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World Council of Churches

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS AT ROLLE, SWITZERLAND.

As Fraternal Delegate of our World Convention, Jesse M. Bader has attended the three annual meetings of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches held since the Amsterdam Assembly in 1948. His full report of this year's meeting, held at Rolle, Switzerland, August 4-11, tells of meeting interesting personalities (such as John R. Mott, now 36, but as active as ever in the cause of unity) and decisions to hold the next Christian World Youth Conference at Travancore, India, in December, 1952, just preceding the next meeting of the Central Committee in Lucknow in the first two weeks of 1953. The second Assembly of the World Council will be held in Evanston, Illinois, during the last two weeks of August, 1954.

Dr. Bader also mentions that the World Council is living within its budget, which for 1952 is \$360,000, excluding the work of Inter-Church Aid and Refugees. Churches outside the United States in 1950 increased their giving to 22 per cent. of the budget, the rest being given by churches in that country.

It has been decided that the themes to be studied at the Evanston Assembly will be:-

(1) "The Unity which we have in Christ and the Disunity of the Churches."

(2) "The Mission of the Churches to Elements of Society at present largely separated from them." (Evangelism.)

(3) "The Responsible Society in a World Perspective."

(4) "The Struggle for a World Community."

(5) "Race Relations." (Exact title to be given later.)

(6) "The Christian Layman in his Vocation." It is proposed that these six topics be presented in large, public evening meetings during the first week at Evanston, together with the work of the corresponding World Council Department, thus giving opportunity to combine the subject matter of the Assembly with the work of the World Council.

It is planned that during the first week of the Evanston Assembly there be a discussion of the main theme in 15 groups of 50 each, and during the second week the Assembly would meet in six sections of 125 each to consider the above six themes.

Three Closed Sessions at Rolle.

There were three closed sessions during the week at Rolle in order to hear confidential reports from some of those present who brought valuable information from countries behind the iron curtain. The countries under consideration particularly were China, the nations of East

Asia and Hungary. The letter of resignation from Professor Chao, of China, was read. In it he stated the reasons for his resignation as one of the six presidents of the World Council,



Jesse M. Bader.

The Central Committee requested its general secretary, W. A. Visser't Hooft, to send a suitable reply to the letter, assuring the churches in China of our desire to remain in fellowship with them and they with us. Great care must be taken with reference to our contacts with our brethren in countries behind the iron curtain, lest our contacts through letters or otherwise might endanger their lives and further hamper their work. We can pray for them. Albert Bereczky, Bishop of the Reformed Church of Hungary, was present throughout the week at Rolle. He had not been in the meeting long until he requested that he be disassociated from the committee officially and considered only as an observer.

The International Missionary Council and the World Council.

During the week I was a member of one of the six committees to consider, "The Calling of the Church to Mission and to Unity." This committee considered closer relations between the I.M.C. and the W.C.C. The I.M.C. has to do with World Evangelism and the W.C.C. has

to do largely with the unity of the church. We were all admonished again and again to consider the meaning of the word "Ecumenical" to include both the unity of the churches and the world mission of the churches. In recognition of the inseparability of the unity and the mission of the church, the I.M.C. and the W.C.C. are constitutionally "in association with" one another. The question was raised whether or not this association of two autonomous organisations adequately expresses the unity in calling and purpose which both bodies acknowledge. Should "association" now give place to a new and much closer relationship? There is no question but that this must be done. The leaders in both organisations are eager that this "closer relationship" be brought about as soon as possible. Therefore it was suggested that the officers of the I.M.C. and the W.C.C. examine this question afresh and make such recommendations to both bodies as may make their relationship the most convincing instrument and symbol possible of the unity which we all desire.

The World Council and Evangelism.

The weakest place in the structure of the World Council is at the place of evangelism. It ought to be the strongest, but alas, it is not. The budget for this year is \$7,477.00, and the decision of the Central Committee was that the 1952 budget should remain the same. Evangelism is not given the dignified status of a department along with the other causes in the World Council. There is not even a committee to guide and direct this part of the Council's programme. The Secretary of Evangelism is attached to the Secretariat. Up until recently he worked under the supervision of Stephen Neill. Bishop Neill is ill and has had to resign from the staff of the Council. At present it is not clear just who on the staff is responsible for the directing of the work of the Secretary of Evangelism, J. C. Hoskendijk. The handbook of Evangelism which was studied at Amsterdam stated, "Evangelism is the lifeblood of the World Council." What happened to evangelism at Amsterdam and since does not bear out this grand and true statement. Since it is the "life-blood of the World Council" then the Central Committee specially should give more concern to its blood stream for the sake of the health and vigor of the body itself. It is hoped that the Evanston Assembly will give evangelism a more dignified place in its structure and function.

Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.

The gift of the Disciples of Christ in America for relief in Europe is not only in terms of (Continued on page 412.)

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus .- 1 Tim. 2: 5.

> (Selected by church officers, Moreland, Vic.)

THOUGHT STIMULUS.

How often we speak of things as though they were God's will which are simply brought about by our own foolishness or sin. How much we need the virtue of discrimination here, so that we may blame ourselves, and not our heavenly Father, for our misadventures.—Ruby Ellis.

In the



Sanctuary

Broadcast Communion Service

There are many difficulties in the way of a successful broadcast of our morning communion service. broadcast of our morning communion service. One of the hardest tasks is to hold the interest of the radio listeners during the time when the bread and the cup are being distributed to the church congregation. Sometimes it is left to the organist to play throughout this period, but however skilled he or she is, music alone, for such a time, accentuates rather than relieves what to the listener is a curious break in the normal flow of a service. Sometimes the preacher repeats softly flow of a service. Sometimes the preacher repeats, softly and slowly, texts which are appropriate to the faithful observance of the Lord's Supper. These may be helpful to the Christian listener, but for the average man they often suffer from lack of continuity. An effective combination of voice and music may however not only held the tion of voice and music may, however, not only hold the interest but make the service live to the average listener. The following is an example of such a combination:

The preacher gives this softly spoken commentary into a short microphone placed alongside his chair;

1. With the giving of thanks, the memorial bread is broken, and the communion plates passed to the deacons. Quietly now they begin to move down the aisles to serve the waiting congregation. Each in turn takes of the broken bread, and bows the head in reverent remembrance of him who freely gave his own body to be broken for us all. There is an enduring beauty in the simple act. It is repeated every Sunday, but does not become a meaningless rite. It remains the living heart of this worship hour, when prayers rise like that of James Montgomery:

Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart; Saviour, abide with us and spread Thy table in our heart.

*So in quiet meditation, thoughts turn irresistibly to him, as the organ's soft music reminds us afresh of the wonder-"Only his great eternal love made my Saviour go."

2. Now,-from the central table, the communion trays are being passed, and once again the deacons walk quietly down the aisles. From them each member takes a small communion glass, drains it, and, as before, bows the head in prayer and meditation. There is through all this a spirit of peace, seeming in strange contrast to the redness of the wine in the cups. That redness speaks of sacrifice; but it is no dead Man, no lost Cause, that we remember this morning. Rather, we share the triumph at the heart of the apostle Paul when he cried: "As often as ye cat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's death till he come." In this communion "we look forward he come." In this communion *we look forward as well as back. Though the organ may hush our hearts as it softly tells us: "He dies, the lowly man of sorrows," yet in a few moments it will swell to the thrilling words of victory: "I am he that liveth, and behold I am alive for evermore." As you listen, may the inner meaning of this feast possess your heart also.

(*Organ begins playing here, and continues until deacons return to the table.)

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Wanted - A FIGHTING FAITH!

The "British Weekly" recently gave front-page prominence to an article by a lad of seventeen. He looked at both church and nation and their failure to meet his needs. Here was no cold prose, but a heart-cry. It was not always clear, nor was its logic irresistible, but its passion was. Among his words, which carried more than a passing punch, were these: "The church is so muddled and its people so selfish that they cannot throw us young people into the work that needs to be done. They sit around waiting for people to become so terrified by despair and the hopelessness of life in this war-threatened world that in the end they'll 'flock back to the last resort of lost souls'-God and the church. Can we lightly dismiss that as mere im-It's nauseating." mature criticism? Much the same thing was said recently by John Foster Dulles, American and Christian statesman of many years' standing: "What we lack," he said, "is a right-eous and dynamic faith. Without it all else avails us little. Our greatest need is to regain confidence in our spiritual The plain fact is that youth and age alike realise that the urgent needs of our day can never be met by flabby little-faith. The Christian church must live a fighting faith.

