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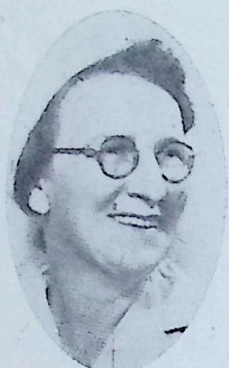
These are Missionaries in "Our Islands"



Mr. H. J. Finger.



Sister Mrs. H. J. Finger.



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Mr. R. S. McLean.



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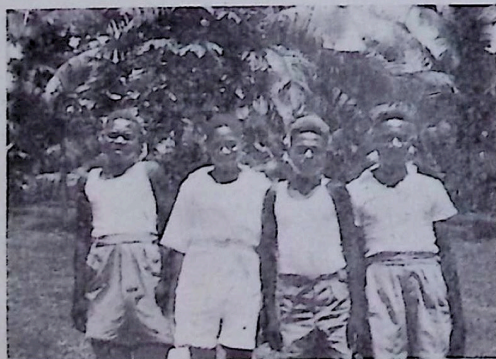
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Sister D. Henderson.



THE FEDERAL SECRETARY
Receiving Gifts from Island Christians.



BAPTISMS ON PENTECOST.
Over 60 Heathen Baptised in Twelve Months.

ISLAND STATISTICS

AOBA

MEMBERS	-	-	-	851
UNDER INST.	-	-	-	500
CHURCHES	-	-	-	23
ISLAND POP.	-	-	-	5000

PENTECOST

MEMBERS	-	-	-	455
UNDER INST.	-	-	-	351
CHURCHES	-	-	-	14
ISLAND POP.	-	-	-	5000

MAEWO

MEMBERS	-	-	-	153
UNDER INST.	-	-	-	213
CHURCHES	-	-	-	5
ISLAND POP.	-	-	-	700



Abel Barney, Leading Island Teacher, with
H. J. Finger and Group of Christians.



23 BAPTISMS ON AOBA.
Here is seen a group awaiting Baptism —
a further 20 have since been baptised.

What's the Good of Overseas Missions?

EDITORIAL

THOUSANDS of lives and millions of pounds have been invested in missions in the last one hundred and fifty years. What have they achieved? The early years were punctuated by disease, murder, and heart-breaking toil, until at last came some of faith's hard-won rewards. New areas were developed and many converts won by an ever-increasing band of missionary enthusiasts. Fast on their heels came the traders, looking for profits, and the western imperialists seeking colonies. At the home base all were happy: the nations had their colonies (if they were quick about it), the traders had their cash, and (almost forgotten!) the missionary societies had their converts. They all heartily agreed that missions certainly paid dividends!

But the situation has changed again. Imperialism is discredited in an awakened Asia. Traders are rivalled in their own fields by their former dupes. The missionary societies are facing severe crises, such as the withdrawal of missionaries from China, the land which Dr. Stanley Jones declared only a few years ago to be "the ripest evangelistic field in the world." It's not sufficient simply to blame Communism for the change. In the ranks of the Chinese Communists are many young people like Kung Peng, one of their editors. She was trained in a mission school, joined the church, and in Christian welfare work discovered for the first time in her comfortable middle-class life the appalling needs of China's masses. Her new concern for them drove her to Communism because she believed it had a practical programme that began where Christianity left off. An African preacher reports that 40 per cent. of his young converts in recent years have joined the Communists for the same reason. The church has awakened them; the Communists have armed them. Therein lie both the pathos and the peril of our time. It is the "missions boomerang" returning with shattering force upon the Western world.

It is not surprising, then, that some men's first response to the situation is to wish that missions had never been started. "This is what comes of meddling with other people's religions," they mutter. (Not a word about meddling with their economic, social and political life!). "Besides, look at the facts. There are more non-Christians in the world to-day than when missions began, and after all this time less than 2 per cent. of Asia's total population are Christians. It has taken all the forces of Protestantism to place 30,000 missionaries at any one time in all the world—less than a third of the number U.S.A. alone sent to Korea in a few weeks. In India, for example, there are only nine missionaries to every million people. What's the good of missions on that scale, anyway?"

Very well, then, let us face the facts. These statements are true, but those which follow are equally true. Christianity to-day is not only more widely spread than ever before, extending to more than one hundred countries, but it is also more deeply rooted among more peoples than at any previ-

ous time, as Kenneth Latourette has clearly shown in his brilliant "History of the Expansion of Christianity." Moreover, Christian missionaries have been in the vanguard of educational and literacy movements, co-operating with governments in aiding backward and illiterate peoples, who include nine-tenths of the world's non-Christians. Converts have proved that the Christian faith is not just another of the white man's "hand-outs," but a genuine way of life for men of every race. A. M. Chirgwin admits that at the Madras Missionary Conference in 1938 the ablest delegation was not from a western country but from China, where, according to a normally sceptical foreign correspondent, it was Christianity that "provided the impetus for most of the really constructive social work."

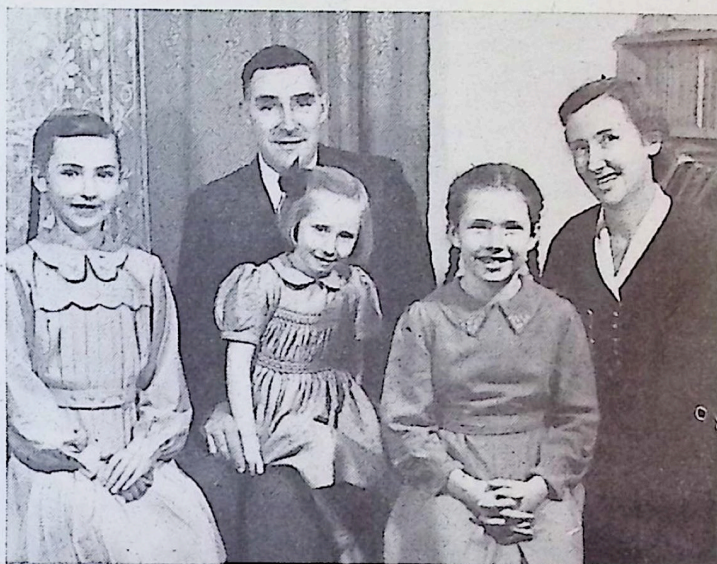
Christian missions have also exerted a decisive influence towards Christian unity. William Carey, the father of modern missions, suggested Christian world conferences as far back as 1810, while actual unions on the mission fields (such as the Church of South India) have been achieved. What is more, an influence far beyond their numbers is being

exerted by Christian minorities in lands like India and Japan. Churches are being freed from dependence on missionaries so that any enforced withdrawal will not shatter their stability. Kagawa, in telling the story of Christianity's survival in Japan despite three centuries of persecution, said: "We once hid this faith through three hundred unhurried years. We can do it again." There are Christians in China and other lands to-day who are just as convinced it can be done in their crises.

But even if the picture were as darkly desperate as some believe, it would call for increased prayer and giving, not retrenchment. The results are not in our hands, but the responsibility of the great commission is. Missions are not optional but imperative! The Lord who died for all is the One we dare not fail. Or dare we? An American estimates that the average Christian gives annually to missions only the price of a bottle of hair tonic! Our own Federal Board reports that despite increased giving rapidly rising costs have forced finances behind at the rate of over £5/5/- per day for 18 months. Figures like that ought to shock us broad awake. Do they mean that, even unconsciously, we have been closer in spirit to the defeatists who say: "What's the good of missions?" than to those who say: "The love of Christ overmasters us"—and go? July 1 will give the answer.

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"The missionary movement . . . is not something apart, something which either may or may not go along with Christianity; it is the normal and direct expression of belief in the purpose of God as revealed in Christ. . . . To say, 'I do not believe in missions,' is to say, 'I do not believe in God as the Universal Father.'"—"The Adventure of the Church."



Mr. and Mrs. Colin G. V. Thomas and family, Lois (left) and Margaret (right) are away at school. Carolyn is home with her parents at Baramati. These missionaries returned to India in December for their third term of service. Mr. Colin Thomas worthily follows the example given by his father, the late J. E. Thomas.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

HONOR ROLL

Missionaries of the brotherhood have served with loyalty and devotion, and are deservedly honored. Some in the homelands have served with equal distinction and devotion. All could not be mentioned, but none has been overlooked. We ask those not named to feel that they, too, share in the thanks and honor accorded those whose names appear on this honor roll.—A. Anderson, sec. F.M. Board.



