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Wisdom & Vision when we give Thanks

We said: "LORD, WE THANK THEE FOR FOOD!"

And he said: "Have you thought of the farmer, who with faith and hope tills the ground and plants the seed, and toils the long months until the harvest?"

"And of the gardener who, with bending back, fights his untiring battle with frost and storm, weeds and insects?"

"And of the drivers of trucks; and of the handlers of trains, the pickers and the sorters; the toilers in the intense heat of canneries?"

"And when last did you show your thanks by a kind word, and with patience when service falters, and by concern for a fair price and a fair wage?"

"And have you thought of the world's hungry millions—of children who have never had enough to eat, of mothers who starve that their children may eat—of wasted food and restricted production and empty stomachs, of filled shop windows and hungry men wearily pacing the street?"

And WE HEARD A VOICE SAYING: "I WAS AN HUNGERED AND YOU GAVE ME NO MEAT."

We said, "LORD, WE THANK THEE FOR CLOTHING!"

And he said: "Have you thought that you live in a world in which so many suffer for want of clothing and that you have done so little about it?"

"Did you think of what terror the winter holds for countless millions across the world with rags to keep out the cold, of children without shoes, of men who must work without comfort?"

And WE HEARD A VOICE SAYING:

"I WAS NAKED AND YE CLOTHED ME NOT."



If these hungry, homeless people were your neighbors, would you close your door, pull your curtains, and try to forget about them?

We said: "LORD, WE THANK THEE FOR FREEDOM!"

And he said: "Have you thought with penitence and a burden of guilt—

"Of the countless millions in prisons and in concentration camps, many of them there that the order may be perpetuated which guarantees what to you is freedom?"

"Have you thought that freedom is not a thing only of laws and privileges, and of duties and of disciplines?"

"Have you asked how you may better

accept your duties and surrender your privileges that more men everywhere may be truly free?"

"And while you give thanks for freedom in a world in which men lose freedom because they have abused it, have you asked: 'What am I doing to set free the spirits which are bound, and to pay my debt of gratitude to those who suffer that freedom may again live, brave hearts everywhere who do not bow to power and will not yield their hearts to lies?'"

And WE HEARD A VOICE SAYING: "I WAS IN PRISON AND YE VISITED ME NOT."

We said, "LORD WE THANK THEE FOR LOVED ONES AND FOR FRIENDS!"

And he said: "Have you thought of the countless lonely ones who tramp the city's streets, and line the by-ways of the world, the *unloved* and the *unlovely*, the *unwanted* and the *shunned*?"

"Have you thought of the world's millions, dislodged from homes and separated from families and friends?"

"When last did you step aside from your busy life to bring cheer and hope and courage to one of the world's outcasts?"

And WE HEARD A VOICE SAYING: "I WAS A STRANGER AND YE TOOK ME NOT IN!"

And WE SAID WITH SHAME: "LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE US TO DO?"

And He said: "HAVE YE NOT READ—and HAVE YE NOT UNDERSTOOD? THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF!"

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Will. H. Clay.

What is this love of which Jesus Christ speaks? Is it that common care and consideration we have for one another? Or is it something far deeper than this? Perhaps we should distinguish between a purely neighborly act and a benevolent service in the name of Christ.

There is much humanitarian service that is carried out most religiously but with no thought of God. The State gives such a service, and it is appreciated by the many, but it is far short of the quality of the service rendered by the Good Samaritan.

A Lawyer Asks a Question.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? And the answer was given in plain terms. Love God and love him supremely. This was the answer the lawyer expected. He asked for the greatest commandment and Jesus stated it. Of course; no commandment could be greater than this. However, Jesus was not finished. Lest this man of learning should be deceived and go away with the impression that his obligations to God consisted only in a recognition of religious formalities, Jesus coupled this commandment with one which involved an obligation toward his neighbor, not merely a friendly attitude towards him, but to love him as himself. He stated this as being on a par with the other. This is like unto the other. There is given to this commandment, then, a spiritual significance.

A Rich Man Asks a Question.

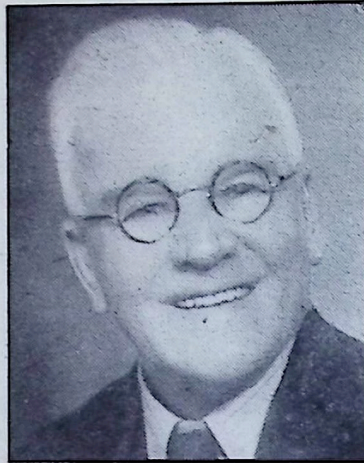
Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus answered with a set of negatives—do not this, and do not that, and such a reply fitted the case. This man, a ruler in authority, had evidently depended on his morality and his morality was his religion. Jesus, however, showed him that the answer to his question was to be found in a positive attitude towards his fellows—sell all you have and distribute to the poor and you shall have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me. This was too much for him. Love God, yes; but love my neighbor, and love him to such a degree, well, I cannot.

The Acid Test.

How far are we willing to go in loving our neighbor? The distance will prove the degree of our love. We have no other way of showing and proving our love for God than through our fellow-men. Many of us would have adopted the plan of the rich man under similar circumstances. It is so easy, so cheap, to plead our own uprightness, but when God touches our possessions, and we all have them, we are troubled, and parry the question.

My Question.

Who is my neighbor? This question is the more serious to such as have "great possessions,"



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but it is one that comes to us all. Did Jesus really mean that this man was to render himself bankrupt in the interests of the poor? Or was the demand made to test his character? Jesus knew him, but did the man know himself? The answer to this latter question is undoubtedly, No! He now was made to realise that he was not the man he thought he was, but the price of his conversion was too high. Jesus was never unreasonable, although his demands appeared to be so. Of this we may be sure, he meant what he said when he demanded of his disciples that they must deny themselves—self was to be abased—take up the cross and follow him.

On Sunday, August 19.

In making your contribution to the Social Service appeal will you remember that if this service is to continue the offering must, at least, be doubled? Every service and commodity has doubled in price. An increased offering is the only alternative to retrenchment. The Social Service Committee has never faced a bigger programme than that before it to-day, but it faces it in the knowledge that it has the whole brotherhood behind it.



What Would You Do?

It would be quite easy to present a number of hypothetical cases and finish with this query—What would you do?

There are so many actual cases, however, that there is no need to invent them.

— still comes to us, has come for years, and we still have every confidence in her. Whatever we do in a certain direction, she tries to

return to us in a fuller measure. It is hard to remain her creditor. In this, at times, cold world, she has found a refuge and strength. Is this what was meant by the Psalmist, "God is our refuge and strength"?

— Two pounds is all he needs. He gets it, and comes again. Another two, and gets it. He repays both sums. He will attend our church, but fails. Comes again—a very fine story—£10 this time. He doesn't get it. We refuse to be his banker. We lose him. What would you have done?

—, bachelor, member of the church, and recommended—in trouble with police—repents—a job in the country. We advance fare and give one pound pocket money and some warm clothing; a prayer, a letter, and good wishes. Secures job, but proved to be "one of the nine." A disappointment, but what are we here for?

—, a stranger, but a gentleman, needs a home and finds one. Serious illness—a good testimony, thankful heart—dies. Though poor, his testimony to another brings £1000 to our Home. Our judgment was not misplaced.

