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—James 2: 14-20.

PROOF AND PROFIT

TWO APOSTLES ASK QUESTIONS

"We ought to lay down our lives for the brotherhood. Whosoever possesses this world's goods, and notices his brother in need, and shuts his heart against him, how can love to God remain in him?"—John 3: 17.

"Suppose some brother or sister is ill-clad and short of daily food; if any of you says to them, 'Depart in peace! Get warm, get food,' without supplying their bodily needs, what use is that?"—James 2: 15 (Moffatt).



JOHN seeks proof of love of God apart from brotherly concern for his brother in need, and James puts the question of profit to merely wishing another's welfare, what use is that?

Proof of Love

John seems to say that the only way we may show our love for God is through our fellow-men, and who will dissent from this? Love is not a theory, it is the most practical thing in the world. Love is always proved by deeds. "God so loved that he gave his only begotten Son."

When John the Baptist, in prison, sought confirming evidence that Jesus was he whom they expected, Jesus sent the two disciples back to him with evidence of love and compassion for the needy. Tell him, said Jesus, what things you hear and see. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and in addition to all this, tell him the poor have the gospel preached to them. The proof Jesus offered of his deity was to be found in his deeds, and best of all, by his death on the cross. Think of it as we will, we will discover that a profession of love without deeds is the essence of insincerity. John declares, "If God so loved us, we ought to love one another." "We ought to lay down our lives for the brotherhood."

Sympathy in Word Alone

James may be teaching the real value of a faith which works, but in doing so, he employs a homely illustration which, in itself, provides sound teaching on the subject of what is commonly known as charity. Illustrations abound of the cheap kind of sympathy which costs nothing. The priest and the Levite have come in for some adverse criticism for leaving the poor "half-dead" man to his fate, sympathising maybe, but doing nothing. It is easy for us to censure them, but how many of us pass by on the other side these days, trusting that some good Samaritan may come along? How often we find it convenient to offer a kind word and move on!

Need Tests Creed

What we believe will surely manifest itself in what we do. Need, rightly appreciated, whether with regard to spiritual or material things, will test the quality of our faith. The needs of the multitude moved the Son of God to pity and compassion, but more, it moved him to feed them. The needs of the world, in spite of its vaults of gold and abundant harvests, were never so tragic as they are today. Thousands of needy people are at our very doors. Think of the aged, who seek homes and need comfort; the sick and the dying who need nursing; the widows who are left to fend for themselves; the deserted wives and children, the homeless, the starving, the orphans, the blind, deaf and dumb, who are a charge upon the more favored. Eight thousand mentally affected people in Victoria are dependent upon others. May God give us eyes that we may see, ears that we may hear, and hearts that we may love and sacrifice! Will our creed stand the test?

John and James join in appeal to us all. How dwelleth the love of God in us? How? What's the use of a sympathy which costs nothing?

Answer on Sunday, August 20.—Will. H. Clay.

Measure for Measure

"With what measure you deal out to others will be dealt out to you."—Matt. 7: 2 (Moffatt).



SOMEONE has said, "Life is a boomerang—we usually get back what we give." Actions cause reactions. Just as good is returned to us for goodness, so we may expect evil for evil.

Backward Pupils are We

The world has been slow to accept the teaching of Jesus. He taught good for evil, but such teaching seems contrary to human nature, and so it is. Human nature is contrary to God.

Evil for Evil

This is at the base of all our troubles, domestic to international. Wars would be impossible



R. A. Strongman, A.I.C.A.

The president of the Social Service Committee is an accountant holding an important position with the State Electricity Commission. Mr. Strongman is also treasurer of the committee. His fellow-members hold him in great esteem.

if we would listen to God. We not only get back what we give, but we often get it back in increasing measure.

Love for Love

In this regard the Christian religion is superior to all others. The teachings of Jesus are not easy to practise. They are so revolutionary and contrary to our own concepts. To love our enemies, to love our neighbors as ourselves, to turn the other cheek when smitten, to trust when we cannot understand, and to follow where we cannot see demands of us the seemingly impossible, and we act as though it is.

Generosity for Generosity

A present demands a present. The motive of giving is love, and according to its intensity so is its quality. The measure of our love for others is the measure we may expect from them. The love of God is infinite, boundless, hence cannot be measured, but giving is finite. Each man gives "as he purposeth in his heart" and withholds accordingly.

Measure for Measure

If we could realise that measure for measure in hatred, love and generosity is an eternal principle, how differently we would live and act.

A young man who had great riches turned away when Jesus challenged him. The Good Samaritan spent freely and promised more, but the widow had but two farthings and she gave them. In each case, giving was a test of faith.

On Sunday, August 20, our giving will express our faith. Measure for measure, what may you and I expect?—R. A. Strongman.

THE TIME TO GIVE IS NOW!

"To-day is the time to lay by treasures in heaven by investing in Christ's work on earth. Inflation may grow worse in the world, but our gifts to God will never depreciate in value."



Staff and Guests in Festive Mood at Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh.

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"I Could Have Been a Millionaire"

"EVERY man has his price," is a saying that is passed around often, but rarely challenged. Some men are ready to sell their souls for a price, but not all. Of course, it may be remarked that those who speak disparagingly of great wealth are like the fox who could not reach the luscious fruit beyond his leap, and called them sour grapes. There are those who, lacking ability, find comfort in despising what lies beyond their grasp. No one could say justly that the late Arthur Mee, editor of "The Children's Encyclopedia," lacked outstanding ability. He was the editor and author of more than fifty books; he had also a part in editing ten serial publications, making up seventy volumes, and was editor of "My Magazine" and "The Children's Paper." "The Children's Encyclopedia" was distributed throughout the empire in some seven million volumes. In America, in various forms, some 53 million volumes were sold. Publishing houses on both sides of the Atlantic made millions of pounds out of the enterprising work of Arthur Mee. The "Child of Wonder," as he has been called, was too busy giving instruction to the young, fighting the evils of strong drink, giving guidance to boys and girls on the highway of life, to amass a huge fortune. When he said, "I could have been a millionaire," he was not boasting. He had made huge fortunes for others, but not for himself.

What a sad loss it would have been to the world if Arthur Mee went all out to be selfish and to win his millions? There could never have been "The Children's Encyclopedia," for it breathes the spirit of a godly, self-sacrificing man of high ideals. How poor the world would be if that man had become a millionaire. Many who have served humanity and the church were influenced in childhood

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by the high ideals of Arthur Mee. Professor M. L. E. Oliphant, who is considered to be one of the world's foremost atomic scientists, and who is anxious to release the power in the atom for peaceful ends, became interested in science because he read, as a boy, the works of Arthur Mee.

But could Arthur Mee, with so noble a purpose, have been satisfied to store up money and remain selfish? Sir John Hammerton, who has written the story of his life, said, "He could not have been a millionaire and remained Arthur Mee."

We know of men who are serving as ministers of churches who have outstanding business ability. Of several, commercial men have said, "If that man were in business he would have made a fortune." We know of men in commerce, too, who could have increased their wealth very considerably if they had not given so much time and money to the church.

If Arthur Mee did not gather a million pounds, he did something more lasting and valuable; he enriched the hearts of millions of children around the world. Those men and women who are satisfied to make a living, and to give time and money above their essential needs to the work of the kingdom of God, are richer, by far, than the poor wretches who exist in the prison house of material wealth.