OUR TIMES DEMAND IT

All over the world forces are locked in a desperate struggle The battles being fought for the possession of men's minds and hearts are more deadly even than those Korea has known. Evil agencies like nationalism, racialism and secularism are poisoning the blood-stream of humanity. Men hover between a baseless optimism and a hopeless pessimism, and rarely, if ever, think deeply of God in either. The old absolutes on which they once built their lives have crashed, and nothing seems secure any more. Think of the millions of German and Italian youth for whom the almighty State was once the absolute, around which all of life revolved. They find themselves buried in its ruins and the dullness of disillusion is in their eyes. Yet for all this other lands as well are setting up again this pagan god of the State and worshipping it, forgetful of its fatal feet of clay. Men must believe in something. They need their They will resurrect them even from the ruins absolutes. if no living word is spoken to their need. And that living word the church must speak now or be branded a traitor both to its Lord and its age. In no previous time have great Christian words such as sacrifice, forgiveness, salvation, resurrection, been so close to the knuckle of men's need. must, at whatever cost, reveal that Lord as the one Absolute around whom faith has never crashed in disillusion. That demands from us all an aggressive faith such as

OUR LORD DEFINES IT

He bade men look with unblinkered eyes at what life would mean if they followed him. Homeless journeyings; the daily lifting of a cross; tribulation in the world; judgment before governors, councils and kings; persecution, hatred, betrayal, torture and death—all these, he said, they might expect from a world that hated him. But they never sat, afraid, behind barred doors, while he was with them. Nor did they, once the spirit of the risen Lord possessed them. From the beginning he had chosen men that "they should be with him, and that he might send them forth" (Mark 3: 14). Even while they were still learning from him, he sent seventy in pairs on a special tour without him. "I send you forth as lambs among wolves," he said (Luke 10: 3), but he still sent them, and they went, to return

later, radiant from the adventure of faith. None but a fighting faith could ever have dared take seriously the great commission, or done the deeds which make Acts of Apostles such a thrilling book. It was when they were at their bravest that they reminded their enemies of the Man against whose courageous faith they had broken themselves in vain. There was nothing either isolationist or compromising about their witness; they plunged into the world's needs with a programme and appeal which were centred in the living Christ. They paid the price, even the heavy tolls their Master had foreseen, but they were true to their destiny, sowing the seeds of an enduring church with such a faith. Like them,

OUR LOYALTIES DECIDE IT

Their supreme loyalty was to Jesus Christ. "We cannot but speak the things that we have seen and heard" (Acts 4: 20) was a simple conviction against which officialdom battered in vain, as it did later against men like Luther and Bunyan. It is when that essential loyalty gives way to other allegiances that concessions induce comfort, and "the smooth appeasements of time." Jesus put it graphically when he said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6: 21.) Whenever a lesser loyalty usurps the allegiance we owe to him we destroy the cutting edge of faith; indeed, we no longer wish to use it. for the slippered comfort of a creed that doesn't interfere with others' lives, nor even with our own, except where we wish it. And we add the final blasphemy of calling that Christianity! We need to hear again the word of Henry Drummond to his students: "Gentlemen, always put Jesus Christ in his place, and remember that his place is first!" The grim conflicts of loyalties which Japanese Christians knew yesterday, and Chinese Christians experience to-day, may be ours to-morrow. But only in complete surrender to his will is a really virile faith possible. For

OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT

Both New Testament and church history show starkly that the church which fails to evangelise and confront men with the living Christ; which values material security more than spiritual integrity, has already signed its own death-warrant. It is worth remembering now that when Japan awoke to the Western world less than a century ago what fascinated her travelling students was our Western materialism, not our religious faith. There did go to Europe a special delegation to inquire into the suitability of Christianity for Japanese people. But when they saw the artificiality of Western "high life" and the squalor of its "low life," they returned home unimpressed. In those years of decisive opportunity the Christian church sent missionaries and money into Japan, but on nowhere near the scale that the rationalists worked to distribute their literature, or the Communists to spread their teachings. Now, since the war, we have been given a second chance in Japan, but again the Christian response is pitifully small in relation to the needs. Others with evil creeds are true also in other lands. making the sacrifices we talk about. Others whose teachings hold in them the seeds of death for all we value shame us by their aggressive faith.

There can be no alibis. We dare not offer men a bloodless substitute, and we cannot give them the real thing without paying the price ourselves. But it's either that, or be "left in God's contempt apart, with ghostly smooth life, dead at heart." Which shall it be? PERCY PITTMAN, whose recent book, "Village India," is being highly praised in overseas journals, writes interestingly on

My Idea of Mr. Gandhi

An Indian student once asked me if I did not think Mr. Gandhi was the greatest man in the world. I said I thought he was a great man, a very great man, but as to being the greatest in the world I should have to know every man in the world before I could venture an opinion. I am afraid he went away sorrowful, like the young man in the Gospel.

