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World Advancing on Children's Feet



WE who live in the West must awaken to the fact that the East is stirring itself to opportunities of a new day. Movements of peoples indicate a restlessness throughout Asia. The East is on the march. Can we overtake this advance with the gospel of Christ? Many are making a bid for the allegiance of men, women, boys and girls. The young children in the photo. will soon be among the adults of the population. They are seed-beds for new ideas; why not plant the "good seed" now?

A LIGHT IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

ENGLAND.

Newman's "Kindly Light"

CARDINAL NEWMAN'S "Lead, Kindly Light" is one of the world's most famous hymns, as well as one of the most attractive hymn tunes. Dispute occasionally arises about the reason that prompted Newman to compose it. Conjecture that he had the Roman Catholic church in mind when he used the words "Kindly Light" is difficult to sustain in what Newman himself has written on the subject in "Apologia Pro Vita Sua" and written in the most careful manner, on pages 94-100.

Newman had been holidaying with his friend Hunell Froude in Italy and had "kept clear of Catholics throughout the tour, except for a chance meeting with Dr. Wiseman." Near the end of May, 1833, Newman felt that church affairs in England made it necessary that he should return to Oxford as soon as possible. He says, "We managed later to get a passage in an orange cargo boat bound for Marseilles, but were becalmed and befogged in the Straits of Bonifacio for a whole week. Then it was that I wrote the lines, 'Lead Kindly Light' on June 16, 1833, and I was writing other verses the whole time of my passage."

"Lead Kindly Light" was printed with the other verses in a lyric book and sold in the ordinary way. Years later, about 1867, a composer (Mr. J. B. Dykes) set "Lead Kindly Light" to music, and then it was that Newman began to get many inquiries about the meaning of parts of the hymn, but seems to have ignored all requests for elucidation until 1879, when he wrote to a special friend, Dr. Greenhill. He was then 78, and had been in the Catholic Church for 34 years. The letter appeared in the "Guardian," February 25, 1880.

Oratory, Birmingham,
Jan. 18, 1879.

My dear Dr. Greenhill,

You flatter me by your questions; but I think it was Keble who, when asked about some verses of his own, answered that poets were not bound to be critics, or to give a sense to what they had written, and although I am not like him, a poet, at least I may plead that I am not bound to remember my own meaning, whatever it was, at the end of fifty years. Anyhow, there must be a statute of limitation for writers of verse, or it would be quite tyrannical in an art which is the expression not of truth but of imagination and sentiment, one was obliged to be ready for examination on the transient states of mind which came upon one when home sick or seasick, or in any other way sensitive or excited.

Yours most truly,

John H. Newman.

The account in the "Apologia," and the letter of Dr. Greenhill seem to dispose of the contention that Newman meant the church of Rome when he penned his verse in 1833 in a Mediterranean fog. On the other hand, it is pressing sarcastic railillery too far if one asserts that it was the fog per se that produced the cry for Light. But whatever, there the hymn is, in simple, lucid and dignified words.—"The British Weekly."

AMERICA.

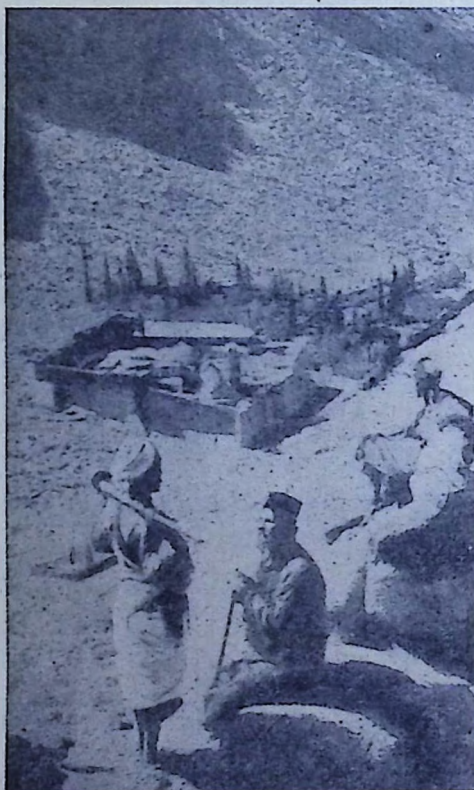
Evangeline Booth

EDGAR DE WITT JONES writes a tribute to the memory of Evangeline Booth, who died earlier this year. He says:

"Evangeline Booth was a natural orator. Her voice was pleasing, with a timbre that thrilled

multitudes. Her sentences were rhythmic, and she possessed a vivid imagination, without which a speaker may be effective but can never move an audience deeply. She employed illustrative material with rare artistry, and swept her hearers with impassioned eloquence. John Bright, the famous English orator, was accustomed to drop into her London meetings when she was little more than a girl, in order to listen to the music of 'Eva's' speech.

"Yet eloquent speech was never an end, but always a means to win men and women to the life of the Spirit, and to rescue the hopeless



St. Catherine's monastery on Mt. Sinai, where ancient copies of the New Testament were discovered recently. Here, years ago, Codex Sinaiticus was also found.

from the wiles of 'the world, the flesh, and the devil.' No matter how depraved or sodden human beings had become, she saw in them, as did her Master, some hint of the divine, and therefore potential saints.

"This woman of the platform and pulpit was also an administrative genius. Had she been a man we would have called her a statesman since she took the long view and planned wisely for the future of the vast organization of which she was the head. In the first world war Commander Booth won admiration and praise from Prime Minister Lloyd George and President Woodrow Wilson. She had audience with kings and nobles, but her heart was with the obscure, the poor, and the heartbroken.

"It may be that there was another side to Evangeline Booth which I did not see. I can believe that she could be stern and unbending, when, as the chief of her legions, she required that her policies be put into effect straightway. She could not have been General William

Booth's daughter and been otherwise. High office carries with it huge responsibilities and leaders must lead. Then, too, the feminine nature is usually a combination of the clinging vine and the obdurate rock, and who will be so bold as to question the good of such a combination?"

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Fiji.

Growth of Church

THERE arrived in England for a three months' visit, under the auspices of the British Council, Mr. Joeli Kete Ravai, the "Roko Tui" (Chief Native Administrator) of the Province of Tailevu, which is the largest and most important province of the biggest of the Fiji Islands. There are, of course, some 320 islands in the Fiji group, 106 of which are populated. Out of the total population of 270,000, some 125,000 are Indians—who have emigrated there, as to so many other parts of the East—and 121,000 Fijians. The Indians therefore outnumber the native people.

Mr. Ravai, when asked what percentage of the people are Christians replied, "All of them! I could not tell you of one village where the people are not Christians." They are very devoted to their churches, too; and they work for a certain period each year exclusively for the support of the church. More than that, they are missionary-minded, and have sent Fijian evangelists to New Guinea, to carry the gospel to heathen tribes.

Fiji is one of the mission fields to which, happily, denominational problems have not been taken; apart from the Roman Catholics, the Methodist is the only church there. The pioneering was done from England, but the oversight of the work was transferred some years ago to the Methodist Conference in Australia. Now, of course, the Fijians themselves are able to assume an ever-increasing amount of the responsibility.

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MT. SINAI.

N.T. Document

EGYPTIANS and American scholars engaged in microfilming ancient documents in St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai have discovered what is believed to be the oldest copy of the New Testament in Greek and Syriac.

Written on gazelle's hide, the manuscript dates from the fourth century, and includes a translation of the Bible in Arabic written over the Greek text and on the margins. The manuscript is also crammed with the story of early Christian saints.

According to Dr. Wendell Philipps, of Philadelphia, president of the American Foundation for the Study of Man, the manuscript is worth a million dollars. The foundation undertook the expedition on behalf of the Library of Congress which ordered the microfilming of more than 500,000 pages of ancient manuscripts in what is believed to be the world's oldest Christian monastery.