One of the strangest confessions we have heard came from Professor Joad, who had made money from writing popular philosophy. He said, "The pleasures I have most enjoyed could not have been purchased with money." The words of Jesus, spoken to humble people so long ago, are shown still to be true in thousands of lives, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" There is no doubt that a man's life consists of more than the abundance of his possessions. The man in the parable who took his money from the master and then hid it in the ground for safe keeping, not letting it serve some good purpose, is not without multitudes of companions to-day. People gather large sums into bank accounts. These remain unused when so many opportunities of service for the Master are neglected. Many are so anxious to become "little" millionaires they deprive themselves of the blessings of a life of service. He who

was very rich, and prized his wealth above all else, was told by Jesus to sell all that he had and give it to the poor. When a man is possessed by his wealth, it is better that he get rid of such a cruel slave-driver. No man works harder than the man who loves money. He is



Mrs. M. Ward, President of the Womens' Auxiliary.

Mrs. Ward was for many years the secretary of the auxiliary, and upon the death of Mrs. Gill, was elected to the presidency. She is a most effective speaker and most untiring in her service. The women of the auxiliary are very loyal to their new leader.

chained to his business, office and material possessions, and never enjoys the delights of freedom in the service of the Lord.

It would have been easy for Arthur Mee to have been a millionaire; it is easy to gather wealth selfishly. The hard thing to do is to learn how to put it into the service of the kingdom of God. It may seem strange to say that it is hard to learn to put money to a good use. People can earn pounds easily, but find it very hard to give a shilling away for a good social cause.

Our Social Service Departments have been educating church members in the art of using their money for unselfish ends. They want us to learn how to make our money serve the aged, the sick, the troubled, the distressed, the poor, and the unfortunate men and women who have fallen by the wayside. While this social work is not the whole programme of church activity, it is a vital function of Christian activity.

Yes, it may be easy to grow wealthy selfishly. Let us learn the much more difficult task of enriching others unselfishly, even as Christ did for us. Let us remember the needs of Social Service Departments on August 20.



"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth."
—Psalm 71: 9.

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Two Commandments in One

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God. . . . And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Matt. 22: 37-40.

A HINDU once said to a Christian missionary, "I can understand why Christianity tells men to love God with their whole lives. Hinduism, rightly understood, does the same. I can understand also that any man of genuinely human feeling will do what he can to help his fellowmen; but I cannot understand why Christianity puts love of God and service of man together."

The obvious answer is that Jesus himself did that. One Old Testament book declared that men are to love God with heart, mind, soul and strength; another has enjoined men to love their neighbor as themselves. But Jesus made the connection as close as possible, by insisting that the second commandment is like unto the first. Actually they are inseparable.

Man and God

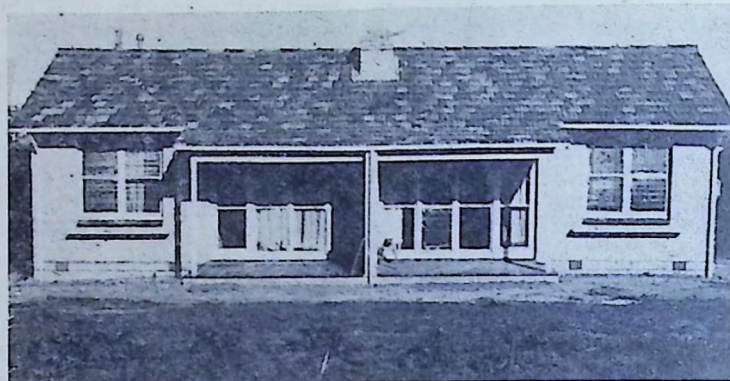
Because we have thought of two commandments instead of one, Christians have often put emphasis on either of these to the minimising of the other. Some have devoted themselves to the welfare of their fellowmen, with little, if any, thought of God. They have acted as if they believed the doctrine that "man shall not live by bread alone," really means man ought to have bread and butter as well. Such an outlook puts man as the chief end in himself, and is completely unworthy of the Christian concept of man as a child of God, and does not reach his true destiny until he knows God and rejoices in his fellowship.

God and Man

On the other hand, there are those who have said that God himself is the only object worthy of religious thought and devotion. They have retreated from the main field of social action, and have thought of God as speaking to them

as individuals in a direct message. They have laid claim to loving God perfectly, and to having the witness to this perfection. As an important balance to this view, John Wesley declared that perfection in love means perfection in love to God and man. While a man might feel that he loved God perfectly, Wesley felt sure that he himself, anyway, did not love

because it made men fight harder and die more willingly. A religion which looks upon special privilege as of God, and upon the submission of the underprivileged to their misery as the will of God, ignores the emphasis of Christ upon the second commandment of our text. We dare not divide them. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and . . . thy neighbor as thyself." The pronouncement of the Master was final: "This do and thou shalt live." "To love God (God in the mystery and the faithfulness of earth and sky, God heard



Cottage Pair. The latest additions to the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh.

men perfectly—at least some of them; and therefore he did not bear witness to any experience of perfection.

A True Balance

It is not necessarily true to say that, if we can get men individually converted, all our social problems will be solved. We have not had to look far to find men converted to an inner piety who have separated these two commandments and minimised the second. A general of the first World War once asked a padre to preach the gospel of an inner piety

in the deep undertone of the music of humanity, God became incarnate in Jesus), and to love our neighbor (especially the neighbor who by reason of life's merited or unmerited tragedy most needs our love)—is to live. There is no other life here or hereafter. To slay that motive of love is to die."

Thank God for our Department of Social Service which helps us to keep the true balance of the Christian life—love to God and to our fellowmen.—W. F. Nankivell, Camberwell.



Mr. and Mrs. Thompson in the sitting room of one of the cottage pair.

CHRIST CALLS FOR ACTION

THE open door of Social Service is set before us, therefore we are compelled to step out into the field of opportunities. It was opened for the purpose of giving us unlimited privileges; our duty is to seize every opportunity.

We are apt to forget our responsibility. That is because we do not think or pray enough about this great work. Surely our obligations are greatest to those who need us most!

Let us all strive so to live that no needy man, woman, or child shall appeal to us in vain. Let us do co-operatively what we find impossible to do alone. Together, effectiveness

will be increased and the greater good accomplished.

That is what Christ would have us do. He came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. When we fully realise that Jesus measures our gifts, not by what we give, but by what we have left over, this should determine our giving. Let us go forward in Christ's name, giving of our best.—Esther M. Washfold, Women's Conference President.

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AT RANDOM

SHE has £500 but no home. The superintendent of a well-known institution enquired of Social Service Department concerning room for her in our Home. All enquiries for a home for her had proved abortive. "She cannot stay here, the rules of the institution forbid it." Can you help? Her memory is affected, her age qualifies her for a pension, but her cash credit prevents it. One of our preachers called, but at present her case constitutes a problem. A solution must be found.