— needed a friend at court. A young man, well known for his kind deeds. Our intervention succeeds. This is but one of many cases.

Word from the State President

The Gospel of "In as much—"

Our Saviour during his earthly ministry gave particular attention to those who, for various reasons, were not able to help themselves. In case we missed the implication of his example, he told the story of the man who fell among thieves. He went further and charged us with the responsibility of providing food, clothing and shelter for those in need. Such service would be considered as having been rendered to Christ himself. We are so busy day by day, that we can easily overlook this practical application of the gospel. We may not notice the opportunities to render this social service, if it were not for the work of our Social Service Department. This department of our brotherhood through its many activities provides us all with the opportunity to take up the challenge that Christ presents to us to-day. The challenge of the aged who need care, the hungry who need food, the little children roaming homeless in war-ravaged Korea, the encouragement of those who have found the battle of life too severe. These responsibilities are ours, because we are his disciples. It is our glorious privilege to represent Christ in the world that needs him. Let your offering for Social Service be an acknowledgment that you are truly concerned about our less fortunate brethren.—F. N. Lee.



Men at Will. H. Clay Nursing Home Working Bee, June 11.

Authority for SOCIAL SERVICE

W. T. Atkin.

REALITIES To

JESUS not only said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," but also exemplified this commandment in a daily life of service for others. He went about doing good as he shared the sorrows and needs of men and women.

It is little wonder that the apostles who lived near to the Master and knew his mind so well emphasised in their teachings the responsibility of serving others. "Let us love not in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth," wrote John. "Do good to all men, but especially unto those who are of the household of faith," enjoins the apostle Paul.

The members of the early church naturally looked to the teaching and example of Christ and the apostles, and as a result they developed a definite programme of social service.

The first fund of the church was for Social Service. When the early church faced a problem of need among its members, they shared the good things of life. "All that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need." (Acts 2: 44, 45.) "Neither was there among them any that lacked." (Acts 4: 34.)

The first committee of the church was for Social Service. When the number of the disciples was multiplied, and there was a discussion about meeting the need of the widows, on the advice of the apostles seven men of honest report and full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom were appointed to give oversight to this benevolent work. (Acts 6.)

The first brotherhood offering was for Social Service. The apostle Paul, sending out a call to the churches to help the poor saints in Jerusalem, urges "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. 16: 2, 3.) "Then the disciples every man according to his ability determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea." (Acts 11: 29.)

The first mention of women's work was about Social Service. "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did. . . . When Peter was come they brought him into the outer chamber and all the widows stood by him weeping and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them." (Acts 9: 36-41.)

As the authority for social service comes from the commands and example of Jesus, the teaching of the apostles, and the practice of the early church, we confidently look to the church of to-day to continue this work so dear to the heart of the Master.

Here is a brotherhood that touches them all but touches them all are sordid enough—they are powerful enemies of vested interests and the moral downslide are high. Some of the needs—the uncaring indifference—never known poverty and loneliness of unwelcome. A little over a century



Women Who Prepared Meals at W. H. Clay Nursing Home Working Bee, June 11.

should be done about them in the name of Victorian churches of Christ. He invested all his work with the qualities of high romance. Even bitter disappointments could not rob Will. H. Clay of the marks of a true crusader—vision and courage. Some of his dreams have now come true. Others will also become realities, if the brotherhood cares—and dares—enough.

In 1945 W. T. Atkin became associate secretary of the Department and has now, with Mr. Clay's

appointment as director, succeeded him as secretary. His consecrated efficiency has meant much in the development of the work. The new associate-secretary, W. W. Saunders, has a splendid record as preacher and mission worker. Workers like these, teamed with members of the office and Homes' staff who have given years of selfless service, deserve the liberal support of the brotherhood.

THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE WORTH OF MAN

These two—the love of God and the worth of man—are the basis of Social Service.

Social Service is not just the giving of charity and the showing of benevolence, not just feeding, clothing, sheltering needy or destitute men and women; Social Service is this and its other ministries on the principle of the love of God and the worth of man.

Social Service is a ministry of grace in a world of want, not to tide people over a bare time or to carry them through some adversity, but to do these things just as the grace of God is the saving of man—helping man in his need, but doing it so that he can be his true self, with faith and hope and goodness.

To such as this we are asked to give in the Social Service offering on August 19.

—C. Withers, Vic. Women's Conference President.

True Religion

Principal E. L. Williams, M.A.,
Federal Conference President.

From the human side faith is the beginning of religion. If the object be true and the faith real, the basis of true religion is laid. As the object of faith is worthy, faith will lead to worship. A personal, majestic and beneficent God will call forth adoration, praise, reverence, gratitude, communion and devotion. But faith and worship are not the whole of religion.

A real faith must issue in action because it puts us under a divine imperative which calls for active obedience. One of the most striking passages in the Old Testament is found in Micah 6, where the prophet presents God's requirement. A modern paraphrase brings it home to us. "Wherewith shall I come before the Father of Jesus, and bow myself before the God who is love? Shall I come before him with gorgeous ceremonies, with elaborate rituals? Will the Father of all mercies be pleased with thousands of repeated creeds or with ten thousands of eloquent sermons? Shall I give the bending of the knee for my transgression, the offering of my purse for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Father require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Not every one who professes the most orthodox faith with cries of Lord, Lord, or who makes the same cry according to the most pious way of worship shall enter the kingdom of God, but he who does the will of the Father. "Go thou and do likewise" is the divine imperative which faith makes inescapable.

Preaching in Cambridge in 1529, Hugh Latimer, the martyr, cried, "I promise you if you build one hundred churches, give as much as you can make to gilding of saints and honoring of the church, and if thou go on as many pilgrimages as thy body can well suffer and offer as great candles as oaks, if thou leave the works of mercy, and the commandments undone, these works shall nothing avail thee . . . If you list to gild and paint Christ in your churches and honor him in vestments, see that before your eyes the poor people die not for lack of meat, drink and clothing."

Faith not only brings us into relationship with God, but also with other people. By faith in God an inner family of the household of faith is built, and when faith teaches us that all men are the offspring of God we catch the vision of all men as kin. As Christians we are members one of another, and as men

we are a community of mutual rights and responsibilities. If we claim our rights we must also accept our responsibilities. True faith fills us with concern, constrains us to care, calls us to share, and draws us into service. True worship is the honoring of God in everyday deeds of devotion and service. True faith, true worship and true life are a whole which constitute true religion. If Christianity is not practical it is not Christianity at all. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (Jas. 1: 27.)

"When God started to write a creed for us, he did it, not in words that might change their meaning, but he set before us a life, as though to teach us that whereas theology was a science which could be argued about, religion was a life and could only be lived." So wrote one who poured out his life in the service of the poor boys of London.

"No mystic voices from the heavens above
Now satisfy the souls which Christ confess;
Their heavenly vision is in works of love,
A new age summons to new saintliness.
Before th' uncloistered shrine of human needs
And all unconscious of the worth or price,
They lay their fragrant gifts of gracious deeds
Upon the altar of self-sacrifice."

RELATING RELIGION TO LIFE.

