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A LETTER TO YOUTH

Dear Friends,

Tomorrow is yours because you are tomorrow. You determine tomorrow by the things for which you vote by your enthusiasms, quality of character, and the things you create. You are the creators of tomorrow. God made a world which is responsive to man's shaping. The present century is called a "Century of Despair." You can shape a Century of Hope; you can usher in a triumphant tomorrow, because old dividing lines are removed, racial prejudice eradicated, war abolished, and tension and disunity amongst the people of God banished. Such a tomorrow is possible; God wills it; God expects Christian youth to bring it to pass in one generation.

Yours hopefully,

The Editor.



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK:

*Let us not be weary in well do-
ing: for in due season we shall reap,
if we faint not. (1 Gal. 6: 9).*

(Selected by church officers,
Hampton, Vic.)

A THOUGHT STIMULUS

*The love you liberate in your
work is the only love you keep.*

*Don't expect to enjoy the cream
of life if you keep your milk of
human kindness all bottled up.*

Relating Religion to Life

*"Blessed are you who hunger now, because you
shall be well fed."—Luke 6: 21 (Weymouth).*

WHERE IS OUR NEXT MEAL TO COME FROM?

"Worry never achieves anything; why, you can't make yourself an inch taller by worrying about it, can you? What is the good of worrying about clothes? Think of the wild flowers; they do not toil in the fields, as you men do, nor spin, as you women do at home; yet I am sure that Solomon in his most gorgeous garments was not so well-dressed as they! If God clothes so faultlessly the grass which grows in the meadows to-day and to-morrow is withered and dead, surely he will do much more for you, you little-faiths! Do not fret, then, and say, 'Where is our next meal to come from?' or 'Whatever are we to do about clothes?' To things like these heathen folk devote their thought and effort. Your Father knows just what your needs are. Your one concern is to help to make the world what he means it to be, to practise ardently his way of life; all these needful things will come if you do this. Live a day at a time, and don't worry about possible to-morrows. Every day brings its own cares, so do not anticipate troubles that may never befall."

—Paraphrase of Matt. 6: 25-34 by Prof.
J. A. Findlay.

*"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I com-
mand you."—John 15: 14.*

FRIENDS—IF—

Through the door of utter and absolute sur-
render, he leads us into the life of the friends of
God. It is a life in which he shares his purposes
with us, telling us the secrets of his will, which
were hidden before. He enables us to see the
glory of his grace where previously all was darkest
mystery. It is a life in which he shares his joys
with us, causing his joy to remain in us that our
joy may be full, and it is a life in which at last
he shares his home with us, and we are made per-
fectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all
eternity.—G. H. C. Macgregor.

*If I may touch but his clothes I shall be whole.
—Mark 5: 28.*

LOVE'S MAGIC TOUCH.

Love makes beauty in a face, gives the plainest
features grace . . .

More than furs or gems can bring to a woman's
blossoming.

Love on cheek and mouth bestows all the sweetness
of his rose;

Touches, with a light divine, lips that smile and
eyes that shine.

Love can make a woman fair, though she has no
wealth to spare;

In her words and looks and ways, beauty dwells
for all her days.

For the loving heart alone has such power on blood
and bone,

Any face its touch can bless to an angel's loveliness!

—Claire Ritchie.

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Humanity Needs Renervating

EDITORIAL

Humanity stands in desperate need of renervating. Two world wars in one generation has caused a sag in humanity's moral and spiritual purposes. There has been a great displacement of humanity's hopes and ideas as well as a great displacement of peoples. The best minds of a generation have been diverted from constructive efforts to destructive. It is not surprising, then, that distrust is paralysing genuine attempts to restore goodwill among the family of nations. Civilisation has lost its nerve and its faith. "New Orders" are commendable and represent humanity's attempt to save itself. They are commendable for their dynamic energy and corrective enterprise.

Every age needs prophetic pioneering—the indispensable task of proclaiming new and higher ideals. Who shall supply this indispensable service? The church has proved the perennial begetter of prophets, pioneers and martyrs. Humanity is in grave danger of running off with itself to destruction and in need of a power to save it from destruction. That power is the gospel and that gospel concerns One who is able to save individuals and a whole generation. History demonstrates this fact and revelation declares it. Since our generation appears to have lost its nerve, the church must give evidence of a steady nerve. It needs to renerve itself for the task of to-day, and withstand the despair of the hour. There is good reason for Christians to renerve themselves when they recount that the Word of God abides, the Bible still provides humanity with a sure word, the church is still a vital ongoing force, and the cross still stands as the symbol of man's necessity of salvation and God's provision in Christ and his atoning work.

The unity of God's people could be the deciding and directing factor at this crucial hour in world affairs, but in this regard the church is found wanting. However, the growing recognition of the sin of division and the genuine attempts to hasten unity offer some comfort in the church giving adequate help to a world striving to find the way to perpetual brotherhood. Whatever causes there may have been for division in the church years ago, those conditions have disappeared and repentance and love must have precedence. It is incumbent upon those in position of leadership and with the insight of scholarship to get rid of the theological rubbish and ecclesiastical humbug, and also for the rank and file to free itself from denominational pride.

Members of churches of Christ who stand identified with a people pledged to find their authority in the New Testament and to restore the church of the New Testament, should renerve themselves for the fulfilment of so great a task.



Editorial Comments

THE TOTAL MESSAGE OF THE TOTAL GOSPEL

The need of exercising care in proportion and emphasis in the presentation of religious truths has been frequently advocated in the pages of this journal. Examples have been given in proof that even a truth over-emphasised to the exclusion of other truth can be overbalanced into an untruth. There are many hopeful trends in the religious teaching of the present day, one of which is the growing desire to present the total message of a total gospel. Some of these trends are exemplified in Professor Trueblood's book, "Signs of Hope in a Century of Despair." Faith, formerly presented as an absolute necessity for life everlasting, is also recognised as absolute necessity,

if life here on earth is to be saved from catastrophe. Gone is the cleavage between the individual gospel and the social gospel, and the cleavage between a preaching for a world to come and for the world here and now. An urgency is returning to preaching. The burden of the total message of the total gospel is that we shall die — unless! The February issue of "The Expository Times" welcomes Professor Trueblood's book, and in a survey gives the following paragraph which will have a particular interest to readers:

"At this point he calls attention to the danger of an incipient heresy, which he calls 'Unitarianism of the Second Person.' He believes some of the continental theologians to be guilty here, though their failure to mention either God as Creator or the Holy Spirit as Comforter. 'The old-fashioned Boston Unitarianism was that of the First Person, while the Pentecostal sects tend to produce a Unitarianism of the Third Person, but the lesson of Christian history seems to be that the fullest truth lies in the rejection of even Second Person Unitarianism and in the espousal of a full-bodied Trinitarian faith.'"



NEON LIGHTS VERSUS KEROSENE LAMPS

Neon lights have their way of impressing us that the "dark ages" are forever gone. Our age is in danger of persuading itself that the super illumination of a world includes the mind of man. The Christian estimate of man's nature saves us from so great a delusion, for the old human evils are present in a world of neon lights as in the age of kerosene lamps. Men may be as vicious with chromium fittings as with discolored materials. Murders occur in tiled bathrooms as easily as anywhere else. Surely we know there is enough present-day evidence to expose the notion that if we can have enough science we shall have a good world. Professor Elton Trueblood in his new book, "Signs of Hope in a Century of Despair," calls attention of the "intellectuals" to the doctrine of original, or as he prefers to call it, "indigenous" sin.