A Domestic Tragedy

Married, five children, and deserted. Two children are self-supporting, and two remain with mother. No support from her husband, she needs must work. The Council has permitted her to occupy a caravan in the reserve. She rises at five and is at work in a restaurant. She is often employed till 11 o'clock, and when special catering is undertaken, till 2 in the morning. The long hours help her to forget some of her troubles. Her two children are left in the care of friends. Six years ago she found an alliance with a man who himself had been deserted. A boy of three years of age was brought by one of our preachers to the office. Together they had travelled all night. To-day the boy is in the home of Christians who claim him as their own. His mother and father are still interested in him. "Let me have a photo. of him," she pleads with tears. It would be easy to condemn in a case like this, but let us not be unkind.

Is There Room for Me?

"That you, Mr. Clay?" "Yes, it is Mr. Clay speaking." "When may I expect to get into your home?" The usual explanations are made. "You won't forget me, will you? Please don't! I'm waiting patiently. I would like a room to myself."

Make Life's Road Safe for all Men!

TWO STRINGS TO THE BOW

HOW often do we glorify the "Good Samaritan" because he went to the rescue of a man in need. He picked him up, took him to a place where his wounds could be attended to and restored to health, and sent on his way.

But why have we ignored the fact of the dangerous road along which he had to travel and would again have to travel? Bandits infested the road, and endangered all men going that way.

To help the victims was a praiseworthy thing. But why not go further and make the road safe for all travellers? Why not take steps to awaken the civic and national authorities to their duty—to get rid of the bandits? It is surely more important to make the road safe than to pick up those who fall victims to the dangerous road! The Good Samaritan could only find time and money to save a few of the many victims—the rest must be left to perish! How that old story pictures what is happening all the time!

Dangerous road, unwary travellers—victims everywhere—and the church and others picking up a few of the many wrecks. The many left to die! A few bold thinkers realise that the causes must be destroyed before the road of life can be safe. Usually the churches and church departments grow dumb when asked to face up to the root of so many of the human derelicts strewn along the way. What is it that breeds wars? What is it that creates slums, foists drug traffic upon us, and causes men to gamble and so become fiendish? The usual weak response is to assert that all this unholy array of life-wrecking bandits is due to sin!

It is here that we want to express our appreciation of the Social Service Department. They realise that they must have two strings to their bow. They play the Good Samaritan wherever need is seen; their ear is open to the cry and sigh of the unwanted aged. But more, unlike so many of our superficial thinkers, our Social Service leaders realise that all such help is mostly a palliative and can touch but few of the so many, and that we must remove the causes—the bandits! Our social and morally wrecked are victims of social and economic root causes which must be faced. We should be proud of the committee's work.—G. T. Fitzgerald.



Foundation Stone of Nurses' Hostel of Nursing Home, Murrumbidgee.

Social Service

Offering

Sunday, Aug. 20

£1000 Needed

"God is able to bless you with ample means, so that you may always have quite enough for any emergency of your own and ample besides for any kind act to others."

—2 Cor. 9: 9 (Moffatt).

WHAT—MY SON!

THE BREWER'S GHOST.

HERBERT BOOTH, in his striking booklet, "The Brewer's Ghost," portrays a scene on Christmas night in a brewer's mansion.

The banquet is over, the guests have departed, the household has retired and the brewer is alone. He surveys with pride the events of the day, the luxuries of home, his place in public life, his wealth and future plans. Then, as the massive clock chimes the midnight hour he remembers his unopened mail.

What is in that letter that darkens his brow and causes his hand to tremble? "Gone to the Devil!" he exclaims, "Gone to the Devil." The letter is about his eldest son, the pride of his mother, the heir of his father's fortune; the boy of fine physique, of great promise and university education. "Found drunk," the letter states, "with a bottle of his father's whisky in his pocket."

Midnight is associated with many domestic tragedies, and the brewer, now alert, sees in vision his prodigal son, that boyish face now bears the scars of dissipation; those blue eyes are bloodshot; that fine head bruised and bleeding. "Is it possible?" moans the disappointed father. "George, would to God I had never taught thee to drink."

Herbert Booth closes a dark chapter with this lament, "The fangs of the serpent were about to enter the heart of its keeper. On this Christmas night the brewer's son was drunk." —From Herbert Hoare's, "Gems from My Note Book."



CHRISTIAN CONSTANT

WITHIN the Christian church there are some commitments which remain constants. One is the winning of men and women, boys and girls, to the discipleship of the Lord Jesus. Another is the teaching of the Christian way of life to those won to Christ. A third is the bearing of our share of responsibility in and for the fellowship of Christ.

To encourage us to faithfulness in the meeting of these commitments, we have our several conference departments — missionary, education, and social service.

Cause for Thankfulness

Many of us thank God to-day for the encouragement to faithfulness we have received over the past quarter of a century from the Social Service Department. We have come to know what it means to "belong" to the brotherhood. "Togetherness" has come to mean much more than a happy, heart-warming experience. It has come to mean a helping hand, taking a lift of a brother's, a sister's burden.

Burden Bearing

And what burdens hardship, unemployment, illness, bereavement, infirmity, age, places upon some of our fellow Christians! And were it not for the easing of the burden, by the assistance provided through the Social Service Department of the churches, many would have been over-burdened and broken by the loads life compelled them to carry.

Better Christians

We are better Christians because we have acknowledged the practical application of the principle of fellowship in Christ, and have accepted the obligation to share with all who belong to the brotherhood the benefits life has bestowed upon us.

May we all rejoice in the opportunity to support the Social Service Department in the annual offering on August 20.—Howard Earle.



Laying of Foundation Stone, Nurses' Hostel.

From left: Mrs. Ploog, ex-president Women's Conference; Mrs. M. Ward, president, Women's Social Service Auxiliary; Mrs. Washfold, president Women's Conference; Mrs. Lowrey, member of Auxiliary.

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Among Village Churches

A. Anderson, Federal F.M. secretary, who is visiting mission stations in the New Hebrides, is endeavoring to attend services at most of village churches; this article describes some of his experiences.

"Send the Light, oh, send it quickly,
Far across the heaving main;
Speed the news of full salvation
Thro' a dear Redeemer's name.
Send the Light, oh, send it quickly,
To the isles beyond the sea;
Let them hear the wondrous story—
Love is boundless, grace is free."

So sang the people at Navitora. Their beautifully kept church was full—about 200 people had gathered. The rich deep voices of the men blended well with the higher notes of women and girls. Looking into their happy faces and catching the deep joy of their hearts, one could say with truth:

"To God be the glory, great things he has done."

Some of our Aoban villages have been Christian for a long time, though some have only in recent years "turned from darkness into light." It is in such places as this that one sees what darkness really is, and the real light that comes through Jesus Christ.

Up to date I have journeyed with Mr. Finger to half the Christian villages on Aoba, and have found them loyal and enthusiastic, even to having a desire to preach the gospel in distant places. They have a desire for better things, better homes, better church buildings, better conditions for their children, and sufficient evidence has been given to show that they were not only desirous of health both for themselves and their children, but they worked with a will towards the erection of the hospital, gave a large thankoffering at its opening, and have fixed charges which they expect to pay. Especially is this so for midwifery cases. They have a desire for a greater knowledge of God's word, hence the need of a training school. They admit their failings, and one teacher expressed it: "We are sometimes bad and sometimes good." It is evident that they want to press on to higher things. Unfortunately there are many things that tempt to draw them away, but they are usually ready to admit their faults and failings and seek forgiveness.

Notable Visitors to Perth W.A.