Religion is Being Related to Life Through Social Service.

The gospel of Christ is horizontal as well as vertical, and it is in this regard the work of the Social Service Committee is to be commended and supported. The support given to the committee by the Hospitals and Charities Commission is not only a compliment to the committee and its work, but it is a State recognition of churches of Christ.

The love and gratitude of those whose needs have been met, and who have been helped and encouraged in their problems, is the tangible evidence of the religion we preach and practice.

Relating Religion to Life

The pertinent comments of a group of men with whom I was in conversation during the time when Dr. Hewlett Johnson was in our midst, were revealing. It appears, from those remarks, that the man who has little or no interest in the church and her message, will approve of a religion which, from his viewpoint, seeks to understand the desires and needs of mankind, and then endeavors to relate that religion to life.

There are two aspects of Religion and Life which have special meaning at the time:

The Relationship of Social Environment.

The church is the guardian of the social conscience. When a situation is set up that jeopardises the well-being of the individual and makes it difficult for him to develop to his full mental, moral and spiritual stature, it is the duty of Christ's church to declare the mind of Christ against the anti-social scourges that threaten society.

In Christ's name the church must resist the evils of strong drink, gambling, inadequate housing, the evils of race and class prejudices and the horrors of war with its causes and compulsions. Of course the church must have an atoning, saving purpose, for "God has committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5: 19).

Then again—

The Relationships of Social Service

have special bearing on Religion and Life.

The conception of Social Service, quite often, is that of a type of charity bestowed on a less fortunate person.

Actually, it should remind us of the motive and purpose of the kingdom of God. Jesus insisted on this, and made it the watchword of his life, "I am among you as he that serveth." This is a sure and effective way of promoting the kingdom of God.

It is certain Jesus would have the members of his church engaged in the relationships of Social Service. "Ye are the salt of the earth . . ." he said.

The past years, as is always the case, have been largely preparatory, and with a forward look and purpose much has been accomplished. Lives have been helped. A Christian Home for the aged of our churches has functioned and does. The record is only good. This year we plan, by the mercies of God, to open the "Emmaus Rest Home" and the "Will. H. Clay Nursing Home," as well as improve and enlarge the Christian Guest Home.

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Staff and Guests at Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic.

World Convention President Speaks



Will. H. Clay Nursing Home.

Our Homes for the Aged

A Credit to the Brotherhood.

One of the striking changes of modern times is making old age a bitter experience for many old people. Time was when grandfathers and grandmothers, and sometimes others who were old and lonely, found refuge in the homes of children and other relatives. To-day, probably consequent upon changed economic situations, very many older folk find shelter and companionship hard to obtain in the homes of their own kith and kin, and to such life becomes tragic indeed. After long search they find refuge somewhere, but for one or other reason have to keep moving on, and so they live in constant dread of the next hunt for accommodation. Fortunately a reasonable and well-deserved pension is payable to all needing it. But this, beneficial as it is, does not provide for the real need, which is a home.

There is perhaps no such serious, widespread social problem to-day as this. It may well become the problem of those who read this. One has but to project one's mind a very few years to the time when this aloneness may easily be a personal experience. Eventually public opinion will lead governments to make adequate provision, but in the meantime there are spirits that droop and hearts that ache.

Our own Social Service Department is to be commended for its courageous enterprise in this matter. The Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh does our brotherhood great credit, while the Emmaus Rest Home and the Will. H. Clay Nursing Home shortly to be opened at Murrumbidgee, will add further to the prestige churches of Christ have already gained for this special service and prove a boon to many needy souls. Our brotherhood should with cheerfulness support this Christlike work.—*Reg. Enniss.*

**Social Service Offering,
Sunday, August 19
£1250 Needed**

A Letter

"Congratulations for the piece of real Christian enterprise in the care of our older brethren and sisters who become bedridden and unable to care for themselves. For too long has a public institution been their only hope for physical care. These have not the atmosphere an old Christian can find in a place that cares for them for Christ's sake. Mrs. Robbins and I desire the privilege of furnishing a two-bed ward, and herewith enclose our cheque each for £100.

"It cheers us greatly to know that God has given us the opportunity to assist thus in the care of some of our old brethren and sisters, and may his blessing rest upon the Home built in his name."—*Harold B. and Alice G. Robbins.*



Our Chaplain

The Scope of Service.

Our chaplain has a field of service which includes all public and private hospitals, benevolent homes and mental institutions. In Melbourne and suburbs alone there are more than 10,000 bedridden persons.

Is He Appreciated?

The many testimonies which reach the committee and the preachers of our churches convince us that there is no chaplain more loved and appreciated than he. Little children know him as Uncle Charlie and await his coming with joy. The middle-aged in their fears, and often in their pain, love to have his counsel and comfort. The aged, regardless of their religious views, are cheered, and all receive the word of the Lord.

Our chaplain, in spite of the magnitude of his field, is always alert to the needs of his sick brethren, and in many cases his visit is ahead of the advice of the patient.

What does he do? Hundreds who have shared the benefits of his ministry will tell.

A Voice From the North

S. Chalmers, Chairman Queensland Social Service Committee.

The Social Obligation.

Humanity is one big family for "God hath made of one blood all nations to dwell on all the face of the earth." Yet there is a sense in which there is a family within this family, for while there is a social obligation toward all men, there is a special obligation toward the household of faith.

Our Trust.

Our sympathies have never been restricted, for every appeal for our help has been given due consideration, but we have been specially interested in the social needs of our brethren in Christ. Organised visitation has been given to the sick, the hungry have been fed, and the thirsty have been given drink. In addition to this, a home has been found for our aged. Many family and domestic problems have been solved, and attention has been given to many social questions.

Our Needs.

That body or person is happy indeed who has a big programme and has the means of carrying it out. Our committee, in common with those of other States, is carrying out its programme in faith and anticipation of its needs being met. Such a course demands not only a faith in God, but also in the brethren, and we are confident that we shall succeed. The purchase of a Christian Guest Home is the evidence we offer.

The Offering.

On Sunday, August 19, the future of the Social Service Department will be decided, and every member will have a vote. Votes will be by cash, by loans with bank interest, and by loans without interest, and we urge every member to vote in the most helpful terms possible, having in mind "My Neighbor as Myself."

Send to S. L. Neil, Sutton-ave., Brighton, via Sandgate, Qld.

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

— 2 Cor. 9: 7, 8 (Moffat).

Here and There

Articles and pictures for this special Social Service issue have been collected by W. Atkin, Victorian Social Service secretary. Some rearrangement of regular features has been necessary. The last of "Chats with New Presidents" will be found on page 370, while "Minister's Musings" will re-appear next week.

Ill-health has regrettably delayed the commencement of Wilkie J. Thomson's ministry at Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic. However, we are glad to learn that the public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Thomson and family is now fixed for Friday, August 17, and that the opening services of the new ministry will be on August 19.

The Hinrichsen-Perry mission at Merredin, W.A., reports five decisions on Sunday night, July 29.

The many friends of Mrs. Allen Brooke will learn with sorrow of her passing in Melbourne on August 2 following upon a stroke. Prior to World War II, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke served our churches in various States, giving appreciated leadership. As Chaplain-General during the war Mr. Brooke won widespread esteem. He is now serving as youth director for our Baptist brethren in Victoria. We express sincere Christian sympathy to him, his son Ian, daughter-in-law, Lois, and younger son Graham.