A BUTTRESS AGAINST FORCES OF EVIL

Christians in every community, as well as in world affairs, stand or fall together in these days when anti-Christian ideas and patterns are loose in the world. This fact, and an honest recognition of the sincerity of others in their expressions of faith in Jesus and loyalty to him, warrant an adaption of Paul's exhortation, "Each with an eye to the good in others." Said Ruskin, "Whenever . . . we allow our minds to dwell upon the points in which we differ from other people, we are wrong and in the devil's power. That is the essence of the Pharisee's prayer of thanksgiving, 'Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men are.' At every minute of our lives we should be trying to find out, not in what we differ from other people, but in what we agree. And the moment we find we can agree as to anything that should be done, kind or good, then do it. Push at it together. You cannot quarrel in a side-by-side push. But the moment that even the best man stops pushing and begins talking, he mistakes his pugnacity for piety, and it is all over."

No one people can claim to be the favorites of Jesus; he belongs to all people in all ages. The primary factor is the pre-eminence given to Jesus and the quality of affection and service. For Christians to esteem one another and congregations to unite when able in service and witness is a buttress against the forces of evil.

Focus on

INTERSTATE ACTIVITIES

Pre-Easter Crusade

EAST MALVERN, VIC., MARCH 11 to 18.

The missionary, K. J. Patterson, was released by the Oakleigh church for the effort, and he gave splendid leadership. Attendances throughout the series of meetings were consistently good, and delegations from Oakleigh, Gardiner, Carnegie, Hartwell and Thornbury helped greatly. The session of song preceding each service was entered into heartily, while visiting vocalists—Mrs. N. Ross, Misses A. Ashley, J. Scantlebury, L. Sommers, Francis Cowper, the Emmanuel quartette party and Messrs. W. N. McCann and L. Williams contributed in no small measure to the success of the crusade. Quite a fair number of non-members attended, and scholars of the school. Following the faithful presentation of the message the Holy Spirit brought conviction to several, and decisions were registered. In all seven made decision, six scholars and a married woman, who came as a baptised believer, to unite with the church. The concluding service was a memorable one in the numbers present, the spirit prevailing, and in the five decisions made. Others are near decision as a result. At the close the writer expressed the gratitude of the church to God for the crusade and to the missionary for his leadership and messages. A presentation of books was made to Mr. Patterson, and the doxology brought the crusade to a happy conclusion.—D. D. Stewart.



Easter Conference, S.A.

The annual Good Friday meeting of Gawler, Williamstown and Kersbrook churches was held this year at Gawler. The morning subject, "The Cross," was taken by Messrs. Russell and Patching. A duet was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. A. Osborne, of Kersbrook. In afternoon Messrs. Candy and Shipway thrilled all with truths concerning the second coming of Christ. In the evening, under the direction of G. Stirling, the campers at Gawler presented a radio play on the cross. Mr. Cain spoke on the "Cross in the Heart of God." The Williamstown male voice choir excelled in the afternoon in singing of several anthems. Gawler ladies acted as hostesses for day.—Geo. A. Lee.



Victorian Central Northern District Conference

Kyneton church was host for the annual conference, held on March 3, when well-attended sessions were an inspiration to all. H. Hargreaves, of Echuca, a vice-president, presided, and at morning session was elected president for the ensuing year, with H. Cave, W. Johnston, vice-presidents, G. Coudie, secretary, E. Duus, treasurer. Six ladies of the Victorian Women's Missionary Committee were present, including Mrs. E. Washfold, Victorian Women's Conference president, and she brought greetings from the executive. Miss Verco and Mr. Cave sang a duet. Mrs. Briggs, of Bendigo, presided at women's session in afternoon, when Miss F. Vercoe was elected president, Miss J. Coudie secretary, and Mrs. H. Briggs treasurer. About £10 was donated by sisters of churches for floor mats for Ladies' Hostel of the college, and £4/10/- was raised at meeting for Mrs. J. Smith.

New Hebrides Islands. Highlight of this session was the delightful programme given by the missionary committee from Melbourne under the presidency of Mrs. Hodges. Chief items were: devotional address, Mrs. Washfold; "Radio Review" by ladies; and beautiful solos from Mrs. C. G. Taylor. A. B. Withers, president, addressed men's meeting held in the Mechanics' Hall, on the subject, "What is Man?" There was a large gathering at the Youth Session at night, when enjoyable musical items were rendered by Bendigo choir, a male quartette party, and solo from Mrs. Parry, of Echuca. Mr. Withers gave a thoughtful address on three aspects concerning church. Basket lunch and delightful tea were served by Kyneton ladies.—G.G.



Easter Camp, N.S.W.

The Easter camp at Bolton Point, Lake Macquarie, proved an enriching experience to those privileged to participate in it. Altogether 80 young people, representing many of our N.S.W. churches, came together for the four days of intensive study and fellowship. The basis of the discussions was the appropriately named booklet by G. R. Stirling, B.A., "An On-going Christian Movement," and the leaders were agreeably surprised and heartened at the interest displayed by the young people in the questions raised, and their sound grasp of the issues involved.

The camp, which was organised under the auspices of the N.S.W. Youth Department, owed much to the thorough preparation and incredible work of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fraser (Georgetown), as also to their devoted helpers, Mr. and Mrs. Raine, Sisters Dewberry and Porter. Studies and devotions were led by L. G. Read (Hamilton), camp leader, L. G. Burgin (Georgetown), L. S. Dewberry (Mayfield), K. Fennell (Woolwich College). Thanks are due also to R. V. Amos for his excellent work in the preparation of the Quiet-time Manual, and to Bruce Tabrett, of Earlwood, for the musical side of programme.

To assess the positive achievements of the camp is not, of course, a work for mortals, but there is cause for deep satisfaction in what was accomplished. To have adventured four days in Christian friendship and fellowship, in scenes reminiscent of our Lord's earthly life, was itself a profitable Easter exercise. But there were many ministries besides, that pointed us all afresh to the claims of Christ and of his truth. It is our sincere hope and prayer, as it is also our expectation, that the young people will be the stronger in the faith because of the vital experience they shared there together.—L. G. Read.



Tasmanian Conference, 1951

The 55th annual conference of Tasmanian churches was held in Hobart during the Easter holiday, delegates being present from all parts of the State. Whilst there was very little variation in the membership figures, there was a pleasing increase in number of Bible school scholars. J. A. Luff, of Margaret-st. church, was guest speaker, and his messages were a very real help to all who heard him. The conference president, K. G. Mundy, presided over the conference. Greetings were received from all States, Sisters' Executive, and Mr. and Mrs.

W. E. Reeve (Qld.), who assisted the Tasmanian churches for some time following Federal Conference. Few churches reported increases in membership, but Bible school work generally is encouraging.

Appreciation of the work of the president and secretary was expressed; also of the work of the superintendent and matron of "Bethany," and the treasurer of the Home Missions Committee, Mr. Sulzberger, who has retired after twenty years in office.

Committees elected were—
Conference Executive (Launceston).—President, G. J. Foot; vice-president, A. Griffiths; secretary, C. R. Edmunds; treasurer, J. H. Harrison; J. P. Foot, C. J. Orr, Miss D. Allen.

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Nominating.—G. Foot, A. Griffiths, J. A. Luff. Auditors.—H. W. Woolley, G. Griffiths, M. Cumming, Sister G. Swinton.