INTEREST in missionary enterprise, both at home and abroad, has been considerably quickened in recent weeks by the presence in Perth of well-known missionary personalities.

There is nothing on this earth quite like Christian fellowship, and it is equally true that, in the words of the hymn writer:

"The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

This has been the experience of brethren and sisters in Perth, as, for very many years now, they have had the opportunity of meeting, both in welcome and in farewell, our missionaries as they have passed to and from the Indian field. Once again, on Monday, July 3, a very happy luncheon party in the Lake-st. church hall greeted Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry and family as they returned to take up their great work.

H. L. Vawser (chairman of the W.A. Overseas Mission Committee) presided over gathering, and expressions of appreciation of their services and good wishes for their future were conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Coventry by A. D. Pyne (conference president) and Mrs. A. G. Elliott (president of the Women's Conference). Both Mr. and Mrs. Coventry graphically brought the tremendous challenge of "India for Christ." Then

Some of the old Kanakas from Queensland remain, but their ranks are thinning. Some of the teachers estimated that there were still eleven. Such men came here about the time of Mr. Purdy in 1907. One man, Peter by name, was often asked why he did not become a Christian. He invariably replied, "By-and-bye me come." The years passed, and in more recent years he stated, when urged to come out of the heathen state, "I think I stop along now," meaning he would continue as a heathen. Strangely enough, he yielded to Christ finally, and is a fine type of man. In another village, where the folk continued as heathen, one old man, Joseph, became a Christian, others followed, and now most have left their heathen ways. The cleared space of their heathen dancing ground is now the location of their village church. Sad to relate, Joseph is now an old man suffering from elephantiasis, malaria and T.B. He is not long for this life, but he has peace. He came to Christ late; his old heathen life has paid its toll. Nearly sixty years a heathen, and only four as a Christian. One of the boys said, "He stop along heathen too long a little bit."

These people turn out on the days they are visited, and within their modest bounds, are lavish in their hospitality. A fowl is cooked, some taro, bread and tinned butter and jam. The usual cup of tea and local fruits are also served. Usually, too, a fowl (live) and fruits are given to take away. A simple-hearted, lovable people.

On Aoba there are 20 churches under our work; 22 if we list smaller ones. The actual church figures for these churches are given as 851, with others under instruction. Upwards of 500 boys and girls belong to these villages and under Christian instruction.

The work remaining to be done is to encourage those who already belong to Christ to be more zealous and spiritual, to win the children as they come to age, and endeavor to influence the remaining heathen. This is the work that our missionaries are seeking to do, and for which they plead your full co-operation.

on Sunday morning, July 23. Lake-st. congregation had the privilege of listening to a message from Garfield Todd, who, with Mrs. Todd, was passing through from New Zealand to the mission station, Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

The Word of God Expounded

Another notable visitor to the fair city of Perth has been Sidlow Baxter, pastor of Charlotte chapel, Edinburgh. Eager and enthusiastic crowds thronged his meetings, and night after night the Christian people of Perth were thrilled with Mr. Baxter's sound, scholarly and expert exposition of the scriptures. The opinion was ventured that not for many years have the people of Western Australia had the privilege of listening to so fine a champion of the book of books and the Lord whom that book reveals. A feature of this campaign was the large proportion of young people in the gathering.

Coupled with Mr. Baxter we mention the name of the renowned Chinese Christian, Harry Liu, of the Pocket Testament League, who has

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also made a striking impression for good upon Perth audiences.

Scripture Examination

Bible school scholars in Western Australia, in common with those in other States, sat for the scripture examination on Sunday, July 9. Much earnest and thorough work goes into the preparation of students, and in a very real sense, those who take the examination seriously gain a great deal of knowledge of God's word as a result of their efforts. I have often thought, too, that as examinations have come and gone, the Australian brotherhood has not always been as appreciative as it might have been of the efforts of the many who are responsible for the planning and organisation of this annual event. As it seems likely that the examination, in its present form, is to be discontinued, some expression of commendation to those who have served for so long is surely demanded of us.

The papers this year appear to have been very well received, and there are, at the moment, hundreds of little people wistfully awaiting the austere verdict of the "markers"!

"Wooroloo" Sanitarium Visitation

For over twenty years now the Women's Auxiliary Conference has had the oversight of our visitation of the patients in the Wooroloo Sanitarium approximately 40 miles from Perth. This very fine Christian work has proved a wonderful witness, and has been tremendously appreciated, not only by the patients, but also by the members of the medical and nursing staff. The visitation is at present maintained under the direction of the Wooroloo superintendent, Mrs. E. Curtis, the organisation of transport being in hands of J. K. Robinson.

Personalia

Stan Ryles, who recently concluded his work at Bunbury, has commenced his ministry with church at Claremont, and is gradually settling in to the task.

Alf. T. Thomas, who has, for many years, served faithfully on Publication Board of State paper, "The Western Christian," has tendered his resignation as treasurer. Committee regretfully accepted Mr. Thomas' resignation, but is happy to know that he will remain as a member of the board. Mr. Thomas has served in former years both as business manager and editor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nightingale leave us shortly for an extended tour of the Eastern States, and hope to be among the Western Australian representatives at Federal Conference in Hobart.—A. Elliott.

Upholding the Rights of Men

"Is not this to know me?" said the Lord.—Jeremiah 22: 16.

TO Jeremiah was given the honor of saying that to judge the cause of the poor and needy or, otherwise, to uphold the rights of weak and miserable men is to know God.

"He judged the cause of the poor and needy. . . Was not this to know me?" saith the Lord.

This, I think, is the mind and motive of social service—the revealing of a true estimate and knowledge of God through taking to itself the cause of the poor and needy, the upholding of weak and miserable men's rights.

It might be good government to do this and true kingliness—it is also godliness.

It is this that social service is so commendable in, in this that it is so essentially of Christ and the gospel.

It derives from an understanding of God. It is religion, but it is that religion which is pure. It is faith, but a faith that is indisputable in its reality.

God himself says of this upholding of the rights of men, "Is not this to know me?"—A. B. Withers, President of Victorian Conference.

COMMONWEALTH ROUND-UP

HERE AND THERE

D. Wakeley, of Hartwell, Vic., has accepted an invitation to serve with church at Enmore, N.S.W., and expects to commence his ministry in November.

Eric Hart, preacher of church at Toowoomba, Qld., was in Melbourne last week. He was returning from Great Britain on a migrant ship in which he has served as a chaplain. We hope to have shortly an account of his experiences for readers to enjoy.

Mrs. C. S. Holmes, J.P., of church of Christ, North Essendon, Vic., has received a nice letter from Queen Mary, in acknowledgment of her work in Children's Courts. Her Majesty expresses her admiration of the work that is being done, and wishes her success in the future.

R. Greenhalgh, of Young People's Department, N.S.W., advises that he has withdrawn a letter of introduction given by him to a young man who claims to be an Estonian. Any who receive an approach from such a person are advised not to help, and should if possible return the letter to R. Greenhalgh.

The presence of Bertrand Russell in Australia has emboldened the exponents of rationalism in some places. The booklet of 46 pages, "The Bankruptcy of Rationalism," by the late T. H. Scambler, will prove fortifying reading for young people. The Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. still has available supplies at 4d. per copy.