SERVED WITH DISTINCTION

Whilst on the high seas on the way from America, after college days, Ira A. Paternoster was elected in 1908 to the S.A. F.M. Committee, and became secretary of that body after the retirement of A. C. Rankine in 1909. He served in this capacity until he became the



Mr. Ira A. Paternoster.

Years of devoted service to overseas work behind him, this brother continues that service to-day.

Federal secretary (1915-1918). During his period as Federal secretary, he accompanied the late William Morrow to the Indian mission field. Mr. Paternoster has lived to see remarkable growth in the work during the intervening 34 years. Absent from Australia during a ministry in New Zealand, he was again elected to the S.A. Committee on his return to that State. During his N.S.W. ministries he has continued in F.M. work, having served as chairman, and since 1939 as secretary of the committee. Sydney, being the port of entry and departure of island missionaries, heavy work is involved in the purchase and forwarding of goods which has placed heavy responsibilities on his shoulders. The Federal Board and island missionaries have been deeply conscious of work in this direction, and have expressed their appreciation. The N.S.W. Conference honored him a few years ago because of his service to the brotherhood, especially in the F.M. interests. For some years, too, he has been the representative of the Board on the International Missionary Society of Australia and attended several important conferences. This year he has been honored by being elected one of the vice-presidents of that important body. Over the years he has been a true yoke-fellow of the Board and missionaries on all fields.

UNASSUMING SERVICE

In the year 1912 Mr. H. W. Hermann became a member of the Queensland F.M. Committee, became treasurer in 1913, secretary in 1920, and was elected to the dual office of secretary-treasurer in 1922, in which capacity he has served ever since. This dual office could not have been carried out except for the valuable help of Mrs. Hermann, who has helped greatly with correspondence and with the books.

During this nearly 40 years of committee work, only three meetings have been missed, and these happened during his trips abroad. He visited the Far East, accompanied by the late Mr. Harry Pang, and saw the work in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and later visited the Indian field. All churches in Queensland have been visited, most of them several times, and dur-



Mr. H. W. Hermann.

Honored in his own State, Queensland, and beloved of all missionary enthusiasts both at home and abroad.

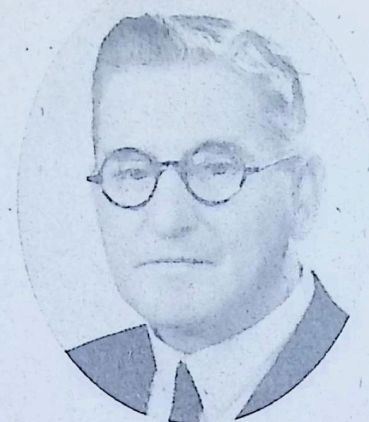
ing the year, when president of conference, he visited all the churches twice—no mean feat when we consider the distances of Queensland. The Queensland Conference honored Mr. and Mrs. Hermann in a special way a few years ago, an honor richly deserved. Our friend is loyal, unassuming, helpful, generous in the extreme, and "given to hospitality." There are few of our missionaries who have not shared the hospitality, sometimes for long periods, in the Hermann home, and have also been the recipients of their kindness in numerous other ways.



LOYALTY AND EFFICIENCY

The above would sum up the splendid service given by Mr. J. E. Allan to overseas work. From the time he wholly gave his life to Christ (1900), he began to take an interest in the work abroad. Over the years this interest has deepened. An address given in Melbourne by S. Pierce Carey, great grandson of Carey of India, left a deep impression on this young Christian. Even during college days he began building up a missionary library. Real opportunity to serve on an F.M. Committee did not come till 1920, when he was appointed to the Victorian F.M. Committee, and in 1921 was handling the work of secretary. During his period in S.A. he was on the State Committee, and for a period was a member of the Federal Board. Returning to Victoria, he sat again on the State Committee (1934), and in 1943 he became secretary for the second time. He has continued in that office ever since. Thus, out of 31 years given to the work on F.M. Committees, he has given 16 years as secretary. His organising ability, and his helpful service to missionaries over the years, has been one con-

tinuous ministry from which much blessing and help have come. The Federal Board has been encouraged and helped over the years by the support given by the Victorian brotherhood, but realise that this in no small measure is due to the energy of its secretary. We believe that, even in his dreams, he sees the work that lies so closely to his heart.



J. E. Allan.

whose whole life has been a constant inspiration to those who have served, and still serve, the overseas cause.



AN HONORABLE RECORD

Of those who have served on F.M. Committees, and are still living to-day, the honor of serving longest goes to Mr. Len Gole, who recently declined to nominate for the Victorian Committee. His service of 44 years was an unbroken one, thus adding lustre to that service. As a young man in Queensland, he stimulated the brethren there to form an F.M. Committee, and was elected the first secretary. Later coming to Victoria, he was elected to the committee in that State. On being elected he served in various capacities, being chairman for a period, secretary for a time, and several times has helped out as temporary secretary. This genial servant of Christ is beloved by committees and missionaries alike. In being honored by the Victorian Committee as member emeritus, he will still retain a lively interest in overseas work. His son, Mr. Vic. Gole, treasurer of the Victorian Committee for some years, maintains this honorable tradition.



Mr. Len Gole.

Despite an active business life, Mr. Gole found time to serve his Lord. For 44 years he served loyally on State F.M. Committees.

LONG SERVICE TO INDIA

Going to India in 1915, Miss Florence M. Cameron has, save for furlough periods, been in India ever since. Thus to her goes the honor of giving the 'longest service rendered by any missionary in "Our India." She has also the unique record of serving the whole of her 36 years' service at Shrigonda. Thus, from its infancy, she has seen the work expand in this area, which to-day is regarded as the most promising field in our work.

Preacher, teacher, trainer of Bible-women, "mother" to hundreds of girls past and present, inspirer and devoted friend of the Indian people, and Australian missionaries, and beloved of the brotherhood, she has a splendid record of missionary service. Due to return to Australia later this year (which would have meant non-return to India), she has elected to accept



Miss F. Cameron and one of her charges. Boy was thrown away by his mother. This lad now attends high school.

conditions under which she can take short-term furlough in India, and then return to the field for a further term of two years. All will wish her continued health, and a glorious conclusion to honorable service.



HER WORK A MEMORIAL

The homecall of Mrs. Jessie Mcleod Oldfield, wife of our esteemed Dr. G. H. Oldfield, pioneer medical missionary to India, on April 10, has left the whole brotherhood poorer, but by her friends, in missionary circles, and to the people of "Our India" her passing has been received with an overwhelming sense of sorrow and loss.

Mrs. Oldfield (nee Gibson) early gave her life to Christ, and till leaving for India was an active worker at Lygon-st., Carlton, in church and school.

Dr. Oldfield had left for India in 1925, and was already laying plans for the future medical work at Dhond. Early in 1927 the doctor's future partner arrived in India, and they were



Farewell by women to Mrs. Oldfield at Dhond.

shortly afterwards married. From that time onward, she devoted her life to the work in India, especially that side of the work that brought her husband to India—to establish and set on solid foundations a Christian medical service for the people in that part of India.

During the intervening twenty years she saw the work grow, and many thousands of people made well because of their joint service. From a very humble beginning they saw the work expand and its future assured. Because of family reasons, the doctor and family reluctantly left this active ministry in 1947.

Our late sister was beloved by the non-Christian community as well as the Christian

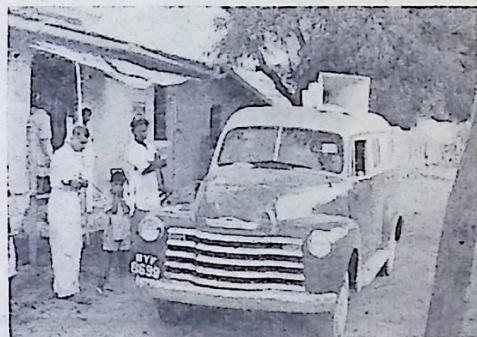
one, and was a ready friend to all the missionary group. "Winterbourne," the doctor's bungalow, often opened its hospitable doors to missionaries en route to other places, for Dhond is an important railway junction. On such occasions Mrs. Oldfield was always a gracious hostess.

