. M. Robb who died March 11. Young people spent week-end, March 11-13, in camp at Hall's Gap. During camp a young man signified his desire to follow Christ. C. R. LeCouteur and C. F. Houston spoke at services on March 12. At service on morning of March 19, V. Jenkins addressed church. At evening service two young men, Arthur LeCouteur and K. Leitch, were baptised. At conclusion of sermon another young man, George Dalton, confessed Christ, and was baptised. Six new scholars have been added to Bible school and several to kindergarten.

**Mildura.**—Meetings are well maintained; a happy spirit is prevailing. At morning meetings a series of addresses on stewardship is being given. A number of visitors, both Victorian and interstate, have been welcomed. Using as the theme, "The Cross," the C.E. outing to Johnson's Bend was an inspiration. Joan Chivell has returned after a stay in W.A., and gave an informative talk at C.E. on W.A. youth camp. Mr. Davies has returned to fellowship after spending some time in New Guinea. Under leadership of Mr. Combridge, a chapter of the K.S.P. has been formed, and is meeting on alternate Friday nights.

**St. Kilda.**—Church extends grateful thanks to G. P. Pittman for graceful offer to help out at services of church while it has no minister. Mr. Pittman is taking morning services, and members have enjoyed two encouraging addresses. Mr. Pittman travels from Parkdale, and members appreciate his Christian offer of help. Officers still continue to take evening services. Work is becoming increasingly difficult owing to lack of workers. Miss Dall and A. Finger have been unable to meet regularly owing to failing health, but Mr. Norton conducts a brief service with them. Church extends thanks to Mr. Sheehan, jun., for his addresses at recent meetings.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—Meetings have been well attended during last few weeks. Speakers on March 5 and 12 were Mr. Methven (Castlemaine) and J. K. Martin, their messages and fellowship being enjoyed. At annual business meeting, March 5, deacons elected were: W. McKay, T. Coad, P. Graham, A. Graham, J. Laey, J. Vigers, N. Floate; secretary, R. McLeod; treasurer, G. Graham. Prayer meetings have been revived, over 20 being present on March 1. Mr. Lonsie is recovering after serious illness in Heidelberg Hospital. Young people's work is encouraging. Sunday school continues to progress. Ladies' Guild is proving a help. Cricket and softball clubs have had a successful year.

**North Essendon.**—Visiting speakers on Mar. 5 were L. A. Trezise and L. G. Armstrong. A. Wilson, of Canterbury, has accepted invitation to preach until April 9. At close of his gospel message on Mar. 12, one young lady decided for Christ. Annual meeting on March 16 was best attended in church's history. Secretary's annual report gave cause for satisfaction. Reports of auxiliaries showed all aspects of work to be in good heart. Following officers were elected: Mrs. M. Ploog, G. Conning, R. Edwards, F. Funston, A. McNicol, D. Ploog (secretary), H. Potts, R. Thompson (acting treasurer), L. Walshe. There were good attendances on March 19, when Mr. Wilson again presented thought-provoking addresses.

**Hampton.**—Church is awaiting arrival of new preacher, Stanton Wilson, who will commence ministry, April 2. During period of waiting men of the church have done exceedingly well in carrying out task of preaching. Appreciation of the church is extended to these men and also to visiting speakers who have helped so willingly. At annual meeting following brethren were appointed to the board of officers: D. Allen (asst. secty.), A. Brown, J. Buckley, L. Chapman, P. Dinwoodie, V. Gole (treasurer), C. Henshilwood, G. Kruse (secty.), R. Lang, R. Pittman, A. Tinkler, J. Tinkler,

**East Malvern.**—Church has sustained a great loss in removal from district of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McCann and family. Mr. and Mrs. McCann were foundation members, and for a while meetings were held in their home. Both have been active in all branches of church's work, including Bible school and Sunshine Circle. Mr. McCann has been organist for ten years of church's existence, and at time of departure was secretary. At a well-attended garden party, held at chapel on March 18, farewell was said. R. S. Ryall presided, T. W. Smith spoke on behalf of church and auxiliaries, and Mr. Stewart made a presentation of a crystal fruit set. Mr. Ryall is secretary, and organ will be shared by Messrs. M. Sheehan and R. Wilson. Bible school picnic was held on March 11 at Ferny Creek recreation grounds. About 100 parents and scholars spent a most enjoyable day. Soloists at recent Sunday evening meetings have included W. N. McCann and Miss Greenberry. At close of Mr. Stewart's sermon on 19th, Miss Margaret Paget made the good confession. Miss Paget has attended meetings, and has been helpful in various auxiliaries. Church is delighted to welcome her into fuller fellowship.