Readers are reminded that registrations for Federal Conference (Hobart, Oct. 6-13) close with the Tasmanian secretary, G. E. Ashlin, 46 Faraday-st., West Hobart, on fifteenth of this month. After that date any deciding to attend will need to make their own arrangements for accommodation. The Tasmanian Tourist Bureau in each State will assist in this way.



Men's Fellowship

OWEN, LONG PLAINS, AND AVON.

THE second meeting of Owen, Long Plains, Avon Men's Fellowship was held on July 5 with improved representation from all centres. Don Bowes, recently returned from England, gave a much appreciated address on activities of church in England. This was followed by general discussion. The men of Long Plains church provided supper. The Fellowship meets once a quarter.—M. H. Daniel.



Queensland News

THE president of conference, L. R. Pitman, was at Rockhampton for the northern conference. He reported a fine spirit. Charters Towers is still without the services of a full-time preacher. The members there will enjoy the fellowship of those who are visiting the town for the "Back to Charters Towers" celebrations. Mackay church reports continued progress, and Townsville plans forward moves at Armstrong. North Queensland produces much of the wealth of the vast State, and presents a challenge and a call to the church to spread the gospel of Christ. In those towns the brethren are determined to be loyal to the simple message of the New Testament. The next mission to be conducted by L. Jones is planned for Moorooka. The church has been without the services of a preacher for some time, and has maintained meetings with the aid of supplies. The brethren who

give their services freely merit thanks of brethren. Moorooka church is determined to carry on, and to present the gospel to those willing to listen.



Federal College Notes

THE students gratefully acknowledge gifts of groceries forwarded by the ladies of Margaret-st., Launceston, and South Yarra churches.

The annual concert of the students was a very well presented programme, and the attendance much larger than in previous years.

For many years Mrs. Mary Brown, of Moreland church, took a keen interest in the work of the college and students. After her recent death it was learned that she left a legacy of £100 for college work.

College secretary spent three weeks in July among Queensland churches. Although heavy rains interfered with most meetings, keen interest in the work of the college was manifest in all places.

The annual one-day retreat of the students was held at York-st., Ballarat, in early July. Fine fellowship and stimulating addresses marked the day. Appreciation is expressed to J. E. Brooke, our speaker, and for the kindly provisions made by the brethren and sisters of York-st.

Realising that God had blessed materially, a Tasmanian friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, forwarded a cheque for £100. Increased blessing brought with it a sense of stewardship of God's gifts.—K.J.



Gay Nineties at Christmas Party, Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh.

Problems of Speech

IN the Pacific, as elsewhere, Christianity and education have marched forward hand in hand. Alongside every mission station will be found a vernacular school, attended by adults as well as children. As soon as the pupils know their letters, they begin to spell out simple Bible words, for the scriptures are a text-book in most mission schools. It is interesting to note that the scriptures have been translated, in whole or in part, into 160 South Pacific (including New Guinea) languages, and in every case these languages were reduced to writing in order that they might become the vehicle of divine truth. The translation of the Bible, however, is the beginning and not the end of the missionary task. A vernacular literature is essential to young

nations growing into manhood. This must cover not only religion, but simple primary subjects which will enable them to take an interest in the wider life of the world."

The foregoing paragraph is the introduction to an illuminating article by the Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, W. H. Rainey, on "The Problems of Speech in the South Pacific."



Examination Results

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRIZE-WINNERS.

Div. 1.—Patricia Walker, Fullarton, 99; Janice Lukey, Murray Bridge, 98; Gloria Pollard, Cowandilla, 97.

Div. 2.—Robin Dix, Murray Bridge, 97; Glenys McPhee, Dulwich, 96; Joylene Herring, Nailsworth, 95.

Div. 3.—Jillian Ewers, Blackwood, 99; Morris Peacock, Kilburn, 98; Lorraine Brown, Colonel Light Gardens, 92.

Div. 4.—Desmond Schulz, Murray Bridge, 96; Margaret Lush, Blackwood, 95; Greta Williams, Cowandilla, 94.

Div. 5.—Ian Pike, Murray Bridge, 99; Margaret Tilly, Norwood, 94; Jennifer Outlaw, Fullarton, 93.

Div. 6.—Joan Kraft, Nailsworth, 98; Beverley Riches, Forestville, 96; Naomi Cheney, Blackwood, 94.

Div. 7.—Keith Kennett, Maylands, 96; Patricia Kraft, Nailsworth, 95; Judith Holton, Fullarton, 94.

Div. 8.—Josephine Lawton, Unley, 85; Briar McCrohan, Beulah-rd., 75; Gweneth Young, Mt. Hill, 71.

Div. 9.—George Mathieson, Cottonville, 85; Miriam Hancock, Maylands, 82; Diane Chamberlain, Beulah-rd., 71.

Div. 10.—Rex Stacey, Maylands, 84; Rosemary McEvoy, Goolwa, 78.—J. Cain.

N.S.W. PRIZE-WINNERS.

Div. 1.—1, Rae Coleman, Taree, 96½; 2, Gary Walker, Bexley North, 89½; 3, Elaine Dudman, Caringbah, 88; 4, Pat Laney, Bexley North, Ronda Lapworth, Paddington, equal, 87.

Div. 2.—1, John Saxby, Taree, 100; 2, Christopher Stimson, Canley Vale, 94; 3, Joan Moore, Marrickville, 92; 4, Douglas Roselen, Beverly Hills, 91.

Div. 3.—1, Marilyn Kemple, Canley Vale, 99; 2, Cynthia Benson, Marrickville, 95; 3, Judith Olliver, Paddington, 93; 4, Rae Edwards, Taree, 91.

Div. 4.—1, Elizabeth Haden, Taree, 93; 2, Allan Webb, Belmore, 97; 3, Frank Stimson, Canley Vale, 96; 4, Christobel Rae, Marrickville, 95.

Div. 5.—1, Marlene Martin, Beverly Hills, 99; 2, Janice Saxby, Taree, 98; 3, Yvonne Austin, Tempe, 97; 4, Margaret Taylor, Belmore, 95.

Div. 6.—1, Margaret Morris, Epping, 98; 2, Gloria Lark, Doonside, 97; 3, Fay Mackay, Kingsford, 95½; 4, Jannette Bloore, Chatswood, 93½.

Div. 7.—1 (City Temple prize), Pam Hooker, Doonside, 96; 2, Valerie Frost, Auburn South, 94; 3, Elaine Humphreys, Lane Cove, 93½; 4, Barbara Walters, Paddington, 93.

Div. 8.—(President's prize), Eric Payne, Enmore, 86; 2, Nancy Montgomery, Enmore, 75.

Div. 9.—1, Neida Davy, Ashfield, 93; 2, Neville Snow, Burwood, 87.

Div. 10.—1, Margaret Jamieson, Cardiff, 95; 2, Davina Macfarlane, Paddington, 90.

—R. Greenhalgh.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Ma Ma Creek.—Keith Jones visited the church in interest of College of the Bible on July 18. Attendances at services have been affected by continuous rain. Highlight of manse opening on Aug. 26 and Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 27, was the visit of W. H. Nightingale, W.A., who was preacher 44 years ago. All scholars who sat for scripture examination gained high percentages, a Mt. Whitestone girl coming first in Queensland. Chapel has been painted.