The Federal Board feels richer for having known Mrs. Oldfield, and the doctor and the three boys are assured that the work so nobly rendered India will be remembered by a grateful brotherhood. Like Mary of old, our beloved sister poured out the ointment of her love and service at the feet of Christ, and his words to Mary are those we use of our friend to-day: "She hath done what she could."

The Message of the Risen Saviour

Colin V. Thomas.

There is nothing like the resurrection story in the Hindu or the Mohammedan religions. This presents a great opportunity for us to reveal this fact to the Indian people. This preaching of the resurrection to the masses has become a yearly feature with us since we first introduced the amplifier for preaching in



New Motor Van, Baramati.

Young people and individuals helped to purchase this splendid motor vehicle. Here the van is seen in front of Dr. Kolhatkar's dispensary with amplifier and equipment on Easter Sunday morning. Many young folk sang and gave messages from the doorway of the home. Two of our young men stand by listening.



Mrs. Krupabai Kolhatkar, wife of doctor, reading an Easter message to the people through loud speaker. Dr. Kolhatkar stands by, and Sumitra James, one of our teachers, holds the microphone.

the villages. Dr. Kolhatkar is the leading spirit in this movement at Easter time, and this year, some days before, he asked if I would bring the truck with the amplifier to his front door. For that day he had a programme drawn up whereby many of our young men and women from the Christian community could also give messages. Some sang, some gave scripture portions, whilst some brought brief messages.

Mrs. Kolhatkar read the Easter message from the Word of God, and Dr. Kolhatkar gave a brief message and testimony to the listeners, many of whom knew him well. As the dispensary is opposite the municipal hall and offices, not far from the toll-gate and busy cross-roads, it is a good place to get people to stand and listen. Even many people in the tea-shops beyond the cross-roads could hear the message distinctly.

We are happy to see our Indian brethren unafraid to give the witness in this way. We desire to let the people know the hope we have, so they may have it too. We live in an age where people are looking for some-



Dr. Kolhatkar himself preaches the message, and is heard at the busy cross-roads and the near-by tea-shops.

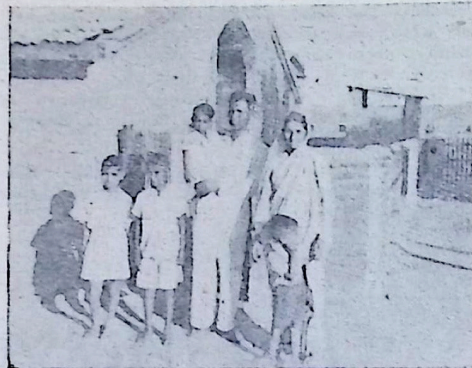
thing or someone to solve the great problems of living—someone who can right the wrong. Because they find it not, they are in despair. It is due to Christ and the world to stand on the house-top and shout the message.

The message of a risen living Saviour has its appeal in India to-day, where at this time poverty and famine stalk the land. We hope for many more opportunities for telling the world and even broadcasting the message of the risen Saviour.

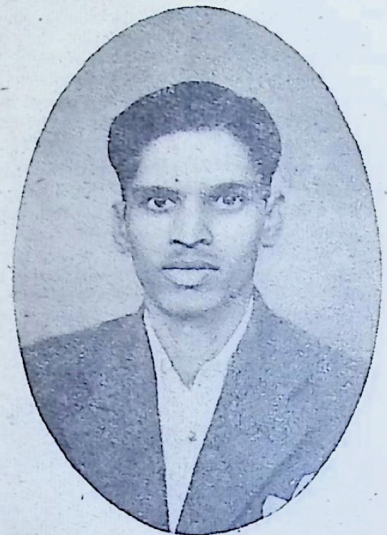
OUR INDIGENOUS WORKERS



Mr. J. Bairagi, B.D., will come to Australia for the World Convention.



Sumant P. Hivale, trained preacher, and family; now Dhond pastor.



Dr. Ratnaker J. Parkhe, to join Dhond staff.



Dr. S. S. Patil, Dhond, has given nearly twenty years' service.



Abel Barney, inspirer of 1500 Christians in islands. Coming to world convention.



Mr. Hariba Waghmode, B.A.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Florence Cameron.

To-day I was told of a man who had memorised the whole of the Bible. Living in a mission area a missionary had carried out a plan of a Bible to every family in the village. This particular man was high caste and educated. Some years later he came to the missionary, who related the story to me, and said, "I have memorised the whole of the Bible." The missionary, looking incredulous, caused the man to say, "You do not believe me, then try me out." The missionary tested him and found there was no portion that the man could not repeat. Up to that time the man had not become a Christian, but his reading was done with that end in view and also, if persecution resulted because he became a Christian and his Bible taken away, he would still have the Word in his heart. The missionary and seeker never met again. The story has a sequel.

Years afterwards two men sought him out and said, "Do you remember the man who had memorised the Bible?" "I certainly do," replied the missionary, "but who are you?" "We are his sons. He is dead, but before he died he became a Christian and asked us to find and inform you." The missionary asked, "Are you Christians?" They answered, "No, but our father asked us to read a chapter of the Bible every day before starting business, and we have kept that promise." Later on the mission sent one of their number to their village to look

these men up. In the early morning the messenger found the brothers sitting in front of their shop reading the Word of God. This had preceded the business of the day. What a challenge!



MEDICAL EVANGELISM

Gwen Batterham.

We have just returned from a camping trip to the villages in the Shrigonda area. It was quite a new experience for me, as I had not ever been camping before.

We left Dhond for Shrigonda to pick up Mr. Bruce Coventry and some of his workers. After having lunch at Dhoraja, we set out for Bhoze, stopping to preach at the bazaar at Bhangaon on the way. We spent the night at Bhoze, having a meeting in the evening. The next morning Dr. Michael saw any patients who needed attention, and in the afternoon we went to Takli, where we camped in a field belonging to Kondiram. There was a good meeting at Takli that night, and again in the morning, when doctor also saw patients.

Patients at Bhangaon received attention in the afternoon, then back to Dhoraja, which was our headquarters for the next few days. From there we visited Belwandi on Sunday, and Mr. Coventry was very thrilled that they sold eighty Gospels as the result of the bazaar preaching. The rest of the time, until Tuesday evening,

when we returned home, was spent at Dhoraja, though Mr. Coventry took some of the preachers to the Shrigonda bazaar on Monday.

The trip was voted a success, as the people attended the meetings well. There were not as many sick people needing attention this time, but as doctor said, that was not the main object. It seemed to encourage the Christians to be visited in such a manner, and the medical attention was a point of contact. The people were very kind to us, and we found it difficult to refuse food they offered us, though we had taken sufficient for our needs.



"YOU'LL BRING HIM BACK, WON'T YOU?"

Bruce V. Coventry.

The sun had set and the moonless night was fast closing in as we drew up in front of the home of some of our new Christians at Bhoze.

"We watched and waited all day for you yesterday (Sunday), and you did not come," was their first utterance. We explained that with six Christian communities to visit, we could not make them all in the one day, so we had come on the Monday instead.

These Christians are eager. They want our fellowship, Christian teaching and prayers, and they are prepared to give time for these things.

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"OUR ISLANDS"

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES INCREASE

Mary Finger.

The attendances at the women's weekly meetings have been very good this year. One feels that as they work, plan, pray, and give, that the Word of God may be taken to another island, they are being united as never before.

Already material for clothing (these other island people are naked), soap, etc., have been sent, and the women are making regular monthly offerings so that they can send Testaments and school equipment for the children. Some men have gone to one area and built a church house—now there is much discussion as to who will go as teacher and preacher.

Everyone is beginning to think of, and prepare for, the big annual offering, even as you are at home.

Rising costs bring additional worry and burdens to our Board, and I know that the thought of retrenchment is one that we will not entertain readily, so we are one in pray-



Mrs. Finger gives "pin" for yaws ulcers.

ing that this year again our offering will be a worthy one, indicative of the fact that we have realised the urgency of the task, and are willing to face up to our responsibility in regard to it.

An African woman writes: "We women of these days hear about the women of the past—Lydia, Dorcas—those whom we never saw with our eyes, but we know about them because of the works they did. In days to come, what will they write about us? O Lord, show us some work to do for thee so that people will know us as we know these other women."

What will they write about us? To-day you and I have seen the world in its great need, and the response we make now in prayer, work or gifts will be the answer to that question. May our response be one worthy of the One who loved us and gave himself for us.