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### DEATHS

GREENE.—On March 12, at 13 Blackshaws-rd., Spotswood, after long illness, Alf., beloved nephew of May, Ern and Frank Gibbons. "Forever with the Lord."

OAKLEY.—On March 19, at Preston, Eliza Mary, relict of late William James (formerly of Warrnambool), loving mother of Harold (deceased), Hilda (Mrs. Pangbourne), Elvie (Mrs. L. Morffew), Edward and Alma (Mrs. W. Stokes). At rest.

### THANKS

PITTMAN.—Mrs. Douglas Pittman and daughter wish to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad loss. Thanking also Dr. S. Sewell, Dr. Leary, Sister Porter, Sister Kierce, the directors, management and staff of The Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.

### IN MEMORIAM

DUNHILL.—In loving memory of Eliza Jane, laid to rest March 31, 1949.

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The tender clasp of loving hands,  
The pleading voice of one so dear,  
Now sleeping in the grave?

—Inserted by Alwin S. Henderson and daughter Margaret, and L. C. Munro, and family, Pt. Germein.

WHITTINGTON.—Sacred to the memory of my dear husband, William, who passed away March 29, 1946; loving father of Frank, Mabel, Wallace, Maynie, and dear grandpa of Margarie and Douglas.

Sweetly he sleeps while others sigh,  
Softly his peaceful head doth lie,  
Happy in heaven God's glory to share,  
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3, Lygon-st., Preachers' Session.  
5.45, Lygon-st., Pre-Conference Tea and Discussion.

7.45, Lygon-st., Opening Session General Conference, President's Welcome and Address. Reports.

Fri., Apr. 7.—Lygon-st., 9.30, Conference Continued. Address by Incoming President.  
2, Vital Departmental Discussions.

7.15, Home Mission Demonstration.

Sat., April 8.—Lygon-st., Conference Continued. 9.30, Discussion. Reports.  
1.45, Further Vital Discussions.

7.30, Overseas Missions Demonstration.

Sun., Apr. 9—2.45, Independent Church, Collins-st., Conference Sermon Session.

Mon., Apr. 10—All Day Picnic at Wattle Park. 7.15, Lygon-st., Christian Endeavor Rally.

Tues., Apr. 11—5.45, Lygon-st., College Old Boys' Club Re-union.

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## WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

WITH many other brethren I appreciate K. A. Macnaughtan's letter of 21/2/1950. I have read with care the correspondence that has followed. Permit me to refer to a few things which appear in the letter of 14/3/1950 over the signatures of representative brethren.

Paragraph five reads: "The common and expressed faith of the World Council is in line with our plea for a divine, personal creed: 'No creed but Christ.' Our faith is in a person. Christianity is a matter of personal relationship with him. The basis of church membership is the simple confession of him as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Interpretations may vary, but we eschew these as tests."

If I read rightly this amounts to an endorsement of the basis of faith of the World Council of Churches, and also of the World Council of Churches' manner of holding that basis, inasmuch as the last sentence says: "Interpretations may vary, but we eschew these as tests."

The basis as reported reads: "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which accepts our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." But in related exposition the council says: "The basis is not a credal test to judge churches or persons," and further, "The council does not concern itself with the manner in which the 'churches' interpret them."

But do churches of Christ not really concern themselves with the manner in which the Christ, the Son of God, is interpreted? Would they endorse what Prof. Chao, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, said when he wrote: "Christ was a man with a fallible mind, who . . . could not entirely rise above the thought of his age. . . . He surpassed other men, however . . . from his early youth the heart of Jesus must have been repelled by the picture of God, even in the Old Testament, as a cruel and vengeful God, and was thereby led to doubt the divine origin of the Mosaic law?" Would churches of Christ accept into their membership one who was baptised into the name of a Christ so diminutive? We have never taught or practised this. But may not even this extreme be a possibility if we follow our affiliation to its logical results?

Our brethren say: "It would appear tragic to us if churches of Christ withdrew their membership and witness from this council." To many of us it will appear a greater tragedy if churches of Christ remain in it. Better that we remain untrammelled to bear a faithful witness to the Christ of the word of God, who, replete with the fulness of the Godhead, was manifest in the flesh to bear in his own body our sins upon the tree, and to make us nigh by his blood. Our light will shine the brighter when apart from the smoke of martyr fires, and undimmed by inevitable compromises. Upon the massive rock of our Lord's confessed deity alone can we stand to defeat the machinations of hell; but if we exchange this for the shifting sands of unstable and indefinable opinions of the Christ, our work and witness will be lost in the darkness of shame.—J. Wiltshire, Mordialloc, Vic.