Representatives to State Council of Churches.—J. Park, B. Golder, B. Bradshaw, C. Mason.

—G.E.A.



Tasmanian Women's Conference

The women of the Tasmanian churches of Christ met in conference at Collins-st., Hobart, on Saturday, March 24. There was an attendance of 39 sisters representing eight churches. Greetings were received from mainland Women's Conference and absent sisters. The president (Mrs. Allen) led devotional session, which included a beautiful solo by Mrs. Alderton, "Give me a heart like thine." Mrs. Allen's challenging address was based on the story surrounding our Lord's command, "Launch out into the deep," and stressed the necessity of our having faith, and a vision for the future. During the business session, reports from the various departments were received and discussed.

Superintendent of Aborigines Department, Mrs. Staples, reported a tremendous amount of work accomplished. She had cut out and distributed 51 garments for sewing, and Mrs. Martin, isolated members' correspondent, had conducted an extensive personal correspondence. An amount of £45/19/3 was received during the year by the Foreign Mission superintendent, Mrs. Sulzberger, for Indian Christmas cheer.

It was decided that the Victorian Women's Conference Executive be followed in their method of appointing two vice-presidents, one to be known as junior vice-president, and president to hold office for one year, vice-president and junior vice-president automatically moving up to the Chair.

Conference Executive being located in the South this year, the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Boxhall; vice-pres., Mrs. Holt and Mrs. S. Cooper; sec., Mrs. J. Holloway; minute sec., Mrs. Watkins; treas., Mrs. K. Woolley.

Superintendents: Mission Band, Mrs. Moore; Dorcas, Mrs. H. Street; Isolation, Mrs. Martin; Obituary, Mrs. Foot; Hospital, Mrs. Clifford; Home Missions, Mrs. Allen; Temperance, Mrs. Clifford; Overseas Missions, Mrs. Sulzberger; Aborigines Missions, Mrs. Staples.

Mrs. Allen welcomed the new office-bearers before closing the conference with prayer.

A Wedding in Japan

Weddings are of interest; firstly their importance as the gateway that leads to the setting up of homes which are the units out of which communities, cities, states, and nations are built, and secondly, the colorful customs that are associated with them. Different customs mark marriages in the various countries, but they have certain things in common, such as bright clothing, joyful festivities and some ceremony.

A few months ago Mrs. Clark, Priscilla and myself were invited to attend the marriage of my Japanese driver. This was really a great favor, as apart from the man and woman who, acting as go-betweens chose the bride and our interpreter, we were the only people outside the two contracting families to be present. About four months before the ceremony my driver had asked for three days off so that he might go to Kobe to see the young lady who had been selected for him. He came back as thrilled as a young man might be who had just won the affection of a lady he had ardently wooed for years. The go-between is usually a friend of one of the families, though sometimes a professional go-between is employed. They take into consideration the positions of the two families as to social status, wealth, tastes, and the characters of the two young people. Sometimes two or three choices are made before both families are satisfied. If there is insanity or leprosy or any deformity in a family it is very difficult to arrange marriages. Marriages are considered a union of families rather than of individuals, and duty to the family is more important than one's claim to individual choice. The traditional teaching given Japanese girls is that they must regard men as their superiors, and so the ideas of freedom on their part to say no or yes as taught by democracy is something for which the majority are as yet unfitted. Among a few the Western idea of courtship is in vogue. It is generally considered that the influence of Christianity led the Shinto and Buddhist priests to arrange for special rooms to be set aside in their respective temples, for the conducting of wedding ceremonies. The ceremony, as in this case, often takes place in the home of the bridegroom, and occasionally at a restaurant or hotel. The ceremony has no religious significance wherever it is held. Beforehand there is an exchange of presents, which really mark the acceptance of both parties of the marriage proposal. Among the recognised gifts were a kimono, and an obi (a woman's sash), a cask of sake (wine), and a schnapper and a special kind of seaweed. These latter two things are symbolic of happiness and prosperity. Often to-day, instead of the expensive gifts, a scroll of paper with these articles named on it, together with a sum of money from five pounds upwards, is given by the bridegroom instead of the articles. Similar practical and symbolical gifts were given by the bride, but now often instead a monetary gift half the sum received is given. The bride and her family have to provide most of the furniture required in the home. It must be remembered that the Japanese house has very little furniture in it. My driver's marriage was held in the home of his parents, to which his bride had come with her precious belongings. I would like to introduce you more intimately to the bridegroom. He was an air pilot during the war. He has proven himself to be a very reliable, efficient, and faithful servant. Perhaps if I tell you one little incident regarding him, you will understand why I think so highly of him. I used to arrange the choir seats just prior to the evening service which sometimes proved inconvenient when we had visitors for the evening meal. I decided I would arrange the seats at 2 p.m., when my driver reported for afternoon duty. We

did this, and on the following Sunday I went to the chapel to fix the seats again, only to find my driver on his own initiative had come early and arranged them by himself.

I cannot give an intimate picture of the bride, as I had not met her until the day of the wedding. I learned she was a member of a Buddhist family, her brother being a priest who surprised me by saying, "I have taught my sister the best I have known; now you must seek to teach her the best you know. I shall be pleased for you to teach her about Christianity." She and her husband sometimes attend our church service.

Certain days are lucky days, and one of these was selected for the ceremony. Having gained permission to visit the home, thus being assured that the military police would not visit the house, we went along with our interpreter. A crowd of children had already gathered out-

most expensive. We left when the feasting and drinking had just begun, as knowing that we were teetotalers the guests had not taken more than a sip of sake. This desire to do the things that they feel pleases a European guest is most marked among the Japanese. Priscilla was given a most elaborately decorated basket of delicious fruit by the bridegroom and bride. We came away thinking of the contrast between this and a Christian wedding. However the courtesy and thoughtfulness shown us were all one could desire and altogether lovely. I often wish that many in Australia could share life with some of these people, it would remove some of the misconceptions many hold concerning them. Recently, during a stay in hospital, I found their kindness manifested by gifts so generous as to be embarrassing. It will take years to remove the scars made during the war, but the vast majority of those



Chaplain H. A. G. Clark attends a Japanese wedding.

side the house. Our interpreter said that it was not good form for adults to gaze thus on a wedding, but children were excused. The wine drinking ceremony was held in a small room upstairs. The parties kneeled down and were waited upon by two serving children. There are three sake cups of different sizes. The smallest is filled by a threefold pouring and offered to the bridegroom, who drinks it in three sips, and this is repeated for the bride. Then the next cup, a larger one, is filled and emptied in the same way except that the bride has the first threefold sip. The third and largest cup is served as the first was. All movements are quietly and gracefully carried out, and all the time the priest recites in a rather monotonous way some words from the classics. The bride may only act as if sipping if she does not like to drink sake which is a potent wine. This sake drinking they say has the same symbolic meaning for them as putting a gold ring on the finger has for us. Afterwards there is a further drinking of sake in the larger room by all the members of the families, and this concludes the function. The bride changed her kimono four times during the evening. Each garment was most colorful, and one would judge that her trousseau was

who have shared life with these people since learn to appreciate them, and to realise that in the realms of international life, be it in sport, or commerce, or scientific knowledge, or any other sphere, they have a contribution to make towards the world's highest welfare.—
Chaplain H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.



HOME MISSION WORK IN VICTORIA

J. G. Shaw will commence his ministry at Morwell, Vic., on April 29. This is a tremendous new venture involving great responsibilities, and is made possible only by the co-operation of The Properties Corporation and the Home Missionary Committee with the local brethren.

