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Pinnacle Road, Mt. Wellington.

A MOST cordial invitation is extended you to visit Tasmania. Why not plan to come to the "Isle of Mountains," and attend Federal Conference sessions during October 6-13? We promise good fellowship, inspiration, renewal of friendships with interstate visitors, and a warm welcome from brothers and sisters in Christ.

Interspersed with Conference business we shall show you charming and varied views of pleasing prospects. We cannot guarantee that you will actually see marsupial creatures which, though extinct in other parts of the world, still exist here, but it is possible that the *Sarcophilus Harrisii* (Tasmanian Devil) or the *Thylacinus Cynocephalus* (Marsupial Wolf or Tasmanian Tiger) may emerge from their obscurity to oblige you.

We can provide something different in this Scenic Isle of the South, comprising 26,215 square miles of country which differs topographically from the Mainland. The forest scenery, though prolific in parts with Eucalypts, abounds in numerous species not found in other

Australian States, the "rain forests" being mainly beeches and pines. Glorious mountain views and waterscapes will entrance you.

Of the necessarily short, but numerous rivers, the most important are the Derwent (where the largest ships afloat can steam to within a few hundred yards of the Hobart G.P.O.), the Huon, Tamar (which is the waterway to Launceston), Mersey and Duck; whilst for grandeur of beauty the Pieman river rivals the Gordon.

Cataract Gorge in Launceston is justly world famed. The concrete floating bridge spanning the Derwent at Hobart is larger than that of Sydney and proves an attraction for many tourists.

You could spend months in this Isle of Beauty!

Come, we are waiting to welcome you.

On behalf of Tasmanian Churches of Christ,

Josiah Park,
Federal Conference President.

I Walked Where Jesus Walked

With spiritual insight J. E. Brooke engages the disciple in an intimate friendship with his Lord and Master.

"FOLLOW me," said Jesus, again and again, and he says it still, repeatedly, to us all. And what we need most to-day, for the strengthening of the Church and the progress of the Kingdom of God, is for every Christian disciple to follow closer and more constantly, in the footsteps of the Master. John Ruskin advised us "to be present, as in the body, at each recorded act of the Redeemer." It is a true insight that has led many of the masters of the soul to counsel those who would find God, to turn their thoughts most of all to the story of our Saviour's earthly years. It is the great thought behind the well-known "Imitation of Christ" by Thomas a Kempis. "Let thy servant, O Lord, be exercised in thy life," he prays. A great part of the "Spiritual Exercises" of the great mystics, consists of meditations upon the Gospel narrative, a reverent and worshipful following step by step along the Master's way.

Nor is this merely a mechanical practice; it leads to a very real spiritual experience. To those who thus keep company with their Lord in the gospels, he becomes alive and real, not in the Book alone, but in their hearts. The words he spoke, the things he did, become the living Word of God, God's self-revelation to them. They discover that what he was, he is.

The explanation of it is in what he himself said of the Holy Spirit: "He shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you." When, with love and reverence, we trace the actions of the Saviour's life, and ponder earnestly on his words, there comes a divine repetition and reproduction. We find ourselves living that experience with him; we hear him speaking those words to us. As we "exercise ourselves in his life," by his spirit, he lives his life with us again.

Here we suggest just a few of the ways in which by "walking where Jesus walked," we may know ourselves really walking with him in our present experience.

To begin, let our pathway lead through Bethlehem. Let us think of the holy Babe, not only at one season of the year, and then just as a remote remembrance, but constantly seek to realise the sweet intimacy of his coming. It was on a day in February, when most of us have forgotten Christmas, that one of the greatest experiences of the incarnation ever given to any man, came to Henry Suso, the great German mystic. As Suso knelt in the church that day, it seemed to him that the Virgin Mary came to him with the holy child in her arms. He prayed her to show him the child, and to suffer him also to kiss it. When she kindly offered it to him, he spread out his arms and received the beloved One. He contemplated its beautiful little mouth, and he gazed again and again at the heavenly treasure. Then, lifting up his eyes, he uttered a cry of amazement that he who bears up the heavens is so great, and yet so small; so beautiful in heaven and so childlike on earth. Such lovely worship, though seeming a little strange to us, is surely an illustration of this principle of spiritually reliving our Lord's life. So may we also go to Bethlehem, and receive the babe divine in our own experience.

Then, what happy hours may be spent in communion with that boy—the boy of boys, who "knew the haunts of Galilee," who "wandered on Mount Lebanon, and learned to love each forest tree!" As we think of him, that boy becomes our natural companion. To the boys, he is a boy like them; to the girls, he is a brother to girls like them; to parents, he is a son to parents like them. Let us live much with the boy of Nazareth at this season of the year, when we think of our youth work. Let that boy be our friend, and may we make sure that he becomes the friend of all our boys and girls.

Again, what blessing there is in approaching our working life by way of that carpenter's shop at Nazareth. In the midst of our labors, we may speak to him and say, with Eva Nendick,

"Was it those years at Nazareth
That trained thee for thy Father's will?
And wast thou never tired to death,
—And yet obliged to labor still?"

"Didst thou have trouble with thy wood,
Or stare perplexed at some design?
Did fools condemn thy work when good,
And blame thee when no fault was thine?"

"Lord, when our daily job appears
Too great a burden to be stood,
Remind us of those thirty years,
And thy Divine apprenticeship."

So we may go on, throughout our day, walking in his footsteps, fitting our life into his, and finding, as we do so, that he is really with us. His healing miracles will remind us that, as Whittier said,

"The healing of his seamless dress,
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again."

Then, too, when trials come, we will find ourselves singing softly, to our sure strengthening,

"Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away,
Learn of him to watch and pray."

We will linger long in the closing pages of the Gospels, that we may know our Lord "in the fellowship of his sufferings." Perhaps we will read of his trial, and then test ourselves with such thoughts as these:

"If I had stood in Pilate's hall,
I had not silent been,
I had not left the Lord of all
Alone, denied of men."

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"No soldier's lance had kept me still,
No judge had stopped my voice;
No fear of loss, no threat to kill
Would interrupt my choice."

"I'd stand beside my Saviour there,
And glorify his Name;
To Pilate's very face I'd dare,
To justify his fame."

"But men were there more brave than I,
With faith far more than mine,
And yet they feared to speak, or die,
Or live for the Divine."

"Alas, how can I criticise
Their failure to be true,
When my own heart to me replies
That I have failed him, too?"

"He stood alone, his life to give,
Deserted by them all;
And I, with him, each day I live,
Stand still in Pilate's hall."

As we ponder his death and resurrection, we will remember our baptism, the symbol of our continuous identification with him there. We will recall, in the fresh rendering which J. B. Phillips gives of Paul's great words that, "We were dead and buried with him in baptism, so that just as he was raised from the dead by that splendid revelation of the Father's power, so we, too, might rise to life on a new plane altogether. If we have, as it were, shared his death, let us rise and live our new lives with him! Let us never forget that our old selves died with him on the cross that the tyranny of sin over us might be broken—for a dead man can safely be said to be immune to the power of sin. And if we were dead men with him, we can believe that we shall also be men newly alive with him. . . . Look upon yourselves as dead to the appeal and power of sin, but alive and sensitive to the call of God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

So may we, walking where Jesus walked, find him close to us, and walking with us, each day, and each moment of the day. Let us make his life our constant study, asking grace to follow all along his road, "from the poor manger to the bitter Cross," and from that Cross to the Ascension triumph. And as we gaze at him "going up into heaven," we, too, will feel the pull of the Ascending Life. "Risen with Christ," we will "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." We will summon ourselves:

"We will go up, my soul, for who will miss,
For any joy the incomparable bliss?
For any love the Immortal Lover's kiss?
We have had glimpses of the heaven to be,
And felt the throbbing of its ecstasy."

Oh! For More Spirituality

WE have many religious tenets, principles, and measures which are most irreligiously propounded, discussed, and debated. We have, too, many very excellent compositions, fine essays, and sermons, in chaste, logical, and rhetorical style; but they have no unction.

It is holy living that develops the real Christian. There may be great light, great knowledge, great zeal, great talents, and great labor, in the propagation of sound doctrine and correct principles, and yet no real, vital, saving Christianity in the heart and life of the advocate and defender of them.

We have no lack of great preachers, great writers, great debaters, and great zealots; but are they all, or many of them, great Christians? Self-examination was a duty in the days of Paul, and amidst the appalling dangers attendant on the Christian profession in his time; how much more now in the days of popular and political Christianity.

I often look with fearful forebodings on all forms and professions of Christianity. The theory—how sublime, how heavenlike, how glorious! but the practice—how worldly, how sensual, how selfish, and sometimes how demoniacal! Real revivals, how few! Real backslidings, how many! How perpendicular the theory! how prone and crooked the practice!

We want order, and organisation, and combined effort; but we also want piety, and zeal, and self-denial, and humility, and spirituality, and heavenly-mindedness.