Keith A. Jones, organising secretary of our Federal College of the Bible, returned to Melbourne on July 30 after an extensive tour of churches of Christ in Western Australia. In a little over a month he visited all our church centres, presenting news and views of college activities. He appreciated the help of the State College committee, and the warmth and hospitality with which the churches received him.

The first visit of a Lord Mayor of London to Australia is an historic occasion, and it was fitting that the first engagement of Sir Denys Lawson on arriving in Melbourne on August 5 should have been to address the famous Wesley P.S.A. He and Lady Lawson are assured of a warm welcome during their brief Jubilee visit.

Friends will share the joy of Unley church, S.A., that their preacher, Harold Norris, is regaining health and strength following an operation. He was able to attend the morning service on July 29. Local brethren have spoken at the morning services, and A. Anderson at night, except when S. E. Riches represented Mission to Lepers, for which a retiring offering reached £4/3/6. At the church business meeting the need for more rooms for youth activities was stressed, and a committee will present plans and proposals to next business meeting. An after-church fellowship expressed good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Lambert who are moving to a new suburb.

The Jubilee national tree-planting and tree-saving campaign is now well under way. In Sydney, prospective fathers have taken enthusiastically to the suggestion made by the Department of Conservation that a young tree should be planted for every baby born. In Queensland, local authorities, the Department of Main Roads, the Forestry Department, and primary and secondary schools are all helping with tree-planting projects, about 3,500,000 trees being planted by the Queensland Sub-Department of Forestry during Jubilee year. The South Australian Forestry Department expects to distribute 15,000 trees from its nurseries, compared with 10,000 trees last year, while in Tasmania the Government, as a memorial to Jubilee year, is

planting an area of 40 acres in the Scottsdale district as typical English woodland. Western Australia is making a feature of establishing arboreta-parks where trees and shrubs are grown for scientific and education purposes as well as for beautification. The "Save the Forests" Campaign Council in Victoria has organised a State-wide Jubilee competition for the best use of trees in farm improvement. The competition will begin with 13 regional competitions for which prizes totalling £780 are being offered, and will conclude with a State championship for which the prize is £100.

We share the grief of our Presbyterian friends in the death of Dr. Wilson Macaulay. He was always in the forefront of Christian union moves, and his outstanding ability was recognised by the Federal Government on more than one occasion.

Dr. Howard Guinness, reporting in the "Australian Christian World" on the recent mission in Sydney University, June 20-July 1, says that over 3000 different students were contacted. Preparation had gone on for a year and was very thorough. The twenty assistant missionaries did an invaluable work. The approach to the students was fourfold—through Christian friendship, Christian literature (over £100 worth of Christian books sold), Christian intelligence (a Brains Trust one evening featured a team of specialists in theology, philosophy, science, literature, psychology, education and medicine) and the Christian gospel (there was an average attendance of over 700 for the six days of the main addresses). Well over 2000 people throughout Australia pledged themselves to pray for the mission, and received regular news of its progress. Nearly £1500 came mostly from the Christian students themselves to meet the expenses of the big campaign. More than 70 made some real profession of faith, and a careful follow-up is being made.

We are happy to join in golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rhodes (Maylands, W.A.), Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Mason (Norwood, S.A.) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott (Moreland, Vic.).

Norwood church, S.A., reports an interesting evening on July 22 when Mr. Danckops preached the gospel in German to New Australians present, and a sacred film was shown. The church is opening a Welfare Centre, to operate three mornings a week in an effort to meet non-members at the place of their social needs. Church meetings have been very well attended, including a number of visitors. Overseas annual offering was a record, reaching £308. A. R. Jones has commenced his third year of ministry.

More than £8500 has been received by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria for its Indian famine relief appeal which is now closing. Expenses will not exceed £30.

STATE NEWSREEL (Concluded).

Open-air School.

Draper is a temporary housing area situated near Outer Harbor. Miss Kathleen Taylor, of Unley, canvassed the homes and commenced an open-air Bible school some months ago, and has conducted classes in all kinds of weather. Mrs. Bartlett, of Brooklyn Park, has assisted. The Home Mission Department has secured a building site, and the Youth Department will provide a Nissen hut to accommodate the workers and their 60 scholars.

Pastor-Organiser.

E. P. C. Holland, of New Zealand, will reach Adelaide about mid-December and commence his work as State pastor-organiser. Visitation of isolated members, interim ministries, care of weaker causes, general home mission publicity and other duties are listed in his very comprehensive programme of services to and for the brotherhood.

State Newsreel

Charles Schwab, South Australia.

Signs of Revival.

There are many signs of revival in the churches. Tent missions conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen at Naracoorte, Mile End and Kilburn resulted in 190 decisions, including restorations. While that great wave of evangelism has been in evidence, many decisions have been registered in other churches.

Blackwood church, located in a growing hills town right on the fringe of the suburbs, has had a phenomenal experience in a continual increase of membership over a period of about three months. J. E. Webb recently commenced a part-time ministry with the church, and through the very enthusiastic support of deacons and members, he has been used in gospel preaching and visitation for the gathering in of more than thirty members.

Murray Bridge church is experiencing inspiring times under the ministry of Mr. Filmer. About 20 members have been added in recent weeks.

Henley Beach congregation has been substantially increased by many decisions as has also been the case at Torrensville, Cowandilla, Brooklyn Park and at several other centres.

The number of churches seeking a tent mission by E. C. Hinrichsen also reveals an upward trend in the realm of evangelism. Mr. Hinrichsen has requests from Strathalbyn, Fullarton, Hindmarsh, Koongarra Park, Gawler, Balaklava, Kadina, Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Loxton churches.

The new conference year has been planned by the Crusade Committee to be one of evangelism, and present indications are that the churches throughout the State are being gripped by the vital spirit of the great commission.

New Ventures.

Flinders Park church, which is situated in a comparatively new housing area, has formulated a big forward move for 1952. J. Baker, of Owen-Long Plains circuit, has accepted an invitation to be the first full-time preacher for the above church. A manse has been secured from the Housing Trust. A short period sliding scale subsidy from the Home Mission Department is designed to assist Flinders Park in the initial stages of the new venture.

Loxton is a big country centre located 150 miles from Adelaide. Thousands of acres have been allocated in 25 acre blocks for fruit growing under a fine irrigation system. Isolated members have been in the town and nearby districts for many years. The first communion service was conducted in the Institute on July 22, when over 70 people were present. There were a number of visitors from the Berri district. A building site has been applied for and arrangements made for the conduct of regular meetings.

New Buildings.

Bordertown church has advanced the erection of the new hall by roofing and flooring the splendid freestone structure. The extra accommodation will help the whole of the work which has received such a tremendous uplift from the Hinrichsen mission of a year ago.

Kilburn cause, now in a very flourishing condition, is inspired by the manner in which members added during the mission have co-operated with others in the erection of a very fine hall. The walls are almost completed.

Long Plains brethren are still striving to erect a chapel to replace the building destroyed by the bush fire, and building projects are listed by Koongarra Park, Wampony, Pt. Lincoln and Padthaway.