The Home Mission tent is at Colac, Vic., and H. Long, of York-st., Ballarat, is conducting a mission, assisted by preachers of Ballarat and Geelong churches. The effort is sponsored by the South-western District Conference associated with the Home Missionary Committee. Prayers are requested for the church, the missionary and those assisting.

Here and There

The church at Malvern, Vic., has been saddened by the untimely death by accident of Bruce Williams, beloved and efficient youth worker, 20 years of age, active in Sunday school, choir and K.S.P., and a leader at Monbulk youth camp. A loving tribute was paid by Mr. Kingsbury at largely attended service on April 4 prior to funeral.

Springvale church, Vic., presented a wallet of notes and rug to Mr. and Mrs. Bond in recognition of their ministry. There were five decisions on March 25. G. A. Grainger commenced his ministry on April 1 with splendid attendances at both services.

The Hinrichsen-Perry mission has made a promising beginning at Mile End, S.A. There were three decisions on opening night.

A series of plays, "Story Without an End," will be broadcast, together with a reading, some prayers and a hymn, every Wednesday morning during second school term, 1951, from 9.55 to 10:15 a.m., on the National programme.

Dr. A. T. de Groot, Disciple historian, is to lead a party of students from Texas Christian University on a tour of Great Britain and Europe.

Dr. William Robinson is due to commence his duties as Professor of Christian Doctrine at Butler University, U.S.A.

The London Bible College correspondence Course is now available in Australia, and is being administered by the Melbourne Bible Institute. An up-to-date, rigorous, and comprehensive course of biblical study can be taken by those whose time is limited. The rate of study is set by the student himself, whilst throughout the course he has access to suitably qualified tutors. The fees are as follow: £3 2/6 each for first two courses taken; £2 17/6 each for second two courses taken; £2 12/6 each for third two courses taken. For enrolment write the secretary, London Bible College, P.O. Box 21, Armadale, S.E.3, Vic.

YOUTH CAMP, HALL'S GAP, VIC.

A group comprising 73 campers shared a time of rich fellowship and blessing over the four days of Easter. The campers were from the Ballarat, Dunolly, Bet Bet and several from Dandenong and city churches, and 9 students from the College of the Bible. Enjoyment was added to by delightful weather. A consecrated band of leaders and workers gave loving attention to both physical and spiritual needs. F. Hunting directed the group discussions on the themes of surrender and witness, while H. Long led in a brief but very helpful study from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. At an open-air service conducted by Mr. Long on Sunday night, one young man made his stand for Christ. A second young man confessed Christ at a later meeting and five other young people reconsecrated their lives.

SCOTTISH EVANGELIST TO VISIT VICTORIA.

Mr. Gavin Hamilton, Scotch evangelist and Bible teacher, who is spending several months in Australia, will visit Victoria during April. Commencing Monday, April 23, meetings will be held in Collins-st. Baptist Church throughout the week, daily during lunch-hour, between 1 and 2 p.m., and nightly (excepting Thursday) at 8 p.m. The Melbourne Central campaign will conclude on Sunday, April 29, with an afternoon meeting in the Collins-st. Baptist Church.

DR. WICKIZER'S ITINERARY.

The Federal Executive has pleasure in announcing the visit of Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, executive secretary for the Department of Church Development and Evangelism, to Australia. Dr. Wickizer is on a world tour, under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society, U.S.A. He has long desired to visit the churches of Australia and New Zealand, and comes as a fraternal delegate of our American brotherhood.

The doctor will arrive on the s.s. "Orion" at Fremantle, on April 16. He will then tour the several States, arriving at Adelaide, on April 19; Kaniva, April 24; Melbourne, April 25; Launceston, May 1; Hobart, May 2; Sydney, May 3; Brisbane, May 7. He will leave for New Zealand on May 10.

The Melbourne itinerary will include: An informal reception by the Melbourne World Convention Committee.

A visit to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, April 27.

Fellowship tea and brotherhood rally, Lygon-st. chapel, April 27.

A visit to the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh and the Will. H. Clay Nursing Home, Murrumbidgee, April 28.

Sunday services, 11 a.m., Brighton; 3 p.m., Wesley P.S.A., 7 p.m., Northcote.

A visit to the Youth Camp site, Monbulk, April 30.

Dr. Wickizer's visit to Australia is purely fraternal. He comes hoping to share our fellowship, to be enlightened as to conditions, ways of doing things, and problems.

The Federal Executive has assured the doctor of a warm welcome from the brethren of Australia, and invites the churches throughout the Commonwealth to rally to the meetings arranged in the centres where he will visit.



Dr. Alonzo Willard Fortune,
Minister, Educator, Writer.

Dr. Alonzo W. Fortune died at the age of 77 on Dec. 2, at Lexington, Ky., U.S.A. He was beloved by our American brotherhood. Elsewhere in this issue H. Kingsbury pays a tribute to this spiritual, intellectual and social giant. "The Christian Evangelist" in its eulogy says: "Dr. Fortune was at home in the circles of the best minds of our time. His farsightedness and fearlessness in the field of thought have made a lasting contribution to the progressive work of the Disciples of Christ and of the Church Universal."

Many throughout Australia are grateful for the impact of this great soul through his scholarship and sturdy faith so evident in all his books.

The Ministries of OUR WOMEN Federal Activities!

PROGRAMME FOR MAY, 1951.

Christ and Human Relationships.

Call to worship.—The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Hymn.—No. 509, "Take time to be holy."

Prayer.—Great and loving Father of all mankind, grant us the understanding of thy love, so we may understand what thou wilt of us. We pray for forgiveness of our sins toward thee and toward our fellow-men, and we long to enter into partnership with thee in thy great plan of salvation. Make us strong in body and soul, make us shine with thy love and purpose, so that all who come in contact with us and our works are won to thee. Make us oblivious of our own part in thy programme, but centre our hearts on thee and thy love and salvation. Help us to strengthen those who are sick and sad and in seeming want. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bible Reading.—Luke 10: 38-42.

Meditation.—"Discerning Values."

A brightly colored piece of glass can give as much pleasure to a little child as a precious gem, but an expert will see great value in the one and consider the other worthless. It requires knowledge to be able to appraise the true value of anything. Classical music can be a soul-satisfying experience to a student of music, but to the untutored a meaningless noise; a work of art can be either a mass of daubs or a thing of beauty, depending on one's ability to interpret the artist's work.

In every age the need for people to be able to discern values has been important, and never more so than in this materialistic one. The mad whirl, which is part of our civilisation, finds many people dizzy from revolving around in so much confusion. It becomes difficult to see clearly what is most important in life, and too often we are like the child content with the colored glass instead of the precious gem.

The failure to discern values to-day with many of us is that we, like Martha, are burdened with many cares. We fail to choose the better part as Mary did, and sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to his words of wisdom. We need to face the facts that faith in God and love for our fellow-men and that sacrificial living and service are the gems of true value, and that much of the success and applause of the world is only as colored glass. Jesus showed the only way to discern the true values of life as we face the responsibilities and opportunities of our times.

Hymn.—No. 15, "Eternal source of every joy."

Business Session.

Address.—"Training for Service."

Offertory Prayer.—We come to thee with a portion of thy bounty, and we beseech thee to accept these gifts for thy service. Thou art the Giver of all things, and we are but thy stewards. Amen.

Hymn.—No. 619, "Work for the time is flying."