For all these wants we especially need self-examination, prayerfulness, and seclusion from the worldly spirit, the worldly maxims, and the worldly pursuits of this secular age and nation in which we live.

Oh, for more spirituality, more earnestness, more zeal. . . . May the Lord have mercy upon the present Christian profession!—"The Millennial Harbinger," June, 1849.

The Enemy Within the Gate

EDITORIAL

THERE are many terms applicable to the liquor trade which aptly describe its relation to our country. The title above is suggestive. Like other enemies, liquor protagonists adopt tactics guaranteed to mislead even the elect, making them believe liquor is one of the necessities of modern life—a drink which gives happiness and does good—a virtual “angel of light.”

Present day social custom places liquor in a prominent position. Weddings, parties and entertainments of many kinds choose to use liquor for toasts and as an adjunct to meals, with the result that from youth onward, most persons in one way or another taste strong drink. In order to maintain the great demand for liquor thus gradually developed, it is necessary for the trade not only to advertise, but to make sure the true character of liquor is hidden under a disguise which presents it as something attractive and desirable.

There are facts which all Christians should realise concerning the influence of liquor on the community.

Road Accidents.—The chief responsibility for road accidents is generally placed upon speed, recklessness, and carelessness. Undoubtedly these things cause accidents, but behind these is frequently something else. A National Safety Council secretary said recently, “One of our great problems is the person who takes a drink or two and then gets into his car and drives. He thinks he is driving perfectly, and does not realise he is being reckless. When as a result of this he gets into trouble, he is too slow in stopping, and an accident takes place.” Drinking is more often than not the cause of excessive speed and carelessness, which produces so many of our accidents.

Food Shortage.—A great world problem still with us is the tremendous shortage of food. Many thousands of people are still dying of starvation, and thousands more suffering as a result of malnutrition. This is seen by the much assistance still necessary for needy nations. But do we realise the nations of the world are destroying good food? Take our own nation as an example. Last year England spent £762 millions on liquor. (This was more than she spent on her entire defence programme.) She gave practically a half of her barley crop to make beer. When to this is added the expenditure of other nations—e.g., America, £4,000 million, Canada £100 million, and huge sums also in Russia, Germany, France, Italy, etc., the expenditure is tremendous. Forgetting expenditure, and thinking in terms of food, let it be realised that in order to make this huge quantity of liquor, millions of tons of good food (wheat, barley, rice, potatoes, fruit, sugar) were destroyed. More food was

destroyed to make beer than would have been necessary to feed the millions of people underfed, and dying of starvation.

Australia is doing the same. Last year's drinking was an all time record. In order to achieve this very doubtful record, one third of our total production of barley was given to breweries to make malt for beer. This barley would more profitably assist the dairying industry and provide good food for millions. The same applies to the wine trade, only here there is a disgraceful story to be told. About five years ago the wineries decided to increase their production. To do this it was necessary to get grapes, and as new vines cannot be grown overnight, the wineries bought grapes from dried fruit growers. This was easy, because they offered the growers a bigger price, and saved them the risk of fruit being spoilt by weather. The result doubled wine and halved the dried fruit production, at a time when food was urgently needed. This state of affairs still continues, and applies particularly to South Australia, which State produces about 80 per cent. of Australia's wine. In the meantime,

not only is valuable food being lost to overseas countries, as well as Australia, but valuable dried fruit markets are also lost to this country. Coincident with this, the wine trade is planting thousands of acres of new wine grapes, which when in full bearing, it can be expected, will replace the drying varieties now being used. This trade is a selfish traffic, with no thought for any but its own advantage.

Community Hotels.—Community effort is an excellent thing, and when applied to beneficial ends does untold good. Some good people also believe this can be applied to hotels under the guise that it is better to control a necessary evil, and use its profits for the community. This argument so frequently used is found by experience to be entirely false. Liquor cannot be controlled. Payments to the community are so small that they cannot even begin to make good the damage caused by the drinking, more particularly as community hotels double the drinking of private hotels. As an illustration of these facts, take the community hotel at Renmark, South Australia. Its takings last year were in round figures £110,000. It gave to the community a little over £3000. Its managing director reported at the annual meeting a record quantity of liquor sold, and hoped the coming year would exceed this.

Because community hotels are such, and centre so many community efforts in the hotel, it is inevitable that many people consider they are assisting their community by what they spend in the hotel.

A Drug and a Poison.—One thing should be particularly emphasised about alcoholic drinks. There is no food value in them, and as medicine, other agents have largely replaced alcohol. But alcohol is both a poison and a drug—a poison as are ether and chloroform, and a habit forming drug like opium. When it is realised that most wines consumed in Australia possess from 35-45 per cent. alcoholic content, and beers about 7-8 per cent. alcoholic content, the habit of drinking assumes most serious proportions. Such high alcoholic content means that drinkers become slaves to the drug, and gradually drink more and stronger liquors.

Against this enemy within our gate the church must fight with all the force it possesses. This is the Christian task. It was stated by our Lord before he founded the church, when he said, “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Let the church arise and attack the enemy within the gate, and by Christ's own promise—“the enemy shall not prevail.”

Against me earth and hell combine,
But on my side is power divine.
Jesus is all and he is mine.

Goodness Makes No Parade

The moment goodness parades itself it ceases to be goodness in the Christian sense. Because goodness does not advertise itself, it would appear that evil is forever on the throne. The observations of Bede Jarrett are intended to correct this over publicity of evil. He says, “Evil flames into headlines and gets reported at full length, but the good is unheeded, because, mark you, it is too common. When we hear, at times, of waves of crime, arising from the number of crimes of violence reported in our press, we should keep ourselves from panic. Health is normal and, therefore, not talked of; ill-health is remembered painfully and makes its presence felt. Yet our moments of pain our outnumbered, presumably, by our moments of freedom from it. Nevertheless, we discuss far more our ill-health than our health. We should start, therefore, by remembering that evil always will fill a larger place in public notice than good does, precisely because good is the more common of the two; so that the very prominence given to evil is an eloquent testimony to the prevalence of goodness.”

An Important Question

In this sermon, so typical in subject matter and style of Thos. Hagger, he answers the question of Acts 16: 30, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Young men who wish to preach the gospel with power and authority should give it close attention.

"WHAT must I do to be rich?" is not the most important question a man can ask, nor is, "What must I do to be healthy?" Since sin is man's greatest burden, causing loss in this life, and bringing one into judgment in the hereafter, salvation from sin becomes man's greatest need. The most important question for a man to ask is, "What must I do to be saved?"

To many earnest believers in Christ to-day that question almost savors of heresy, and when they hear it they cry, "Do, why you can do nothing; Jesus did it all." That would be a perfectly correct statement if it had only to do with our Lord's redemptive work, for man cannot do anything to save himself in the sense of providing salvation, but surely he must do the accepting or appropriating of that which the Lord provided through his death and resurrection, and of which his gospel is the message to mankind. Thus the Holy Spirit was able to say to the enquirers on the day of Pentecost, "Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2: 40).

A popular preacher speaking from Acts 2: 37—"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"—said that on one occasion a young man asked him this question, and that he had said in reply, "God alone knows; I don't." If God alone knows what a man must do to be saved, then man is in a most deplorable condition. But we cannot for one moment agree that God has left us in ignorance like that. But to be sure about this great matter we must seek

Infallible Instructions

"Billy" Sunday tells how at one time he was travelling across the prairie country of America by train in a blinding snow storm. Presently the conductor came through the cars and announced the name of the next stopping place—a little roadside station at which the train only stopped when anybody wished to alight. A woman with a baby in her arms said she wished to get out there, and the conductor assured her that she would be put off all right. A man seated near the woman, having overheard the conversation between her and the conductor, said to her, "I'll see that you are not overlooked when we reach your station." Soon the train stopped and the man said, "This is your station," and the woman got out. After a few minutes the train started again, and a little later the conductor came through the car and asked, "Where is that woman with the baby?" And when told that she got off when the train stopped, he said, "Then she has gone to her death on a night like this on the prairie." The train was put back and a search was made, and when they found her she was lying on the ground covered with a shroud of snow, quite dead. She lost her life because she followed the instructions of a fellow-passenger instead of those of the conductor of the train. So there are many who may miss the King's highway to salvation and glory by following the fallible instructions of a fellow-sinner. We must follow the infallible instructions of God if we are sure to be right. They can be found in the book God has given us to be our guide—the Bible.

But that book is in two great parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament. And as a testament is a will, and as two wills made by the same person cannot be binding at one and the same time, it follows that we must go to the New Testament or Will to learn about the matter of our salvation. We find when we turn to that part of the sacred scriptures that those writings can be classified under four headings—Gospels, Acts, Epistles, Revelation. The Gospels tell us of the Saviour, the Acts is the book of conversion, the Epistles contain instructions to individual Christians or churches,

the Revelation is a view of the struggles and triumphs of Christianity which culminate in the New Jerusalem. It is evident, therefore, that the part of the New Testament to which we should chiefly go to get a correct answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" is "The Acts of the Apostles."