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Missionary News

Supplied by A. Anderson, Secty. F.M. Board.

Helping the Unfortunate—India.

Miss Edna Vawser, speaking of the splendid gift sent through the Victorian Social Service Department (£1000 to "Our India") tells of how they will be able to help those in need.

"We are not so afraid of the food situation now that America has eased the situation by lending, on a Government level, such quantities of foodstuffs. Our own boys at the home will have their ration increased as soon as we are able to get the food. They have not had more than bare allowance to keep body and soul together. I have just told the master that every boy must have another quarter loaf daily irrespective of whether we get the increased ration or not. They are getting to be just skin and bone. We all have a nine ounce daily ration, but nine ounces of solid food is very little for growing boys. Though this is a time of acute shortage, we are not regarded as a famine area, yet it worries me dreadfully to see the ribs of the children. Last evening the doctor was here examining the children. As they commenced to breathe in some of the children seemed to be just skin and bone, and yet we feed them well compared with the ability of some round about. Prices are also very high. . . . I must admit that missionaries have never had less than is required, for our friends in Australia see to that. We also have sufficient milk for the sick and for some of the very thin ones." A few days later she writes: ". . . God is truly so good to us. I have a man here now waiting for lunch. He is a free lance preacher, but so genuine, for we have known him for years. His face just sparkles when he speaks of Jesus Christ. I could give him very little this time, but Miss Roberts was able to give him a nice gift. We have had so many to give to lately. So they come, a starving Christian man, another man, sick, with a large family to care for, and a young boy yesterday. Every day nearly there is someone, but there is always enough. He gives to us so we can give again to others that it makes one want to cry with gratitude."—Edna Vawser, Baramati.

Writing from the Shrigonda area, Mr. Bruce Coventry says: "It was a wonderful gesture of the Victorian brethren to give so generously for famine relief. . . . Because of the poverty of some people in this Dhoraja area, we have had to take in one or two extra boys. We may have to take up to 30 boys in all. We are moving cautiously, and have 26 at present."

(The boys mentioned above are extras to those in our older established homes at Baramati and Shrigonda. Those at Dhoraja are mostly from the homes of poor Christians in the district.)

Orphaned Missions.

During the war years many missionaries from European lands were cut off financially from the parent body. During all this period, despite grave difficulties, work was carried on in many lands. Since the war, though missionaries have contact with the parent bodies, where such still exist, they are still in very great difficulty. Some tens of thousands of pounds have been sent to such needy missions through the International Missionary Council.

The I.M.C. of Australia have advised headquarters that they will endeavor to raise in Australia the sum of £800 to help orphaned missions in their present difficult plight. All the constituent bodies have been asked to assist. The Foreign Mission Board have no funds they can allot for this purpose, but would commend the appeal to the brotherhood and will send forward any monies so received.

Fifty Years Ago

Excerpts from "The Australian Christian" of AUGUST 8, 1901.

Editor: A. B. Maston.

John Alexander Dowie.—American papers report this amazingly audacious man as saying: "I am Elijah the prophet who appeared first as Elijah himself, second as John the Baptist, and who now comes in me, the restorer of all things. Elijah was a prophet, John was a preacher, but I combine in myself the attributes of prophet, priest and ruler over men. Gaze on me, then; I say it fearlessly. Make the most of it, you wretches in religious garb." One paper, commenting on Dowie's claim to be Elijah, says one difference between the two is that whereas Elijah was fed by ravens, Dowie is fed by "gulls." (*Here and There.*)

Farewell to Miss Tonkin.—A very enjoyable social was held in the Swanston-st. Lecture Hall, Melbourne, under the auspices of the Victorian Sisters' Executive on the 22nd ult., to bid Miss Tonkin Godspeed. F. G. Dunn, F. M. Ludbrook and J. Johnston gave interesting addresses, R. Lyall a reading, and Miss Ethel Benson a solo. After refreshments, Miss Tonkin said a few words requesting all to remember in their prayers. (*Here and There.*)



F. G. Dunn.

News of the Churches.—At Kadina, S.A., there was a grand meeting on Wednesday night, about 200 being present. Four ladies were baptised, and one made the confession. Record meeting this morning; 62 broke bread. To-night two more were baptised, and one more came forward. Meeting absolutely packed, and ushers at their wits' end to place the people. (G. B. Moysey). . . . Meetings for the deepening of spiritual life were held in the chapel at North Richmond, Vic., on Wednesday and Thursday, July 31 and Aug. 1, both afternoon and evening of each day. Addresses were delivered by M. W. Green, W. C. Morro, J. Pittman, H. G. Harward, P. J. Pond, J. Johnston, F. M. Ludbrook and Sister J. A. Davies. On each evening a symposium was also held, which was contributed to by a number of local members. (Thomas Hagger). . . . The church at Gympie, Queensland, has with the greatest cordiality invited our evangelist, E. T. Ball, to remain with us another twelve months. The pleasing result of labors of the past year was over 20 additions to the church, 18 of which were confessions and baptisms. (A.H.)

Union in the Air.—The union of the Presbyterian churches of Australasia, consummated last week, marks an important epoch in the religious life of the people dwelling beneath the Southern Cross. . . . It is gratifying to note that the Presbyterians, having secured union for themselves, are desirous of securing a like blessing for all other religious bodies. In furtherance of this laudable desire, a motion was tabled at the newly-formed General Assembly, "in favor of the appointment of an influential committee to devise a scheme for the federation of as many as possible of the Protestant churches of Australia, with power to confer with representatives of other churches, so as to promote closer fellowship and organised co-operation, with a view to the ultimate formation of one grand church of Australia." . . . This is very

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THE MINISTRIES of OUR WOMEN FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Women's Conference Executive which is now in Hobart, has Mrs. J. Boxhall as president, Mrs. J. Holloway secretary, and Mrs. L. Boxhall treasurer. The meetings are held on the first Monday evening in the month to enable the mothers of young children to attend. A quarterly news-letter is being sent to each women's society reporting the work accomplished throughout the State, and presenting plans for the future. At the June meeting Mrs. Cooper led the devotional session. Plans are in hand to give S.S. superintendents assistance with the presentation of temperance material.

South Australia.

Although the weather was anything but pleasant on July 5, the meeting was well attended. Mrs. G. R. Stirling led the devotional session and Mrs. Westley was soloist. Both home mission and overseas mission superintendents gave reports; other reports were omitted in order to hear about the visit paid by some members of the conference to the Finsbury migrant camp, and of the luncheon given for British migrants by the Croydon ladies. The wish was expressed by members that many other church groups will also extend hospitality to newcomers to our land.

New South Wales.

At the quarterly business meeting of Women's Conference held at City Temple on July 6, Mrs. Parsons, vice-president, and from Newcastle district, led the devotional session. Reports from superintendents showed much activity in all departments. The president, Mrs. Greenhalgh, paid a tribute to the life of Mrs. Alma Wakely, who died as a result of an accident when she was on her way to a Mission Band meeting.

Victoria.