A NEW OUTLOOK

Ron McLean.

Besides giving evidence that Jesus Christ is a wonderful Saviour and no respecter of persons, the islanders clearly show that Jesus Christ gives men a new outlook on life, and gives men the impetus to improve their living conditions and relationships with their fellows. General Omar Bradley has stated: "We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living." While this statement may be true concerning our race, it can be safely said concerning the islanders that to-day they know more about living than they know about killing. Christ has given them the desire to help men live, in place of the desire of heathen days to kill their fellows.

Michael Alo, a young New Hebridean, hav-

ing completed medical studies at Suva, Fiji, is now working in the isolated villages on Santo Island, giving medical relief to his own people, and saving scores of them from the scourges of malaria and other tropical diseases.



Some of the girls of primary school, Aoba. Miss Henderson is in picture.

Harry Hargee, an Aoban native, lives in a neat little home designed and erected by himself. The roof is made of galvanised iron, and the walls of weatherboard. The home surroundings are always kept clean and tidy. Christ has given Harry and his fellows the desire to leave the squalor and filth with which their parents were so familiar.

At the village of Navitora, on Aoba Island, there stands a new church. The roof is made of galvanised iron, the walls of asbestos. It is a beautiful building made entirely by the natives without the help of any white man. The church surroundings are clean and well cared for. A beautiful lawn covers the whole area, and scattered here and there are frangipanni trees, hybiscus, coleus, and other beautiful tropical plants. Christ has given these people the desire to work together and build a place where they can, in the beauty of holiness, worship the true and living God and Christ who is their new-found Saviour.

If you doubt the power of Christ to redeem men, doubt no more. To-day in the islands of the Pacific and in lands the world over, the saving power of Christ is demonstrated in the changed lives of men.



ON GOD'S PATHWAY

Phyllis J. McLean.

"Hold up my goings in thy paths that my footsteps slip not."

This verse was in my mind during a visit to some of our island people. After a trip in the launch, we left the coast and went up the hills to a little village where our people gather together, Sunday by Sunday, for the breaking of bread. It was our joy to have fellowship with our brethren around the Lord's table. These far-away villagers are encouraged and appreciate the visits of missionaries.

The return trip to the coast was very slippery, because heavy rains had fallen during the service, and with usual concern for our safety the older men had detailed some boys to come down the pathway with us. All the way down they pointed out the safest parts and helped us over the most slippery places. On the journey down our minds were led to the way our God keeps our feet in the Christian way. One of the favorite choruses of our island children is, "He will hold me fast," and what assurance and joy the truth of this hymn brings to the hearts of those who trust him.

When we reached the beach we sat down to

wait for the rest of the party. Our boys had discovered one way that our heavenly Father helps us. They brought out their Bibles and went over the verses that had been referred to during the service. Thus we pray that they will go on to know him and prove him daily.



CHANGED WOMANHOOD

Dorothy Smith.

Oh, what a joy it is to see how the women have changed, to watch them bringing their little ones, coming to help with the mission work, cutting the grass and cleaning about the grounds, learning to sew and make their own clothes. They come to the meetings in spotless dresses, their hair beautifully shiny and combed, where before it was dull and unkempt, their skin glowing with health, whereas it was dull with sickness.

Once they were shy and suspicious—now they chatter in happy fashion. Gradually they are



Group of women and girls, Aoba, New Hebrides.

beginning to take their place in the life of the church, leading the women's meetings, reading the scriptures, singing and praying. As their voices are lifted, at first tremulously, confidence is gained as they are filled with the Spirit, and speak to God in their own language, to the One who understands all languages.

They also find joy in helping with the sewing for the hospital, mending the linen with such care; they also clean the hospital, seeking no reward, save the joy of knowing they are serving their Lord and doing his will.

Yes, a new day has dawned for the women of Pentecost, and as the morning breaks and comes to its full glory at noontide, there are many women praising God for this new life. They will go on to the eventide, rich in the knowledge of the love of Christ, who was born of a woman.



Group of women and children on beach, Ramputol, Pentecost.

WITNESSING IN INDIA

ALMOST BUT LOST

Dr. L. J. Michael.

Between medical work in Australia and medical work among illiterate people a world of difference exists. The following incident not only serves to illustrate this point, but also what is more important, the crying need that exists for faithful and energetic presentation of the one and only true, living, and all-powerful God.

It was mid-day, and the hospital staff was still quite busy coping with the morning rush of out-patients, when an elderly man was carried in from a bullock cart that had drawn up out-



New Nurses' Home Dhond,
Builder and family in foreground.

side the dispensary. Little time was allowed to elapse before he was examined, for he was obviously in acute distress. The case was one of strangulated hernia, and an immediate operation was advised. This was at first refused. All he wanted, and all the relatives wanted, was an injection. The widespread faith in injections that exists among hosts of these simple people at present is amazing. Much time is required reasoning with such folk, but at last both patient and relatives agreed to an operation. Preparations were immediately taken in hand, but when almost time to make a start it was discovered that a crowd of friends—pilgrims on the way to Pandharpur—had come to the hospital and persuaded him to have nothing to do with us, but to present himself to Vithoba, the popular deity of this part of India, who views millions of such pilgrims annually, as he sits solemn and inanimate in his shrine at Pandharpur.

In the hospital his chances of recovery would have been fairly good, but, alas, once again the theatre preparations had all been for nought. The party was on its way to invoke the aid of Vithoba.

We watched the sad procession moving out along the hospital drive towards the station, doubting very much whether the patient could reach Pandharpur alive, and knowing full well what Vithoba could do for him even if he did. It seemed to be another case of "almost but lost."

Please pray that we may be given more patience, and more of the Lord's power, in turning the faith of these people from idols of wood and stone to the Lord Jesus Christ, who died that they might live.



VIRILE WITNESSING

Roy Dixon.

Together with five others from the Christian Missionary Alliance, I went from Mahabeshwar to Poona to see Gil Dodds run an exhibition race, and then in the evening to hear him speak

at a "Youth for Christ" rally in the Methodist church, Poona.

Gil Dodds is known as the "Flying Parson" in America and other parts of the world. He holds the world indoor mile record of 4mins. 5.3 sec. Together with Jack Wyrzten, who conducts the "Word of Life Hour" which is broadcast throughout America, Gil Dodds called in at India for a few days en route to Japan. At the invitation of General McArthur he will distribute four million copies of the New Testament to the Japanese people.

Well, it was a privilege to see him run, despite the fact that he had lost much sleep due to four days' plane travelling. He lost no time, however, in running the 800 metres in 1 min. 51.8 sec., breaking the existing Indian record by 4 sec.—a remarkable effort. Before taking part in the race, he spoke over the microphone before the gathered assembly (mostly Indian soldiers), and attributed any success he had experienced in athletics to his coach, Jesus Christ. This was a fine Christian witness.

But better was to follow at the evening meeting. In speaking, he likened life to a race. He reminded all assembled that we have started in this great race; the starter's gun has gone off. Also that one day, we know not when, we will finish the race. But how will we finish the race? Will we gain the prize? To be sure of the prize of life, we must know personally the Coach of life—Jesus Christ. Only when we know him and have given ourselves to his guidance will we be assured of victory over the finishing line.

After a challenge given to serve the risen Saviour, 28 answered the call to follow Christ.



Bruce V. Coventry and preachers from Baramati
and Shrigonda in united effort, Takli.



WEEK OF WITNESS—DIKSAL

E. W. Heard.

We rejoice in the splendid opportunities afforded during our "Week of Witness" this year.

With a loud-speaker borrowed from Dhond and a generator from Baramti, we were able to hold good meetings. Each night we went to a village and gave our witness. Being the week before Easter, we gave special attention to proclaiming the facts of the cross of Christ and his resurrection. Crowds up to three hundred gathered to listen, remaining quiet and orderly for three hours or more.

One evening, as we had no licence to go to a village, we went to a small hamlet, and the whole population of 200 gathered and gave us a good welcome and asked us to return and tell more about Jesus.

At Diksal village, where till recently we have conducted a school, we had a good meeting, and took the opportunity to commend those who had recently passed their adult literacy examination, and to present them with a copy of the life of Jesus written especially for them.

They have been taught to read by our Christian master under the Government scheme.