True, the question was asked and answered on two occasions during the life of our Lord (Luke 10: 25; Luke 18: 18)—by a lawyer tempting Jesus, and by the rich young ruler. But both of these cases occurred before the cross, before Christ died for our sins, and so these enquirers were referred to the law. But when Christ died the law was nailed to the cross and so was cancelled. Men are not now under the law (Romans 6: 14).

In the "Acts the question was asked and

Answered Three Times

It was asked by a great multitude of Jews on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 37). It was asked again by Saul of Tarsus when he was met by the Lord on the Damascus road (Acts 9: 16). It was asked the third time by the Philippian jailer (Acts 16: 30). The answer which the Spirit of God gave to the people at Pentecost was, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 28). Saul was told to go into Damascus and he would there be told (Acts 9: 6). After three days fasting and praying, Ananias came to Saul, under God's instructions, and said to him, "Arise, and be baptised, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22: 16). The jailer was instructed to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16: 31); this was followed by further instruction in the things of Christ, one result of that being that the jailer and his household were baptised that night (Acts 16: 33).

Doubtless you have noticed some differences in the answers. In the first case the enquirers were told to "repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ." In the second case the instruction was to "be baptised, calling upon the name of the Lord." In the third case the word was "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." There cannot be three ways of salvation, nor

are these passages contradictory. The difference in the answers is accounted for by the difference in the condition of the people who asked the question. The people in Jerusalem had started to believe or they never would have been "pricked in their heart," and so they were told to "repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ." Saul of Tarsus became a believer on the Damascus road, and evidenced his penitence by his three days' fasting and prayer, hence he was told to "be baptised calling upon the name of the Lord." The jailer was a heathen who asked the question in fear, and so he was told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and the further instruction led him to baptism into Christ. Thus in all three cases there was belief or faith in Jesus, repentance toward God and baptism unto Christ.

But what of the people who live to-day? Are the same terms and conditions for them? Or have things been changed? There is no other Saviour but Jesus, and there is no later revelation of God's will than the New Testament, and so we conclude that the same way of salvation is for to-day as for the New Testament day. We are told that "the faith" has been "once for all delivered unto the saints," and that confirms us in our conviction.

We are called upon to believe on Christ—to exercise faith in him. That involves believing what he said, and trusting him to carry out his promises. That demands believing that he is the Christ, the Son of God, that he died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he rose again the third day, and having confidence in him as the One willing and able to save.

We are to repent. That means that we are not only to be sorry for our sins, but to determine by God's help to forsake them. It involves learning to hate sin. And this change of will which is produced by sorrow over our sins will lead to a change of conduct or life.

We are to be baptised, calling upon the name of the Lord. We are to be baptised as believers, and upon confession of our belief or faith in God's Son (Acts 8: 36-38, A.V.). And the only baptism that the New Testament knows is one in which burial and resurrection are symbolised (Romans 6: 4; Colossians 2: 12), hence it must be immersion. Sprinkling and pouring of water are simply not baptism at all, and have never been authorised by either Father, Son or Holy Spirit. Do not urge that you can be saved just as well in some other way, that all the Lord has enjoined is not essential. Such is hardly worthy of those who need the grace of God. It would be much better to cry, as did Saul of Tarsus, "Lord, what would thou have me to do?" And learning the Lord's will, go right ahead and do it. Thus we shall be led to trust the Lord Jesus for salvation, to repent sincerely of our sins, and as confessing believers to be baptised into Christ as we call upon his name. Having done these things, we will be assured of salvation through the meritorious death of our Lord. The great question is, "Are we willing to do as he would have us do?"

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Front Row (l. to r.)—A. W. Stephenson (M.A.), R. Roberts (Maryborough), R. W. Graham (Ann-st.), W. Giezendanner (Wynnum), C. H. J. Wright (Albion), R. Wilson (Gympie), W. J. Davidson (Ma Ma Creek).
Centre Row (l. to r.)—V. B. Grant (Mackay), C. J. Beale (Townsville), C. A. Latimer (Annerley), R. Clymer (Roma), B. Eager (Kingaroy), V. T. Parker (Kedron), D. Tonkin (Rockhampton).
Back Row (l. to r.)—L. G. Crisp (R.A.A.F., Amberley), T. A. Fergusson (East Ipswich), W. E. Reeve (Federal vice-president).

Exchanging Truth for Lies

ONE of the notable things about the Bible is that it is always contemporary, always timely. We open its pages, and as we read we move in a world of Moses and Jeremiah, and Peter and Paul—in a timeless, eternal world which has vital reference to the actual time and place in which we live to-day.

A short time ago I turned to the opening chapter of a letter written after the middle of the first century by a violently zealous apostle—Paul—to a struggling little band of Christians who were trying to follow Christ in the tangle of paganism in the city of Rome, a capital and centre of a disintegrating empire. Reading in the New Revised Standard Version, I discovered how Paul singled out a particular group of mistaken individuals:

For the wrath of God is revealed against men who by their wickedness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible nature has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So those (who suppress the truth) are without excuse; for although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man.

Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity . . . because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Are not those words strangely modern? It is obvious that many to-day find themselves futile in their thinking, their senseless minds darkened. Thinking is futile because it has become popular for the modern man to think of the world as a vast machine, and life as an economic struggle to gather all the resources possible for high standard of living. Democracy has so taken hold of us that we think that the kingdom of God is a democracy, and that since the majority of the people find little need for a Divine Being then, of course, we abide by the majority rule and close our eyes to the evidences of God.

Many have, indeed, exchanged the truth

★ *"The whole structure of falsehoods is falling down on our heads," says James Blair Miller, Minister, Bethany Memorial Church, Bethany, West Virginia, U.S.A. We have lied about the great fundamentals of life—about God and man. He sees our modern civilisation mirrored in the first chapter of Romans. "It is time to awake," he concludes.*

about God for a lie. The lie that the natural world is the ultimate reality; the lie that what a man believes about God is his own personal affair; the lie that life is man's own possession, to do with as he will; the lie that mankind has the right to order its own life and society as it pleases.

Truth Desperately Needed

The truth is desperately needed, because the whole structure of falsehoods is falling down on our heads. We have learned enough about the natural world to know now that out of it man can create enough power to destroy civilisation. We stand helpless in the natural world, destruction our only imaginable future.

Scientists have come out of the laboratory to look beyond the natural world toward the discovery of a world of truth and right beyond, which can save us. We have learned enough about life to know that when a man thinks that he is his only master, the captain of his fate, then life goes on the rocks, and there is no power within him capable of restoring his diseased mind, his broken spirit, his troubled thoughts, his guilty conscience. We have learned enough about the social order to know that economics and politics are not enough of a structure upon which to build a durable society, and that chaos and confusion are our lot until we learn the truth about a moral order which is given, and must be obeyed, or we perish in disobedience.

With modern falsehoods shattered it is indeed time that we realise how foolish an exchange we have made in setting aside the truth about God and man for modern lies and convenient standards.

may, as a monument to the power of his efforts, a church of 108 members was left to prosecute the good work under hopeful conditions.

The name of Stephen Cheek is still a household word in Tasmania, and the value of his work will doubtless be assessed during conference.



TASMANIA CLAIMS PRETTIEST AIRFIELD

PAT JARRETT, widely travelled leader of "The Sun" women's staff, claims Tasmania will have prettiest airfield. She says, "Airfields are not generally noted for their beauty, but the prettiest one in Australia will be opened next month to regular airline passenger services."

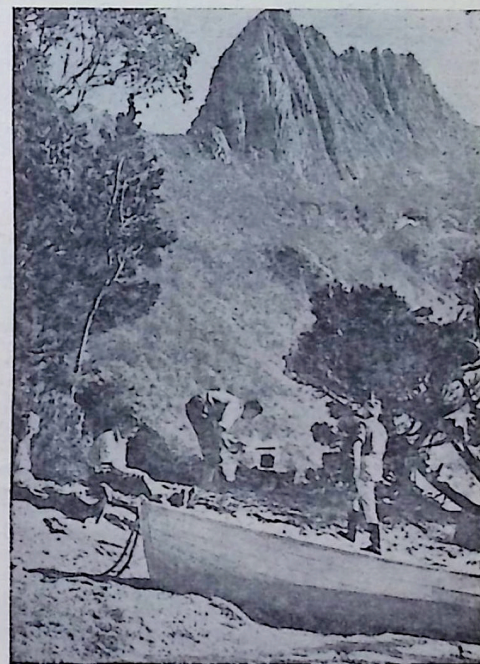
"It is Pardoe airfield, at Devonport, on the north-west coast of Tasmania."

"Apart from the value of increased tourist traffic, the opening of Pardoe will ease the transport difficulties of potential air travellers in Devonport, third largest centre of population in Tasmania, who at present have to travel by train, bus or car, 40 miles west to Wynyard, or 70 miles east to Launceston to catch a plane."