THE statements by Mr. Macnaughtan concerning the lengths some of the members will go in heresy is alarming, revealing how possible it is for "men to depart from the faith." But is it not possible to be too isolationist and to swing to the other extreme?

It was a well-known fact that, when the Baptist folk were holding their Union meetings, some of the brethren were fixed in their beliefs, and were not encouraging to any that would make overtures for a better understanding that "they all might be one." The late A. R. Main favored such meetings even though not much came of such an approach. He believed it was in the spirit of his master that he should do so. We find the very reverse with many to this brother in seeking to discover fresh avenues to extend the kingdom of God. Their deep-rooted prejudices and determined beliefs repel rather than attract, and thus progress is retarded. If we adopt an exclusive attitude, we would fail to benefit from the work and experiences of others. We think of the great host that are not of our "plea": Dean Farrar, Alford, Conybeare and Howson, James Stuart Russe, and the scholars that gave us our Bibles, men of denominations, to which we are everlastingly indebted for their interpretations of the sacred text on the score of grammar. Your readers, too, would be deprived of those helpful accounts of those giants for God. Spurgeon and Moody, so faithfully set forth by you in late editions of their paper. One feels there is something wrong. I think back over the years and I remember a brother taking the editor of that day to task, remarking, "Ah well, if Spurgeon was right, we're wrong." And that could have been the right order, too! We must have an open heart, and a love for brothers of any name who are willing to ask, as many do, "Can I make a greater sacrifice for him who made the greatest sacrifice for me?" —T. J. Johnston, Launceston, Tasmania.

IN view of the interest aroused by the affiliation of Australian churches of Christ with the World Council of Churches, one envisages long and perhaps heated discussions on the subject in our State and Federal Conferences this year. In order that discussion of this subject should not create bitterness and waste a lot of valuable time, may it not be well, now, to suggest that speakers dealing with this topic should be brief, lucid and tolerant. Personalities should not be permitted to enter the discussion and presidents should set a time limit.—Harry A. Crowden, Ulverstone, Tas.

## Obituary

Mrs. Bagley

MRS. WINIFRED LUCY BAGLEY died on March 4 at age of 71. Mrs. Bagley was born in Sydney. She came from a well-known family connected with the church of Christ at Enmore. As Winifred Evans she married Robert Otto Bagley, brother of the late Thos. Bagley, who conducted the ceremony at Paddington. She was baptised at Enmore by Chas. Watt. Through all the years she was a faithful member of church; the last congregation she was associated with was at Ashfield, where she was highly esteemed. Left to mourn her loss are two sisters, Edith and Stella, two brothers, George and James, and her own children, Stella (Mrs. G. H. Hinwood), Roma (Mrs. J. A. Webb), Doris (Mrs. J. L. Rose), Vivian (Mrs. A. L. O'Donnell). The writer conducted funeral service at cemetery, Woonah.—Ethelbert Davis.

D. E. Pittman

THE church at Hampton, Vic., was saddened by the home-call of Douglas Edward Pittman on Feb. 25. Those who knew him intimately can endorse every word which has been spoken and written concerning his courage, faith, optimism and devotion to the service of the local church and brotherhood. He was baptised at Prahran by his father, Joseph

Pittman, and soon showed interest in the work of the Lord. In 1912 he was persuaded to settle in Hampton, after the few brethren meeting in the home of R. Campbell Edwards transferred to the Hampton Hall. He entered with others into the work of establishing a strong witness for Christ in the district with zeal and enthusiasm. For nearly two years he preached or exhorted twice every three weeks with much acceptance, until a full-time leader could be appointed. His 38 years of secretarial work were marked with ability and painstaking thoroughness. With his good wife he was given to hospitality, many of the young people of church and Lord's day school being welcomed into his home with great pleasure. Now he has passed on. We pray that we all may be able to follow in his path, with some of his graces, as he followed his Master. We commend to the love and favor of our heavenly Father his wife and children, his brothers and sister, and all those who need comfort and consolation in their time of sorrow.—J.T.