Experts in Alexandria believe the discovery to be the most important in early religious literature. Professors of the College of Arts, Farouk University, Alexandria, who are collaborating with the American experts, have sent a detailed explanation to King Farouk on the new find which adds to Egypt's Christian heritage.—"Christian-Evangelist."

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THE ENEMY WHO ONLY WHISPERS

WHISPERING campaigns are the methods used by enemies to destroy an opponent. During a war we call such campaigns rumors.

People are ready to listen to such reports, and often accept them as reliable without further enquiry. Those who were in authority in the last world war knew how false many rumors were. To correct them was not easy. Efforts were made to find out who started rumors, but these were rarely successful. Enemy agents were responsible at times, but often it was the work of misinformed individuals or people who had only half the facts. Before a serious rumor could be corrected, it caused havoc in morale and much dissatisfaction among the people. As soon as one false report was laid in its grave, another was on the move, doing the work of the enemy. We are all familiar with the pattern of the rumor that spreads like a bushfire.

II.

PEACE, no less than war, has her rumor campaigns. Perhaps there is no such thing as peace. There is a constant struggle between forces of the light and the dark. If the presence of the rumor is a sign of war, then it is with us always. At one time, the object attacked in the whispering campaign is a man, then a woman, or perhaps an institution. None can be sure he is not open to this insidious type of warfare. Sometimes a man makes a slight error or falls into a trap someone has designed. What happened might have taken place long in the past. Although the man might have repented long since of his sin, people who have a design to fulfil will not allow that deed to be forgotten. They whisper their attack and speak as if the sin of the past were being continued deliberately in the present. As a consequence of the rumor, a man's work for the good of a community and, perhaps, for the kingdom of God has been hindered.

Not only are men attacked in this manner, but also institutions that have been established for some good purpose. Individuals who get a bias or a set against this or that organization will whisper their objections, often without proof for their statements, and set a rumor going. Once such a word has been set going, galloping horse, a Chinese proverb says, will not overtake it. Before time can correct the damage, much harm has been caused.

Are we pointing to some vice common to our day, and prevailing among vicious men? This is not so. Back in the days of Jesus, human nature revealed this black streak in its make-up. The people who made use of this weapon of warfare were respectable, religious people of the day—yes, the "church" members. But, alas! the most guilty were those in leading positions.

What was their motive? To save themselves! To serve their own material self-interests! Since Jesus might lead the people from the errors of the past, and win them over to a new way of life, he was dangerous to the established order. Being a Pioneer, he was not wanted. How did the religious leaders attack the Master? They committed the subtle sin of taking the words Jesus spoke and twisting them to mean something else, and then quoted them against him. They were not honest men; they were dishonest with the truth. There is proof that the Jewish leaders knew that, when Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," he was referring to his own resurrection, but they made use of false witnesses to suggest it was the temple at Jerusalem.

When all the facts concerning Jesus were presented to Pilate, as judge, no case could be made against him. The governor desired to set the prisoner free. What prevented him? It was a whispering campaign that was set going by the religious leaders. By their words they

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suggested it would be better to have the criminal, Barabbas, set free than this innocent Man, Jesus. The eye of the people's intelligence was blinded by a rumor set going in a whispering campaign; so they set the criminal free and sent Jesus to the cross.

The tragedy of Calvary was not so much that the Innocent One suffered there, but that men and women, deceived by rumor, sent him there. Such a lesson, written so large in the gospel, ought to have impressed the followers of Christ. Unfortunately the highway of church history is marked by the callousness of men making use of rumor to slay pioneers and reformers of the Christian faith.

III.

MEN do to-day what Satan did at the temptation of Jesus. He took scripture from its context and used it to support his own arguments. There are those who claim to follow Christ, and who also take words of an article or book from their context, and try to prove a view the writer never put forward. Some religious journals have been misquoted so frequently that it was necessary to protect their contents by law, and permission to quote from their articles have to be secured. In that way protection against misquotation is gained. In religious discussion such legal protection ought not to be needed. The honesty and truthfulness of Christians ought to be a guarantee against misrepresentation.

We trust that members of churches of Christ will not be deceived by false propaganda, nor by unreliable whispering campaigns. May they stand by the truth, be generous in their views of their fellow-Christians who have named Christ as Lord, and strive to build up the unity of God's kingdom by love.

We make a plea for better understanding amongst brethren in the churches. Where there is lack of unity the kingdom of Satan is advanced, and the church is hindered. There is so much evangelistic work waiting to be undertaken, we are losing golden opportunities, while we spend energy arguing one with another. We are brethren; let us work as unitedly as brothers.



TRADE UNIONS AND CHURCH

BRITISH Trade Unions received much help at the beginning from Christian workers. While it was not a religious movement, the ideals of Christ did urge men to seek better working conditions. Unfortunately the religious motive was lost in the growing secularism of labor leaders. Then when this secularism fell away into the revolutionary atheism of Communism, the door was opened for the sectarianism of the Roman Catholic church. This danger of division within the Trade Unions, we pointed out previously in these columns. Now a third force is developing. To the sectarianism of the Roman church is added that of Protestant Action. Whatever we may say, the basis for this division within the Trade Union movement was made possible when it lost the original Christian impulse and allowed secularism to become supreme.

Christ does have a say in the affairs of men to-day. At times he is only allowed to speak feebly through poor representatives, but he does speak. He raises a voice against materialism and secularism. He will not keep quiet. We believe that if the original religious Christian impulse of the Trade Union movement were revived, it would help to bring church and worker together and keep out sectarianism.

New Appointments in India

By A. Anderson, Secretary of Overseas Mission Board.

Sister Gwen Batterham.

OWING to the furlough of Sister Win Walker, Sister Batterham will take over her work at Dhond Hospital. Miss Walker and Miss K. Taylor left Bombay on s.s. "Himalaya" Sept. 20, which was due in Melbourne on Oct. 3. Miss Taylor will spend a period with her people in Western Australia, and then proceed to Melbourne to spend one year at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. Miss Walker will proceed direct to Tasmania, her home State, and be in time for Federal conference. We thank God for the splendid work of these sisters, and wish for Miss Batterham the blessing of God as she undertakes this responsible task.

Miss H. Skuce.

This worker will have charge of the women's evangelistic work at Baramati during the furlough period of Miss Taylor.

Miss E. Vawser

Will continue her work as secretary of the mission, and supervise the health centre on the mission compound, Baramati, till the return of Mrs. Colin Thomas. The Baramati Boys' Home also comes under her supervision. The work of treasurer to the mission has now been handed over to B. V. Coventry. Miss Vawser is to be commended for her efficient service as treasurer for a period of years.

B. V. Coventry

Since the arrival of Mr. Coventry and family in India they have located again at Shrigonda. He writes of the encouragement given in the rural areas. The evidences of forward moves shown a year or so ago are being fulfilled.

John Bairagi, B.D.

Until the return of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas, this worker will have charge of Baramati evangelistic work in addition to his ordinary duties.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Waghmode

Will locate at the large village of Indapur. The opening of this work will fulfil the visions of missionaries for many years. There is wide scope for evangelistic work, and it is anticipated that a friendship centre, similar to that at Baramati, will be opened. Pray for this young couple in their united work.

Mr. Waghmode, commenting on this new move, writes: "My wife and I have a new door opened for our service for the Master at Indapur. We are conscious of this new field, and a big responsibility that is upon us. But we are going forward in his name, and have confidence that he will supply our every need. We invite your prayers."

Happy Preaching the Word

John Bairagi writes concerning the loud speaker presented by Mrs. Vawser, of South Australia, for use at Baramati:

"The loud speaker set is wonderful. The microphone is such a highly sensitive one that it picks up even from a great distance. I use it now in the Friendship Centre, and you can trust me that nothing but the pure word of God ever goes through it. My helpers sing many songs, but they are all sacred songs exalting our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Usually I have one programme a week. I had to miss once or twice on account of meetings and holidays.

"We have a lovely group of new missionaries keen on the word of God. We shall have such a company of like-minded people and much Christian fellowship."