"Pardoe runway is 150 ft. wide and just over a mile long, and there is provision for extension up to four miles (preparing for the commercial jet age and bigger airliners)."

It runs north-west and south-east, and is east of the town of Devonport, behind the golf links.

"Air travellers will come down to a scene which I have not seen rivalled on any of our



Holidaying in Tasmania.

More About Federal Conference

THE business sessions of Federal Conference will be held in the Collins-st. (Hobart) chapel. All the week-night meetings, which will close not later than 9.30 p.m., will be held in the beautiful building of the Memorial Congregational Church, which has been made available at a nominal charge. On Sunday, Oct. 8, which is World Communion Sunday, there will be a combined communion service at 11 a.m., conference sermon at 3 p.m., and a united evangelistic service at 7 p.m. These will all be held in the Hobart Town Hall. On the social side there will be a civic reception (limited to 100) at noon on Friday, Oct. 6, and on other days trips have been arranged to the pinnacle of Mt. Wellington, a half-day trip to the Huon, and the conference picnic at New Norfolk.

Registration forms for Federal Conference (Hobart, Oct. 6-13) should now be available from all church secretaries. Registrations should be forwarded, together with registration fee of five shillings, to the Tasmanian secretary and hospitality convener, G. E. Ashlin, 46 Faraday-st., West Hobart, not later than June 15. Those going (or the church secretaries) should also notify their State conference secretary (who is transit officer for the State). He will be glad to supply further forms or any needed information. Those desiring accommodation should forward £1 per person with their registration. It

is expected that special planes will leave Melbourne on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 5, but this will depend upon the number going. Conference will commence with a civic reception at noon on Friday, Oct. 6.—D. Wakeley, sec.



PIONEER DAYS

THOSE attending Federal Conference in Tasmania will extend their interest of the work of the Island State. It is of interest to note that the arrival of O. C. Carr in Hobart, in January, 1872, determines the aggressive commencement of the work. Previous to this we read of no sustained evangelistic effort. The clarion voice of this gifted speaker, urging the claims of the ancient gospel upon the multitude, supplemented by his able advocacy of our principles through the medium of the press, soon produced an awakening that resulted in many conversions to Christ both from the world and sectarianism. Mr. Carr remained in Hobart preaching and teaching for one year only. It is believed that he left too soon. Be that as it

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regular airline routes. The strip runs parallel to the golden curve of Pardoe beach, and the blue waters of Bass Strait. Administrative buildings are in process of construction. The approach to the field is through lovely bushland.

"There is no doubt that Tasmanians, who are probably the most air-minded of all Australians, because of the sea-going 'horrors' of Bass Strait, will be quick to make full use of their new airfield—especially Devonport's population of 11,500; mostly engaged in dairying, potato and fruit growing, and in canneries."

"Commercial airline flights to Pardoe, which begin on June 5, will also be important to north-west coast business houses, because it will greatly speed freight deliveries."

Counteracting Communism

BUNGALOW AGAIN OCCUPIED

(Mr. and Mrs. Heard have been appointed to Diksal, and will take up residence after their return from the hills. Diksal has had no resident worker since Mr. and Mrs. Escott left the area.)

"WE are delighted at our appointment to Diksal. Besides solving the bungalow problem to some extent, it will answer the request of the Diksal folk for a resident missionary. We shall but try to measure up to the high standards maintained by those who have preceded us there.

"The recent enormous increase in scripture sales may give a pointer to something approach-



E. W. Heard.

ing a revival in a so far rather barren portion of the Lord's vineyard. We can with Carey 'expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.'

"It has been a very trying year for our senior missionaries, but the work has continued, and we hope that in a few months they will be able to let up a little. But something (intuition?) tells me that these years possess a precious opportunity, which may not recur again, and which we dare not miss at our peril—as John Foster in 'World Church' points out regarding the missed opportunities in China over the centuries. And the power of the red flag daily coming nearer means we will have to constantly review our work and methods, that the Indian church will be better prepared to meet the terrific impact of militant Communism. There does not seem to be anything between here and China to stop its arrival in due course."—E. W. Heard.



FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

HAVING a free evening at Baramati recently, between a court case one afternoon, and a Committee of Management meeting the next morning, the opportunity was taken of seeing the Baramati Friendship Centre at work.

The building, which is situated in one of Baramati's busy thoroughfares—a really excellent site—makes no great claims to architectural beauty. Such could hardly be expected in its present state of incompleteness, with not even a complete roof that can be boasted of as its own. In spite of the real need of further rooms, however, it is the writer's impression that a magnificent work of first importance is being carried on within its walls.

It is run by Mr. Bairagi and his associates, teachers from the Baramati Mission school

largely as a library, and attracts for the most part the educated and progressive members of that great town of about 30,000 people. Though in limited numbers as yet, all sorts of good books, both Marathi and English, general as well as religious, and suitable papers and magazines, are available.

The Centre functions mainly of an evening, though from time to time Mr. Bairagi does coach high school students studying for the matriculation examination for an hour or two during the morning. One evening is reserved for women only, and it is understood that the number of women subscribers exceeds that of the men. Quite a number of gospels and Bibles are distributed to those who show real interest in the scriptures; in fact, the demand quite exceeds the supply. It is a matter of great rejoicing to hear of lawyers, doctors and all sorts of well-educated people coming back seeking elucidation of certain passages, and discussing what they have read from the Word of God. The full significance of this happy state of affairs is perhaps scarcely appreciated by those unaware of the closed door which has hitherto been presented by high caste Hindus.

It must have been 7.45 p.m. when I strolled into the smaller of the two rooms, the one kept as the juvenile section. Having been quietly greeted by Shivaji Jadhav, our headmaster, I took a seat by the wall. Quite a number of

young lads were seated around the room deeply engrossed in little Marathi educational booklets on every conceivable subject. Others continued to file in, select and sign for their booklets, and immediately begin to devour their contents.

Moving into the larger room, I was greeted by Mr. Bairagi, who sat at a little table in a position of vantage. The room was practically full of adults, mainly young men of the student class, all quietly reading. Others came from outside, almost in a slow stream, witnessed Mr. Bairagi's signature for the return of their books, and signed up for new ones. Lending a hand were two other of the teachers from the mission school. One could not fail to be impressed by the quiet orderliness that prevailed, even on the juvenile side.

One recent acquisition has been a 35 mm. projector, which is being used periodically with great effect. A loud speaker, kindly sent out by Mrs. Vawser for Baramati work, has also been used at the centre. When the way opens up for the completion of the building by the addition of its upper storey, such equipment will become increasingly useful, and much more will be possible in the way of pure evangelistic work.

May the Lord continue to prosper the work of this centre, and make it a powerful means in the breaking down of the rigid barriers of Hinduism to the Gospel, that large numbers may come to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour and Lord. Do not fail to pray for the work of the Friendship Centre.—L. J. Michael.

Western Australian News

Allen Elliott, Correspondent.

RECENT rains, considerably overdue, have gladdened the hearts of West Australians, and messages from our own brethren and sisters in the Northern and Eastern Wheatbelt areas indicate that our farming folk have greatly benefited, and are looking forward to a good season. Many of these fine people have made great sacrifices in years past to maintain the work and witness of New Testament Christianity in our vast country districts, and we love and honor them for their noble efforts.

Forward in Evangelism

This year "Evangelism" is being more than ever emphasised as the dominant keynote of the "Crusade for Christ" among our Western Australian churches. In accordance with this aim, the Home Missionary committee has been encouraging missions, and the big tent has been erected at Inglewood. Mr. D. G. Hammer is the missionary in this effort which commenced on April 30 and is attracting large and enthusiastic crowds. Mr. Hammer is faithfully preaching the word and courageously presenting the New Testament position of our churches, and it is hoped that a harvest of souls will be reaped.

It will be remembered by some that the church at Inglewood was established as a result of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission in 1926. Mr. Roy Raymond is the present preacher in this thriving district.

Mother's Day

"Mother's Day" was appropriately featured in most of our suburban and country churches on May 14.

It is becoming more than ever significant that this day, originally set apart at the request of a young American woman, Miss Anna Jarvis, in honor of her own Christian mother, has degenerated into a pretext for the exploitation of the public by big business proprietors. This increasing commercialisation of Mother's Day

is nothing short of alarming, and points to the merely materialistic attitude of the man in the street. Every effort should be made by Christian people to show that Mother's Day originated as a tribute—not to the modern sophisticated mother, not to the careless mother, not to the selfish mother, not to the irresponsible mother—but rather to the Christian mother, the mother who regards the bringing up of her family as a sacred God-given trust.

We honor mother primarily in order that we may bring men and women and young people to a greater appreciation and understanding of him whose supreme love and sacrifice is in some small measure reflected in mother-love. We honor mother in the hope that through the ministry of the church we shall be able to lead some wavering souls back to mother's God. If the emphasis is not placed here, the day becomes just another "special occasion."