In Simla I saw Mr. Gandhi and heard him speak in Hindustani. Large crowds of men sat on the ground wrapped in blankets or cloth, because Simla is more than 7000 feet up in the Himalayas, and the night air Loud speakers were posted all round the wide, level space. Mr. Gandhi was clad in homespun, and he spoke for a long while on practical matters such as food, clothing, sanitation, childmarriage and the like, and from all I heard and all I have read of his writings, I concluded that he was great in his power to apply the teachings of Jesus to every-day life. Spurgeon used to say that the sermon begins when the application begins, and if that is true Mr. Gandhi was a great preacher. I have read that he was in the habit of reading the New Testament every day, and at certain periods of his life he held daily Bible classes with students. In this matter he puts some of us to shame. The great need of the world to-day is the practical application of Christianity to all the peeds of marking temporal and spiritual. all the needs of mankind, temporal and spiritual. We should have little to fear from Communism if this were done. I cannot endorse all of we should have little to lear from Communism if this were done. I cannot endorse all of Mr. Gandhi's applications, especially in the realm of party-politics, but in the sphere of social service he was worthy of our imitation. I trust the day will come when every local church will be a social service department in itself, and every member a social worker in some way or other.

I used to see Mr. Candhi walking about Simla with Mr. Nehru, engaged in earnest conversa-tion, and we all saw even then that Mr. Nehru was qualifying for the wearing of the Prophet's mantle. If a great man may be known by his capacity to choose, inspire and train successors, then Mr. Gandhi was a great man.

Mr. Gandhi was in Simla at that time, to have interviews with the Viceroy, Lord Halifax. One day he was returning on foot from Vice-regal Lodge, accompanied by a large band of young Indian men dressed in home-spun and young Indian men dressed in nome-spun and carrying large bamboo staves. They were acting as his bodyguards. As they passed me and my wife, Mr. Gandhi looked at us and smiled. He had a very engaging smile, and his face lit up in a very pleasing way. But I could not help feeling that there was an unspoken apology in his every for a little hit of sillings. The in his eyes for a little bit of silliness. The Viceroy went about without a bodyguard, and at that time there was no need of one for Mr. Gandhi. It was, of course, not his idea, and he no doubt felt he could not throw cold water on the enthusiasm of his worthful felt. water on the enthusiasm of his youthful fol-lowers. The bodyguard functioned all the while he remained in Simla.

"Nothing but good of the dead," says the old proverb, and Mr. Gandhi was assassinated by a man who was zealous for the old Hinduism with its caste-system, idolatry, child-marriage, priestcraft, untouchability, and all that. Mr. Gandhi lost his life for the truth, and any man who does that is not far from the king-dom. I heard Stanley Jones once say that he pleaded with Mr. Gandhi to accept Jesus as his Saviour and Lord, and confess him and join the church, and in the end he asked him: "Tell me this, have you found peace?" and Mr. Gandhi said: "I have."

"Well, then," said Stanley Jones, "I have no more to say.'

We all wish with all our hearts that he had made an open profession of faith in Christ and joined his church, for that is the clearlydeclared will of Jesus; but we are not his

After his assassination a large poster was displayed in Calcutta with the figure of Christ on the cross, and Mr. Gandhi and other martyrs standing below, and the words, "These gave their lives for our sins; how can we go on sinning?"

There is a danger just here. Only One could pay the price of sin, and all others, including ing Mr. Gandhi, are sinners needing cleansing and power. It is quite possible Mr. Gandhi may now be made a god and worshipped, but that would be entirely against his wishes. The question, however, "how can we go on sinning?" is quite in order for us all, and should be laid to heart.

All the time he stayed in Simla he lived in the home of a wealthy Hindu. This was his custom everywhere. The palaces of rajas and rich men, with all their luxury, were always open to him, and he accepted the invitations. He was in a palace when he was assassinated. In view of his constant condemnation of wealth, and his championship of the cause of the poor, it is difficult for some of us to defend him from the charge of inconsistency. He may have justified himself by his need of privacy for his writing, interviews, and work, but I don't know.

I do know that there was only One who was always consistent, and who could say, "Which of you convicteth me of sin?" and that was the One who once said to a too-ready candidate for discipleship, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

(Continued.)

dollars and cents, but they have contributed Robert Tobias. Everywhere his services are spoken of in the highest terms. He is tailor-made for his job. The Protestant churches made for his job. The Protestant churches around the world last year provided ten million dollars to support European churches and fellow-Christians in their courageous witness and to maintain a ministry to the homeless. A further two million dollars, not included in the ten million for Europe, was raised and spent in the United States, South America, in various the United States, South America, in various other countries overseas, and in Europe, in order to receive, relocate and serve new immigrants, and to help them to find church homes. This Department of the World Council reported 61,000 displaced persons resettled; 8790 tons (valued at \$5,292,215,00) of food, clathing and walked leaves in distributed and services are services and services and services and services and services and services and services are services and services and services and services are services and services are services and services and services are se clothing and medical supplies distributed; the "Churches-in-Exile" helped; 127 theological students from 13 countries given opportunity for study abroad; 132 pastors and church work-ers brought to Switzerland for a six weeks' recuperation period within an ecumenical fellow-ship of Christians of many lands and denominations; another 55 were taken to Switzerland who

were suffering from tuberculosis, and many other projects were carried on in the name of Christ for the relief of suffering and the strengthening of the churches in war-torn lands.