Sister Gwen Batterham enters early into responsibility at Dhond Hospital. She is a "living link" of the Victorian sisters.

Hymn Books Wanted by Island Christians

When visiting Pentecost, the Federal secretary was asked by Christian leaders whether any of our people in Australia had copies of "Songs of Victory" (words and music required). If any are available, in reasonable order, please contact the Federal secretary.

Appreciation for Island Visit

At a full council meeting of island missionaries, the following resolution was carried and forwarded to the Federal Board:

"1. We desire Mr. Anderson to convey to the board our sincere appreciation for their goodwill and Christian greetings which he has brought on behalf of the board and brotherhood. To thank him also for his willingness to come, and for the pleasure which his visit has given us and the native churches. To express our thanks for the board's readiness to grant our request that Mr. Anderson visit us.

"2. We desire to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Paternoster for his years of devoted service on behalf of mission personnel and the native churches on Aoba, Macwo and Pentecost Islands. We are not unmindful of the amount of work involved on our behalf, and wish to express our thanks for his untiring efforts.

"3. We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Anderson for her part in making the visit of Mr. Anderson possible, and successful."

Violation of God's Word

Ethelbert Davis, of Burwood, N.S.W., discusses problems of doctrine, character and church organisation.

IN our last writing we called attention to the new Roman Catholic dogma of the bodily assumption of the virgin Mary into heaven, which the Pope is to promulgate on Nov. 1 of this year. This dogma has been for centuries the cause of much controversy in the Romish church. This fantastic doctrine has no foundation in scripture. The "Catholic Weekly" advises its readers to wait for the publication of a decision in the Roman Catholic papers before accepting the Press reports. We were in conversation with a Roman Catholic on the question, who said that he had not believed the dogma, but if the Pope said so, he would believe it. The fact that there is not one grain of evidence to substantiate the claim would make no difference. However we did not set out to further discuss the dogma, but to call attention to the Church of England's speedy reaction to the announcement. From Lambeth Palace a statement was issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in these terms: "It has been announced in Rome that the Pope intends to proclaim that the doctrine of the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven is henceforth an article of faith. We must at once state publicly that the Church of England does not, and cannot, hold this doctrine to be a necessary part of the catholic faith: The Church of England renders honor and reverence to the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. But there is not the smallest evidence in the scriptures, or in the teaching of the early church, of belief in

the doctrine of her bodily assumption. We profoundly regret that the Roman Catholic church has chosen by this act to increase dogmatic differences in Christendom."

Christian people particularly will be saddened by this violation of the word of God, and by the usurpation of the authority of Christ, the church's Head, who alone has the right, and whose prerogative it is to determine what his people are to believe unto eternal life.

"Reading and Character"

A timely word has been spoken by Hector Harrison, moderator, Presbyterian church, N.S.W., on the question of the influence of reading on character. He says that this era of popular education and cheap literature raises problems for two distinct sections of society. On the one hand you have pseudo-intellectual and on the other the adolescent.

In the last pages of his autobiography, John Buchan has a good deal to say about pseudo-intellectuals who, in all departments of art and letters, have scoffed at every distinction between right and wrong in private human relationships, in marriage, and in wider spheres. He says, "Either that or they have written on the assumption that God does not exist, and that morals are not grounded in the eternal. This in turn led to a gradual loss of the old simplicity and integrity which went so deep. The base and the sordid have been highlighted, and the abnormal presented as the normal. Small but clever minds have been exalted as leaders of thought as they slowly supped the pillars of good faith and decency in ordinary human life."

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Report of 1950 CONFERENCE, S.A.

By E. R. Sherman B.A., Dip.Ed.

WITH a banner bearing the words, "We are Crusading" in large lettering, stretching across the platform of the Grote-st. chapel, the annual State conference for 1950 opened on Wednesday, Sept. 13, with the President's Evening. Churches of Christ Choral Association rendered two anthems beautifully.

The president, H. Cave, told of visits to churches, and indicated he had visited practically all country churches and many in suburbs. In country and city there prevailed a spirit of optimism. Many church buildings had been redecorated and refurbished. In substance, said Mr. Cave, our message was still as it was forty or fifty years ago. It was our duty as churches and as individuals to preach it. A reception and social period in hall followed.

Social Service Rally, under chairmanship of C. P. Hughes, was held on Sept. 14. It was one of the best Social Service rallies for years. An excellent sound film on the Morialta Protestant Children's Homes was shown, and thumb-nail sketches of the Social Service Department at work were given. A forward move took place during year, when A. R. Jones, minister of Norwood church, was appointed as a part-time departmental secretary and organiser. A choir of young women from Maylands church provided music.

Foreign Mission Meeting.—At 7 p.m. on Saturday of conference week, a congregation gathered in the Grote-st. church to see colored kodachrome pictures taken by A. Anderson on his recent visit to New Hebrides. They depicted a thriving Christian community in a vivid and beautiful setting. Later in meeting a message on behalf of Aborigines Mission Committee was given by S. E. Riches. It was a very interesting talk, setting out work done by various missionaries. Mr. Riches showed the progress that has been made since the establishment of the work.

The new chairman of the F.M. Committee, H. Cave, was introduced by retiring chairman, E. H. Kentish. A play, written and produced by the Mile End young people, told in short scenes of going of Mr. and Mrs. Ron McLean to islands, and their work, and of the visit of the Federal secretary, A. Anderson. Sixteen men of the Williamstown Male Choir, led by Murray Fletcher, rendered three anthems.

Colin Thomas, missionary on furlough from India, brought a greeting from field. He urged that people at home give prayers constantly on behalf of India. The meeting sent greetings to missionaries. Dr. P. S. Messent, chairman of the Federal Board, offered a prayer, commending missionaries and native Christians to God.

An interesting report of his visit to the New Hebrides was given by Mr. Anderson, who told of warm welcome as he visited 50 churches. He made comparisons with his visit 14 years ago, and showed fine progress made, and generous spirit of people.

Conference Sermon on Sunday, 17th, was a fine feature. Song service was led by Albert Glastonbury in town hall; several anthems were rendered by Churches of Christ Choral Association, aided by grand organ with David Hela at keyboard. Others taking part in service were A. McGlasson (prayer), Miss Isabella Muir (solo) and Dr. T. Turner (scripture reading). H. Cave was in chair.

The sermon, "Christ's Secret of Victorious Living," was preached by G. R. Stirling. He presented a challenge to Christians. As Christians he said we ought to be more radiantly happy and more adventurous in our living. Christ gave us his secret of victorious living when he became obedient, forgot himself and gave himself to his mission. He promised his disciples that they would overcome the world, even as he did. In the words of Paul, as translated by J. B. Phillips, the secret of victorious living is, "Cut the nerve of your instinctive actions by obeying the Spirit of Christ." The New Testament reverberates with Christ's secret; so does the story of God's people—General Booth, George Washington Carver, Albert Schweitzer and others.

The Business Sessions.—Mr. Cave presided capably over business sessions. Among those welcomed were, G. M. Mathieson, R. Burns, W. B. Burn, A. C. Thurrowgood and T. T. Robinson, new ministers to State. The church at Enfield North was admitted to union. Appreciation was expressed of the work of F. P. Langlois as treasurer for 21 years. He has now relinquished this office. It was decided to put into operation a scheme for the building up of a "Preachers' Removal Fund," the Home Mission Committee and churches contributing. This is designed to help churches meet expense of bringing a minister from another State or from some other church within the State.

Conference Resolutions included following:

1. **Military Service**.—"That this conference of churches of Christ recognises that there are genuine conscientious objectors to compulsory military service within the brotherhood, and recommends to churches in the union to give sympathetic consideration to such, and moral support as may be necessary."
2. **Building Extension Department** to encourage churches to vest their titles in the union.
3. Churches are urged to insure all their properties adequately against fire risk.
4. Executive to consider changing the time of holding the annual conference.
5. League of Five Hundred to be strengthened and stimulated.
6. Government to be asked to oppose the establishment of a State lottery to finance hospitals.
7. Conference congratulates the retiring president (H. Cave) on a successful year of office, and thanks Dulwich church for generous release of minister for wider field of brotherhood work.