Benediction.—Even so might grace reign through righteousness, unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Hymns from churches of Christ hymnal.)

What others are saying . . .

The Forward Movement is planned to deepen the spiritual life of our churches, rebuild their strength and influence, equip them for their task, and brace them for the fulfilment of their evangelistic mission.—Dr. Leslie Cooke, secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

To grapple successfully with the present national and international emergency, we need, together with military strength and political wisdom, moral courage and stamina. Therefore religion must lead us with vision and power.—January "World Alliance News-Letter."

I have said that "we" must not fail in patient working for peace; in patient working for higher living standards. By "we" I do not mean only the governments of the Member States of the United Nations, or the members of its Secretariat, although certainly they are included in the obligation. By "we" I mean all of us, all men and women of good will. The United Nations is our United Nations, its strength derives in the last analysis from all the peoples of the world who are united in hatred of war and in hope for a better life for everyone, everywhere.—General Trygve Lie, secretary United Nations.

The Christian faith finds itself in this strange and uneasy world, as it has often done in the past. That is why such words as "sin," "redemption," "regeneration," "sanctification," and others loom so largely in the language of the Christian church. Sir Stafford Cripps was looking in the right direction when he said: "If ever we are to see the triumph of our civilisation, it will be brought about, not by material ingenuity, but by our moral strength." And moral strength stems from the three great affirmations of our creed: "I believe in God the Father Almighty; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; I believe in the Holy Spirit."

These affirmations are not to be confined to the sanctuary and its cloisters. They belong to the arena of common life. "Christ for the world, we sing; the world to Christ we bring." Our religion must engage itself with the whole of life in the whole of our world.—President of Methodist Conference, Vic., B. L. Semmens, in his inaugural address.



"Some people can talk Christianity by the yard who can't walk it by the inch."

I'VE BEEN THINKING. (Concluded.)

written by others. Shortly after returning home I received a letter from the editor requesting me to resume the writing of the article as soon as I felt that I could undertake it. That request was an inspiration to me. It made me feel that I was still of some account. . . . My experience has convinced me that physical affliction is not the most serious thing after all. The most significant thing for one is his attitude toward it. We must not become rebellious against God when affliction comes. He has not promised to keep us from trouble, but he has promised to be our refuge and strength in the time of trouble, and he is that."

When word of the good man's death began to spread, an 81-year-old member of Central Church called to verify the news, and was heard to say in a voice of hushed reverence and yet certain joy, "Now Dr. Fortune can see!"

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

A CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ISRAEL.

Pastor H. D. Leuner, secretary of the International Jewish-Christian Union in Copenhagen, has stated in an interview: "We believe that in time there will be a Christian Church in Israel, speaking Modern Hebrew and consisting for the most part of Jewish Christians. So far these number about 150. Since they avowed themselves faithful to the State of Israel in its difficult initial years, confidence in them is increasing in a gratifying manner."

LONDON WELCOMES DR. FISHER.

A large audience filled the Central Hall, Westminster, in London on January 30 for the meeting of welcome to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Fisher, returning from a four-month tour in Australia and New Zealand.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee, expressed his pleasure at being present. The Archbishop, he said, went out to Australia and New Zealand not only as a great churchman, but as a representative of the people of Great Britain to those subjects of the King living in the Commonwealth. It was the essence of the Commonwealth that it was not bound together by some mere legal or constitutional device: it was essentially a unity of spirits, and it was the spiritual unity of the people of the Commonwealth that was its great strength to-day.

When the Archbishop of Canterbury rose to speak, he was greeted with a stirring demonstration of esteem. In the four months of his tour he had travelled 30,000 miles, 23,000 of them by sea, and delivered 138 sermons and addresses. He said, "I believe that the only creative force in the world to-day is the force of the Christian Church."

COMPLACENCY POLITICALLY DANGEROUS.

At a recent joint annual meeting of the Department of Social Service and the Executive Council of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, a resolution on international affairs was passed by which "the Council associates itself with the . . . statements issued by the Central Committee of the World Council." The resolution of the synod said: "Governments of nations have an inescapable responsibility at this hour. The world is divided into hostile camps through suspicion and distrust, and through failure of nations to bring their mutual relations within an agreed system of justice and order.

"We urge governments to enter into negotiations at once again, and again to do everything in their power to bring the present tragic deadlock to an end. . . ."

"Realising that the world is still filled with injustices and disorders, the Council regards 'a mood of complacency as both wrong and politically dangerous,' and asserts that the overcoming of these evils is vital for rendering the world morally impregnable to totalitarian aggression, and believes that the removal of these injustices and disorders will develop in all nations mutual confidence and a greater devotion to common principles."—E.P.S., Geneva.

WANTED

Competent office secretary—shorthand and typing essential—for World Council of Churches Commission for Inter-Church Aid Office, to commence immediately. Applications, with credentials, should be sent to the secretary, F. F. Byatt, 37 Swanston-st., Melbourne, C.I.

I've been thinking . . .

By Horace Kingsbury.

I've been thinking that readers of this column might be interested in knowing how it originated. For several years past there have appeared in the "Front Rank," a religious weekly widely circulated in the U.S.A., numbers of stimulating articles from the pen of Dr. Alonzo Willard Fortune, accompanied by his picture, and entitled, "It Occurs to Me." Well, it occurred



to Mr. Hibburt that something of a similar nature in "The Australian Christian" might prove helpful, and as a result "I've Been Thinking" has appeared in several recent issues.

All this by way of introduction to a few paragraphs concerning my teacher, and friend, and counsellor, Dr. A. W. Fortune, who was for ten years a professor in the College of the Bible at Lexington, Kentucky, and subsequently for twenty-two years minister of Central Church in that city. At the age of seventy he unexpectedly lost his sight, and the day after last Christmas, at the age of seventy-seven, he passed away.

A few weeks before his death, there appeared in "The Christian-Evangelist" a very remarkable article from him on "Readjusting One's Life to Handicaps," and from that writing I make a few quotations for the comfort of others who have, or may have, "thorns in the flesh," and yet go bravely on serving the Master and relying on the sufficient grace of their heavenly Father.

"I was in Chicago for nine weeks," he wrote, "where one of the most skillful surgeons in the world performed an unsuccessful operation on my eyes. After the doctors had examined my eyes for the last time, they said, 'We have done all we can for you.' When we left for home there was darkness without and there was deeper darkness within. . . . I resolved that I would not become rebellious or permit myself to blame God for the affliction which had come to me. . . . After I had been able to get my bearings, I determined that I would try to do something that would enable me to find some satisfaction in the years that might be on ahead.

"I decided that I would learn to read without the use of my eyes, hence I began the study of Braille. . . . After a few months I was able to begin reading the Bible, and I read it through from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation. I presume that I have read the Bible more with the end of my finger than I would have done with the use of my eyes. . . . I have a Braille writer which has meant everything to me. . . . The talking book machine has been eyes for me." There's more to the story, but suffice it to say that with the help of his devoted wife and the blessing of God, he continued to preach the everlasting gospel as opportunity offered, and was faithful until death.

And now, going back to where I began, I quote Dr. Fortune again: "For several years I had written an article each week for the 'Front Rank' under the title, 'It Occurs to Me.' During the time I was in Chicago that article was

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INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

"... they rehearsed all that God had done with them."

Discipleship

Richard Turner, Moreland, Vic.
Verna Deering, Subiaco, W.A.
John Little, Subiaco, W.A.