The Ecumenical Institute.

The Ecumenical Institute of Bossey made an The rebuilding of the interesting report. The rebuilding of the Chateau and the re-thinking of the staff structure has led also to a re-thinking of the programme. It is intended to add an entirely new function to the programme of the Institute, namely, a Graduate Institute for Ecumenical Studies on an academic level. This will take place annually from October to February, and associated with the University of Geneva. In this plan, strongly supported by the Theological Faculty of Geneva and favored by the Senate, an endeavor to organise an academic centre for Ecumenical Studies will be realised.

Inspiring Report from Germany.

A report was given by Reinold von Thadden of Germany concerning the recent Kirchentag held in Berlin. Mr. von Thadden is a layman. He reported that during the four days' meeting there were over 400,000 present. Germans came together from the East and the W Their motto during the meeting was, "We are still brethren." It is quite surprising that the larger number came from East Germany. The churches of both East and West carry on an annual lay programme, the climax of which is the Kirchentag. Next year the meeting will be held in Stuttgart. There is no doubt but that the recent meeting in Berlin was the largest gathering of Christians held since the beginning of the Reformation.

State Newsreel

Ethelbert Davis, N.S.W.

The Home Mission secretary, W. J. Crossman, was guest speaker at the second anniversary service of the Toowon Bay-Gosford churches on Sunday, Aug. 5. Afterwards he conferred with the officers on the question of future work of the churches in the district.

Peter Retchford, itinerant evangelist, commenced his duties under the direction of the Home Missionary Committee on July 31. Travelling in the recently acquired gospel waggon, he visited Mayfield, Tamworth, Inverell and Delungra districts. He is at present engaged in pastoral itineration around the Byron Bay and Murrwillumbah centres. He is planned to commence a tent mission at Bexley North on

Newcastle District Churches Convention is a most virile group, and have a mind to work. A monster "working bee" has been planned to erect a building at Cardiff on Aug. 25. £50 has been granted by the Home Missionary Committee; a loan of £200 from the Property Trust; and a gift of £100 from the Chatswood church has given the brethren encouragement. most recent venture is getting in on the ground floor at Surprise Town, six miles from New-castle. Three of the best blocks available in order of preference have been booked. Formal application has been made to confirm the booking. The District Churches Convention were the first religious body to act. Newcastle district presents a great challenge with its population of about 140,000. At present we have only four churches to meet the needs of this area as we understand them.

The conference president recently presided over a meeting of the Home Missionary Committee and the Youth Department. The outcome of the meeting will be a closer fellow-

ship in the larger work of evangelism.

Some time ago the Home Missionary Committee visited groups of churches to consider (continued on page 413.)

Fifty Years Ago

Excerpts from "The Australian Christian" of SEPT. 5, 1901

Editor: A. B. Maston.

Preach realities!—Instead of breaking the bread of life to a hungry people, the churches are often engaged in cracking nuts, theological muts, and when the nuts are open they are found to be devoid of food. We are too much like Henry Ward Beecher's dog. One day he treed a chipmunk. For one year and three months every time he passed he barked up the hollow of that tree. I have preached on subjects and afterwards felt like asking the Lord to forgive me for doing so. I fear that I was barking up a tree from which the game had long fled. It was not live game that I was pursuing, but a phantom and a shadow of former times. Preach the great doctrines of Christ and salvation a thousand times, and then preach them once again, but avoid those topics which Paul says minister questions rather than addly edifying in the faith. (W. C. Morro, in Melbourne Town Hall, at 45th anniversary of Melbourne and Suburban City Mission.)

News of the Churches.—P. J. Pond reports from South Richmond, Vic.: "New Testament Christianity is still



P. J. Pond.

Christianity is still triumphing here. Last week three more persons, all adults, confessed Christ and were obedient to him in baptism. This gives ten accessions for the month, making 27 from all sources since May. Sunday night the meeting was exceptionally large, with a fine intelligent audience in which the

menfolk were well in evidence, a number of whom heard the unmixed gospel message for the first time. Some are inquiring, and the din of battle resounds around us."