116 ladies were present at the July meeting. Mrs. Withers, the president, was in the chair. Mrs. F. Langford, of the East Preston church, led the devotional meditation. 45 churches responded to the roll-call of delegates. Mrs. O. Goulter was the guest speaker. She told of the experiences she and her husband had during the 29 years of service in China until compelled to leave this year owing to the Communist invasion. The superintendent of the missionary department reported the commencement of two new Mission Bands—Clayton and Portland. Mrs. A. R. Lloyd has been appointed assistant secretary of the Women's Inter-church Council.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (Concluded).

good, and we feel like saying, "Well done, Presbyterians." More than this, we feel that we should make it our business to be well represented at the proposed conference. For two reasons the church of Christ should have some say in any congress held for the purpose of promoting unity among the churches. First, because one of the items of its plea is the union of all God's people, of which union on a scriptural basis it has been the consistent advocate for over three-quarters of a century; and second, because on the question of unity it has a message to convey, which probably no other religious organisation is in a position to give with the same force and clearness. Such a conference would afford an opportunity of our giving clear testimony as to the reason of our existence, and of letting out some light on the proper basis on which real unity should be founded. (*Leader.*)

INTERSTATE C H U R C H N E W S

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

Discipleship

Margaret Mitchell, Hartwell, Vic.
Wendy Layton, Hartwell, Vic.
Janice McDonald, Hartwell, Vic.
Wilma Hartley, Hartwell, Vic.
John Donnelly, Earlwood, N.S.W.
Rosemary Wilson, Springvale, Vic.
Fay Harle, Oakleigh, Vic.
Lois Wright, Oakleigh, Vic.
Rosemary Holton, Fullarton, S.A.
Kathleen Hooper, Fullarton, S.A.
Margaret Trevastis, Hindmarsh, S.A.
Jenifer Marsh, Hindmarsh, S.A.
Patricia McPherson, Mt. Evelyn, Vic.

Membership

Brian Marchant, Kaniva, Vic.
Allan Williams, Kaniva, Vic.
Mrs. Gower (sen.), Kilburn, S.A.
Owenie Guyatt, Kalgoorlie, W.A.
Tom Mason, Kalgoorlie, W.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Springvale, Vic.
Mrs. Cargeeg, Oakleigh, Vic.
Mrs. Skerry, Oakleigh, Vic.
Violet Porter, Preston, Vic.

Marriage

Valerie Constance Woodroffe to Arthur Ronald Creeper, Glenelg, S.A.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. M. E. Nicholls, Nailsworth (Isolated), S.A.
Mrs. E. J. Moore, Nailsworth, S.A.
Annie Margaret Harkness, Glenelg, S.A.
Mrs. Gough, Middle Park, Vic.
Samuel William Beecroft, Mt. Evelyn, Vic.
Mrs. Heidon, Gardenvale, Vic.
Mrs. Smith, Coburg, Vic.
Mrs. J. Watson, Moreland, Vic.
Mrs. Porter, Moreland, Vic.
Mr. P. Boak, Oakleigh, Vic.
Mrs. Bridgeman, Balaklava, S.A.

Western Australia

Kalgoorlie.—July was missionary month with F.M. offering of £22/13/5. At midweek fellowship movie films of Indian and New Hebrides missions aroused interest. Young people and J.C.E. viewed colored slides from these fields. Mr. Greenwood conducted Norseman mission anniversary services, and two baptisms. Services were excellent with 65 attending from Norseman. Mr. Greenwood's messages have been appreciated. Messages have been brought by A. Mathews in morning and R. Beard in evening. Bible school enjoyed a talk on work of Bible Society by State secretary, Mr. A. Scott. E. Stephenson is meeting with church again after operation and service leave.

New South Wales

Earlwood.—On July 22 O. Turner exhorted church and A. Hinrichsen spoke at night to good attendances. Mesdames Avar, Thomson, Strickland, T. Smith, Stack, Clymer, Abel and Miss Cox have all been ill, with five first mentioned still unable to attend. Miss Cox has relinquished duties of press correspondent. Average offerings for June showed a marked increase with £12/3/- for local work and £4 for others. Average of 73 communicants was also good.

Rockdale.—Mr. Elliott, from Kingsford, spoke on July 22, and at gospel service Mr. Andrews preached. Cottage prayer meetings are being held. Several members are ill. On July 29, owing to Mr. Andrews' absence through illness, Mr. Yelds and Mr. Davidson gave messages.

Mosman.—Mr. Burns preached at both Sunday meetings. Midweek fellowship attendance has improved slightly. On July 11 meeting was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Stimson. On July 13 Young People's Club held annual concert, which was followed by many requests that it be repeated.

Gilgandra.—All are busy keeping three Sunday schools going at Dubbo, Eumungerie and Gilgandra. An open-air S.S. has been commenced in "The Pines" with gratifying results. Visit of Mr. Greenhalgh and Mr. Baker was appreciated. After serious illness Mrs. Hannah Quayle has been welcomed back, and Mrs. Butler is improving. Ladies' Guild has a large parcel of goods ready for despatch to overseas missions.

Warrawong.—Work among young people is gradually expanding. On July 29 S.S. had record attendance of 74 scholars and 8 teachers. At C.E. meetings over 30 juniors and 23 intermediates were present under leadership of R. Williams and D. Medlow respectively. Morning meetings are only regular church services held as yet. Usually about 20 attend. Local brethren are assisted by some from Wollongong, also by Joan Kilvert, of the A.I.C.

Hamilton.—L. Burgin, from Georgetown, was morning speaker on July 29. Inaugural meeting of Young People's Fellowship which will meet fortnightly, was held at 4 p.m. on July 29 with attendance of 16. A. Joiner and Mrs. Menon are ill. Recent visitors have included Mr. Hemmings, from Hobart; Mr. and Mrs. Keane, of Lawson; and Mrs. Sands, from Stockton.

South Australia

Brooklyn Park.—Services have been well supported in past weeks. A. E. Brown continues his series of gospel addresses. Menfolk have held working bees on church property. Church appreciates help given by Mr. Pridham, from Henley Beach. Bible school teachers have been busy painting tiny tots' equipment.

Kilburn.—C.Y.F. enjoyed special picture show on July 26. On July 29 Bible school had four new scholars. 82 communed and 40 attended gospel service. N. Kingston spoke at both services. Mr. Inkster and David Pritchard are in hospital. New building is making rapid progress. Y.W.L. now meets at night service.

Nailsworth.—After a series of working bees, having a total attendance of over 80, repaired and renovated chapel was again occupied on July 29 with special thanksgiving and dedication services. At morning service officers were also dedicated. At night three were immersed. Excellent attendances all day.

Edwardstown West.—Temple day on July 9 aimed for £100 towards construction of new chapel. In evening a thanksgiving service was held, £113 having been contributed. The spirit of thanksgiving continued throughout services on Sunday. George Groves preached at morning service on July 1.

Fullarton.—On July 29 E. Humphrey Hall gave an address and 96 broke bread. At gospel meeting Dr. Harold Steward preached. There were two decisions.

Hindmarsh.—Proprietors of Coca-Cola presented a picture night and musical entertainment to appreciative audience on July 27. Several new scholars have been received for Bible school since holding recent "Happy Hours." J. E. Shipway has received unanimous call from membership, for an indefinite term of ministry, with expressed wish that he continue until centenary of church in four years' time. A junior Boys' Club is now meeting on Wednesday evenings.