Missionary Exhibition in Perth

Evangelical Christians of Perth were greatly stirred by the very fine missionary exhibition, the seventh annual function of its kind, held in the Burt Memorial Hall on May 19 and 20. Many representative Missionary Societies, such as the China Inland Mission, British & Foreign Bible Society, Biblical Research Society, United Aborigines' Missions, etc., produced very attractive and instructive displays of literature, posters, maps and models illustrating the activities on the various mission fields. In addition, excellent film programmes were ably presented, while prominent speakers at the sessions of the exhibition included Messrs. J. H. Hunting (Biblical Research Society), D. G. Hammer (Churches of Christ Aborigines' Missions), Miss Mary Rees (World-wide Evangelisation Crusade), and Principal E. Gibson.

Visitors in Our Midst

During recent weeks we have enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Brumby, of the church of Christ, Wandsworth Bridge-rd., London. Mr. Brumby has been a very active worker in our British churches, being a prominent preacher,

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COMMONWEALTH ROUND-UP

HERE AND THERE

THE blocks in this issue depicting Tasmanian scenes were made available by courtesy of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau.

First anniversary rally of Swan Hill (Vic.) District Y.P.S.C.E., was held on May 17. Mr. C. Candy presided. There were 74 present.

This week's leader is contributed by C. P. Hughes, general secretary of the Temperance Alliance of South Australia. The editor is enjoying a week's relaxation in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Page and daughter, of Nelson, N.Z., are spending a few days in Melbourne en route to England. Both Mr. and Mrs. Page were delegates to the last World Convention.

A telegram from Lloyd Jones states that the Dalby Mission, Qld., closed on Sunday night, May 28, with five decisions. The thank-offering amounted to £310. 22 were added to the church.

In a telegram from W. Fraser, secretary of Georgetown church, N.S.W., states: "Week of special services commemorating Georgetown 10th anniversary commenced with L. Burgin, of Gilgandra, speaker."

The Melbourne Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held a Chinese night, May 20, at the Hawthorn church. After a programme of surprises the young people of our Chinese church served a delightful three course supper.

It is unforgivable littleness to refuse to forgive. "If you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." That the refusal to forgive is unpardonable is not only religiously sound; it is psychologically certain.

Victorian Overseas Committee has elected the following officers: J. Turner, B.A., chairman; J. E. Allen, secretary; A. B. Withers, assist. secretary; V. L. Gole, treasurer. The co-opted members are L. A. Piper, P. C. Williams and M. D. Williams.

The Victorian Visual Education Sub-Committee advises that the brotherhood projector WILL NOT be available for use on and after Monday, July 3, until Friday, July 21, as this equipment will be undergoing its annual overhaul. For screenings before and after these dates contact Mr. J. Baensch (secty.), 15 Wright-st., Bentleigh, S.E.14. Phone, XU1539.

The annual conference of Victorian Local Option Alliance will be held in Independent Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, June 21, at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and will be a most important occasion in view of threat to 6 o'clock closing made by a member of the Government last year. Prominent speakers will take part in conference discussions. Alliance has posted upwards of 2000 letters, urging united action at conference.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Williamson and Miss Beverley Williamson, of Wellington, N.Z., have just concluded a six weeks' Australian tour. They used every occasion to visit and know the work of the churches. Mrs. Williamson is esteemed in New Zealand for her capable leadership in women's work. Mr. Williamson served as chairman of the Young People's Department for an extended period, and later as chairman of Home Missionary Department.

The church at Hartwell, Vic., has been advised by Health Commission that their chapel, a beautiful brick building erected only twelve years ago, is likely to become unsafe because of a weakness in the roof and one of the walls. It has therefore been decided to close the chapel until wall and roof have been reconstructed. Meetings will be continued in school hall, which previously served as the chapel. Expressions of sympathy and offers of help have been received from many in

the community and church is heartened by these encouragements, and with confidence in God faces a difficult situation.

Opportunity was taken on May 25, as Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kingsbury and their daughter were passing through Adelaide, to welcome them back to Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Reg Enniss entertained the following at luncheon at the Arcadia: Dr. Turner, and Messrs. Horace Cave (president of conference), Garfield Rootes, A. Hutson, W. L. Ewers, J. E. Shipway, F. Collins, H. P. Manning, C. Schwab, A. Anderson, B. Coventry, and H. R. Taylor, most of whom had either shared college life in Kentucky with Mr. Kingsbury, or had been associated with him and his wife in Melbourne. Several of the guests expressed the pleasure of all at the return home of a preacher who had given rich service among the American brethren, and wished for him many years of useful work in Melbourne.

The Midlands Youth Fellowship held a very successful rally at Castlemaine, Victoria, on May 20. Games at the sunken gardens from 3 o'clock until about 5 o'clock with free period until tea time was the order of the afternoon session. The Castlemaine young people prepared tables for tea in Sunday school hall, when 86 young people made an impression on the good things laid before them. Directors of Victoria and South Australia were present and presented greetings from State departments. Ken Living, Maryborough, is president for the ensuing year, and Colin Wills secretary. The annual report stated that there had been fine rallies with an average attendance of over 80. Gordon Stirling, who was guest speaker, spoke on the theme, "Crusading for Christ." Mr. Stirling's address gave the young people plenty of food for thought.



"What Do You Want in Life?"

ENTRIES came from all States in a recent Young Moderns' competition—"What Do I Want From Life?" It was conducted by the Melbourne "Herald." The prize-winner, Jan Wood (17) is a member of the church of Christ at Reservoir and a Sunday school teacher. Readers will detect the winsomeness of the Christian graces in her essay. Since material motives to-day so permeate life, it would appear that those who manifest with charm the Christian graces become extraordinarily ordinary. The deep things in her heart were expressed in these words:

What do I want of life? At seventeen this is a tremendous consideration. I may, and it seems a reasonable supposition, live a long time—lovely thought!

There is so much I would like to do, to see and to have, and at present, blessed with youth, health and strength, almost everything seems reasonably possible.

Would I like to travel? Yes, certainly, see the places older folk talk of, meet interesting people, become, like them, poised and self-confident.

Maybe I'll never travel far, but at least I can listen to what those who have travelled can tell me and I can read good books, see good films.

I would like to do something worth while. Do all teenagers dream these dreams, see themselves leading a crusade, righting some wrong, becoming famous?

So few of us are marked out for the spectacular things of life. But we can all do

little things and, as I once heard said, "Our lives are made up of little things."

I want to be big enough to tackle the little jobs as they come along.

I can teach in the Sunday school. I can visit someone sick, old, or lonely. I can (and this I think is where we young folk are prone to fall down on the job) be as nice and courteous in my own home as I am when out.

That for the present seems all that I can do, despite my dreams, toward making the world a nicer place to live in.

I attend night classes twice weekly after work. I am learning dress-cutting and designing. I plan to be well dressed and beautifully groomed and ready for my chance to travel should it come my way.

Perhaps I shall take up nursing. Maybe I could combine the two, a career and travel. When I see nurses in a hospital going so selflessly about the task of helping the sick, I long to be one of them. Perhaps I shall be a missionary. That, I think, is what I want most, and what I shall work and plan for.



North Sydney Celebrates

NORTH Sydney celebrated its 45th church anniversary, Sunday, May 21, H. J. Patterson being the morning speaker, and at a fellowship tea Mr. Norman Cocks, secretary of the London Missionary Society, gave an interesting talk on his recent visit to Samoa and Papua. In the evening Mr. Cocks gave a challenging message to the church on "Evangelism."

On the following Thursday evening Mr. Albert Ladbroke was guest speaker, and the conference president, Mr. Matthews, brought a greeting. During the evening opportunity was taken to burn the mortgage on the chapel building, as the final payment was made during the week. During the thirteen years of Mr. Paternoster's ministry, £1300 have been paid off, together with interest for seven years of that time. Grateful thanks were expressed to those who six years ago loaned over £700 free of interest, thus enabling the earlier payment of the debt.

Special musical items during the anniversary were given by Miss Daphne Flood, the Misses Riley and Clive Way. The brethren face the future united and happy.