The Federal Cause.—At the meeting of the W.A. Home Missionary Committee, held on Aug. 21, it was resolved: "That we co-operate with the eastern States (as per suggestions from the N.S.W. Committee) in an effort to secure the establishment of the cause in the Federal Capital by the erection of a suitable building." To assist in this movement a fund has been opened in Perth, and the conference secretary, A. E. Illingworth, will be pleased to receive contributions from West Australian brethren.

Our Drink Bill.—In the two States of Victoria and New South Wales alone, nine millions sterling was spent on intoxicants. Surely the day will come when sane men will look back upon the present state of affairs with amazement and wonder that their forefathers supported, or even tolerated, the existence of a system which, as an eminent politician has assured us, causes more misery than war, famine and pestilence combined! (Editorial Notes.)

STATE NEWSREEL (Concluded)

the formation of circuits. A meeting was held on July 30 at Hurstville, when representatives from Hurstville, Penshurst, Beverley Hills and Mortdale met; a representative from the Youth Department and College Board were also in attendance. A discussion revealed that a majority of those in attendance were in favor of forming a circuit. It was pointed out that in a population of some 40,000 we are represented by 265 members.

Minister's Musings

SUNDAY.-It has been a desperate day. Over us all as we gathered for the usual church services there hung a sense of impending The latest news that I could give tragedy. them was that the doctors were still fighting hard to save Tom Lake's life, following the fearful head injuries he had received when the hospital with his parents, Andrew and Mary, waiting, fearing, praying, wondering, as the lad held his own when it seemed he must slip away. I had grown to admire Andrew and Mary, but never so much as in those hours. I knew what this only son meant to them, but I learnt then what the love of God also meant to them. Rita, who was with Tom at the time, received only minor injuries, but is badly shocked, poor girl. She was detained in hospital for the night. I was desperately weary pital for the night. as I tried to preach to-day, but it was a long time since I had sensed an atmosphere so charged with prayer. This lad and his parents had earned the love which now welded us into one family, "weeping with those who weep." preached as much to myself as to others as I talked of "The Indispensable One" who said, "Without me ye can do nothing." But with

MONDAY.—I met G. V. Thorne down the street to-day, and rather to my surprise he stopped me to ask after Tom Lake. Mr. Thorne is one of those men who like to boast (rather unnecessarily) that they are "self-made," and likes his office staff to call him G.V. (He doesn't seem at all aware that long ago they altered that to "Gravy"—when he's not around! Some of his activities are certainly as murky as gravy, even if they're as rich—at least for G.V.!) But he seemed genuinely concerned about Tom, mainly because of his father. "Andrew Lake is the 'whitest' man I know," he said. "There's nothing of the psalm-singing hypocrite about him—begging your pardon!" As I walked on I thought of the influence of a Christian business man on even a dubious character like Thorne. But, after all, whatever a man's own character (or lack of it!) he is usually prepared to respect courage and the real thing. An incident in the life of Charles II. is an excellent example of that. He once visited Winchester, and asked that, for the length of his stay, a house belonging to the church should be set aside for Nell Gwynn. But clergyman Thomas Ken answered him bluntly that "a woman of ill-repute ought not to be endured in the house of a clergyman, and especially the king's chaplain." Charles was naturally very annoyed, but when he later had to choose a Bishop of Bath and Wells his mind turned to "the little black fellow that refused his lodging to poor Nelly." Character counts, even with the Charles Stuarts and G. V. Thornes.

TUESDAY.—Our Youth Fellowship members rejoiced to-night when I told them that the brain specialist in charge of Tom's case had told his parents and me to-day that if the lad maintains his present fight for a few more days, there is a definite hope that he will live. I did not tell them that he had privately said to me that at this stage he could not guarantee that Tom would regain full mental health. I dared not probe that any further. "But the boy has a strong will to live," he added. There's more to it than that as I think the specialist would have realised if he had sat with me to-night while one after another of these young people prayed by name for their friend. I doubt if any of them had read Leslie Kingsbury's article in last week's "Christian" on the Iona Community and their faith in the healing value of praying for the sick by name, but

here was the same principle in action. Some of these boys and girls had never prayed in public before. As I listened I was deeply moved and suddenly confident.