Committee of Enquiry, appointed at last conference, presented a comprehensive report which had been in the hands of church secretaries previously, and had been discussed by some boards of officers. The principal finding of committee, which was adopted by conference, was that decrease in membership, dissatisfaction, inadequate progress and lack of funds are part of a fundamental spiritual problem, and are due, in the main, to shortcomings in individual church members and preachers. A revival throughout the brotherhood is necessary for the rectifying of

the position. Various recommendations were made, including the appointment of the best man available in the brotherhood, in Australia or overseas, as full-time home mission field evangelist and organiser, with adequate remuneration, to awaken the present membership to their high calling and to win souls for Christ's kingdom. Conditions of preachers ought to be improved, new churches and schools be established in new housing areas. The committee found that the Executive Committee's expenses are not excessive, being 2.2 per cent. of total income of brotherhood departments and 1.2 per cent of brotherhood departments' assets in 1949. Present organisational set-up of the brotherhood is generally satisfactory and should be continued. The Committee of Enquiry and the Executive are to meet in a round-table conference to consider the implementing of suggestions made.

Home Mission Session included a description of work by preachers in H.M. churches and circuits. K. N. Roberts spoke of work at Whyalla, G. Rootes of Gawler-Williamstown, K. W. Dixon of Wudinna circuit, W. B. Burn of Naracoorte district, A. C. Thurrowgood of Coolwa-Victor Harbour, T. Edwards of Kadina, and A. J. Ingham of Kilburn.

Foreign Mission Session included a report by Colin Thomas of progress made on the Indian mission field. He described the set-up of the work, outlining the teaching, medical and evangelistic sides. While there is a great opportunity to-day, there is no knowledge of how long it may last, hence we must make the most of the present opening. Various questions were asked of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Anderson relating to India and islands respectively.

Youth Rally held in the town hall on the Tuesday evening was well attended. The programme included presentation of prizes for scripture examination certificates for unbroken attendance and continuous Sunday school service, efficiency awards and trophies for handball contests. A play written by youth director entitled, "The Strange Case of Mankind v. the Church," was presented by a group of young people. An address was given by G. M. Mathieson.

Preachers' Session was held the next afternoon, when D. H. Pike delivered a thought-provoking address to the 40 preachers present. A welcome was extended to H. J. Patterson, of Woolwich Bible College, who had come to deliver Thomas Magarey lectures to preachers.

Conference Tea was held in town hall, which was decorated beautifully, it being flower day in Adelaide. Various churches provided tables. At Home Mission meeting which followed, addresses were given by K. N. Roberts, A. C. Thurrowgood and W. B. Burn. Music was supplied by Northern group and Croydon church choirs.

Conference officers include A. McGlasson as president, A. Hutson, president-elect, H. R. Taylor, secretary, C. L. Johnson, treasurer, and F. K. Glover, assistant secretary.



I personally have received 200,000 decision cards from people who were willing to follow Christ in the last few years, but most of these are in the villages.—T. Kagawa, Japan.

Australia - Wide Activities of Church

GENEROUS OFFER.

Canberra Church

CANBERRA, the seat of government of the Commonwealth, is now rapidly developing into the city envisaged by its planners. Its growth has been retarded by two world wars and a serious financial depression. Its population to-day is around the 20,000 mark. It would be much greater if additional accommodation were available. The government to date has constructed over 3000 cottages. Although the rate of house construction has been stepped up from 60 in 1944 to 313 in 1949, there are still over 3000 families registered for the allotment of dwellings as they become available. The urgent need for housing has compelled the authorities to agree to the construction of a large proportion of prefabricated cottages.

In addition to five privately conducted licensed hotels, the government has provided hotel and hostel accommodation of varying types in a number of establishments for 1200 people. Hostel accommodation has also been provided for some 800 workmen engaged on government building projects.

Few public buildings have been erected in recent years, but existing office accommodation has been extended from time to time to meet the needs of expanding staff. Five large temporary office blocks have recently been occupied. The principal buildings now under construction are the National University and the main Commonwealth Offices block.

Two years ago Federal conference of churches of Christ decided on the erection of church buildings in Canberra, commencing with a school hall and manse; and further agreed that a preacher should be placed there.

Quotas were allocated to the various States and to the Australian Capital Territory, to raise for this evangelistic venture. The Victorian conference agreed to accept responsibility for raising £3200. The Conference Executive of this State has asked the Victorian churches to share in raising this amount. Many churches have indicated their intention to support the Canberra effort. Doncaster was the first Victorian church to send in its full 1950-51 quota. The Campbell Edwards Trust has offered to subsidise the Victorian quota for Canberra on a pound for pound basis up to £600. Churches which send in their contributions early will know that their gifts are doubled in value by this generous and helpful offer.



SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

Federal Council of Churches

AT annual meeting held in Melbourne, the following resolutions were passed:

Organised Sunday Sport.

This Council strongly deprecates the inroads made on the Christian Sunday by organised sport, and urges all Christians to oppose the misuse of their holy day. It has been established that charges for admission, whether by so-called donations or the sale of programmes is definitely illegal, and makes the promoters liable to prosecution.

State Aid to Denominational Schools.

This Council heartily supports the system of State school education, with appropriate opportunity for agreed religious instruction as a part of the school curriculum.

It believes that the giving of State aid to

all denominational schools would lead to a breakdown of the State system, and to needless expense and overlapping in the matters of buildings and teachers. It would also tend to disunity within the nation. The Council is therefore opposed to the decision of the Labor Conference, recently held in Sydney, to support State aid, and believes that the conference does not express the mind of the great majority of the workers, but only a small aggressive section.

Six o'clock Closing of Liquor Bars.

Believing this legislation has proved to be most beneficial to the whole community, this Council strongly supports the present Act, and will oppose all attempts made for its alteration by vested interests of liquor trade. The



Washing machines provided by Victorian Women's Conference. These were provided to assist work of Miss Flo. Schurmann, Victoria's "Living Link."

Council is convinced that the vast majority of the people are behind this opposition.

Wet Canteens.

This Council commends the Minister of the Army and Navy, the Hon. Mr. Francis, for his statement that there is no intention to introduce a wet canteen at Duntroon, and trusts that he will continue to oppose any such proposal.

Knowing the bitter experiences that came to thousands of service men during the last two wars through the evil effects of strong drink, the Council urges that wet canteens shall not be permitted in military camps, and especially in those that are being established for compulsory military training.

Officers for 1950-51.

President, E. H. Woolacott, of Parkside, Adelaide; vice-presidents, Courtenay Thomas, of Canterbury, Melbourne; Stuart Stevens, of Gladesville, Sydney.



CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL.

Canberra Church

ADVERTING to letter in your issue of Sept. 19, 1950, from the secretary of Ivanhoe church, would you kindly publish the following information:

1. A church was established many years ago in Canberra after a Federal fund had been

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raised from the Australian churches; preachers were supported from that fund and the church met in a borrowed hall.

2. The Commonwealth Government allotted a site for church building, but the land was forfeited because the building was not erected in the specified time.

3. There is the nucleus of a church at Canberra at the present time and school.

4. A fresh site—a much better one—has recently been reserved for us at Ainslie, and will be confirmed and a title issued provided suitable plans are first of all approved; these are under submission now, having been approved by 1948 Federal Conference at Perth as was also the whole scheme of raising the necessary finance now being proceeded with.

5. The Canberra Committee holds a fund of about £2600 in trust for the purpose, and the money cannot be used elsewhere for other purposes.

6. Our members from all the States who go to Canberra in various government departments are being lost to the churches because there is no meeting-place.