The last night of the witness did not go off very well. It coincided with a Hindu festival, and the crowd was very restless. After some disturbance, when some stones were thrown at the preachers and truck, we closed down. This incident was due to the high spirits of the crowd, rather than to any opposition to our message.

It was good to know that each night we went out, the whole of the male population of our station came and gave witness to the power of the risen Saviour in word and song.



Annual meetings, India, held August each year.



MASTERING A LANGUAGE

Joy Dixon.

At college we used to say concerning Marathi, at least it's only one subject not six. But oh! doesn't that one get boring, and the continual hammering at it, like the proverbial dripping on the stone, doesn't lead one to enjoy the past-time.

It is encouraging to find that we can say a little more than we could when we were at Mahabeshwar last year! Which is as well, isn't it? My experience through the past year has been that the more I could use Marathi words and the less I had to rely on my hands when speaking with Sonabai, who was our general help, the less she understood.

It will be a good day when we can get out and see for ourselves—and speak for the Lord, even if we do falter, as we are bound to at first, however long it takes.



Outside the Ranwash chapel. This is the new Christian village on Pentecost. Over sixty have been baptised, and now these babes need to be visited and encouraged. There are many young folk, too, to be led to Christ. Willie Tum Tum is seen in picture with the last old heathen to be baptised. Willie has given a splendid witness.

HERE AND THERE

The matter relating to Overseas Missions in this special issue was collated by A. Anderson, secretary of the Federal Foreign Mission Board. In a final message for July 1, Mr. Anderson says: "The Board look with confidence to the brotherhood for a generous offering. On this issue depends whether we can continue to go forward or begin to retreat."

The public holiday on June 11 in recognition of the King's birthday necessitated going to press earlier than usual. Reports and advertisements too late to be included will appear in our next issue.

A son, Brian Clement, was born to Roy and Joy Dixon on May 29 at Wai Mission Hospital, India. Mr. Dixon reports all well, and quotes James 1: 17.

Telegrams from E. C. Hinrichsen which arrived too late for inclusion in last week's issue, reported splendid meetings at Kilburn, S.A., with five decisions on May 27, and thirteen on June 3.

The death on March 29 of Dr. Basil Mathews (a former professor of Christian world-relations in Boston University) removes a man whose many books on Christian missionary and youth enterprises won him a wide circle of readers. At his memorial service Cecil Northcott, of the United Council for Missionary Education, said of him: "Basil Mathews was a lifer of the veil, a watchman marking the hours of light, if by any word of his a fresh radiance might fall on the face and figure of Jesus, the Saviour of the world."

Mr. and Mrs. Ron McLean have arrived safely on Aoba after their plane journey from Sydney.

A new church hall was opened by the church at Lawson, N.S.W., on May 26. The hall was crowded, with an overflow in the porch and kitchen. Mrs. Mobbs expressed her pleasure at the honor of opening the door. Conference president, G. Burns, presided, while N. Mathews (H.M. Committee) and Alderman Murphy congratulated the church on their achievement. Messrs. Mobbs and A. L. Carter responded, thanking all, and especially some elderly members for their work in erecting the building wholly by voluntary labor. At afternoon tea a tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. Mobbs in whose home the church met for over two years. Church services in the new hall on May 27 were led by R. Greenhalgh and party from Sydney. Nineteen scholars were enrolled in new Sunday school, and at afternoon gospel service one lady made the good confession.

The church at Ivanhoe, Vic., has been featured in the Melbourne press for a fine effort in the voluntary erection of a manse. Men of the church (with only one skilled worker among them) have since July 15 last year devoted their Saturdays to the task, and expect to have the manse ready for their minister in about three months.

It is fitting that this special number should be able to announce that the chairman of our Federal F.M. Board, Dr. Philip S. Messent (Director of Surgical Studies in Adelaide University), has received a knighthood in the King's Birthday Honors. The brotherhood offers sincere congratulations to Sir Philip and Lady Messent on what is a well-deserved honor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peacock have left, W.A. on the first stage of a world tour, calling first at the Eastern States. They have rendered valued service among our Western churches.

W. R. Hibburt, manager of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co., is, with Mrs. Hibburt, enjoying a well-earned vacation.

COLLEGE MISSION TEAM.

Bordertown, Vic., was helped during May 13-27 by a visit from P. French, E. Gough and V. Longthorp, comprising C.O.B. mission team. Week-night meetings were held at Bordertown during the first week, and at Mundalla for the second week, while Wampoony and Wolsley were also visited. Two successful house parties were included in the campaign, while J. E. Shipway spoke to an excellent Men's Fellowship Tea gathering on May 17. A combined circuit gospel service in Bordertown Institute on May 27 closed a very happy campaign resulting in three decisions and enriching fellowship. Warm appreciation was expressed to the mission team.



88th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, TAREE, N.S.W.

The 88th anniversary services of the Taree church were fittingly remembered on May 26 and 27. Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., of Woolwich College, brought messages that were appropriate for each occasion. The annual dinner was held in the Masonic Hall supper room on Saturday evening, May 26. K. W. Barton presided, G. D. Saxby presented greetings from isolated members and friends, whilst A. W. Billingham extended welcome to Wingham members, invited guests, guest speaker, and visiting members from other churches. The birthday cake, skilfully made by Mrs. M. Clinch, represented a basket of flowers, being cut by Mrs. N. Branch, a deaconess of church. Elocutionary items presented by Mrs. F. Murray and vocal solos by Gordon Branch brought enjoyment. Thanks was extended to catering committee for carefully prepared arrangements for evening. Anniversary offering amounted to £130. Services were continued on May 27.



ORPHANED MISSIONS.

The story of Inter-Mission Aid is one of the romances of our war-torn world. It began in a very small way during World War I, but did not reach its present proportions until the uneasy pre-war years in the thirties. Again, it was German missions that first felt the need. To-day, five years after the close of hostilities, hundreds of thousands of pounds are still needed to finance the "Orphaned Missions," or, as it is now becoming known, the "Inter-Mission Aid" programme.

A problem of real urgency is the position of missions in Indonesia. Here among Australia's nearest neighbors lies a missionary challenge to which, apart from token aid, the Australian missionary societies have so far had to turn a deaf ear.

When the missionary boards and societies meet for the annual conference of the National Missionary Council of Australia at the end of April, the challenge of orphaned missions will occupy an important place on the agenda. At present we are not bearing our proper share of the aid programme, and the question finally comes down to the issue whether Australian Christians are willing to give more sacrificially than they are at present, so that this peculiar need of our decade might be adequately met.—R. A. Hickin.



NEW CHURCH STRENGTHENED.

Morning meetings at Tootgarook, Vic., were well attended in May. Principal E. L. Williams was special speaker on May 27, when he extended the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed 24 members by transfer into the Tootgarook church. H. Finger, of Boronia, presided. Claude Gadge recorded all the service. Among many visitors church was pleased to hold fellowship with H. R. Lloyd and family, from Coburg, on two Sundays.

I've been thinking . . .

By Horace Kingsbury.

I've been thinking of a statement Paul made in his letter to the Philippians: "I have learned to be content, whatever the circumstances may be." Only one strong in the faith, tested in the school of experience, and never forsaken by his Lord, could say, "I am equal to everything, in him that enables me."

Contentment, even among the disciples of Christ in the days of his flesh, was an uncommon virtue. Those nearest to him vied with one another for prominence, and one wanted to know what he and others would get for all they had given up.

There's discontent on every hand to-day, and not the "divine discontent" we hear of when we go to church.

Nations are out for themselves, striving for pride of place, if it can be had by propaganda, diplomacy or force. And individuals, getting more for their services than ever before, want more, and more, and more. They won't be happy till they get it, and they won't be happy then.

I'm sure Paul's state of mind did not mean "any old thing will do," but that no set of circumstances would rob him of peace or dissuade him from seeking God's will and doing it. He didn't enjoy being sick or in want. He was pleased to have Dr. Luke along, and was greatly gladdened when the Philippian brethren blossomed out in their thoughtfulness for him; but whatever happened, his faith in the providence of God would remain unshaken.

In a final effort to thank the Philippians for their generosity, he used these wonderful words: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Someone has seen in this verse a cheque every sincere Christian can negotiate: "My God"—that's the banker; "shall supply all your need"—that's the amount; "according to his riches in glory"—that's the capital; "by Christ Jesus"—that's the signature. "Godliness with contentment is great gain."