Glenelg.—59th anniversary of church was held on July 29. Claude Candy addressed morning meeting and A. Hutson preached at night. It was thanksgiving day. £99 was needed to clear debt on manse; £100 was received. Mrs. Ken Campbell, of Perth, and Mrs. B. Pearson, of Glenelg, rendered solos at evening service together with choir anthem. Glenelg ladies entertained 13 British migrant women and children at a special afternoon function. Altogether about 70 ladies were present and about 30 children. Miss Helps, a missionary, spoke. Y.P.S.C.E. are having good meetings with several visiting speakers recently.

Dulwich.—G. Whiting has settled into work but is hampered till he is in new manse. Several members are away, some on overseas trip. Three young ladies have confessed their faith during July. Work among young people's Club is in full operation. F.M. offering has reached over £65.

Victoria

Newmarket.—On July 8 Mr. Potts, of North Essendon, presided and R. Mackenzie addressed both services. On July 21 tennis club held house party and on July 22 Mr. Wilkinson, of B. & F. Bible Society, addressed 11 a.m. meeting.

Gardenvale.—In the passing of Mrs. Heidon sympathy is extended to her daughters, Emily and Iris. On July 29 F. J. Sumpton addressed church and Mr. Hunt conducted gospel service. Mrs. Barrow and John have moved to Highett. Overseas offering is highest for number of years—£6/18/-.

Carnegie.—C. Cole is conducting interim ministry during July and August. At close of worship meeting on July 22, congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. McDowell who celebrated their golden wedding on July 18. On behalf of church Mr. Coventry presented them with a Bible. Many members have been sick. S. Jenner is back after several weeks' sickness. Miss Betty Wilson has left for holiday in England.

Hartwell.—Church held a recognition social to honor members who have served faithfully and well over a number of years, but of late have resigned office—Reg. Jones, ex-treasurer; Len Butler, past secretary; and Ray Morflew, an ardent Bible school worker. Mr. Illingsworth is present treasurer, and Roy Warmbrunn secretary.

St. Kilda.—On July 20 D. Nicholls spoke on living conditions of aborigines. Two talkie

IN MEMORIAM.

DOWNS.—With loving memories of our dear mother who fell asleep on Aug. 6, 1945. "It is only till he come."
—Inserted by H. and L. Annetts and grand-daughter, Merle.

GIBSON.—In fond memory of mother, Ada Millan, passed away Aug. 1, 1945.
—Dorrie.

DEMERAL.—Sweetest memories of my beloved husband Claude, who passed away at Albert Park, July 31, 1943. "And we grow quiet folded in thy peace."

DEATH.

McDONALD.—On July 27 (suddenly) at Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Malcolm Bruce, darling son of Jock and Eileen McDonald, 19 Evelyn-st., Bentleigh. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

BIRTHS.

GENAT.—On July 29, at Windana Hospital, Toorak, to Sylvia and Neil—a daughter (Kay Marilyn). Both well.

GADGE.—On Aug. 2, at Margaret Coles Hospital, to Claude and May, a daughter—still born. Address, 49 Springfield-rd., Blackburn, Melbourne.

ENGAGEMENT.

PRINCE-COCK.—Elizabeth Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Prince, of 50 Clyde-st., East Kew, to John Lovell, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cock, of 6 Kooyong-rd., Malvern.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 17 (Friday).—Victorian Ministers' Wives' Association will meet at Swanston-st. lecture hall at 2.30 p.m. Musical programme arranged by Mrs. G. Swallowell.

AUGUST 15 (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.

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films were shown; 42 were present and contributed £4/1/- towards Mr. Nicholls' fight for better conditions for the native. At annual business meeting all officers were re-elected. On July 15 Mr. Sedgeman, from college, and a friend broke bread with members. Many appreciate Mr. Norton who continues to take Lord's Supper to aged folk who cannot attend regular service.

Dareton.—At annual meeting of church W. Waters was again elected secretary; Peter Waters president of C.E., with Mr. Keatch supervisor; Mrs. Watts, supt. Bible school. Bible school is doing well with new lesson material. Addresses on stewardship have been given by M. Keatch.

Drumcondra.—On July 20 C.E. visited home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of Bellarine. A short talk was given by Mr. Pigdon. On evening of July 23 church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Pigdon. Beth and Bernard. A large attendance included members from other churches and organisations.

Springvale.—Mrs. Barnden spoke to church recently and young people had charge of evening service; there was one decision. On July 22 P.B.P. took part at evening service, when Miss Barnes gave message. On July 29 Mr. Grainger exchanged with Mr. Billinge, of Presbyterian church. 114 attended B.S. 31 church members went to Geelong for C.E. reunion. At night (29th) a film was shown.

Coburg.—Sympathy is extended to relatives of Mrs. Smith (a pioneer member), who passed away after a short illness. On July 22 young men of K.S.P. took charge of morning service. Visitors during month were Mr. and Mrs. Max Barnden, of Euroa; Mr. Roden, of Ballarat; and others. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wilson are transferring to Parkdale, and Mrs. Walkerdon to Brunswick. Mr. Lloyd is now in his seventh year with church.

Doncaster.—Church has followed with interest special series of addresses by F. B. Burt dealing with "Rise and Growth of churches of Christ." Annual F.M. offering was £104, and fund for food for India, £65. 45 attended Men's Fellowship on July 26, when D. H. Kemp, of Dunlop Co., gave talk on rubber. Fellowship is under chairmanship of Russel J. Tully, secretary Gordon Crouch. At a social evening held on July 11, Thomas Petty tendered good wishes of church and made a presentation to John Tully prior to his wedding. A gift was also sent to Will Crouch who was married in N.S.W. Mr. Robertson McCue, general secretary of Local Option Alliance, spoke at evening service on July 11, when collection for that work raised £17/13/9.

Oakleigh.—K. Patterson has been speaker at all services in recent weeks except at evening service on July 29 when R. Combridge presided and J. H. Baensch presented sound film, "Which Will Ye Have?" Explorer Club visited Burwood Boys' Home on July 14. A shower tea, arranged by P.B.P., was held in honor of Miss M. Shopland on July 17, and K.S.P. sponsored a screening of films on Kiewa and Yallourn by State Electricity Commission on July 30. Church members by direct giving have cleared debt on manse.

Geelong.—Mr. Anderson spoke at both services on July 29. In evening two young men were baptised, and after service Mr. Jamieson, from B. & F. Bible Society, gave talk and showed films on Borneo. On July 25 a series of Bible studies was commenced at Ladies' Aid Society led by Mr. Anderson.

Pascoe Vale.—On June 24 Mr. McIlhagger conducted an inaugural service of church. Hopes are high for a great work in this area. Land has been purchased for a future school building. At present meetings are held fortnightly in Progress Hall. B.S. is also conducted fortnightly. Ladies' Guild recently held first birthday meeting, when Mrs. Major Darlow, of Salvation Army, gave address. £2/10/- was

collected for India famine relief fund. Mrs. Donaldson is in hospital and Mrs. Dudley has been absent through illness.

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*And whatsoever ye do in word
or deed, do all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and
the Father by him.—Col. 3: 17.*

(Selected by officers, church of
Christ, Toowoomba, Qld.)