7. The population of Canberra is increasing rapidly because all Commonwealth departments are being centralised there; numbers of the young folk of our churches are obtaining appointments in the Commonwealth services from all States. It is possible some may eventually come from Ivanhoe itself.

8. The Canberra Committee is convinced that the money already in hand is sufficient to commence building operations immediately the authorities approve of the plans and thus provide a suitable objective for an Australia-wide response.

In conclusion may I suggest that here is a rare opportunity for all our Australian churches to provide a very fine example of that Christian unity which we so often assert to be a prime necessity.—J. L. Stimson, chairman, Canberra Committee.



Advances at Wollongong, N.S.W.

A PROGRESSIVE spirit is apparent in all phases of work. Attendances are good and many strangers are becoming interested. Wollongong Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 24 and 26. The scholars were well trained by superintendent, Noel Lewis. P. E. Thomas, of Belmore, brought messages which were much appreciated. At prize-giving silver cups for special progress and loyalty were presented to Valerie Hughes and Neville Stumbles. Church gave a kitchen tea to Margaret Robinson and Stuart Smith who were married on Sept. 16. On Sept. 17, Mr. Sherwood, of Windsor, assisted in services with his bells. Meetings have been held at Appin and Camden, where there are isolated members. These meetings have been notable for splendid attendance and enthusiasm. During absence of Mr. Hinrichsen at Albury on Oct. 1, messages were brought to church by Mr. Main in morning and Noel Flint at night. Mission Band birthday was held on Oct. 3.



New Cause. S.A.

ENFIELD HEIGHTS' meetings are good. Ed. Fisher, of Mundalla, exhorted on 17th. Church was accepted into S.A. Union at recent conference. On Oct. 1 three were received into fellowship—Miss Kraft, from Avon-Long Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caldicott, Cottonville. Mr. Anderson, of Sydney, missionary-elect for Tibet, gave address. Sunday school is under leadership of Mr. Bunyan, average for month being 40.

Commonwealth Round-Up

HERE AND THERE

On Sept. 26 Lynette Dawn Heard was born at Dhond Hospital. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heard, of Diksal, India.

E. Lawson, treasurer of church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, died on Oct. 8. Mr. Lawson belonged to the pioneer family, so loyal to the Victorian brotherhood over the years. We offer deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lawson and other relatives.

Church at Earlwood, N.S.W., had 12th anniversary on Sept. 9, when E. C. Hinrichsen was speaker. He gave an inspiring message to about 130. On 10th, N. Matthews, N.S.W. conference president and an elder of church, and A. Hinrichsen were morning and evening speakers, attendances being 78 and 110. Thank-offering was over £80. During recent weeks Messrs. Patterson and Graham have presented splendid messages. Sunday school, C.E. Societies, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Women's Fellowship and prayer meetings have been well attended. Open air work has been commenced.

Meetings at Ormond, Vic., under Mr. Vautier, are very encouraging. Church has started a news sheet. Gwen Edwards and Ian Flanders were welcomed into church. Under Mr. Gadge Sunday school has had first Sunday of anniversary which was a success, hall being crowded and kinder room held overflow. Singing was an inspiration. On Aug. 16 ladies held successful concert, £15 being raised for furnishings. A huge fair is being planned. P.B.P. club had successful year in basketball competition, being runners-up to Thornbury. K.S.P. is hard at work on toys for stall at fair. Tennis club has been formed. G. Flanders is leader of Explorers. Sick members are recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Vautier enjoy confidence of young and old.

A block of land has been purchased and arrangements are well in hand for the erection of a manse for church at Dulwich, S.A. Thirtieth anniversary of church (Sept. 10) was observed as temple day, and gifts, loans and promises amounted to approximately £1600—about half estimated cost of manse. Williams-town Male Choir provided music, and singing contributed to success of day. At afternoon service, four original Dulwich members, Miss H. Grant, Mrs. Selway, Mrs. Cooper and Miss I. Hancock, were presented with posies. Mr. Cave, after a six years' ministry, has accepted a call to church at Bendigo, Vic., and will be succeeded by Geoff. Whiting, of Wembley Park, W.A., in February, 1951.

Young Worshipers' League of Parkdale, Vic., held anniversary on Oct. 1. There was a large attendance of past and present members. Mr. Grainger, of Williamstown, gave illustrated talk at 11 a.m., after which seven Young Worshipers decided to follow Christ. G. Barnett took evening service, and four more Y.W.L. members made their decisions. Mr. Barnett is conducting a helpful class for these young people. Young Women's Fellowship, in conjunction with Red Cross, is holding a home nursing class. Local doctors and a trained sister are giving lectures. Choir is still giving valued service under leadership of Mrs. Francis during absence of Mr. Fielder. Through the efforts of young people, two film services have been held after the gospel meetings. "A" grade tennis team was defeated narrowly in semi-finals. "B" and "C" teams won their premierships. Mrs. McPherson is home again but still very ill.

For three Sundays church at Devonport, Tas., has been given a wonderful uplift by ministry of D. Wakeley. His messages have been appreciated. Church is grateful to Hartwell (Vic.) brethren for releasing their preacher for four Sundays. Mr. Wakeley has visited most church families. Fresh interest has been shown in good attendances. On Sept. 30 several were able to journey to Mole Creek and attend northern district conference. On Oct. 1 church was pleased to have fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nightingale, of W.A., a past minister. Mr. Nightingale gave a fine exhortation. In afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Kenzie took Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale to Ulverstone to renew fellowship. Church enjoyed messages in song by E. Stevens and Sister S. Bruton. At close of Mr. Wakeley's inspiring gospel message, a lady accepted Christ. E. Stevens sang a solo. After a splendid meeting; a social hour was spent. Mr. Burt, on behalf of church, presented Mr. Wakeley with a book as a token of appreciation of church's gratitude for his ministry.

Advances in Home Missions

THE Victorian Home Missionary Committee announces that J. G. Shaw, of North Richmond, has accepted an invitation to minister at Morwell. This will be a most important undertaking. J. C. Cunningham, of Cheltenham, has accepted a call to Stawell and A. C. Mudford, of Stawell, will transfer to Wedderburn-Boort-Pyramid circuit. These changes will become effective in a few months.

Home mission secretary, B. J. Combridge, has visited country centres as far as Warracknabeal in the Wimmera, Warrnambool in the South-west, and Morwell in Gippsland.

Maidstone has just had a successful anniversary. E. H. Randall is working with enthusiasm and diligence. Over 300 were present at one session and some sixty non-member parents contacted. This brotherhood enterprise was made possible by efforts of the Footscray church and Properties Corporation, together with the Home Missionary Committee.

New Calendar

AUSTRAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

AT this period of the year people grow calendar conscious in anticipation of the new year. Churches of Christ Almanac, which has been a feature in church homes for many years, is being replaced by an attractive calendar. It will sustain a freshness throughout the year, because it presents a new picture and text each quarter. Each section contains the suggested Bible readings and hymns for Lord's day morning services for quarter. With change in design of modern homes, difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable place to display a large almanac. In response to many requests, the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. has designed a calendar that in size and neatness will grace the modern home. When folded it displays the season's greetings, and becomes an apt Christmas gift. Copies may be ordered direct, or through local church agent at 1/6 per calendar, post free.

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Rejoicing at Morwell, Vic.

Helpful meetings continue at Morwell, Vic.; attendances are good. Ladies' Guild continues faithful service. Successful social was held on Sept. 27. Visitors came from Warragul, Moe and Traralgon, proceeds being for Nurses' Home. On Oct. 15, W. Gale spoke in morning. In evening a wire recorder was used. Service held previously at Wangaratta was given. This was appreciated. Members rejoice at appointment of full-time preacher.

Anniversary at Maylands, S.A.