JUBILEE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The opening of the Jubilee Parliament will be celebrated by "a Jubilee Thanksgiving and a Commendation of the labors of the Nation's Parliament to God," which has been organised by the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches, to take place in St. Andrew's Church, Forrest, on June 17, at 3 p.m.

It will be broadcast by the A.B.C. over the national network and regionals between 3 and 4 p.m.

The lessons will be read by the Governor-General, the Rt. Hon. W. J. McKell, and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies. An exhortation will be read by the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Ernest Burgmann; a message of brotherhood will be delivered by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, U.S.A., associate secretary of the World Council of Churches, a Jubilee visitor to Australia. The sermon will be preached by the Presbyterian Moderator-General, J. R. Blanchard.

INTERSTATE

CHURCH NEWS

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

Discipleship

John Partland, Murwillumbah-Tyalgum, N.S.W.
John Andrews, Kyneton, Vic.
Bruce Marriot, Croydon, S.A.
Margaret Hoskins, Croydon, S.A.
Leslie Brooks, Croydon, S.A.
Lindsay Wiles, Croydon, S.A.
Marris Gaetjens, Croydon, S.A.
Graham King, Croydon, S.A.
Doug. Curtis, Bordertown, S.A.
Denis Harwood, Bordertown, S.A.
Thelma Whittingham, Bordertown, S.A.
Barbara Thomas, Fairfield, Vic.
Marilyn Shaw, Fairfield, Vic.
Elaine Bonnick, West Preston, Vic.
Nancy Robins, Geelong, Vic.
Lesley O'Donnell, Geelong, Vic.

Membership

Ray Halleday, Bordertown, S.A.
Mrs. Thomas, Fullarton, S.A.
Mr. Purton, Moreland, Vic.
Mrs. Purton, Moreland, Vic.
Joan Clarke, Moreland, Vic.
Holly Ratcliff, Moreland, Vic.

Marriage

Audrey Boyd to Rodney Bartrim, Murwillumbah-Tyalgum, N.S.W.
Rita Turham to Ron Randell, Moreland, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Wilfred Lightowler, South Perth, W.A.

Queensland

Boonah.—Church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. A. Jenner and Merle who have gone to Ipswich. At tea on May 13 men and young people entertained mothers of church followed by gospel service. Endeavorers took a leading part in service on Youth Sunday night. Prayer meeting is growing under leadership of J. Christensen. Church released G. Brown of his contract of ministry at his request, and circuit has now engaged A. Clark, of Dalby, Qld.

Western Australia

South Perth.—Annual business meeting held April 28 revealed a healthy situation in main departments. A five-week volunteer tent mission conducted recently by I. W. Nixon, assisted by local talent, yielded ten new decisions, five restorations and one reconsecration. Finances were satisfactory; church self-supporting, with building fund growing. Members' investment of private funds in a church drawing account has relieved interest debt on manse. No

permit to erect a church has yet been granted, meetings continuing in Collins-st. hall. Deacons elected were: Messrs. Coles, Collins, Scotland and Shedley in place of retiring brethren, and new office-bearers are W. Samuel, chairman; L. G. Curtis, vice-chairman; B. Wesley, secretary; J. Collins, treasurer. Bible school led by K. Ballantine conducted a Mother's Day gospel service. Ladies' Fellowship has re-elected all office-bearers after a successful year. Four deaconesses have been appointed: Sisters Nightingale, Wilkerson (sen.), Cooper and Curtis. Open-air meetings prior to Sunday evening service are being held.

New South Wales

Kingsford.—On May 27 S. Jenner was morning preacher. Ladies' Guild's effort towards Pendle Hill Boys' Home was pleasing. Newly-formed Junior and Intermediate C.E. Societies have made a good start under leadership of Mrs. Elliott and Mr. Mackay. Church is greatly encouraged by six baptisms in recent weeks. Bible school has commenced a competition, "The Crossing of the Blue Mountains," with a specially constructed model. On May 20 young people enjoyed a singsong at manse after gospel service. Visitors in recent weeks include Miss A. Alexander (Benalla, Vic.), Mr. and Mrs. Miller (Boronia, Vic.), Mr. and Mrs. E. Hart (Toowoomba, Qld.) and Mrs. Lee (Subiaco, W.A.).

Murwillumbah-Tyalgum.—Services continue alternately at Murwillumbah and Tyalgum. Recent visitors include Mrs. Barnes, of Inverell. Dawn Christiansen, of West Moreton, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Marley, of Toowoomba. Members went to Byron Bay on May 27 for combined communion services with Bangalow and Byron Bay churches.

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Crusade for a Christian World is getting under way. May meeting of Men's Fellowship was addressed by A. J. Fisher, of S.A. Ladies' Guild conducted table at City-Mission annual meeting and tea. Each C.E. Society remembered Mother's Day in a special way. Ladies' Guild held a college afternoon on May 16, when gifts for College of Bible pantry were brought. R. M. Wilson addressed church at 11 a.m. on May 20. Mr. Luff being at Invermay. Several members have written "Crusade" hymns. Attendances at gospel services during May showed increase, but morning attendances decreased. Kath Taylor gave a short message concerning her missionary work at evening service on May 27. Leonie Piper has returned from hospital, but Mrs. Molyneux and Mrs. Hillier are still there. Visitors from Victoria included Miss Campbell (Dandenong) and Mr. and Mrs. Morflew (Hartwell).

South Australia

Bordertown.—New hall roof is now on and progress is being made towards completion after many months of delay. Women's Fellowship held a musical evening at home of Mrs. E. L. Milne, Mundalla, on May 31. Re-

port of C.O.B. mission appears elsewhere in this issue.

Fullarton.—June commenced with a prayer and preparation service for Crusade for a Christian World. B. W. Manning gave address. At gospel service B. W. Manning preached monthly prophecy address; Joyce Richards sang two solos. A. G. Wickham is in hospital.

Kadina.—On May 24 Women's Guild programme consisted of items by visiting artists and members of guild, and an address by Mrs. W. Verran, of Moonta. On May 27 evening service was guild anniversary; those who contributed to meeting were ladies' choir, mixed choir, solo by R. Rowley, children's message by R. Ewers. G. Bennett presided. On June 3 Skewes family, from Mt. Compass, were present. At evening service one young lady made good confession.

Croydon.—Work of crusading and of prayer has been responsible for decisions by five young people. Morning services have been well attended and at gospel service over a hundred have been present. Sunday school and all auxiliaries are functioning successfully.

Mile End.—Work has been assisted by recent Hinrichsen-Perry mission. At welcome social for those who made their decision, each was presented with a New Testament. Church celebrated 43rd anniversary on June 3, when A. Anderson spoke at morning service and Mr. Marshall in evening, after which Youth Council conducted "friendly hour." All auxiliaries have resumed with increased membership after recess during mission. Several members are now supporting the mission at Kilburn.

Victoria

Warracknabeal.—Ladies' Aid held a bowls evening. At special youth service Ron Earl led meeting; several others took part. Mother's Day service featured favorite hymns of mothers and address by Mr. Wakefield. A duet was rendered by D. Joyce and W. Pang. West Harmer spoke in morning. Vern Crocher is home on holidays, also Mr. Reynolds and Miss Fleet from Woorinen.

Ascot Vale.—Mother's Day was celebrated by kindergarten in afternoon on May 13; opportunity was taken to make presentations to Mrs. McCallum and Beryl, who are leaving district. Mrs. McCallum has been kinder superintendent for many years. Beryl was a scholar and later became teacher and leader of Girls' Club. In evening ladies presented Biblical play, "Mary and Martha." Mrs. Withers, women's conference president, gave address.

Red Cliffs.—Women's Mission Band jumble sale raised £37/10/-. Social gift evening was given to Norma Martin and Jack Dean on April 24. Men have painted interior of church, and Women's Mission Band has provided new carpets and light shades. W.M.B. have also painted kinder room and furniture. Mr. Lang held special services on May 13 for Mother's Day. Mothers were invited to kindergarten in morning, when a small gift and white flowers were presented to each by kinders. Mr. and Mrs. Lang, with a good representation from Boys' Club, are at Sunraysia boys' club camp at Halls Gap.