THOUGHT STIMULUS.

I am resolved—

*To know God by studying his
word, his world and his works;
That my head shall rule my body
and my heart shall rule my
head;*

*So remember the other fellow and
act as though he were my other
self.*

—Fred Elliott, East Kew, Vic.

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A strong benediction can certainly bring a thrilling touch to the close of a service, especially if all that has gone before has been steeped in prayer. Your share involves not only the private prayers that have been part of your own preparation, but also the prayer in the vestry with your helpers, and the brief invocation after the opening hymn. Don't be stampeded into making that vestry prayer a hurried formality. See your helpers the week before, and suggest that it will mean a lot to you personally if they are early enough for you all to have a quiet moment of devotion together before going into the church. As for that opening prayer in the service, let it be both brief and well-prepared, seeking the blessing of God. Arrangements will almost certainly have been made for others to lead in the two thanksgiving prayers at the Lord's Table, and possibly also in the main prayers for the church. Make sure before you leave the vestry that the people planned for these tasks are both present and prepared. In some churches the main prayer is left either for the preacher or the president. If it is your responsibility, prepare for it as thoroughly as for your talk, bearing in mind especially its family nature, with thanksgiving and intercession both essential themes. Don't let even this prayer be overlong, particularly if folk are standing. Whatever you do, don't spoil the service for someone else by announcing with the number of the third hymn that "After the singing of this hymn we shall ask brother So-and-so to lead the church in prayer." That is lamentable, even if—in fact, especially if—the brother concerned is a preacher on holiday. Even preachers cherish their rare opportunities of being led in worship by others.

Don't forget to check up on even the small details of the service—the correct handling of the communion trays and offering plates as they pass from you to the helpers and back again; the welcoming of visitors if that is not done by the secretary; the announcement of readings and hymns, etc. In handing out the emblems don't be afraid of over-repetition in using the words our Saviour himself used; no others mean quite so much at that moment. As an introduction to the offering I like Phillips' translation of 2 Cor. 9: 7, "God loves the man whose heart is in his gift." Be careful to put the cloth back neatly over the emblems when the Supper is over. Some good ladies have had the rest of the service spoilt for them by the affront of a carelessly flung cloth. Only, please don't go to the other extreme of giving it a lot of fussy tugs to ensure that it is correctly centred!

Well, Sunday is your big day. Thanks for wanting to chat things over with me. I hope I have helped you a little. May the Lord bless you, not just this once, but many times in this high ministry.

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Obituary

Mrs. Jessie Watson.

The church at Moreland has suffered the loss of a most faithful member in the home call of Mrs. J. Watson, while still a young woman. Our sister came into the fellowship of the church over 20 years ago, and throughout the years has been faithful to her Lord. She was a willing worker for Christ, and filled efficiently and faithfully several offices in the church. She was a bright Christian, friendly, hospitable, and greatly loved by all who knew her. She loved the church, and her deepest interests were centred in the kingdom of God. During recent months she has been a great sufferer, and bare with wonderful fortitude much pain, but her faith never wavered. A large gathering of friends, both at the home and the crematorium, was a tribute to the love and esteem in which she was held. The beautiful floral tributes will not be soon forgotten, symbolic of a fragrant life. Our late sister loved flowers. Officers of church acted as pall-bearers. We commend the sorrowing husband and daughter to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, being confident that in the Father's home there will be a grand re-union.—E.J.M.



Mrs. John Watt.

The church at East Kew, Vic., sustained a sad loss on June 14, when Mrs. John Watt passed to her eternal reward after a painful illness. Our sister, who was born at Southport, England, came to Australia with her husband in 1912, and for some years was a member at the Independent Church at Kew. In 1923, during the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission, she became a foundation member of the East Kew church, and was, up to the time of her death, a very faithful follower of her Lord. During the early stages at East Kew she was to a great extent largely responsible for the splendid work done by the sisters. She was at all times one who was ready to encourage, and her home was a place where many young people gathered, and she always sought to speak and teach about the Lord she loved for so many years. Right up to her passing she served as a deaconess. She also gave religious instruction at the local State school. For many years she taught in the Sunday school, and numbers of people have had her loving care at the time of their baptism. Her life was surrendered to the Master she loved, and even in her suffering she sought to tell other people about the Lord Jesus Christ. The funeral service at the church and at the cemetery was conducted by W. Wigney assisted by John Turner. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Watt and family. The parting is only "until he comes."—F.H.E.

DEATHS.

WATSON.—On July 26, Jessie May, beloved wife of Ted, and devoted mother of Lorraine, of 21a Grampian-st., West Preston. Cherished memories of our dear one will ever be ours. He giveth his beloved rest.
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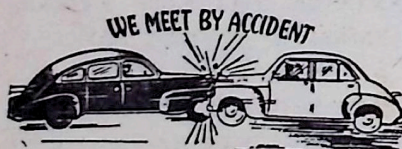
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by an official, and representatives of churches,
friendly societies, the Trades Hall, and other
bodies got busy to advise such as desired as-
sistance and direction. Let it be understood
that members of churches of Christ among mi-
grants number less than one in a thousand. Our
representative selected a group of five or six
persons, and introduced himself as a minister
of the church of Christ. This group con-
sisted of the migrant, a young man, and his
relatives. One, an uncle, replied, "George, that
is your church, isn't it?" It was discovered
that George had been attending a church of
Christ in Ireland. Our minister in a country
church was advised of the case, and he im-
mediately got busy. Result: an addition by
faith and baptism, and a fine addition to the
church. Surely this is the leading of the
Spirit!



A STORY FULL OF PATHOS.

A man and wife and their two boys, 8 and
12, were stranded in Hong Kong. Mother and
the boys were sent to Melbourne on advice of
the authorities. Father was left in hospital.
No home was available, and there was little
money to get one. Two rooms, the only
available owing to the children, were secured in
St. Kilda-rd. at £12 per week. The bank
balance was sufficient for four more weeks. The
R.S.L. were at their wits' end—the case had a
military implication. They heard of a house
(certainly not a mansion) that we owned in
the country, and knowing that it was soon to
be vacated, contacted us. We interviewed the
mother and learned that if she could secure
the house, her husband would be flown to Mel-
bourne. By singular circumstances some fur-
niture was left in the house. The unfortunate
woman travelled the forty-odd miles to investi-
gate the prospect and returned full of hope and
confidence. We supplied the barest necessities
to enable the family to move, and later added
some comforts. Father was brought home.
An immediate improvement in his health re-
sulted. Work has been found, and he is
gaining strength every day. Result, a re-
united family, and an unmistakable apprecia-
tion of the Christian church. What has been
done for this family is being told in the whole
neighborhood, the effect of which is bringing
honor to our Lord and Master.

(The house referred to was one which came
to us by the transference of the owners—an
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to obtain medical treatment. The site is one
the committee has in reserve for an Aged Folks'
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A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND.

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and be regarded as a foreigner does not indi-
cate a happy position. Yet this young man
arrived in Melbourne with no friend to greet
him. He is only partly trained as a crafts-
man. He is a Christian, and soon found
sanctuary with one of our churches. The work-
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