BIBLE school anniversary services began on Oct. 1. In morning officers and teachers were present, when Mr. Marshall delivered good address. In afternoon Ian Green spoke well, and Mr. Sherman conducted evening service. Services were well attended. Y.P. Endeavorers held a musical evening on Oct. 2. At a picture night Mr. Allen presented very fine films. An inspiring address was given by Doug. Fitzgerald at morning service on Sept. 24. A. Ingham preached well at gospel service that night. On Sept. 27, talk was given by R. Ewers at prayer meeting. Basketball club held happy evening on Sept. 30 to celebrate winning of premiership.

Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W.

SECOND TERM HONORS LIST.

To obtain honors an 80 per cent. pass is required.

Old Testament.—N. Martin, E. Cook, K. Fennell, W. Rugendyke, P. Goodger, R. Hume, N. Reese. Four others passed.

New Testament.—W. Howard, R. Beadle, M. Smith, K. Fennell, N. Martin. Five others passed.

Religious Education.—M. Smith, N. Martin, D. Howell, D. Mansell. Four others passed.

Homiletics I.—M. Smith, D. Howell, D. Paddon. Homiletics II.—N. Martin, D. Mansell, R. Hume, N. Reese.

Homiletics III.—Three passed.

Evangelism.—N. Martin, P. Perry, N. Reese, M. Smith, E. Cook, K. Fennell, P. Goodger, W. Rugendyke, J. Ellerby, W. Howard, D. Howell, R. Hume. Three others passed.

Missions.—N. Martin, R. Beadle, W. Howard. Seven others passed.

Church History.—R. Beadle, K. Fennell, W. Rugendyke. Three others passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—R. Beadle, K. Fennell, W. Rugendyke, P. Goodger, W. Howard, J. Ellerby.

Apologetics.—W. Rugendyke, W. Howard, K. Fennell. Three others passed.

Restoration Movement.—R. Beadle, W. Rugendyke, J. Ellerby, W. Howard, E. Cook, P. Goodger.

Greek I.—M. Smith, D. Howell.

Greek II.—One passed.

Ancient History.—M. Smith. Two others passed.

English.—Four passed.

—H. J. Patterson, principal.

Parents exercise sound vocational guidance when they direct their children to life-work that fits the ability and gives durable satisfaction. Wise Christian parents will give preference to vocations that contribute to the outworking of Christian ideals. Such an opportunity exists at the Austral Co. Two boys are required for apprenticeship.

News of the Churches



New South Wales

Marriickville.—Women's fellowship and friends spent a day at Botanical Gardens on Sept. 20. Half-yearly church business meeting was well attended. Reports showed splendid work amongst youth. J.C.E. visits to aged Sister Leisman are appreciated. Speaker at life gift fellowship, Sept. 28, was A. W. Ladbroke.

Broken Hill.—C. McNab's morning address on Sept. 17 was appreciated, as was R. Warmbrunn's in evening. Services were well attended. At close of evening service Mr. and Mrs. R. Warmbrunn were presented with a cheque from members in appreciation of fellowship and services rendered. J. Cremer (elder) made a presentation. Messrs. N. Rough and L. Warren spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Warmbrunn will be greatly missed. Mrs. Lovell, of Balaclava, was present at morning service. Mr. and Mrs. Lovel have come to live in district.

Queensland

Boonah.—Church enjoyed visit of W. H. Nightingale, of W.A., who was a former preacher. Sickness prevails amongst members. Church honored T. F. Stubbin (oldest member) on his birthday. F. Warwick and C. Jenner took services on Sept. 24, owing to illness of Mr. Leask. Recent rally in local public hall, conducted by Lloyd Jones and "Scotty" Gibb, was a treat.

Albion.—For United Nations' Organisation Sunday school collected £5. Annual "Four-in-one" offering amounted to £23/8/9. A splendid programme was arranged and presented by talented members of church at a musical evening held on Sept. 15. Donations were received towards car fund. A feature of programmes for Youth Fellowship was a moonlight hike. Mr. Trudgian and Mr. Williams addressed church at services held on Sept. 24. Mr. Wright spent several days in Toowoomba in connection with visitation evangelism campaign.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—The two months' "self-denial" for Manse Fund ended on Sept. 3, when thanksgiving services were held. During day 75 brethren met to break bread. At an "after church" social hour, the result of self-denial offering was announced to be £158. Since then the figure has risen to £210. Laurel Robertson tied for a third prize in her division in State scripture exam. A youth tea was held on Sept. 17, when a talk by Ron Hillier, youth director, was appreciated.

Harvey.—Harold Fitch and five young people travelled 300 miles from Narrambean to take church anniversary services. Mr. Fitch left Harvey 19 years ago for College of Bible. Church enjoyed his messages. Anniversary services concluded with social evening, when £23 was given to aid kindergarten. Miss Leila Ottrey and Len Jones were married on Sept. 9. Mr. Maiden officiating. Tennis club members are preparing court for coming season. Young Worshippers' League celebrated third birthday. Miss Norma Fryer is in charge.

South Australia

Fullarton.—Morning service was excellent on Oct. 1. Preacher was J. T. Palmer (Oriental Missionary Society). His exposition was in-

valuable. At evening service, monthly prophecy address was given by B. W. Manning. Choir assisted with an anthem. College of the Bible offering amounted to £6/15/-.

Kilburn.—C.Y.F. had enjoyable evening on Sept. 27, when 23 young people attended. Mr. Ingham conducted a devotional session. On Oct. 1 Ron Fax, of Prospect, conducted 11.15 a.m. service, 33 adults and 30 Young Worshipers being present. A. J. Ingham preached helpfully. 122 were in attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school, including two new scholars. Beth Riches continues to lead J.C.E., attendance being 15 on Oct. 1.

Prospect.—Bible school held successful anniversary services on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 with a concert on Sept. 27. Kinders and juniors rendered special items. Mr. Patching was speaker at all services on Sept. 24. At concert, items were presented by scholars from all departments. S. E. Matthews, of Semaphore, entertained with a puppet show and flannelboard talk. H. Cave, of Dulwich, and S. E. Riches gave interesting messages on Oct. 1. A social was held on Sept. 30 to stimulate interest in church building projects.

Cowandilla.—On Aug. 20 and 28, Sunday school anniversary, under leadership of C. Simons, proved successful. S.S. tea and distribution of prizes were held on Aug. 22. Thirty-seven juniors attended a successful afternoon party to mark the close of competition. Mr. Robinson reported a happy fellowship at preachers' retreat. A good attendance appreciated a concert, proceeds of which were for G. Grigg, Band of Hope Queen. Greta Williams made decision for Christ. Five members have been welcomed from Nailsworth church.

Mile End.—Junior Endeavor Society held meeting at Christian Rest Home on afternoon of Sept. 30. Y.P. Society had a visit from Youth Council, and members also visited Cowandilla. Sunday school anniversary services, held Oct. 1, had following speakers: Mr. Sherman, from Maylands, Mr. Robinson, of Cowandilla, and Mr. Cocks, of Stirling. Youth auxiliaries are planning for combined display. At annual business meeting of Women's Mission Band, following were elected: Mrs. Marshall, president; Mrs. Green, vice-president; Mrs. Templeton, secretary; and Mrs. C. Thomas, treasurer.

Cottonville.—On Oct. 1 two boys of Boys' Life Brigade confessed Christ. Sympathy of church has been extended to Mrs. J. Major and family in loss of father. Miss Hilda Sheuring and Mrs. Richards plan to attend Federal conference. Mrs. Richards is now recovered. Following officers were appointed at annual business meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary on Sept. 27: President, Mrs. Mathieson; vice-presidents, Mesdames C. Butler and G. Berry; secretary, Mrs. Ferris; treasurer, Mrs. McDonald; pianist, Mrs. L. Stevenson. A youth tea was held on Oct. 1, followed by a parade of Boys' Brigade. Mr. Mathieson attended recent preachers' refresher course at Mylor.

Balaclava.—Successful Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 24 and 25. Mr. Bartlett, of Croydon, was visiting

speaker. Singing was rendered by Sunday school scholars under James Shrubsole. Kindergarten scholars rendered two items. Prizes were presented to scholars by Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Gibson. Young men of training class were in charge of gospel service on Oct. 4. Sixteen young people from clubs attended a social evening at Avon, at invitation of Avon Christian Community Club.