Blackburn.—Anniversary services of Bible school opened on April 29 with kindergarten and cradle roll demonstration. 180 books were presented to children. Following two Sundays older scholars gave messages in song, E. Gill conducting choir. A. Muller, L. Brooker, W. Sharpe and S. Neighbour brought talks to scholars. Permission has been granted to extend kindergarten hall. A sound film was presented at gospel service on May 20.

St. Kilda.—Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Macready in passing of little Cheryl who attended kindergarten. B. Stephens, from

college, was speaker at night service on May 6. Secretary, K. Alexander, is back from holidays, and his baby son is doing well.

Cheltenham.—Brethren have conducted evening services at Guest Home during May. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Leng, from Mildura. On May 27, at 11 a.m., Bible school attended communion service and keen interest was shown. Mr. Bolduan exchanged with Mr. Wilson, of Hampton, on May 20.

Dandenong.—Y.P.S.C.E. visited Christian Guest Home on May 15 to hold Mother's Day service. Services on May 20 were conducted by T. Westwood, with one baptism at evening service. W. Mills took morning service on May 27; A. Thomas in evening.

Portland.—On Youth Sunday T. E. Rivett brought message and young people took part in

GOOD BOOKS ON PRAYER.

"Prayer," by O. Hallesby. A most helpful study. 10/6 (11/1).

"Power Through Prayer," by E. M. Bounds. 8/6 (8/11).

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray," by Alex. Whyte. Studies in the Lord's Prayer in relation to the Christian life. 12/9 (13/4).

"Kneeling to Conquer," by Lionel Fletcher. 4/6 (4/10).

"The Prayer Life," Andrew Murray, 10/9 (11/2).

"The Hidden Life of Prayer," D. M. McIntyre, D.D. 4/6 (4/10).

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service. On Mother's Day W. Crouch spoke in morning and at a special afternoon service Mrs. H. V. McLeod gave an address. Sunday, 20th, marked opening of series of visits planned by Mr. Weir from Warrnambool. After three days' visitation among members and others, Mr. Weir brought a gospel message to a congregation of 33 adults and 14 children. Average adult attendance for May has been 26 and 14 children.

Burnley.—Five young people were immersed on May 16 by B. Stitt. L. Blackburn gave a charge to church on subject, "The Ministry of Church members." On April 30 Ladies' Guild enjoyed a knitting demonstration by Patons and Baldwins Ltd. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Belz, from Chatswood, N.S.W., and Mrs. Whitehorn, Tasmania. Table tennis club has commenced. Large attendances at all meetings are encouraging.

Shepparton.—Annual temple day tea was held on May 26, Mr. Lewis giving address. Progressive total for building fund is £230. Church has enjoyed fellowship with Hyton Sedgeman, from C.O.B., and Fay Mitchell, from Sunshine.

Newmarket.—April 28, Y.W.L. celebrated first birthday with outing to Alexandra Gardens. On May 6 Miss Edgell, Mr. Gardiner and K. McKay spoke at testimony meeting. L. Wedgewood sang two of his own compositions. On May 13 R. Conning, of North Essendon, presided, and R. McKenzie spoke at both services. Mrs. McKenzie rendered a solo. On May 20 Misses V. and M. Potts rendered a duet at evening service. On May 27 speakers at school anniversary were W. W. Saunders and J. W. Burns. Scholars sang splendidly under baton of C. Ferguson. Four young men from youth department took charge of 11 a.m. service. On June 1 concert and prize night was held. R. McKenzie spoke on June 3 at 11 a.m. and R. Brittain, from college, at 7 p.m. At 5 p.m. young people from Ascot Vale combined with church at tea, and after evening service at home of Mrs. Goss. Sympathy is extended to R. McKenzie in loss of his mother.

Brighton.—189 were present at the third annual "Marriage Recognition Service" in evening of May 6. Great fellowship was enjoyed; choral anthems were rendered by choir and Mrs. Taylor. During absence of C. Taylor on annual vacation, services have been conducted by E. L. Williams, F. N. Lee, W. S. Lowe and V. L. Gole. Teachers and members gathered during afternoon of May 20 to conduct another canvass for new Sunday school scholars in the district.

Maryborough.—On May 27, at church anniversary services, Mr. Anderson, of Geelong, spoke. Girls' Choir helped with special singing, and Misses D. Koeford and J. Bartlett rendered a duet. After Church Fellowship gatherings are popular. On May 28 special manse fund committee effort raised £24. W. Greenwood was speaker at both services.

Red Hill.—On May 20 A. Salmon spoke at morning service and V. Holmes gave talk to Y.W.L. Evening service was conducted by members of Y.P.S.C.E. On May 27 R. Readhead addressed both meetings. Visitors from Hartwell were present. On June 2 several young folk visited Frankston church. V. Longthorp addressed morning and evening services on June 3.

West Preston.—At morning service on May 27, J. D. Lang was speaker and A. West in evening. A. B. Withers, who has entered his ninth year of ministry with church, resumed after vacation. Men's quartette party assisted in evening service on June 3.

Geelong.—In absence of R. J. Anderson at Maryborough, J. Kennedy and Mr. Smail spoke at services on May 27. On June 3 Mr. Anderson was speaker at both services. At evening service Norma Higgins was baptised. A men's trio was enjoyed, also a duet by Mrs. Hindes and Mr. Smail. Two confessed faith in Christ.

IN MEMORIAM.

CARR.—In loving memory of VX965 Gunner Philip John, 2nd/2nd Aust. F.D. Regt., A.I.F., died June 11, 1945, age 27 years.

We love to think of the heavenly land,
The saints' eternal home,
Where our loved one waits to welcome us,
And all our joys will be one.
—Inserted by his loving parents, sister and brothers.

BIRTH.

BEALE.—Cyril and Gwenyth Beale (nee Bowler) are thanking God for a daughter, sister to Jeffrey and Paul, born May 31 at Lister private hospital, Townsville. Jannette Cheryl Heather.

COMING EVENT.

JUNE 20 (third Wednesday).—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. Any sister interested in this work is invited to attend.

ORMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING AND TEMPLE DAY, JUNE 24.

Speakers:

11 a.m., S. Russell Baker.
3 p.m., P.S.A. with Malvern Salvation Army Band and Assisting Artists.
7 p.m., R. W. Vautier.
For hospitality ring Mr. Vautier, UL 9727.

BACK TO NORTHCOTE. SUNDAY, JUNE 24.

11 a.m., Doug. Lang.
3.15 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.
7 p.m., W. G. Graham.
For hospitality contact R. Anderson, JW4905.

CARNEGIE 38th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY, JUNE 17.

11 a.m., H. G. Earle, sec. Federal Conference.
3 p.m., Melbourne Spiritual Choir will present musical and elocutionary items.
5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., W. R. Hibburt, an early preacher of church. Music by Spiritual Choir.
8.15 p.m., a new film strip depicting story of church since 1894.

All former members and friends are cordially invited to share in fellowship of these meetings. Birthday offerings will be received at morning worship.

Would anyone knowing of a small furnished flat or room, situated preferably in the Camberwell-Box Hill districts, suitable for an elderly widow, please contact W. Oldfield, 380 Mont Albert-rd., Mont Albert, Vic.?

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Jottings from Japan

MORE MISSIONARIES.

Dr. Stanley Jones recently, in stressing the need for more missionaries in this land, told of his interview with General Douglas MacArthur, who urged that every available missionary be sent. America especially is sending out missionaries. Some are coming on what is spoken of as the three years' plan. They pledge themselves to come for three years, after which they make a final decision as to whether they wish to make this their life work. Some have practically made up their minds before they arrive; others do so after a few months in the country. It is too early yet to say what will be the ultimate proportion that will stay on, but it is safe to say the majority will. This is an interesting development in missionary technique, and scores of young people, I am told, are eager to avail themselves of it.

Another method being used involves the sending for a year of a large team of special evangelists, who will work through interpreters. The first few weeks will be spent in studying the history, traditions, religions, customs, and other relevant material, and then organised plans of campaign will be worked out. Recently a visiting speaker had a missionary of over forty years' experience act as interpreter with satisfactory results. I think Dr. Jones, in using a very cultured Japanese interpreter, adopts a wiser procedure. Much depends on the efficiency of the interpreter, as I learned years ago in China when a visitor from London likened the growth of the mission (which after a difficult beginning had developed satisfactorily) to his experience in seeing a small area of blue sky after days when the sky had been covered with clouds. The missionary smiled as the interpreter said the history of the mission was like the appearance of a small cloud in the sky after weeks and weeks of blue, cloudless skies, and that cloud grew larger and larger. To convey the thought he had to reverse the illustration. Despite the problems of interpretation, this method of approach has much in its favor.