Mrs. Margaret Jane Robb

FOR the second time in two weeks, the church at Warrnambool, Vic., has been called on to part with loyal and faithful members. On March 11 the home call came to our sister, Mrs. M. J. Robb. Mrs. Robb had been a member for many years at Warrnambool and Port Fairy. For the past six years she held the office of deaconess at Warrnambool. She was loyal in attendance at church and prayer meetings, until failing health prevented her from attending. She was bitterly disappointed at not being able to take part in the recent 75th anniversary celebrations, but did all that she could to help in every way. Our sister will be greatly missed by every section of the church. To her family, Mr. W. Robb, Mrs. W. Harvey, Mr. J. Robb and Mrs. F. Chislett, we extend Christian sympathy. "Till the day dawn and the shadows flee away." The funeral services, at the home and the cemetery, were conducted by writer.—T.V.W.

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# Programme on Faithfulness

Leader—

Be what thou seemest; live thy creed;  
Hold up to earth the torch divine;  
Be what thou prayest to be made;  
Let the great Master's step be thine.  
Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure;  
Sow peace, and reap its harvest bright;  
Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor,  
And find a harvest-home of light.

—Bonar.

Hymn.—No. 190, "O Word of God incarnate."

Prayer.—"O Lord, our Saviour, who hast warned us that thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; grant that we whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labors of other men, so to labor that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfillment of thy holy will, and our own everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Bible Reading.—Matt. 25: 14-29.

Meditation.—"Faithfulness."

Dr. Livingstone, missionary to Africa, said: "I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose." By his faithfulness in carrying out his life's purpose, even in the face of apparently insurmountable difficulties, a better way of life came to the people of Africa, and some of God's marvellous beauty of nature was discovered for man to enjoy. Dr. Livingstone's achievements were great, but they were bought with hard work, suffering and sacrifice in loyal service to God.

How often do we fail to achieve our purpose through not pressing on to the completion of the task? There is great need to-day for all to use talents and opportunities in the service of God. Our gifts may not be outstanding, but God has taken men and women of average ability who are faithful to him, and has wrought marvellous things through them for the good of mankind.

The life of a faithful, ordinary Christian can influence other lives. In the parable of the talents, both the one who had five talents and the one with two who were faithful in their trust received the same commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It is not always easy to be faithful to God in carrying out our every-day duties; but it does make for happiness and achievement. Let us pray a prayer of Thomas a Kempis:

"Who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause us, therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be our last, for that we know not but it may be such. Cause us to live so at present as we shall wish we had done when we come to die. O grant that we may not die with any guilt upon our consciences, or any known sin unrepented of, but that we may be found in Christ, who is our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen."

Hymn.—No. 459, "Behold the amazing gift of love."

Business—

Home Base Notes.

Overseas Letter.

Solo.

Address.—"Pakistan."

Hymn.—No. 611, "The gospel's banner lift on high."

Prayer.—"O Lord, we beseech thee, pour out thy Holy Spirit upon all the native converts whom thou hast gathered to thyself, through thy laboring servants throughout the world, that as thou hast begotten them again unto a lively hope, so they may ever be followers of thee as dear children. Make them to be ready to do every good work, and more especi-

ally to exert themselves for the salvation of those around them; that, so by their zeal and faithful testimony, by their holy and consistent lives, they may glorify thy Name before their countrymen."

Benediction.—The Lord bless us and keep us. The Spirit of the Lord cleanse and purify our inmost hearts, and enable us to shun all evil. The Lord enlighten our understandings and cause the light of his truth to shine into our hearts. The Lord fill us with faith and love towards him. The Lord be with us day and night in our coming in and going out, in our sorrow and in our joy. And bring us at length into his eternal rest. Amen.



## STATE AUXILIARIES

Queensland.—At the March meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, the devotional session was taken by Mrs. Burdeu, for Albion sisters. An appreciated solo was given by Mrs. Wiltshire.

Business session was chaired by Mrs. Haworth, chief business being final arrangements for conference at Easter time. Quarterly reports were read by superintendents. Prayer meetings, held each month in different suburban churches, have been well attended, and many helpful messages have been given. Sisters presented £139 to H.M. Committee for last year. We are pleased to learn that a State evangelist has been invited to work here. Food parcels for Britain have been forwarded regularly, and many grateful letters have been received by the superintendent, Mrs. Bates. We had pleasure of meeting Miss Henderson, who is shortly to leave Australia for the New Hebrides to work with our missionaries there.