Pt. Pirie.—Average attendances for September have been: breaking of bread 29, gospel service 19, communicants 27. Offerings for general fund, brotherhood appeals and renovations were good considering attendances. K. Barton and J. Donley represented church in conference in Adelaide. In Mr. Barton's absence on Sept. 17, services were taken by R. J. Evelyn and F. Green. Following upon resignation of R. L. McNicol as church secretary, C. W. McDonald is new secretary and Mr. Purdie church treasurer. Mr. McDonald, who has served church as treasurer for 31 years, has relinquished position to take over duties as secretary. K. Barton leaves in January, 1951. Practices for Bible school anniversary are under leadership of A. Arnold. Sisters' Auxiliary held a social in aid of carpet fund on Sept. 27. Ladies forwarded a parcel of clothing to aborigines' work. Girls' Club has completed excellent scrap books for Carnarvon mission. Kindergarten scholars brought soap to be sent to hospital at Pentecost.

Victoria

St. Kilda.—On Oct. 1 church had the joy of seeing Miss Maureen Lee baptised, after confession of faith had been taken by W. Kerrison. A. Sheehan conducted baptismal service. The attendance was largest for some time, 32 being present. A. Finger was able to attend services after long illness.

Geelong.—On Oct. 1 Mr. Kennedy spoke at morning meeting and Mr. McDonald in evening, Mr. Anderson being away at Swan Hill conducting anniversary services. On Oct. 29 Y.P.C.E. held a concert in aid of church renovations. On 30th a successful garden party was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, sen., in aid of cricket club. Church is preparing for forthcoming 93rd church anniversary.

Blackburn.—Five Sunday school scholars and two other young people have been baptised recently. Teachers enjoyed a preview of new lesson material on Sept. 24, led by Mr. Huntsman and Mr. Levett. School was sorry to receive resignation of H. Watkins as a teacher. Messages on Sept. 24 by Mr. Atkin and Mr. Nightingale were helpful. Church was happy to renew fellowship with Mrs. Davidson, on furlough from Borneo.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—81st anniversary of church on Sept. 16, was successful. Working bee of young and old redecorated school hall for ladies to set a tea on Saturday night. Sunday services were taken by Mr. Cunningham, of Melbourne; Sunday afternoon Masonic choir rendered lovely items at P.S.A. On Sept. 9 A. Graham conducted a baptismal service. Mr. Wilkie is giving appreciated services.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Meetings are still growing in interest. The ministry of Horace Kingsbury and his practical messages are appreciated. It has been a pleasure to have many visitors at services. Mr. and Mrs. Digwood, jr., from Perth, are meeting with church. Mrs. Jenner and Mrs. Kruse have been welcomed back after visiting W.A. Tennis club is active. Choir, under leadership of R. D. Bessem, is rendering excellent service.

Coburg.—Attendances keep up to average, despite inconvenience of damaged building. Damaged half of chapel is curtained off. Church has been cheered by brotherly feeling shown by local churches. Coburg and West Coburg

Baptist churches have sent a donation of £10 each for rebuilding fund. Brunswick Baptist tennis club also sent a donation. Moreland chapel was used for three baptisms recently; two more are planned.

Moreland.—At evening service on Sept. 10, Misses E. and M. Williams were baptised. Two others recently confessed faith in Christ. A visit to West Preston C.E. Society on Sept. 13 was enjoyed by young people. On 29th, at Sunday school anniversary, Mr. Priestley delivered morning address and Mr. Youens spoke in evening. The following Sunday afternoon Mr. Wilson interested children with talk. Kindergarten items were appreciated. School concert prize night on Oct. 4 was enjoyable.

Red Hill.—Y.P.S.C.E. held meeting at home of V. Holmes, when R. McKenzie, of Newmarket, was speaker on Sept. 1. Offering was taken for British and Foreign Bible Society on Sept. 10. W. Torney preached on morning of 17th and L. Brown in evening. Mrs. Ward was speaker at Ladies' Guild on Sept. 21, Mrs. Ploog and Mrs. Gullidge being visitors. Mrs. David Holmes rendered solos. R. Prossor was speaker at Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on 22nd. G. Smith was speaker and R. Preedy conducted song service on Sept. 24.

Collingwood.—On Sept. 10 Mr. Cooke exchanged with Mr. Gross, of Burnley. Bible school anniversary services were celebrated on Sept. 10 and 17, all services being well attended. Addresses by C. Smith, M. Keatch, G. Smith, and L. Cooke were appreciated. Scholars sang well under leadership of Mr. Cuddy. Tea meeting and prize-giving evening were held on Sept. 12. Three young men from North Fitzroy helped at morning service on Sept. 17. Miss Shirley Waldron, of Tasmania, was a recent visitor.

Warragul.—In absence of Mr. Quayle at Morwell on Sept. 10, M. Byard gave exhortation at morning service. On 24th a team of Y.P.S.C.E. took charge of evening service. Max Byard and Ray Readhead presented gospel. As young C.E. speakers they show promise. Soloists for evening were Miss Valma Derbyshire and Misses Glenda and Laurice Readhead. Mr. Quayle's helpful messages are leading up to a series of meetings in October. Sunday school scholars are practising for coming anniversary, under leadership of Mrs. Buntrock.

Reservoir.—Meetings have improved. L. Bangsund was speaker at men's quarterly fellowship; Les Stewart rendered vocal items. Ladies' Guild, under leadership of Mrs. Burns, held a successful sale of work on evening of Sept. 29. Cr. A. Arnold opened function which raised £75. Church regrets continued illness of Mr. Bewick, but rejoices in improvement. Meetings have been addressed by R. E. Burns. "C" tennis team finished the season as runners-up in winter competition. Cottage prayer meetings, conducted by J. Plummer, maintain spiritual interest.

Shepparton.—Mr. Atkin visited church, showing slides on work of department. Church was addressed by K. Jones on Sept. 10. At evening service slides were shown on work of C.O.B. Judith Clarke recently confessed Christ. Evening services have been well attended. Church was sorry to lose members of Bolwell family, having moved to Frankston district. While Mr. Lewis has been on holi-

day, services have been taken by Doug. Holloway and N. Brown. Church combined with Protestant churches on evening of Sept. 17, to conclude successful "Home and Family Week."

Springvale.—On Sept. 10 and 17, Bible school anniversary services were held. Children sang under Mr. Thomson, who composed hymns. Attendances on 10th reached 232 in afternoon and 212 in evening. At church anniversary on 24th, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Cunningham spoke. Offering for building fund reached £142. Three were baptised on Oct. 1. College offering reached £17/15/-. On Oct. 8 Mr. Wilson, of college, preached. One decided for Christ after J. Bond's address.

Ascot Vale.—The 59th annual meeting of the church was held on Sept. 13. Reports from various auxiliaries were encouraging, showing good work under loyal leadership. Preacher's report revealed improvement at morning and evening services. Progress has been made by school under Mrs. McCallum and Mr. Sterling, with a loyal band of teachers. Following officers were elected: Messrs. Brown, Petrie, Wittick, Sterling, Moncur, Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Rose, Mr. Sterling (acting secretary), Mr. Gumley (treasurer). Sunday school is practising for anniversary under Mr. Petrie.

Kaniva.—Amount received at Kaniva on Oct. 1 for College of Bible was £128. Attendance at morning meeting on Oct. 1 was 65, when J. C. Williams addressed gathering. 45 attended evening service when J. I. Mudford preached. On Sept. 30 Kaniva District C.E. Union held a rally with meetings at 3.30 and 7 p.m. Attendances were 50 and 75. Mr. McLennan, of Brunswick, was speaker and gave two challenging addresses. A fellowship tea was enjoyed at 5.30. On Oct. 1 Mr. McLennan addressed J.C.E. consecration meeting. J.C.E. held a novelty meeting in the form of a broadcast service. Y.P.S. held recently a social evening.