A MISSIONARY COMPOUND.

On a recent visit to Tokyo we were interested in a recent development in missionary method as carried out by the Southern Baptists of U.S.A. A piece of land had been secured in the inner suburban area and twelve houses erected on it. Twelve young married couples were occupying these whilst they learned the language. They helped in missionary work, and carried on one project of their own. Some, after two years, would go out into various fields, and others after three years. Every three years would see an entirely different group from that which came three years earlier occupying these houses. This little community gave the folk a chance to adjust themselves gradually to life in a new country, and altogether impressed me as being as sound from the religious and psychological viewpoints as it was from the financial viewpoint. It provided opportunities for folk to practise the art of living together, which is one of the basic arts in successful missionary work.

NEW CHAPELS OPENED.

One of the most encouraging sights one sees in this country is the appearance from time to time of new church buildings. Often these are replacing those destroyed by the bombing, but sometimes they mark new development. In Kure alone four chapels have been built and as many manse. Three of these replace buildings that were destroyed; the other, a Baptist church, is a new venture. Hiroshima has even more, and whilst the same high average would not be maintained throughout the country, it is nevertheless true that in every large centre and in many small ones the churches are being rebuilt. Among those built in Tokyo is one in connection with the two very fine schools that our American brotherhood has in that city, schools that are a reminder of the generosity of R. Long, by some acclaimed the greatest philanthropist our movement has had. A little while ago we attended the opening of the Presbyterian church in Kure. I find the custom of having to take off your shoes before entering a church building more inconvenient than some of my slimmer companions do. I need always to remind myself that it saves the wear and tear of the floor, conduces to quietness (who of us has not been annoyed by squeaky boots?), and is suggestive of reverence.

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(Continued.)

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During this last visit there Vishwanath felt that he should have a little time off to go and see his family, so asked if he could come along with us. Immediately the community there expressed their mind, "You'll bring him back, won't you?" Vishwanath's work is certainly being appreciated.

We need a regular preacher to station there, but at the moment we have no one. It is much on our hearts to provide someone for the guidance and Christian instruction of these people, after Vishwanath returns to Baramati in April.

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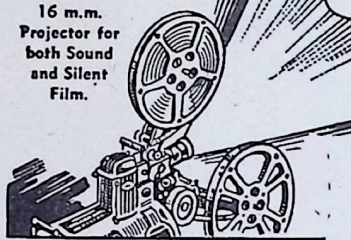
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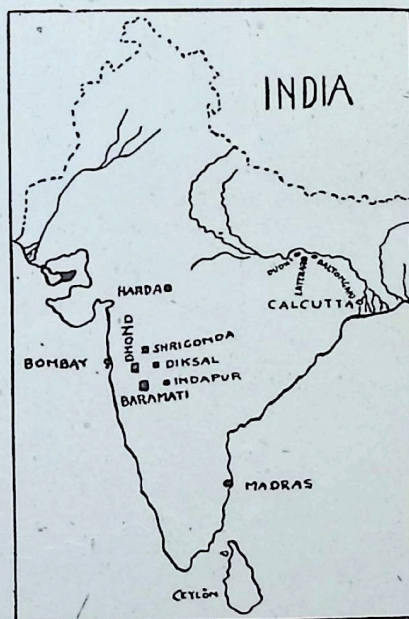
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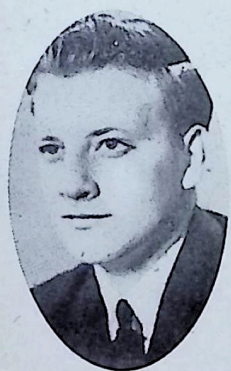
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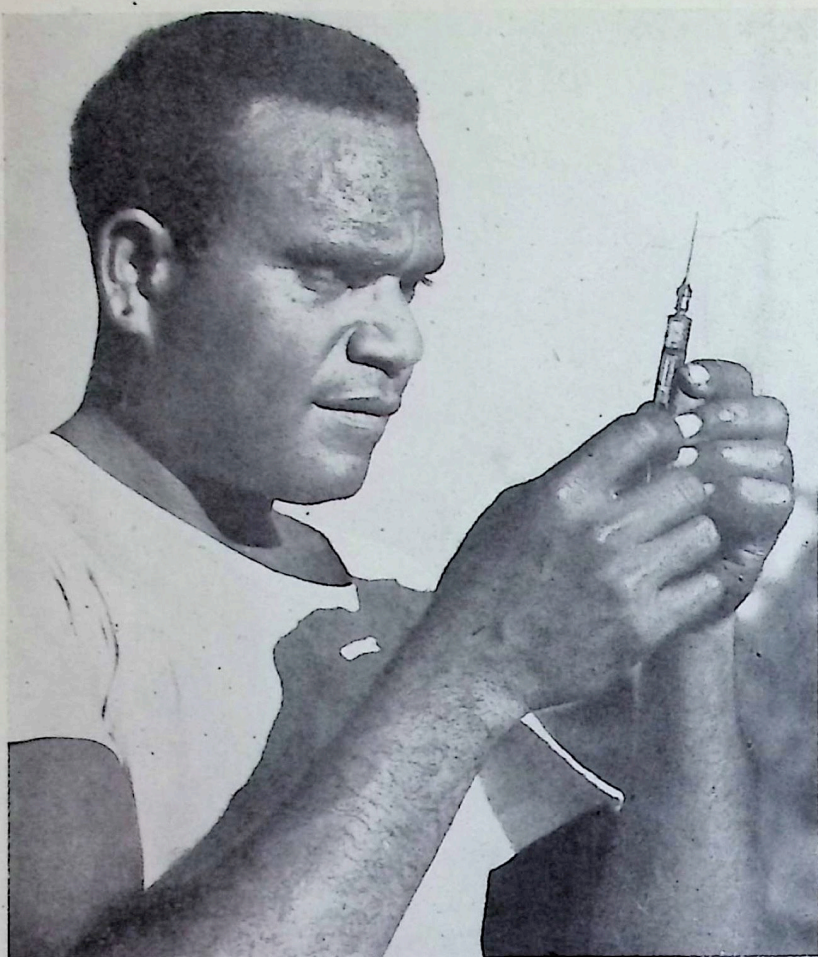
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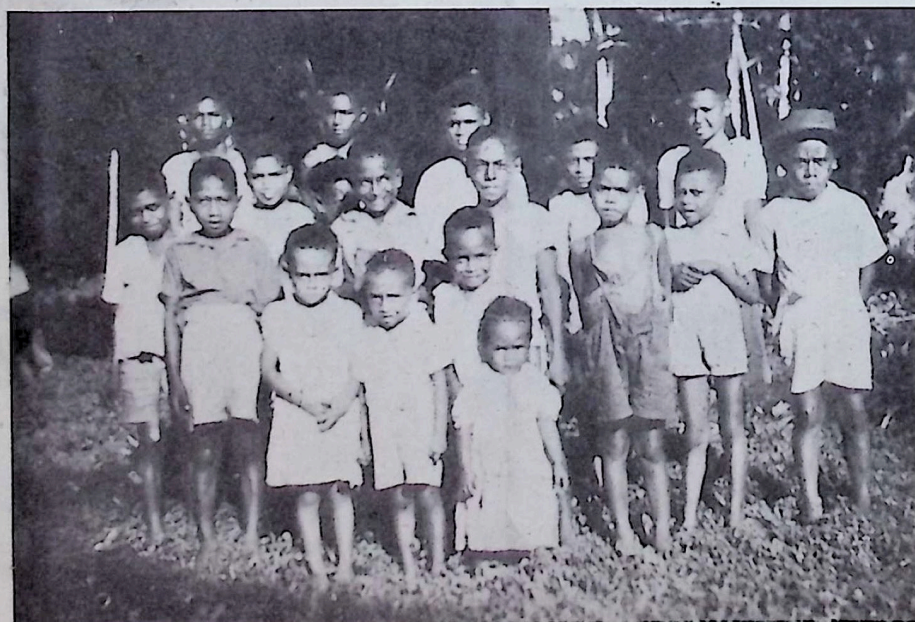
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