WEDNESDAY.—This afternoon I was one of the group of twelve "old boys" of the College of the Bible who stood around the open grave of a highly honored former teacher. J. S. Taylor and the college were two names inseparably linked for almost forty years, until his retirement in 1949. We knew how the thoughts of former students the world over would be stirred by the news. This was a virile man, whose oft-repeated advice to students to "shun delights and live laborious days" was somewhat belied by a temperament which showed that the pursuit of knowledge need not be always "laborious." It seemed typical of the man that during his last brief days in hospital he should have been reciting "The Ancient Mariner" to the nurses. At the funeral I felt like Burne Jones at that of Robert Browning. He wrote later: "I would have given something for a banner or two, and I would have given much if a chorister had come out and rent the air with a trumpet." At least in our hearts we salute the memory of a true gentleman of God and the friend of all his students.

THURSDAY.—The cheery chirping of birds penetrated to the room where Mrs. James was chatting with me this afternoon. When I remarked on it she took me outside to see her bird-bath. We kept our distance so as not to disturb the merry picture. "See how the sparrows' just perch around the edge," she remarked. "They don't like the deeper water, and they're quite happy with the splashings from the other birds who do." I don't know much about birds, but somehow the sparrows didn't seem to me to be enjoying themselves nearly as much as those who weren't afraid of the deeper water. I know some folk who wonder why their religion doesn't mean as much to them as it does to some of their friends. They really ought to look at the sparrows around Mrs. James' bird-bath. They're contenting themselves with the splashes from other people's religious experiences, and missing the joy of those who remember that their Lord once said, "Launch out into the deep."

FRIDAY.—I chafed a little when old Bill Harrington held me up on my way to the hospital this afternoon. It was the same old story of the "good old days" which he had told me many times, though he didn't remember that. But he has a spark of humor which relieves the monotony of repetition at times. In some ways he makes me think of Francis McConnell's American Civil War veteran. The old chap was fond of telling an incident in which he had been sent out to search for food. He found a likely-looking smoke-house, but was fired on before he could force the lock and investigate. He made a hasty escape back to his own lines. As he grew older this last detail was conveniently forgotten, and instead, with each telling, one by one of the enemy patrol were killed off by the lone soldier. When his nephew one day reminded him of the original form of the story the old man gave him a long look and said: "Frank, as I have grown older, I find that my memory has grown better!"

SATURDAY.—Good news with which to close the week.—Tom Lake is maintaining his slight but definite improvement. The specialist is still praising his will to live. He doesn't know that he is dealing with a life in which a mighty purpose was taking shape—and that's not easily defeated. On that note, I like these words from Gwyn Thomas: "However dark the day, he lit a wick of purpose that left no shadow."

We note with pleasure that Chaplain L. Crisp, who recently returned to Queensland

Crisp, who recently returned to Queensland following an operation in a Singapore hospital, was sufficiently recovered to speak at Albion church on the evening of Aug. 26.

The Federal F.M. Board advise that an all-churches inter-island conference was held for four days at Ndui-Ndui, Aoba, during August. Upwards of one thousand five hundred gathered and had to be entertained for the conference and had to be entertained for the conference period. Future work and plans were discussed, and an offering taken to carry out such work resulted in £2000 being received. Two articles will appear in subsequent issues of the "Christian."

There were ten decisions at the Hinrichsen-Perry mission, Merredin, W.A., on Aug. 26,

bringing the total to 62.

For next year's World Convention of churches of Christ, Victoria expects from other Australian States about 1500 visitors, from the U.S.A. 200, from New Zealand 200, from England, Europe, South Africa, and the mission fields of India and the New Hebrides together, another 100.

On Aug. 27, Margaret-st. church, Launceston, Tas., tendered a public farewell to Sister Win Walker prior to her departure on return to the Indian mission field. The representative gathering included members of other churches in the State. The State conference president in the State. The State conference president took part. Speakers included J. Heard (Overseas Missions Comm.), E. A. Heard (other churches), J. Luff (Margaret-st.), and auxiliary representatives. Following a presentation by Mr. Luff, Sister Walker responded. Further fellowship was enjoyed at supper. Earlier in the day the Ladies' Guild had entertained Sister Walker to aftended the conference of the state o Walker to afternoon tea.

South Australian churches of Christ are preparing for their 77th annual conference, to be held Sept. 12-19. Albert McGlasson is president, and the conference sermon will be given by E. R. Sherman, B.A., Dip.Ed., preacher of Maylands church, S.A., and editor of the State monthly paper. Other speakers include Sister Win Walker, A. W. C. Candy, J. K. Robinson, Reg. Enniss, C. E. Curtis, E. C. Hinrichsen, K. Bloxham, and the president. Statistics show a State membership of 5291, an increase of 46 on figures for 1950.

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regular readers. An increased circulation is needed to stabilise costs.