Frankston-Moorooduc.—Recent speakers have been V. Genat, R. J. Hinde, E. McIlhagger. Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Cunningham were farewelled as they departed to live at Bentleigh. Miss Cunningham was kinder supt. Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolwell were received by transfer from Shepparton, who with their three boys are residing at Pearcedale. Since holding services every Sunday at Moorooduc, attendances have increased. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Schache, of N.S.W. At Women's Mission Band gifts of clothing and cash were brought for Norseman Mission. Youth Fellowship had social at Moorooduc. F. T. Morgan continues to give appreciated addresses.

Burnley.—While Mr. Gross was on holidays in August, speakers included L. Blackburn, W. Jarmyn, H. Preston and Mr. Robertson McCue, of Local Option Alliance. On evening of 25th, young people took part in service, Mr. Gross giving message. At young people's tea on 25th, I. Susimihl, of Russian Orthodox church, spoke concerning churches and new Australians. C. Waters, who has given years of service as Sunday school secretary, has resigned. His going severs last personal link with Gardiner brethren, who assisted church in many ways over period of years. His services were much appreciated. Church is encouraged with an increase in membership and attendances. Mr. Gross continues to present encouraging messages.

Boort.—Church enjoyed visit of W. Gale. At Wednesday evening meeting he showed colored slides of Northern Territory. Mr. Waddingham, of Baptist church, gave a splendid address on morning of Sept. 24; in evening Mr. Gale conducted gospel service with a good

gospel message to a big attendance. Mr. Gale was welcomed at Bible school, also church is pleased with call to Mr. Mudford to work three churches: Wedderburn, Pyramid Hill and Boort, as soon as two rooms are added to Wedderburn manse. Mrs. Bob Lanyon is home after operation. Miss Muller, after holidays, takes up kinder department. Mr. Streader, sen., Alan and Jeff Streader, Messrs. Lanyon and Dyer and Forster have helped with preaching. Mr. Preston Foster gave a fine first address. Mrs. Rule was welcomed from Bayswater, W.A. She was unfortunate in being in Boort Hospital whilst en route for Federal conference in Tasmania.

Northcote.—Reports presented at annual church meeting indicated that all departments are doing well. Junior Mission Band, with average attendance of 18, contributed £25 towards temple day, £10 towards new tennis court; held two concerts during year, raising £49/17/9; presented a platform Bible to church, and contributed £12/15/- through social service tins for nurses' home, as well as a number of gifts, both in garments and money, to others. Choir has a membership of 25, under leadership of A. Brownrigg. P.B.P. initiated 6 girls during year. Under chaplaincy of Mrs. Gullidge, club is meeting needs of girls. They scrubbed Bible class room and kitchen. New curtains were made by girls. C.F.A. has a membership of 134, providing £154/6/3 a year or £2/17/6 per week. Good Companions' Club have interesting meetings. Mrs. J. Turner is new leader. I.C.E., although small in numbers, is making a contribution. Women's Mission Band recently had 19th birthday, when 140 ladies were present from other churches. £85 was contributed towards Murrumbidgee Hospital. K.S.P. has average attendance of 12. A number of Kappas read and help at Sunday morning service.

N.S.W. LETTER.

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"Any protest," he continues, "against the continued presentation of the low and vicious in life always met with the bland rejoinder that it is the duty of the artist to portray reality. To which apologia Dr. Henry Steward retorted, 'A dead dog in a back lane is a fact, and a repulsive one, but that is no reason for placing it on the sideboard.' After all, goodness is as much a reality as wickedness, beauty as ugliness, and we do ourselves a grave disservice if we fail to recognise that."

Speaking of the problem as it relates to the adolescent, he says that we are faced with difficulties of a different order. A glance at many bookstalls will reveal a whole range of paper-backed novelettes which scream sex, murder and brutality from their title pages. Much of this stuff is exercising a pernicious influence. Gersham's Law in economics operates just as remorselessly in literature—the bad drives out the good. The fine flowers of a fruitful spirituality and of noble living grow out of thoughts that breathe from the great books of the world. Paul's counsel to the Christians at Philippi is good psychology as well as the truth of God, "Keep in mind whatever is true, worthy, pure, attractive, and high-toned."

DEATH

LAWSON.—On Oct. 8, at his residence, "Olinda," 23 Wingan-ave., Camberwell, Ernest Alfred, dearly loved husband of Florence and loved father of Dulcie and Lloyd. At rest.

LAWSON.—On Oct. 8, at Camberwell, Ernest Alfred, dearly loved father of Dulcie (Mrs. Rice), father-in-law of Albert, and dearly loved Pa of Dawn, Joan (deceased) and Marilyn. "He giveth his beloved sleep."

LAWSON.—On Oct. 8, at Camberwell, Ernest A., loved father of Lloyd and father-in-law of Valda, and dear Pa of Douglas. "Safe in his keeping."

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.

Chaplain L. G. Crisp, Officers' Mess, A.H.Q., Malaya, R.A.F. Station, Changi, Singapore 17.

R. Scott (secretary Brighton church, Vic.)—14 Ratho-ave., Brighton East.

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Elizabeth Marianne Martin (Betty), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Martin, to Robert L. Alabaster, will be celebrated at Ormond church of Christ on Oct. 21, at 3.30 p.m.

WEDDING.

WATT-HADDEN.—On Sept. 16, at church of Christ, Hamilton, Vic., Joan Beatrice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hadden, 33 Foster-st., Hamilton, to John William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watt, Cavendish, C. W. Jackel officiating.

SILVER WEDDING.

HADDEN-HOWARD.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hadden, of 33 Foster-st., Hamilton, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at the Cheltenham church of Christ (Vic.) by Mr. D. Wakeley on Oct. 3, 1925.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 18 (Wednesday).—The Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall church of Christ (Vic.) by Mr. D. Wakeley interested in this work is invited to attend.

OCTOBER 20 (Friday).—The next meeting of Ministers' Wives' Association will be held in Swanston-st. lecture hall at 2.30 p.m. Topic, "Federal Conference Echoes."

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Anniversary Concert, Peter Frazer Hall, Barkly-st., Wednesday, Oct. 18.

HAWTHORN CHURCH OF CHRIST (Glenferrie-rd.),

77th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES. OCTOBER 15.

Speakers—11 a.m., A. W. Stephenson.
7 p.m., A. G. Bennett.

Former members cordially invited to attend.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15.

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7 p.m., Mr. K. A. Jones.

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NORTH RICHMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS,

OCTOBER 29 and 31, 1950.

Sunday, Oct. 29—

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Soloist, Mr. Keith Hall.

Speaker, Mr. Howard Earle.

Basket lunch. Milk and tea will be provided.

2.45 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.

Musical items—Messrs. A. and R. Barber.

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Speaker—Dr. C. I. McLaren.

5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., Gospel Service.

Special singing by Melbourne Spiritual Choir.

Speaker, Mr. J. G. Shaw.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m., Social Evening.

Grand re-union.

All former members and friends are asked to accept this as an invitation to be present. Church secretaries please announce.

BALWYN CHURCH OF CHRIST. HOMECOMING DAY SERVICES,

NOVEMBER 5.

11 a.m., Lord's Table.

4 p.m., Fellowship Service—A. B. Withers.

5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., Gospel Service—D. Thomas.

Plan to come and renew old acquaintances at Balwyn on Sunday, Nov. 5.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION. (C.F.A.)

Members of C.F.A. are hereby informed that the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Church Hall, Lygon-st., Carlton, on Thursday, October 26, at 7.45 p.m.

Business: To receive and adopt the annual report.—Will H. Clay, secretary.

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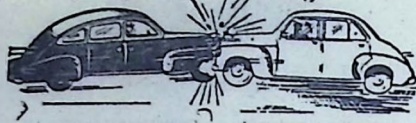
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