New South Wales

Beverly Hills.—Endeavor anniversary was held June 25. On June 24 Intermediates held a "Happy Hour" conducted by R. Greenhalgh. On June 24 Y.P. Society presented a gospel play. Mr. Cavill's ministry is being appreciated. Church is saddened by death of Sister Fairbrother, who was much esteemed. On July 20 Ron Roberts showed films of China Inland Mission. Mr. Perrett, from Mission of Lepers, visited Bible school and showed slides on July 30.

Euston.—The first breaking of bread service was held on July 30. 12 members were present, including visitors from Swan Hill and Mildura. C. Franklin gave a fine address. In afternoon the first anniversary of Sunday school was held in public hall, when about 100, including children, attended. I. J. Chivell and over 30 young people from the Sunraysia churches travelled that afternoon from Mildura. They rendered nice items, and Mr. Chivell gave a splendid flannelgraph talk. Later a basket tea was enjoyed. Sunday school now has 40 children on roll.

Bexley North.—P. Retchford, of Bankstown; W. J. Crossman, of City Temple; and R. Saunders brought messages to church in July. A missionary evening, arranged by Women's Fellowship, included film-strip slides of "Our India" and the New Hebrides shown by I. A. Paternoster. Gifts of handbags, soaps, exercise books, etc., were received for mission work. Small charge for refreshments went towards providing food parcels for India. Women are planning concert in Masonic Hall, in aid of manse fund. Steps are being taken to secure a manse property in Allen-st. Mrs. Greenhalgh, kinder supt., is in King George Hospital after operation. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. A. Rowles and Mrs. A. Lay in their bereavements. Mr. and Mrs. W. Baker have been welcomed into fellowship from Wiley Park, and two lads, B. Stewart and Ian Hawkes, were added by faith and baptism on July 30.

Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.).—Congratulations of church were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. W. Peckham, who celebrated golden wedding anniversary on July 21. Church has been saddened by death of the beloved Archibald Clark. He will be sadly missed. Mr. Clark endeared himself to church. Christian sympathy goes out to Mrs. Clark and Edith (Mrs. Neate). There was a good attendance at memorial service, held at Wolfram-st. R. Hilford read Mr. Clark's favorite passage of scripture. R. Warmbrunn sang a solo. Mr. Hilford gave an impressive address. Barbara and Judith Palmer (twins) made great decision. C.E. meetings have been held in homes of Mrs. H. Garner, Mrs. R. Warmbrunn, and at manse. Ladies' Guild met at home of Mrs. L. Warren on July 27 to honor Mrs. A. Ball, who has resigned from treasurership of guild after over 25 years' service. A presentation

of a silver cake tray was made by Mrs. Warren on behalf of ladies. Afternoon tea was served.

South Australia

Stirling East.—Attendances have been smaller lately owing to cold weather. During Mr. Stewart's absence on holidays, Messrs. Schwab, Harslett, Cox, Purdie, Knight and Baxter assisted. Bible school has been on upgrade, but recently four scholars from one family have transferred to country. Sister Halleday, sen., has been unable to meet with church owing to sickness.

Fullarton.—Church has had good meetings in July. B. W. Manning preached on July 30. At morning service, and in evening, there was a big gathering when Mr. Duff-Forbes preached, there being one decision. An offering was taken for the Biblical Research Society. The recently formed Boys' Club is functioning well under guidance of W. V. Wright and J. Walker; about 17 boys attended last week.

Kilburn.—A. J. Ingham was preacher at 11.15 a.m. service on July 30, when Betty Sawtell responded to invitation. There were 34 adults and 31 Young Worshippers present. Bible school, at 10 a.m., had attendance of 143, equalling previous record. A new scholar was enrolled. C.Y.F. had attendance of 25 and J.C.E. 19. A splendid pulpit Bible has been donated to church through Mrs. Stacey, of Maylands. Kilburn Progress Association has granted a five-year lease of hall to Kilburn church of Christ, with right of renewal, for Sunday services.

Norwood.—A number of members have been sick, making meetings smaller. Gymnasium is doing good work, due to leadership of Vic. Langston and Geoff. Draper. Scholars have been added to Sunday school after "Happy Hour" meetings. Picture night for youth centre realised £6. Foreign Mission offering amounted to £253. Good Neighbors' Council speakers, Col. Fidock and Mr. Ashton, visited Youth Fellowship July 16. Film on U.N.A.C. was shown to Fellowship on July 2. Fellowship pays periodic visit to Boys' Training School at Magill and has most enjoyable times.

Nailsworth.—Young Ladies' Fellowship held a good meeting in home of Mrs. Creighton on July 25, when Mr. Fisher spoke about use of models in child training, and Mrs. F. Cornelius gave a devotional message. On July 29 a carload went to Aldgate Valley to give programme of strip film pictures. Ladies' Guild has sent number of parcels to India and England. Another choral service was presented by choir on July 30, centring upon Bible readings of "Great Events by the Sea." Some members are assisting Enfield Heights "Happy Hour" campaign, conducted by the Youth Department, under leadership of Mr. Stirling, when increasing attendances of children are being recorded.

Maylands.—Both morning and evening services were conducted by Mr. Sherman on July 23. Members farewelled Horrie Walpole, who is taking up position in Victoria. An interesting evening was spent on July 25, when Mr. Duff-Forbes showed films. Mixed Club and Y.P. Endeavorers have combined, under name of Christian Endeavor Fellowship. Meetings have been helpful and numbers are en-

couraging. Mr. Sherman exchanged with Mr. Hutson, from Glenelg, on July 30, for morning service. Mr. Sherman preached at night. Ladies' Guild held annual meeting on Aug. 2, when an interesting travel talk on Ireland was given by Mrs. Forford. Ladies of the Young Marrieds' group spent a happy evening on July 27. Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on Aug. 2.

York.—During June Mr. Johnson delivered inspiring addresses on stewardship. To mark 66th church anniversary special services were held on July 23. S. Mathews was speaker in morning. Dr. Trevor Turner addressed 40 young people at monthly fellowship tea in afternoon, and spoke again at gospel service. Both speakers gave excellent addresses. At gospel service special singing was given by choir. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Bennett and a duet by Mrs. J. Harding and Mrs. Johnson. In memorial service was held on evening of July 16 for late Mrs. S. Young. Church attendances have been fair during past month. Over 50 attended a recognition social to honor Miss Joyce Kemp, who commenced her nursing work on July 31. J.C.E. is growing under helpful leadership of J. Harding. Although small in numbers Y.P.S.C.E. has been having excellent meetings. Youth Fellowship Club is growing under guidance of B. Gray, average attendance being 23.

Edwardstown West.—On July 9 temple day offering exceeded £100, which, with donations given during previous few weeks, brought total amount to £193/13/4. This has wiped out completely the debt on present building and balance will form nucleus towards a future chapel. Average number breaking bread is 63. Church has welcomed three new members, two by letter (Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, from Tasmania) and one by faith and baptism. On July 27 Ladies' Sunshine Circle held annual meeting. Chapel was filled with members and visitors from sister churches. Mrs. Fax, of Prospect, addressed meeting, and Mrs. Coventry and Mrs. McIntosh rendered items. Meeting was followed by afternoon tea at which Mrs. Tabe and Mrs. Starkey, two oldest members, cut birthday cake. Mr. Squire, who is slowly improving in health, and other sick folk (Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Keatch, sen., and Mr. Dillon), are being remembered constantly by church in prayers.