Naracoorte, S.A.:

Brett McMutrie, Barry Proud, David Hannaford, Peter Hannaford, Marcia Hannaford, David Gericke, Brian Arnold, Pat. Welcome, Turleen Welcome, Elaine Francis, Mrs. W. Francis, W. Francis, Miss C. Drew, R. Gericke, H. Gericke, K. McMutrie, Mrs. E. Pomery, Mrs. Pomery, Miss N. Johnson, Miss E. Johnson, Kay Jolly, Atis Danckops, Mrs. Kelpe, Mrs. Drewitt, A. Hayes, Mrs. A. Hayes, W. Nicholls, Mrs. W. Nicholls, G. Burford, Mr. Chantrel, Mrs. Jergins.

Kay Taylor, East Malvern, Vic.
Mrs. Susan Thomas, Cheltenham, Vic.
Lorraine Chapman, Broken Hill, N.S.W.
Jacqueline Dale, Mosman, N.S.W.
Sylvia Forrest, Mosman, N.S.W.
Lois Haskell, North Williamstown, Vic.
John Lane, North Williamstown, Vic.
Rhonda Pert, Oakleigh, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Taylor, Geelong, Vic.
Margaret Sherwood, Fullarton, S.A.
Shirley Sherwood, Fullarton, S.A.
Margaret Patrick, Fullarton, S.A.
John Nankervis, North Williamstown, Vic.
Dorothy Westaway, North Williamstown, Vic.
Lorraine Smith, North Williamstown, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mr. E. Wright, Hurstville, N.S.W.
Mrs. W. Kirby, Geelong, Vic.
Mr. J. W. Vernon, Altona, Vic.
Mr. Thomas Collis, Oakleigh, Vic.

Tasmania

Hobart.—West Hobart and Collins-st. sisters combined to provide splendid meals during Easter conference. On Easter Sunday a tea organised by Young People's Fellowship was addressed by Sister J. Holloway. Sponsored by State Youth Committee and assisted by choir, teachers and pupils of West Hobart and Collins-st., Sunday schools combined to produce "The Easter Story" from new lesson material. Meeting was appreciated. Church rejoices in return of Miss R. Heard after long illness.

West Hobart.—Church is pleased to welcome Sister K. Woolley back after long sickness. At Easter conference J. Woolley, B. Golder and T. Lillye were delegates. K. Mundy, of Dover church, was speaker on April 1. Bible school with 69 on roll is larger than for several years.

School participated in dramatisation of Easter story at Youth Department demonstration during conference.

Queensland

Boonah.—Splendid attendance at farewell service to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Leask on March 4 after 12 months' service with Boonah and Silverdale churches. A suitable presentation was made on behalf of both churches. John Christensen commenced interim ministry with churches until G. Brown comes to circuit. Messages have been uplifting and well appreciated. Christian Endeavorers joined heartily in Easter C.E. Convention held at Kalbar. Theme was "The Wonder of His Cross." Church regrets loss of Mr. and Mrs. A. Green, who have moved to Brisbane. At annual business meeting on March 14, deacons elected were C. Jenner (chairman), F. Warwick (secretary), H. Muller (treasurer), C. Stubbin, E. Jenner, F. Muller, C. Muller, W. Frieberg, W. Vogler. Church regrets resignation of A. Jenner, for 22 years a deacon, a Sunday school teacher for some years, and secretary of church for 7 years. He leaves shortly for Ipswich.

Maryborough.—Annual business meeting was held on March 21, and showed work in good heart. Mr. Trickey was elected to board of officers, and Mesdames Living and Drake as deaconesses. It was decided to re-commence weekly prayer meetings. Instead of harvest festival a thankoffering was taken on March 11; this amounted to over £20. Mr. Greenwood is doing much visitation. Church extends sympathy to Mr. Fuller, whose wife passed away on 25th in Melbourne. Mrs. Fuller was a deaconess for many years, and recently had a poem printed in "The Christian." Girls' choir featured special singing on Easter Sunday.

New South Wales

Rockdale.—On March 25 J. Henderson, of New Zealand, spoke in morning and Mr. Andrews at night. Mr. Andrews spoke on April 1. Sister Coomber, from Tasmania, was present. Bible school and church greatly appreciated talks and lantern lectures by Win Walker. W. Cooper, of Lane Cove, was soloist.

Bexley North.—Special Easter services were addressed by A. Hinrichsen and K. Barton. After J. P. Henderson, who has returned from N.Z., preached the gospel message on April 1, he and his wife were welcomed at a basket supper provided by ladies. H. G. Wells' name was inadvertently omitted from previous list of deacons. Miss H. Shepherd gave an instructive talk at teachers' tea.

Gilgandra.—Church has been happy to receive into active fellowship Mr. and Mrs. Dallinger and family. While church was without a minister, members spoke ably and willingly. On March 25 Bible school anniversary was held. "The Easter Story" was theme around which celebration centred. All services were well attended. Annual church business meeting was

held on March 21. All auxiliaries showed healthy reports. Average attendance for year was 53. Church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield and family. Mrs. Len Burrell has been welcomed into active fellowship. Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Quayle, Jack Burrell, Bill Glasgow, Max Alderman.

Mosman.—On March 25 Mr. Burns spoke morning and evening. Choir sang anthem, "He is Risen." Midweek Fellowship meetings have been interesting with all taking part. On April 1 L. Stimson spoke in morning on giving. At evening service Mr. Burns spoke on "The Church."

Hurstville.—Interest well maintained in all departments. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Craig have taken up residence in manse. At recent business meeting following were elected deacons: H. Button (sec.), R. Brown, E. J. Cowan, D. H. Egging (treas.), W. S. French, A. Morton, J. M. Reid, W. McWhinney (asst. sec.). Opportunity was taken to present C. A. Pryor with a travelling case in appreciation of over 20 years' service as church treasurer. Mr. Pryor, having been appointed Inspector of Motor Registry offices in N.S.W., will be away from Hurstville most of time.

Broken Hill.—Work is in good heart, with attendances and finance good. J. McCormick's messages are appreciated. Special Easter week services each night at Railway Town culminated with communion services on Good Friday morning at Railway Town at 9.30 and Wolfram-st. at 11 a.m. A month's trial of gospel services at Railway Town at 6.30 commenced Feb. 25. L. Warren is on service at Wolfram-st. till 7.30, when Mr. McCormick returns. Sunday school picnic at North Park and dramatised lesson on Easter Sunday were successful. J. McCormick conducts Bible class and Wednesday night training class for church workers. Messages of song from Neil Schorn, Mrs. Schorn, Mr. and Mrs. L. Warren. Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Peckham were welcomed after illness.

Hamilton.—A. Tregloan chaired church annual meeting on March 30. After a short devotional service reports were presented from Sunday School, Women's Guild, and church secretary's report disclosed membership of 81, with 61 active members, average attendance of 45 in morning and 40 in evening. There were two confessions of faith. Average weekly offering, £12/16/9. Elected to office board: Elders, P. Talbot, and N. Fraser; deacons, J. McKenzie, A. Berry, W. Gillespie, A. Tregloan and C. Fraser. Mr. Read has been with church as preacher for 16 months, and his able leadership is appreciated. Mr. Talbot brought a brief outline of Easter Conference. A motion was passed, commending work of N. Matthews as conference president, and S. C. Woolley as conference secretary. Mr. Read attended Easter camp at Bolton Point, and Easter services were taken by N. Fraser and P. Talbot.