College Mission Party

THE church at High-st., Preston (Vic.) received a spiritual uplift as the result of special services conducted by a mission party from the College of the Bible, commencing on May 14, and concluding on the following Sunday, with meetings each week night. The series commenced at morning service on first Sunday, when students, R. E. Pritchard, R. McKenzie, A. Titter and M. Coombs (song-leader) were introduced by preacher, J. E. Searle. Mrs. A. Quaife rendered a solo, in addition to which choir rendered an anthem at evening service. At conclusion of address by R. E. Pritchard, one young man responded to the gospel invitation. Week-night services were well attended, the help of visiting soloists being appreciated and enjoyed. Several neighboring churches also assisted by presence of large delegations. A Youth Rally on May 20 was well attended, commencing with devotional session and concluding with social gathering in school hall. The final Sunday was an inspiration. During the week visitation was carried out. All arrangements were made by students under guidance of Mr. Searle.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

Invermay.—On April 6, all delegates to State conference were welcomed by Federal president, J. Park, and all responded on behalf of their churches. J. Park praised the work of the State conference president, B. Golder. Mr. Golder gave an inspiring address. At evening service on April 9, a splendid gospel address was given by A. Harvey, of Caveside. J. J. Hodson, after spending several months on mainland, is meeting with church again. On April 21, a social evening was held to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, who have been active in work. Mr. Stevens has served as speaker and secretary over last two years. He was presented with a suitably inscribed Bible, and Mrs. Stevens with a basket from ladies. On April 23 Mr. Stevens delivered an inspiring farewell address. R. Edmunds gave gospel address. J. J. Hodson gave a splendid exhortation on April 30. Gospel address was given by T. Orr, of Sandhill.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—A regular monthly combined prayer meeting has been inaugurated with Palmyra brethren, the first being held on April 20. This was a successful venture. A youth choir has been formed under capable leadership of Miss Doreen Keats, recently arrived from Melbourne. This choir is rendering good service. The men have organised several busy bees in renovating church windows. Interest has been shown by young folk in basketball competitions. A boys' team, besides two girls' teams, have been entered. The monthly breaking of bread service for shut-ins was conducted at three homes on April 30. The folk visited were Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Tout, and Mrs. Anderson. A splendid social gathering was held on Friday evening, May 5, by ladies Dorcas, in aid of manse fund. Combined girls' clubs conducted a mother and daughter, social on May 13, when fitting tribute was paid to mothers. Sunday afternoon, May 14, marked another successful anniversary by the North Fremantle Bible school. Mr. Scott, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was visiting speaker during month. The living link fund closed its financial year on April 30 with a total of £108.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Services held on May 14 and 21 were well attended; 160 gathered for worship. Mothers' Day and Youth Sunday were observed. Nelda Dallinger, a pupil of Bible school, rendered a solo. A young man made the good confession at close of morning service. May 21 was observed as Empire Youth Sunday. Owing to minister being away at Rosedale morning service was in hands of Mr. Jones, of N.S.W., who now resides at Bundaberg.

Townsville-Armstrong.—On Sunday, May 14, the work at Armstrong was again co-ordinated with Hermit Park. At a special meeting called on May 12, of those interested at Armstrong, it was decided to change time of gospel service to 6.30. Mr. Collingwood handed over Bible school to Mr. Beale, who agreed to act as superintendent. As hall used was private property, and would not be available after May, it was decided to buy adjoining ground for £75 and erect a temporary building of disposal huts at a cost of only a few pounds.

Working bees were arranged. Armstrong celebrates its first anniversary in June. Average attendances are 10 at service and 18 at Bible school.

West Moreton.—Mr. Vanham, of Lismore, has been called to ministry of five West Moreton circuit churches, and will follow A. C. Caldicott, who leaves in August for the Continent to study and also undertake a short ministry with British churches. On May 6, at Rosewood, Mr. Ferguson delivered an inspiring address at Easter camp reunion. V. Boettcher has now been engaged for part-time ministry at Lowood, and a similar engagement with Mr. Larsen and Marburg is receiving consideration. Delegations to the Dalby mission have travelled over 200 miles in one night. Prayer meetings are being organised for forth-coming six weeks' mission at Rosewood in September. Rosevale members are planning jubilee celebrations, to be held early in new year. Biene Kickbusch and Jean Nicholson were recently married, also Noel Kickbusch and Marie Taylor. Both weddings were solemnised at Marburg by A. C. Caldicott. Mother's Day services were well attended, 250 breaking bread throughout circuit. New Zealand Youth for Christ team recently held a meeting at Rosewood, thrilling a splendid gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boettcher are congratulated on birth of baby daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Hinrichsen, twin sons. Throughout circuit spirit of optimism still prevails and further victories are expected.

South Australia

Cottonville.—On May 10 Ladies' Auxiliary visited Rest Home and entertained guests as a Mother's Day gesture. At Y.P. Endeavor meeting on May 10, members gave familiar Bible passages in modern journalistic style in form of a newspaper. On May 13, young people hiked along Brownhill Creek and had supper around a large fire. Merle Cornelius was home recently from Quorn on holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and daughter, of Warracknabeal, were visitors.

Kilburn.—Bible school attendance at 10 a.m. on May 21 was 122. Parents of scholars have responded well to appeal for Youth Dept. quota, the "inches round the waist" campaign yielding over £7 to date. 11.15 a.m. service was addressed by A. J. Ingham, when 29 adults and 35 young worshippers appreciated thoughtful message and story. Mr. Ingham also addressed 7 p.m. gospel service. Sister Lawrance (sen.) is in Royal Adelaide Hospital. C.Y.F. is collecting for electric urn and several donations have been received.

Brooklyn Park.—Recent attendances show that church is in good heart. On Mother's Day there were 70 present at Lord's Table, and 65 at gospel meeting. On Wednesday, May 10, C.E. society held annual rally, and Miss Sullivan gave an inspiring address on work in Solomon Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Collins are doing fine work amongst young folk; their newly formed Boys' Brigade is well organised and shows a steady increase. One of the most interesting meetings held recently was a discussion led by Mr. Brown, when several young men of church gave their views on why young folk of to-day do not attend church.

Balaklava.—On April 30 Mr. Cremin preached at morning service. Mr. Manning, of Fullarton, was evening speaker. Dorcas gift afternoon was held on May 4, Miss Helps, missionary from India, giving a talk on India. Endeavorers held a special meeting to honor mothers on May 10, Miss Helps being speaker. On afternoon of 12th, girls of Good Companions' Club entertained mothers. Club girls presented a special item, "Mother's Love," and Miss Helps spoke on mothers of India. On Sunday, May 14, a special afternoon was held by kindergarten. Miss Helps, in Indian dress, gave a talk, and showed curios to children and mothers. On evening of May 17, Endeavorers held a cottage meeting at home of the Misses Shepherd.

Stirling East.—Recent meetings have been encouraging. Bible school anniversary was held on May 7; Mr. Stewart spoke at morning service, and W. Marshall gave excellent messages at afternoon and evening meetings. There were 111 present at evening service. Many commented on splendid singing of scholars, and the day was a happy one. On May 14 Mr. Stewart gave appreciable Mother's Day messages at both services, and young people of Fellowship sang at evening meeting. Church at a recent special business meeting of Stirling East and Aldgate Valley gave manse committee and official board authority to proceed with erection of a manse on ground at rear of chapel. Manse fund totals £275 to date, and church is enthusiastic about project.

Fullarton.—On May 21, B. W. Manning presided and Mr. Jack Green, Regions Beyond Mission, gave a very sincere and challenging address; he is on his way back to the Congo. Members of C.E. journeyed to Kersbrook for day, taking charge of both morning and evening meetings, two young men giving addresses. A number of visitors were present at evening service, including Mr. and Mrs. Passmore, of Mildura. Miss Winnie Thorpe is in hospital for an operation. H. Headland was seriously ill but is now improving. On May 17 W. H. Rainey, of British and Foreign Bible Society, gave an interesting talk on Arnheim Land and E. H. Swan showed a Kodachrome film of Hermannsburg Mission. An offering was received for work of society.

Berri.—Services at each centre in circuit have settled to normal average attendance after recent fluctuations. Influx of 25 young people from Mildura district helped over Easter week-end. They were accommodated in homes of members and friends. A communion service, held at Berri Methodist church on Good Friday, was addressed by Mr. Manallack. On Easter Sunday visitors took part in services at both Winkie and Berri. Men's Fellowship, under C. Williams, conducted a service of song at gospel meeting, when J. Manallack gave an inspiring address. Sudden death of Mrs. C. Williams removed a loyal member from church at Berri. Deepest sympathy is extended to sorrowing husband and daughters, Valma and Aileen. Mr. and Mrs. Manallack have completed a year of valued service. Their enthusiasm for work has endeared them to a wide circle of friends.

Murray Bridge.—Invitations to all members to attend the 38th anniversary of church resulted in a full chapel at both morning and evening services on May 21. Guest speaker was Mr. Shipway, of Hindmarsh, who spoke challenging messages at morning "every member present" service, and evening "family" service. Members of Williamstown Male Voice Choir were most helpful in presentation of several numbers at both services. These visitors were entertained at lunch, tea, and during the afternoon by church members. Ladies' Guild provided an excellent poultry lunch and invited church members to join with visitors to promote fellowship. Seventy to eighty joined in each meal, and a happy day was the result. The enthusiastic and successful celebration will be felt in church for some time, and will be of benefit to work here generally. Mr. and Mrs. Swincer and family were received

into fellowship from Victor Harbour. Dudley Harper and Phyl Mogg were married recently, and were guests of honor at a social at the manse prior to their wedding; Mr. Kingston returned from special services at Tumby Bay-Ungarra in time for this event.