Victoria

Geelong.—Meetings on July 30 were well attended. Mr. Anderson preached at both services. Mrs. MacIntosh was received into fellowship at morning meeting. Boys of Explorers' Club are busy making toys for kindergarten Christmas tree. On Friday evening Y.P.C.E. and the Intermediate Endeavorers held meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodda.

Cheltenham.—During J. C. Cunningham's absence on annual holidays, V. D. Wallington spoke at morning meeting on July 23 and J. Hindman at gospel service. F. N. Lee, representing L.O.A., addressed meeting at 11 a.m. on July 30, and V. C. Stafford preached at evening service. At close of service a sacred hour of song was held with the choir, and Miss F. Cowper and V. Wolf assisting.

Moreland.—At morning service on July 23, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond were welcomed into fellowship. Mr. Miles, like so many of the members, has been down with flu. Mr. Hibbert relieved with an invigorating address. Endeavorers are grateful to Messrs. Nicholls and Atkin for addresses at recent meetings. Sincere sympathy was expressed to Mrs. Mangin who recently lost her father, Mr. Branch, and to loved ones of the late Mrs. Taylor.

Stawell.—Mr. Mudford continues to give helpful service. Members and friends gathered on July 19 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Tromph and family, who have left district. Ladies' Guild farewelled Mrs. Tromph on July 20. Mr. Jackson is very sick again. In special meetings held by C.E. Society, young folk showed great interest. A competition is being held in Sunday school and causing excite-

ment among children. Five new scholars have been added.

Swan Hill.—Y.P.S.C.E. meeting was conducted by R. M. Streader, assisted by Mrs. Staley, Norma Warren and E. Rogers. Mr. Candy gave consecration pledge and address. Mr. Warmley addressed morning service on July 23 and R. Streader on July 9. Three young men were baptised by Mr. Candy on Aug. 6. Y.P.C.S.E. visited Benjiroop Fellowship on Aug. 4. Youth Council officers are as follow: R. M. Streader, president; E. Mott, vice-president; Miss F. Parker, secretary, and Miss D. Warren, treasurer.

Black Rock.—Church mourns loss of Mrs. Prenzel, who passed away suddenly. She was a faithful disciple; also Mrs. Jordon after a long and painful illness died recently. Mrs. Glenn, one of two remaining foundation members is in hospital, recovering from a serious operation, where she has given a splendid witness. Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll have been detained at home through sickness. All these are greatly missed. The Jobling family has settled in district. Finances are good, foreign mission offering being £72.

Blackburn.—Mr. Neighbour continues to give valuable service to church. Three young people made their decision for Christ—Beverley Gill, Jill Powell and Ernest Eade. Boys of Kappa Signa Pi gave up a recent Saturday to do odd jobs; proceeds were in aid of kindergarten extension fund. Ladies conducted a successful street stall, resulting in over £20 for Box Hill Hospital. Sunday school continues in healthy condition. Fourteen scholars sat for Sunday school examination and three gained prizes, the rest passing creditably.

Boort.—Church is fortunate in having many of its members willing and able to conduct services while church is without a preacher. Mr. Storey and Mr. Robinson, of Bendigo, and Mr. Banks, of Castlemaine, conducted services in recent weeks. Mr. Waddingham, of local Baptist church, spoke at morning service on July 23. A happy afternoon of fellowship was spent with women of all local churches at inter-church fellowship gathering, held this time in church of Christ. Sisters Penno and Foster took part in service. Each church took a portion of the service. £3/10/4 was collected for International Relief. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dillion, from S.A., were present at meeting.

North Essendon.—Attendances during July were above average. After gospel service, July 30, members and friends met to say "adieu" to A. Wilson, who had conducted an interim ministry since March 12. Reference was made to the benefit derived from his teaching. A book-order was presented to him as a token from church, in appreciation of his services. Bible school has produced first edition of "News Review," a paper designed to bring activities of school under notice of parents and members. At C.M.S. tea, July 30, speaker was F. L. Edmunds, former M.L.A. Church on that day enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Keefe, formerly of Frankston, and Miss Kennedy, of Horsham.

Carnegie.—Mr. Curtis, representing Local Option Alliance, was speaker at evening service on July 9. Youth Council held novelty night on July 15. On July 16 Colin Thomas and Mrs. Thomas and family, were present at worship service, when Mr. Thomas gave an appreciative message on "Our India." Mission Band ladies held meeting in chapel on July 20, when W. T. Atkin, of Social Service Department, presented pictures of work of department, and also of World Council of Churches. On July 23 Mr. Revil was speaker at morning worship. At gospel meeting, after Mr. Coventry's address, Mrs. Miles made confession of faith. Attendances have been smaller since there has been much sickness. Mr. Coventry was speaker at all services on July 30.

Malvern-Caulfield.—At annual business meeting, retiring officers were re-elected; encourag-

ing reports were received, and appreciation expressed of service of leaders in various groups, and particularly work of R. P. Clark as secretary. Plans were approved for reduction of debenture loans made for purchase of manse, and thanks recorded for help given by Properties Corporation. The preacher, Horace Kingsbury, conducted his first baptismal service on July 23, when Ronald and Valerie Beach, children of isolated members at Dixons Creek, and Peter Bennett were baptised and then welcomed into church membership. Women's department held their meeting at manse on July 26 at invitation of Mrs. Kingsbury, whose hospitality was much appreciated. Members have been busy at working bees at manse, making necessary improvements. Communion has been taken to some who are ill and unable to attend meetings. It has been a pleasure to welcome numbers of visitors and to note a growing interest in services.

Red Cliffs.—Interest has been maintained and meetings well attended. Women's Prayer Circle held Fellowship Day meeting in church on July 26. Annual business meeting was held on July 28. Those elected were: Elders, C. L. Lang, H. J. Cook; secretary, S. M. Milne; treasurer, H. J. Cook; officers, A. L. Martin, A. B. West, R. Heazlewood, B. Sprigg and K. Chislett; organists, Mrs. H. J. Cook and A. L. Martin. All auxiliaries reported a good year of work. Mr. Lang now has charge of Junior Boys' Explorer Club, which has a growing membership. Mrs. Lang has begun a 1st Degree Good Companions' Girls' Club with a happy and enthusiastic group of girls aged 11 to 15 years. C.E. has been holding meetings in homes during winter months. A social, with Methodist C.E. as guests, was held on July 27. Sunday school has begun anniversary practices. Women's Mission Band reported to end of 1949 that over £80 had been raised for year.

North Williamstown.—W. Griffith interested ladies of Y.L.A. with a talk on "First Aid." Mrs. Aldersley is assisting Mrs. Lane with Good Companions' Club, which has grown in numbers. Altona Sunday school is becoming firmly established. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas are being assisted by Mrs. Ingliss and Miss Joy White. Mr. Vernon has made a sand tray for kinders. On July 21, C.M.S. entertained Explorers to a competitive night. Mr. Brown, Mildmay evangelist, spoke at morning meeting on July 23. Mrs. Marks is doing well after recent operation. Mr. Grainger's special gospel services are appreciated. On July 2, question box was featured. July 9 Mr. Grainger and Mr. Haskell joined in fireside chat on "New World's Needs." July 16, slides were shown portraying "The Master's Hands," and on 23rd, Youth Fellowship gave dialogue, "Youth at the Crossroads." Mr. Grainger and Mr. Westaway illustrated "The Cross Aflame" on July 30. From these meetings three young people confessed Christ.