South Australia

Victor Harbour.—Good attendance and bright services have prevailed this month with help of additional visiting speakers. Wm. Bradshaw spoke on March 4 and 11. Harvest festival was celebrated on March 11; gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers, etc., were sent to South Coast District Hospital and Rest Home. Other speakers were A. C. Thurrowgood, Mr. Hughes and Claud Verco. Y.P.F. is in full swing again, and Ladies' Guild opened on Mar. 1 with sewing meeting for hospital mending, although number present was small. Mrs. J. Carslake and Mrs. T. Pym, of Avon, and Mrs. A. Clark, of Wild Horse Plains, transformed the workaday atmosphere into a happy social event. On March 15, at a devotional and business meeting, officers were re-elected.

Fullarton.—Second-coming meetings on Good Friday were a great success. At afternoon meeting, E. H. Broomhead, M.A. (Methodist) and Fred Thrumm (Adelaide Bible Institute) were speakers, giving good addresses. Basket tea followed evening meeting; speakers were Pastor Chinnery (Knobville Congregational) and A. W. Claude Candy (Grote-st.). Easter Sunday good meetings were held, B. W. Manning preaching morning- and evening. Among visitors were Mrs. Sanderson's sisters and the Russack families. On April 1 B. W. Manning addressed morning and evening services. Two ladies re-consecrated their lives. Mrs. Rogers (Nurses Christian Movement) sang a solo and helped in a trio with Misses Manning and Thomson. Several delegations have visited the Hinrichsen mission at Mile End.

Hindmarsh.—Good Friday and Easter Sunday services were well attended. Dorcas Society had successful opening on March 21. K.O.C. and sporting bodies held a parade on evening of April 1. A fine number of young people was present. A. Reidy read lesson and Lorraine Young sang solo, "God's Garden." Mr. Shipway preached on "Hitting into the Net." Mr. and Mrs. Trembath are congratulated on their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. J. Richardson have not been well, and Mr. Snook is shut in. Mrs. H. Tomkins is seriously ill. Robert Bell is meeting with church again. A happy social evening was held on March 30.

Long Plains.—Church continues to meet in local hall pending completion of new building held up by scarcity of cement. Attendance at Lord's Table is encouraging, but gospel meeting attendances are low. Conference president, Mr. Glastonbury, spoke on morning of March 18, and Don Beiler at night, while Ira Jenkin, having made good confession at Tumby Bay youth camp, was baptised by Mr. Baker in Owen chapel. Ira was received into fellowship on Mar. 25, when Mr. Baker exhorted church and in evening used a film to emphasize his special Easter address. M. Daniel exhorted church on April 1 with the words, "Watch and Pray." Sunday school numbers show marked increase, especially in junior departments, and new lesson material proves effective. C.E. re-commenced after summer recess, and an interesting programme is planned. Mr. Baker is getting back to work after appendicitis operation. Coral Jenkin has also recovered from similar operation. Sisters D. Harding and W. Parker are still away through sickness.

Cottonville.—Keith Butler, son of missionaries in China, has returned home by plane. On Good Friday church combined with Presbyterians and Methodists to hold a service in Hawthorn Presbyterian Church. On March 28 A. R. Jones addressed the Ladies' Auxiliary on work of Social Service Dept. W. Berry is instructing Boys' Brigade on first aid. New louvre windows have been installed in kindergarten hall and lighting improved. An electric fan has been given anonymously. "Young Marrieds" met on April 2 at home of Mrs. Glastonbury. Special teaching services commenced on April 1, when Mr. Mathieson gave fine addresses. His second year of ministry commenced March 18.

Kilburn.—N. G. Kingston presided over fifth annual meeting of church on March 28. Reports showed progress in all departments, and official board was re-elected without alteration. 145 attended 10 a.m. Bible school on April 1, including two new scholars. Ron Fax, of Prospect, conducted 11.15 a.m. service, which was helpfully addressed by N. G. Kingston, who is now settling into ministry and getting to know the people.



Victoria

Portland.—Meetings continue each Sunday at 11 a.m., and although absence of holiday-makers is noticeable, attendance of local members is

good; between 20 and 25 adults and from 10 to 15 children attend each morning. There are few absentees from Sunday school, and work in these classes is steadily progressing.

Collingwood.—Church held annual business meeting on March 7. Miss Wilma Scott was recently farewelled at a social evening, prior to her departure for England. Presentations of a travelling case and fountain pen were made. Members of cricket team took part in gospel service on March 4. Mr. Titter's messages are appreciated, also help given by Miss Sires in kindergarten. Young men from North Fitzroy continue to help at morning services.

Hurstbridge.—On Easter Sunday Hurstbridge fellowship attended gospel service at Fairfield. Two young people made decision for Christ and will be baptised by T. A. Fitzgerald with four others who made their decision on April 1. Christian Endeavor recommenced activities on April 1, under leadership of S. Bannen.

Bayswater.—Stewardship campaign ended on March 18, when E. Patterson was speaker. Mr. West was evening speaker. On Easter Sunday W. Thompson, of Boronia, was morning speaker. At evening service some of the campers from Monbulk took charge. Seven young people of church attended camp at Frankston on Labor Day week-end. Harvest festival speaker on April 8 was B. J. Combridge. Produce was sent to College of the Bible.

Ascot Vale.—Sunday school reports largest enrolment for years, with a preponderance of boys, and a Bible Class of 12. Mission Band and Girls' Club have resumed. Sermons on stewardship by H. F. Gross have stimulated interest. Increased morning and evening attendances reveal added interest and 60th anniversary preparations are in hand. Mrs. Patterson was able to attend church last Sunday for first time after her accident. Mrs. W. Brown is not well enough to attend.

North Williamstown.—Bible school held in home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas at Altona is increasing. Attendance has reached 25. Mr. Grainger's farewell services were held on Easter Sunday. Following evening meeting, members and friends said farewell, when suitable gifts were made on behalf of Youth Fellowship, school and church. Mrs. Sutcliffe has returned to meetings after four months of illness. Chaplain C. Young and F. Funston gave messages on April 1. Church looks forward to arrival of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie to take up ministry.

Oakleigh.—At annual Bible school teachers' meeting, recognition was made of long service of three kindergarten teachers—Misses V. Carlos, T. Boak and D. Gillespie—with 33, 26 and 24 years' continuous service respectively. In absence of K. Patterson at East Malvern on March 18, W. T. Atkin was present for day, and at evening service linked gospel message and many activities of Social Service Department in pictorial address. Youth choir, under A. Briggs, contributes monthly to gospel service. Officers elected for 1951 are: secretary, R. Boak; treasurer, F. Gillespie; deacons, C. Barnett, G. Coates, H. Farmer, S. Fordham, C. McGregor, W. Wright.

North Essendon.—The first of a quarterly exchange of pastors took place in the North-western District Conference on April 1, when Mr. McIlhagger (Essendon) went to Ascot Vale, R. McKenzie (Newmarket) to Essendon, H. Gross (Ascot Vale) to North Essendon and A. E. White to Newmarket. There were two baptisms and three confessions on a recent Sunday. A district conference is to be held at Essendon chapel on April 14. Speakers will be Messrs. A. Withers and S. Neighbour. The moonlight hike to Studley Park was well attended. The annual business meeting revealed all auxiliaries in good heart, and the church is happy in ministry of A. E. White and his wife.