South Australia.—Monthly meeting of Sisters' Auxiliary was held, at Grote-st., on March 2, 86 sisters being present. Mrs. Hughes presided over business session, and extended a welcome to visitors, including Mrs. Kruger and Mrs. Paddick. During month several sisters received home call: Mrs. Hawkes (Narracoote), Mrs. G. R. Mathew (Bordertown), Mrs. Shearing (Cottonville), Mrs. Tom Ferris (Glencelg), Mrs. Fry (Queenstown). The bereaved were remembered in prayer. Mrs. Ingham was appointed to represent conference at Congregational Home Mission rally in Stow Memorial church. Overseas Mission superintendent reported a visit by committee to Col. Light Gardens, and that collections for month amounted to £10/10/-. Home Missions superintendent reported attendances at Broken Hill church were much improved, and that 16 young people went into camp under leadership of Mr. Hilford, also that 13 had been received into membership at Enfield Heights and 3 at Victor Harbour. At Home Mission rally the superintendent, Mrs. Green, presided. Mr. Marshall addressed meeting, giving a challenging message. Mrs. Fax was soloist.

Victoria.—At March meeting there were 77 ladies present, and the president, Mrs. Ploog, was in chair. Mrs. Lloyd led devotional meditation, reading from Psalm 90. Speaker for afternoon was W. F. Nankivell, who addressed meeting on co-ordination of work of the various committees of conference. The resignation of Mrs. E. L. Williams from position of senior vice-president was received with regret. She is entering hospital for an operation and the prayers of our ladies go with her. A presentation of a travelling cushion was made to Miss M. E. Pittman as she leaves for a trip to England. The president spoke of the home-call of Mrs. Hall and Mr. D. E. Pittman; loved ones of these faithful workers were remembered in a prayer led by Miss Ellis. Reports were submitted from missionary depart-

ment, Social Service Committee, Overseas Committee and Nominations Committee. The contributions to date for 1950 from the Mission Bands was £27/15/2.

New South Wales.—At March meeting Mrs. Wylie, from Grafton, led devotional session. With Mr. Wylie and family, she was holidaying at Narrabeen. It is not often that preachers' wives from country districts can take part in monthly meetings, and this fellowship was enjoyed by both visitor and delegates. Mr. Paterson gave an appreciated address about Woolwich College. Mrs. Larcomb presided and final arrangements were made for the forth-coming conference.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 1950

ON Friday, Feb. 24, the call to prayer was answered by hundreds of women in Australia. Reports have been received from three States, and in each the women of churches of Christ have shown interest. From Victoria we learn that the central meeting of the World Day of Prayer was held in Collins-st. Baptist Church. There were three sessions, morning, lunch hour and afternoon. Owing to transport difficulties attendances were not as large as other years, but this did not detract from the spirit of the meeting, and the atmosphere was really beautiful. The afternoon session was broadcast over national stations from 3.30 to 4. Lady Dallas Brooks, wife of the State Governor, attended afternoon service.

Throughout Victoria there were between 160 and 170 services held; the meetings were better attended than previous years. Many commented on beautiful programme. A number of new groups met for first time.

Some committee members took programmes to large public hospitals and homes for distribution to patients.

A young women's service was held in reception room, Assembly Hall, at night.

Queensland.—In Queensland the service was held in the Ann-st. Presbyterian church, and was one to be remembered. There was a deep spirit of reverence, and a morning attendance of 200 and an afternoon of 150.

Presided over in the morning by Mrs. Major Burr, the meeting commenced at 11 a.m. and closed at 12.30 p.m. Mrs. Captain McCabe, spoke. During luncheon break, hospitality committee of the P.W.M.U. looked after requirements of those who remained. Mrs. P. W. Pearson (Presbyterian) led afternoon session, Miss Roberts, of British & Foreign Bible Society, being speaker.

Offering for day reached £25. Brisbane "Telegraph" took a flashlight photo. in morning of those on platform, and one of the congregation.

New South Wales.—The central meeting was held at the Congregational church, Pitt-st., Mrs. Montgomery, of Church Missionary Society, being leader. Mrs. General Carpenter, of the Salvation Army, gave an address. Miss Elsie Findlay was soloist.

Mrs. Stolz (Lutheran), Mrs. Dixon (Presbyterian), Brigadier Bell (Salvation Army) and Miss Godson (Society of Friends) took part in service. Mrs. P. D. McCallum (churches of Christ) gave national broadcast over station 2BL at morning devotional session, and Mrs. Loy, Methodist, over 2CH. Committee, comprising of five members of the Women's Missionary Fellowship and five from the Women's Inter-Church Council, has proved satisfactory in creating greater interest in observance of the day. Many more suburban and country meetings were held than in previous years.

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