Essendon.—N. Cheal was speaker at morning services on July 16. Teachers of Bible school met for tea to discuss new teaching methods; Mr. McGregor (Oakleigh) and V. Longthorpe (college) introduced method. Mr. Longthorpe was speaker at evening service. At combined Mission Band and P.B.P. quarterly devotional meeting on July 20, Mrs. Waterman was speaker, and gave an interesting talk. On July 23 Mervyn Woods was speaker at morning service. Mr. Geyer and a party had charge of evening meeting. One of party, Mr. Hennrich, gave address. Mr. McIlhagger, having returned from holidays, spoke at both services on July 30. Mrs. Kershaw gave a beautiful talk on "The Winter Garden" at Ladies' Fellowship on Aug. 1. Congratulations to Phi Betas for gaining first place with 170 points at homecrafts competition. Mrs. Cheal is acting chaplain of club whilst

Mrs. McIlhagger is on holidays. Allan Muir is out of hospital and progressing favorably. All Sunday school scholars who sat for recent scripture examination have passed.

Springvale.—On July 23 there were good meetings. At evening service, after a fine message by Mr. Bond, there was one decision. Overseas offering has reached £56. Church was saddened by death of a consecrated young man, Dick Bosanquet. On morning of July 30, an in memoriam service was held. At evening service Mr. Buckingham gave a fine message; 100 attended Bible school. Church is enjoying special services during August. On Aug. 6 Mr. Bond spoke in morning and K. Jones gave a splendid message in evening on value of religion in home, 127 being present.

Camberwell.—During July church enjoyed a series of helpful addresses on Restoration Movement from C. G. Taylor, A. W. Stephenson, G. Fitzgerald and J. McG. Abercrombie. Attendances at communion and gospel meetings are being well maintained, and members generally are demonstrating a deep sense of loyalty and stewardship. There have been 3 additions by letter and 1 by faith and baptism. Ministry and visitation of W. F. Nankivell are appreciated. Church has purchased, and made available, a new motor car for preacher's use. Morning Bible school is proving satisfactory. All auxiliaries continue to render valuable service. Girls' gymnastic class has made available to church a piano, to replace an old instrument. Overseas offering reached a total of £54/6/3. School hall has been enlarged and renovated, and baptistry is being beautified. These will be featured at forthcoming anniversary celebrations.

Oakleigh.—Preparations are in hand for August mission with college student team. Three who were baptised on July 9, also Mrs. and Miss Watson, transferred from Blackburn, have been welcomed to membership. On July 23, gospel was presented with aid of talkie film. Offerings for local work have increased over recent months. Brotherhood offering averages £3/10/- weekly from over 60 members. £14/12/6 was also given for overseas missions. Officers' board has urged Oakleigh Council to rescind decision permitting Sunday football match. Sympathy was expressed to Mrs. De la Rue on death of her husband, and to C. Haines on death of mother. Bible school has successfully used new lesson project work prepared by one of the teachers. Of 16 scholars who entered scripture examination, Joyce Kent again gained highest—93 per cent.—and State fourth prize. Three gained honors and 3 merits. Young Women's Fellowship have had home nursing demonstration, impromptu talks and child psychology lecture. Explorer Club attendances are increasing. Visiting speakers at other clubs were Mr. Davies of trip abroad, Mr. Rutherford on gilder's craft, and C. Thomas, illustrating Indian mission work with films.

Sunshine.—Church continues to flourish under able guidance of F. B. Alcorn. J. Petrie, secretary, has been ill. Church trusts that, after a period of needed rest, he will be restored to health. Jack Young was received into fellowship on morning of Aug. 6 by faith and baptism. Sunday school staff was encouraged with results of scripture examinations. All ten who entered passed, average marks being approximately 90 per cent. £7/5/- was forwarded to overseas missions appeal. Children of school are preparing for forthcoming anniversary, under leadership of P. J. Wright. Ladies' Guild continues to meet fortnightly, with Mrs. Alcorn as president. Members appreciate attendance at morning services of Young Worshippers' League, who take part in readings, hymns and prayers, and greatly assist meeting by their presence.

Bentleigh.—Midweek prayer and Bible study continues to be a source of inspiration to an average attendance of 20 members. 26 scholars out of 30 passed scripture examinations. Bev. Smith and Elizabeth Wallington gained prizes in Div. 4, and in Div. 5 Marjorie Harris

gained a prize. Church extended to Mrs. Neeson and family sympathy in loss of her father. On July 30, Mrs. Sumner responded to invitation to accept Christ as Saviour. Work continues in good heart, and a bright future is anticipated.

Gardenvale.—Joy Club continues to visit Caulfield Repatriation Hospital each month to entertain and encourage patients. Ladies' Fellowship held a rose pruning demonstration on July 15. Mrs. Skewes being demonstrator. Fourteen Bible school children sat for scripture examination, 5 of whom obtained honors, 2 merits and several passes. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lunn and Margaret have transferred to Hamilton. Good Companions journeyed to Middle Park to initiate girls into Good Companions' Club. Boys' Explorer Club visited Brighton club and enjoyed fellowship. Dr. Kemp was speaker at fellowship tea on Aug. 6, and also at evening service.

Obituary

Archibald Clark

CHURCH at Broken Hill, N.S.W., sustained a grievous loss by sudden homecall of Archibald ("Archie") Clark, who passed peacefully to be with Christ on July 22. Our brother had been in ill-health for past two years. The day before his death he seemed much better, but passed away suddenly. Sincere sympathy of church was extended to Mrs. Clark, widow, and Edith (Mrs. A. Neate), only child. Mrs. Clark has been church organist for over 30 years. Our beloved brother was truly a gracious Christian gentleman. Throughout his life he maintained a spiritual glow. He came into church 39 years ago, and was baptised by E. J. Tuck. All through the years he was a tower of strength. He served as a deacon up to time of his death, was superintendent of Sunday school for over 25 years, and agent for "Australian Christian." Mr. Clark's cheery disposition and personal qualities endeared him to church and won the esteem of all. He leaves a fragrant memory of a truly consecrated life. He was always vitally interested in welfare of church. His constant attendance and interest in work, despite his failing health, indicated his loyalty to God. His funeral was well attended by church and business representatives of city. Mr. Clark, being a warehouse traveller, came in contact with many business people. All were influenced by his Christian life. To Mrs. Clark and Edith "the Christian's hope is truly a glorious hope." We know they will look forward to God's great day of reunion. "What the world calls life is death; what the Christian calls death is life."—E. M. Warren.

Early Church in Action

THE first organisation of the church was for the purpose of benevolence. The seven were selected to look after the daily ministrations to the necessities of the widows. The first general collection taken in the churches was to assist those who were impoverished by a famine. The only definition or description of religion given in the New Testament has to do with benevolence: "Pure religion and undefiled before God is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

When he describes the gathering of all the nations before the throne, Jesus says the basis of separating the righteous from the unrighteous will be their benevolent record: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



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