Glenelg.—Recent additions by letter have been Mr. and Mrs. Rudd and Misses Rudd, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Phillips, Sister Kimber, Mr. Webber, Sister Cocks, Mr. and Mrs. Wenham. Average attendances have been quite good at worship services. Church regrets death of C. Bradley, a faithful brother. Miss A. Harkness is still in hospital. Mrs. Inverarity and Miss A. Jones have been transferred to Owen. They have been faithful workers. The Ladies' Guild held a happy Mother's Day function. Fifty ladies were present. Mrs. C. P. Hughes gave address. Several sisters were honored by posies. The trusteeship of church property has been transferred to Churches of Christ Evangelistic Union Incorporated. Retiring trustees have been thanked for services. Youth and Mother's Day services were observed with increased attendances at each service. Mr. and Mrs. C. Ferris have returned after an extended holiday in Victoria. About 30 young people attended an after church fellowship at home of Mr. and Mrs. McGlasson on evening of Youth Sunday. Sunday school held a project Sunday to aid the Blind, Deaf and Dumb School at Brighton. The school was able to present a new football and basket ball, also many useful books and toys. A kitchen evening was given by church to Miss O. Inkster on occasion of her marriage to S. Gunn. Leader of Y.P. Fellowship was responsible for excellent programme. A. Hutson has been preacher at all recent services.

Unley.—Our pastor has been in demand as speaker, having visited Maylands for their church anniversary, and Brooklyn Park and Grote-st. in interests of Youth Dept. Members have appreciated messages from exchange preachers, Messrs. Anderson, Sherman and Stirling. The following have been appointed officers of Sunday school: supt., L. B. Bowes; deputy supt., A. R. Redman; secretary, P. W. S. Messent; treas., C. L. Johnstone; kinder leader, Miss M. Payne; junior dept. leader, Miss E. Lambert. Keith Bowes and Michael Dixon have been added to teaching staff. Owing to postponement of anniversary, kindergarten arranged prizegiving afternoon, when about 40 parents gathered. Following tea after school, teachers enjoyed discussion with Youth Director (G. Stirling), when a "happy hours" series was arranged and 1951 graded lessons explained. Mother's Day was suitably observed, and in evening family service was held, at which Don Bowes gave a challenging message. Church regrets removal to country of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Rowland, former having served acceptably with messages of song. Keith Fitzgerald has transferred to Melbourne, following his marriage. Church officers have expressed appreciation to those responsible for production of "The Friendly Word," a weekly news-sheet, which commenced publication ten years ago, and which is eagerly sought by members. C.Y.F. and supervisory committee have carried out many odd jobs and repairs to equipment during recent weeks.

Flinders Park.—Good services during past month have been well attended, and many a rich blessing has been gained. Bible school has just recently held its anniversary on May 7 and 14. On afternoon of May 7, Mr. Webb was speaker. A great meeting was held, at which Bible school had a record attendance of 106. Evening service was in charge of Mr. Wilks, who gave a good address to children, and four young people gave their lives to the Lord. On May 14 J. Cain, of Queenstown, was speaker and his address left a deep thought in minds of young people. Mr. Webb spoke at final evening service which concluded with another young lady confessing her Lord. Congratulations must go to Bible school superintendent, F. Russell, and to all that made the anniversary a success. Bible school recently held a social. On May 20 a

further social was held by Ladies' Guild in charge of Mrs. Webb. The "C" and "F" grades of basketball teams have commenced a very happy season. The Boys' Brigade, which commenced some weeks ago, is progressing, and now they have been registered as "Tenth Adelaide Boys' Brigade." On May 19 Brigade visited Dulwich Boys' Brigade, and a time of fellowship was spent in competitive games. We are very happy to have Mr. Francis back in fellowship with us once more.

New South Wales

Taree.—Owing to absence of Allan B. Clark at Newcastle, E. W. Roffey, lecturer at Woolwich College, conducted both services on May 14. At Taree and Wingam he presented appropriate messages on occasion of Mother's Day, and his ministry was profitable.

Rockdale.—Church was saddened recently by tragic accident in which Ken Manley was killed, and extends its loving sympathy to his mother, sisters and fiancée. Special Mother's Day services were held by kinders, J.C.E. and Y.P. Endeavor Societies, May 20. Mr. Baker exhorted at morning service, and again at gospel service, owing to Mr. Andrews being ill. Several visitors were present, including Dr. and Mrs. Oldfield, from Melbourne; also Miss Jean Andrews and J. Marshman, from Melbourne.

Bexley North.—Recent speakers included A. C. MacLean (Epping) and R. Greenhalgh (youth director). Christian Home Sunday meetings were well attended. 88 were present at gospel service. Mrs. W. J. Evan Lewis gave challenging talk to parents of cradle roll and kindergarten children. Mrs. Rowles received bouquet for oldest lady present and Mrs. Dowding for mother with youngest baby present. Mr. and Mrs. G. McIntyre were farewelled at a musical evening during month and were recipients of Bible from church, New Testament and travelling rug from Women's Fellowship. These excellent workers will be sadly missed as they move to Cairns, Qld. Bible school and kindergarten report increased attendances, but shortage of teachers handicaps work. J.C.E. held fancy dress social, when smaller children had enjoyable time. Dorothy Yelds is holding a class on alternate Saturday mornings to encourage children in poster work. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Melbourne; Miss Sparks, College of Bible, Glen Iris; and Mr. Wakeling, Launceston, Tas. Mrs. A. Johnson and family have

Ararat.—Attendances at morning services are well maintained. A young people's club is being conducted by members of board of officers. Bible school has lost several scholars by removal. Members of church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Ely and Miss Merle Ely, at a social evening. They are leaving for Castle-maine. Words of appreciation for loyal support to church were expressed to them. Presentations were made from church and Bible school.

East Malvern.—Two special efforts by members of the Ladies' Sunshine Circle proved most successful. The first was a "White Elephant" sale of clothing, produce, books, cakes, etc., held at the chapel. £50 was raised. The second effort was a stall adjacent to the polling booth on day of recent elections. The articles sold on this occasion included suitable gifts for Mother's Day. Hot pies and pasties were available for those who wished to go to football and other sports after recording their votes. Ladies are to be congratulated upon the success of both efforts. The proceeds will go towards the objective of £100 for the new chapel building fund.

North Richmond.—Attendances and interest at services and all auxiliaries continue to increase. Senior girls have commenced a club with a membership of 20. On May 8 mothers and officers of church were entertained by club. Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on May 7 and 14. Splendid addresses were given by J. G. Shaw, P. R. Thickins, R. Bolduan and L. Brooker. Many parents and friends gathered to enjoy singing by children under leadership of S. H. Chipperfield. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall and Mrs. Hall, senior, applied for transfer to Balwyn, after many years of membership. Mrs. Harris also leaves for Blackburn after years of fellowship.

Bentleigh.—Annual meeting of South Suburban Christian Youth Fellowship was held at Bentleigh on May 17; 70 enjoyed fellowship tea and address by S. Wilson, of Hampton. Working-bee held on May 6, 13, 20, led by Mr. Pelling and R. Winstone, and ably assisted by brethren and ladies with refreshments, has made improvements to school hall which will relieve accommodation problems. Miss Elizabeth Taylour, who is in Royal Melbourne Hospital, is making favorable progress after operation. Young People's Fellowship took part in gospel service on May 7; B. Ratten presided, L. Taylour read scripture, Misses P. Eldridge, C. Cliff, sang a duet. Mr. Wiltshire preached helpfully.

Ararat (York-st.).—Successful school anniversary celebrations were held on May 7 and Teachers' dedication service was a feature a.m. on the first Sunday. F. C. Hunt and A. H. Graham were special speakers at 7 p.m. respectively. Children of middle school provided suitable hymns. Kindergarten primary departments took charge of afternoon session on May 14, when posies were presented to mothers of cradle roll children. Kinder scholars received books. Middle school presented a playette at evening meeting. Prizes were distributed among older scholars. Two medals for ten years' continuous attendance at school were presented. During Youth Week all departments of youth work combined to feature some part of their regular activity. The meetings were all well attended. Meetings for worship and gospel preaching are well attended and maintain a healthy condition.

Brighton.—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family are on annual holidays at Wagga, N.S.W. K. A. Jones and P. J. Foster spoke on May 21, Church basketball team continues to be successful. Sunday school choir, under leadership of Harold Plummer, gained second prize at Youth Demonstration. Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lowe and family recently. Mr. Lowe gave a helpful talk to Young People's Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Amos, of Chatswood, N.S.W., were also welcome visitors. Mr. Taylor has planned to go to Chatswood in August to conduct a mission. 25 young people from Brighton attended a South Suburban

mont church, preached at morning service and Mr. McDonald, from Latrobe-terr., spoke at evening service.