Echuca.—Annual business meeting of church was held recently. Youth Fellowship has commenced year's activities. Mr. Hargreaves is giving a series of addresses on prophecy. A number of visitors was present over Easter. L. Beyer has tendered his resignation as Sunday school superintendent as he is leaving district.

Malvern-Caulfield.—On Easter Sunday (when minister preached conference sermon), services were taken by A. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were warmly welcomed. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb (Adelaide) and Mr. and Mrs. Brown (Carwap). Choir is rendering ne service. On Sunday evening C.E. quartette made great contribution. Mr. Kingsbury's addresses are helpful and appreciated, also his pastoral ministry. Church regrets he is retiring from full-time service at end of May. The Kingsburys have endeared themselves to all.

Ormond.—Leadership of R. Vautier is great help to church and district. Morning worship is well attended. Gospel meetings are fair. Kindergarten for three and four year olds, under Mrs. Vautier, is doing valuable work. Ladies are in great heart, and their efforts show new carpets for church. Men of church have re-decorated interior and a pleasing color scheme is appreciated by all. Young people in P.B.P. and K.S.P. have excelled in swimming and sports. Girls were victorious at annual sports, gaining first place with over 90 points, a feat never ever recorded in P.B.P. history.

Cheltenham.—After morning service on April 1, official board met leaders of auxiliaries at dinner, followed by a conference to draw work of auxiliaries closer to church and prepare stewardship campaign commencing April 15. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Mrs. Bolduan (sen.).

Bentleigh.—Church extends to Mrs. Weeding and family deepest sympathy in loss of a devoted Christian husband and father on Mar. 20. A record attendance of 262 was attained recently in Sunday school. March 15, Ladies' Mission Band gave a farewell luncheon to Mrs. A. Eldridge at home of Mrs. Hardy. Mrs. Eldridge was treasurer of Band for a number of years. A presentation was made as a token of the esteem in which she is held. Kindergarten anniversary was held on March 17. Miss Una Dods was speaker to a large gathering. Many visitors have been present in recent weeks. Visiting speakers have been Messrs. Ducat, Beddome and Barinton. Annual church business meeting held on March 20 showed steady but definite progress. Office-bearers elected: Elders, Mr. Beddome, Mr. Keneley; deacons, Messrs. Baensch, Dahl, Pott, Nugent, Pelling, Whetton, Bavinton; secretary, C. Dahl; treasurer, A. Pott; S.S. superintendent, A. Beddome; "Christian" agent, Mrs. Harris. Monies raised by church for all purposes in last six months amounted to £700. 84 prizes were gained by scholars in S. School. Mr. Wiltshire continues to preach with undiminished fervor and appeal.

Dandenong.—Number of visitors present on Easter Sunday. At conclusion of Mr. Youens' evening address there was one decision. Young people's fellowship was held at home of Mr. Brough, sen., on March 31, 25 being present. Excellent meetings on April 1. Morning service was addressed by W. Mills, whose message was greatly appreciated. John Gowans, of Sydney, was present. Following baptismal service in evening there were two decisions.

Geelong.—Good attendances on Easter Sunday. There were many visitors. R. J. Anderson preached at both services. On April 1 Mr. Anderson again spoke at both services. At evening service Max Carr and Laurie Barker read the lessons and choir sang an item with Mr. Smail as soloist. Preparations are being made for brethren to help at forthcoming mission at Colac. Working bees continue around church grounds.

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WEEDING.—On March 20, at his home, 9
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David; aged 61. Underneath are the everlast-
ing arms.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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McDONALD.—In fond memory of dear dad,
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Lord."

—Inserted by Mary.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. C. M. Adams, of Greystanes, N.S.W.,
wishes to thank her Christian friends for
their kind expressions of sympathy and pray-
ers in her recent bereavement.

"Come unto me, all ye who are weary and
heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

BIRTH.

MORGAN (Lacy).—On March 27, at "Pen-
zance," Numurkah, to Hugh and Grace—a son,
Barry Maxwell.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 20 (Friday).—Victorian Ministers'
Wives' Association will meet at Swanston-st.
lecture hall, 2.30 p.m. Guest speaker, Mrs.
A. E. White.

APRIL 18 (Wednesday).—The Victorian
General Dorcas will meet in the Swanston-st.
lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. Any
sister interested in this work is invited to
attend.

APRIL 22 (Sunday).—Burwood Boys' Home,
Warrigal-rd., Sunday school anniversary at
3 p.m. Speaker, L. Brooker. Everyone wel-
come.

BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST, SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

APRIL 22:

3 p.m., Mr. N. Clarke.

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All last year, as we settled in to the language study, we felt that there was such a long way to go before we could speak, and we longed to be able to do the real work of the gospel. I think that we realise more now what a long way there is to go in the language before we can speak fluently, but still the time is drawing on when we will be taking active part in the work of spreading the gospel.

And so at the beginning of this second year in India, when we feel inadequate for the task that is ahead, we can say with confidence that the Lord will provide the necessary strength, and courage and wisdom too; so as I go on, it is the greatest desire of my heart to know what Paul knew, that I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me, for when I am weak, and look to him, then I am strong. May that implicit faith be ours in this troubled world "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat. Nevertheless, we, according to his promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness . . . beware lest we fall from our own steadfastness."

Once again, in looking round I am constrained to say that it is not the heathen country that makes the work of the gospel hard, but the lost state of man, and his rebellious heart that is the trouble. A worker in India, speaking of the work of the gospel, said to me that the uneducated people seem unable to grasp the message, and those with more education are also steeped in their religion, and this is an equally hard if not harder obstacle to overcome.

God is calling from the Gentiles in India, as in Australia, a people for his name, who are of the truth, and who love the truth will hear his voice. The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they who hear shall live. So whether it be ignorance or prejudice that we have to contend with, his voice can penetrate through these things.

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H. J. Finger writing on January 1 stated: "The 'Morinda' arrived yesterday, minus mails, but with six cases of hospital material from Victoria and four cases of mission goods from Sydney. We would thank all who have kindly shared in the making and giving of things therein, and also thank those who are responsible for the packing and despatching of same. We



The school at Aoba was for some time in operation at Londua so as to be in charge of Mr. Ron McLean. As Londua will soon be used as the training centre, the primary school has been transferred back to Ndui Ndui. Mr. Finger and Miss Henderson have charge.

know that it is no easy task, and our thanks are sincere. We are grateful to those who have sent in old spectacles, and would like to make an appeal for more. Many older folk have asked for spectacles, but we have been unable to supply them. So if you have a pair which are of no value to you, would you be good enough to forward same and share in the joy of helping someone to see better. We have no facilities to test eyes and order correctly, but if we have an assortment on hand a suitable pair can be chosen. Help someone to see better.

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from a wrecker's dump and now gave out a
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Is not that a parable of what Jesus does? He
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of life and by his transforming power, he will

"Snatch them in pity from sin and the
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A little boy, very curious, asked his father,
"What does God do now that he has made the
world and everything in it; how does he fill
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father, "what do you think?" "Well," said the
wise little chap, "I guess he just goes around
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An old veteran, left in great poverty, sought
his living by playing his violin in the streets
of Vienna. He was a poor musician and got
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are too old and feeble for such a task." So
the stranger played and passers-by stopped and
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Money poured into the veteran's hat. He
could hardly believe his eyes. "Who is it that
plays with such skill?" one asked in the crowd.
"Why, it is Bucher," another replied, "none but
he has so musical a soul and so delicate a
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