Yarrowonga.—After several working bees, painting of chapel and manse has been completed. A kitchen tea was held to honor Lily Chappel and Frank Harris, who were married in Shepparton on April 29. Sunday school anniversary was held on May 14. Mrs. Morris, from Albury, gave splendid messages afternoon and night. The largest number of scholars seen for several years rendered fine messages in song. Sincere sympathy is felt for the one who trained children in singing, B. Price, in tragic death of his baby son. Endeavorers are holding their meetings in different homes. Mr. Langford has commenced a boys' club and it is functioning well.

Fellowship tea at Bentleigh. On May 22 officers were at tea at 6.30 p.m., arranged by Crusade Committee, whilst at 8 p.m. members gathered at Bentleigh and were addressed by G. R. Stirling. Men have re-commenced gymnasium under leadership of Ted Caddy. G. R. Stirling addressed Brighton young people at a tea on May 21, in connection with Crusade Committee.

Dandenong.—Phi Betas and Kappas enjoyed an evening at Spencer-st. control rooms. Miss F. Barker was received into fellowship by letter from Ballarat on May 14. J.C.E. supplied white flowers for each member on Mother's Day. Mission Band held social afternoon on May 17, when Mrs. Thompson, recently returned from England, was guest speaker. They also held a social evening on May 20 to replace crockery. Visitors on May 21 included Mr. and Mrs. L. Flett and daughter from Bankstown, N.S.W.

Kaniva.—May 14, H. L. Williams addressed morning meeting of about 65. In evening, when Mr. Combridge preached the gospel, about 50 were present. At morning service on May 21, Mr. Steele, of Croydon, spoke. During the evening, the sound film, "The First Easter," was presented in place of the usual gospel message. The film proved a great attraction as attendance more than doubled usual evening meetings. 112 were present. Several visitors lately have enriched fellowship.

Ivanhoe.—Manse offering has reached £53. On Lord's day, May 21, Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston, formerly of Surrey Hills, received right hand of fellowship by Mr. Baird. On May 14, at gospel service, a young people's choir sang two special items led by Miss Milne. Three young people from Bible school, Yvonne Haynes, Val Haynes and Keith Jones, confessed Christ as their Saviour. A senior club was recently formed, because of increase in club membership. Young people attend evening service regularly. Boys' Club also is progressing very favorably. Attendances and interest have been maintained in recent months, under leadership of Mr. Rowe.

Brunswick.—Sunday school anniversary services, held in April, were attended by many friends of school, who enjoyed singing led by N. Haddow. Addresses were given by A. R. Lloyd, G. A. Grainger and R. W. Vautier. Church extends thanks to those who helped. Mr. Vautier's ministry concluded on April 30, and on following evening presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Vautier in recognition of their faithful and valued services. A Bible school scholar, Betty Marriner, was baptised prior to Mr. Vautier's farewell address, and welcomed into fellowship following week. During May, services have been taken by S. B. man, whose help is appreciated. Annual business meeting was held on May 31.

Essendon.—On April 28, Father Tucker, of "The Brotherhood of S. Laurence," presented films entitled "Beautiful Melbourne" and "Thes Our Children." The evening was arranged by C.M.S. Mr. Blackburn (Burnley) presided at morning service on April 30. At morning service on May 7, Mr. McIlhagger welcomed into church C. Bridge, from Carlisle (W.A.). Sunday school anniversary services commenced in afternoon. Mr. McIlhagger delivered address. Kinder children were presented with prizes. Mr. Fitzgerald was evening speaker. Mr. Potts (North Essendon) presided on morning of May 14. Mr. Shaw (Richmond) gave address. Anniversary services were continued with Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Muller as speakers. Bible school scholars were presented with awards at afternoon service. Singing of children, under baton of C. Ferguson, was enjoyed by congregation. Mr. McIlhagger conducted a teachers' dedication service on May 21. Cricketers paraded in evening and also took part in service. D. Simpson sang a solo, and members of choir rendered quartette. At close of Mr. McIlhagger's address three young people decided for Christ. Seven members of Good Companions' Club went to Monbulk camp for school holidays. D. Simpson won cricket

Association matting average and highest individual score also. H. Grant won bowling average.

South Yarra.—Church was pleased to have Mr. Allen back again after an absence of one month. May 14 was Mother's Day, and members of football team were present. Helpers during Mr. Allen's absence were J. Brown, A. Searle, F. Lee, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Gole and D. Grant on evening of May 3. On May 17, the C.E. Society invited mothers to their meeting, and entertained them with supper at close. On April 9 Mrs. Washfold was speaker. Ladies' Guild had meeting with them. On April 20 they attended a cooking demonstration. Men's Fellowship tea was held on April 14 with Mr. Bateman as speaker. Football club has commenced a successful season, having won five consecutive matches. Mrs. D. A. Lewis has improved in health.

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God saw that he was weary,
The hill too steep to climb,
So he gently closed his tired eyes,
And whispered, Peace be thine.

—Inserted by his loving wife, Red Hill South.

KERR.—Everlasting are the memories of our darling son and brother, Frank, who fell asleep in Jesus June 1, 1948.

We shall see him one bright morning
Waiting on the other side;
We shall see his dear face smiling,
Not changed but glorified.

—Longed for always by Mum, Dad and Gladys.

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COMING EVENTS

Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship will hold a great crusade in Balwyn church, Friday, June 23, 8 p.m. K. A. Macnaughtan and Immanuel Quartette. Saturday, June 24, 3 p.m., color films. 8 p.m., K. A. Macnaughtan and Balwyn Quartette. Keep these dates free.

The church of Christ, Queensberry-st., Carlton, is celebrating 45th anniversary on June 4. 11 a.m., speaker Mr. E. McLean; 7 p.m., Mr. A. Thomas, Tuesday, June 6, at 7.45 p.m., social evening; speaker, Mr. Shaw. Will all kindly accept this as an invitation to attend?

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, BENTLEIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST, TEMPLE DAY, HOMECOMING CHURCH PARADE,

JUNE 4,

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Devotional session.

Business session. Basket tea.

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Evening, 7.30—

Speaker, G. T. Fitzgerald, Box Hill.

Subject, "A Tragically Broken World and a Sovereign God."

Soloist, Mrs. K. Steele.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 3 p.m.

Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Mitcham,

Conference Sermon.

W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.

Subject, "One God and Father of All."

Soloist, Mr. Easton.

MONDAY, JUNE 12.

Youth hike arranged by Youth Committee.

Women's Conference, 2 p.m.

President, Mrs. Martin. Secretary, Mrs. A. Handasyde.

Speaker, Mrs. Colin Thomas, missionary from India.

Elocutionist, Mrs. Nance-Kivell. Soloists, Mrs. F. Finger, Miss W. Sandells.

Business session. Basket tea, 5.30.

Evening, 7.30—Youth Rally.

Speaker, P. R. Thickins. Soloist, Miss H. Kelly

All welcome.

SECOND ADVENT CONVENTION,

Monday, June 12.

Speakers and Subjects:

11.30 a.m., Mr. E. J. Miles. "The Desire of the Ages."

2.30 p.m., Adam Clarke, "The Gospel of the Glory of Christ Jesus," Mr. J. K. Bond, "The Miracles of the Age."

7 p.m., Mr. F. Prescott, "Tribulation or Translation—Which?" Mr. K. A. Macnaughtan, "The Golden Age of Peace and Plenty."

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W.A. NEWS-LETTER

(Continued from page 246.)

teacher and organist, as well as occupying the position of secretary of the Fellowship of Youth of Great Britain. These good folk are on their way to Townsville, Qld., where they will make their home.

Unfortunately, while on board the "Chitral" in the Indian Ocean, their five-year-old son, Edwin, broke his arm, and although Mrs. Brumby continued her journey to Townsville, Mr. Brumby and Edwin remained in Perth for some days while the latter received medical treatment.

Mr. J. H. Hunting, of the Biblical Research Society in South Australia, has been in the West for about a month on deputation work on behalf of the Mission to the Jews, and several of our churches have enjoyed his informative messages and splendid lantern lectures.

Golden Wedding

Two notable golden weddings were recently celebrated in Perth—those of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. B. Robinson, parents of J. K. Robinson, preacher at Lake-st., and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nelson, parents of Charles Nelson, choir-master at Subiaco. The many friends of these two prominent couples, who have so faithfully served our W.A. brotherhood, were happy to offer congratulations, and wish them God's continued blessing in their declining days.

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This book of 100 pages is but a bare outline of the life of a man who had travelled so far and seen so much. But perhaps it is a fore-gleam of a volume to come which shall give more details of a very full life. We are sure that such a book would be welcome. Our copy is from the publishers, Marshall, Morgan and Scott, and is priced at 6/- nett.—W.J.T.

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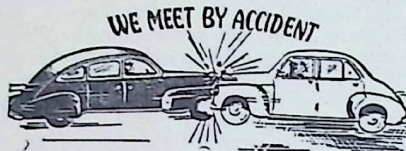
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