Endeavorers returning home from the 24th National C.E. Convention in Sydney have reported inspiring meetings based on the convention theme, "The Authority of Christ." It was decided to hold the next National Convention in 1953 in Laureeston Tasspania tion in 1953 in Launceston, Tasmania.

During September the Bible school committee of the Victorian Youth Department is conducting a drive for new enrolments in the cradle roll section of the Bible schools. Workers are asked to do all they can to contact parents of babies in their district not already enrolled, and to notify the department of their achieve-

Services for breaking of bread have been com-menced in home of R. E. Hillbrick, Moe, Vic. Attendances have been promising and future prospects are bright. This work will be carried on with help and oversight of church at Morwell, as a circuit arrangement. J. G. Shaw has already done much visitation. Through the efforts of Victorian H.M. Committee, land has been secured in the new housing area, and a splendid opportunity exists, especially amongst children.

Missionary News

(Notes supplied by A. Anderson, Sec. F.M. Board)

Busy Days on Pentecost

Women's Work.

"Our sick folk and maternity cases keep George, Lily and me on the move. The measles have not yet cleared up in the Narua district and Wai area. The women of Narua (northern group of churches) seem eager to have their babies at the mission. The small launch is invaluable for bringing these people

and taking them home.

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"To-day we had our women's testimony meeting at Vania and Lily gave a very fine testimony. (Lily is the daughter of the early Pentecost teacher Tabymancon.) She gave a very fine talk on Mark 13: 32-37, and explained to the women in their own language, telling them to be ready for the Lord's return at any time. She was very earnest and all listened attentively. Nellie also gave a good testimony. It is good to see these girls 'growing in grace'!".—Dorothy Smith.

More Baptisms Reported.

"At Ranwash (new Christian village) and Lonlibli the work is in good heart. Seth had six baptisms while we were out. These all had a full heathen background. Mrs. Smith has been having women's meetings in the vil-lages, one at Lekal and one at Ramptor. In the latter case the women walked the rough journey from Ranwash and Lonlibli to attend.

"Our mails have certainly been very belated. There has been no means of getting mail out. We are a forgotten part of the world here regarding ships. I hope to be putting the roof on the new house to-morrow."—Jack Smith.

Timely Rains-India.

"We have had a wonderful start to the monsoon this year. Many say that it is the best on record as far as our district is concerned. Unfortunately it is not true of Baramati as they are having, or were until last week-end, an exceptionally dry year. "Our fodder situation for the animals was

serious, but along came the rain. We have not a single piece of fodder left in the shed, but with plenty of grass, green fodder that the men have commenced to cut, and lucerne, we feel as though we will be able to pull through. . . . I do hope we can get through without having to buy as prices are high, and we will have to pay out a few hundred rupees if we have to start. We still have six months to go before we can reckon on our Jowari fodder, but I have a crop of bazri in, that should be ready for harvesting mid-September, and this should provide us with up to two months' fodder. This, together with lucerne and grass, we are hoping will enable us to get through.

"Everything looks so wonderful and green, it is a real pleasure to look out on the countryside, and to move out in the villages. fortunately because of mud and large deep pools of water across the roadways between here and the villages, we are not able to go out there at all by motor, and may be cut off from them, as far as motor transport is concerned, for months. We will have to make the best

use of our cycles and the bullock cart.

"Our village work goes along steadily. The bullock cart fortunately has been able to get out each Sunday to enable the preachers to have fellowship with the Christians. Because of the poverty of some, we have taken one or two extra boys at Dhoraja, on the approval of the C.O.M., and we may have to take up to 30 boys in all. That will be the total there. We are moving cautiously, and have 26 at present."—B. V. Coventry.

J. S. Taylor of Glen Iris

Very peacefully, on Tuesday, Aug. 28, there passed from this life a greatly loved man in the person of John Stewart Taylor. Born in the person of John Stewart Taylor. Born in the Ballarat district the son of a Presbyterian minister, he later studied at the Melbourne University, taking his B.A. degree. He joined the faculty of the College of the Bible in 1914, and remained a most loyal teacher for thirty-six years, retiring at the end of 1949. Mr. Taylor engaged in teaching secular subjects in preparation for University examinations. His contact with the students came at the beginning of their courses. He took us "in the rough" and began to shape our thinking and living for



J. S. Taylor.

the years to follow. It is impossible to compute the impressions of this good man's life and teaching on hundreds of students. Although his work dealt specifically with secular subjects, students well remember those luxurious moments of insight and vivid expression, when his mind overflowed—a mind steeped in the Word of God and all things pure and true and Our friend possessed graces which beautiful. lent continuous charm and freshness to his strong character.

As a member of the college faculty he always displayed the utmost loyalty, courtesy and devotion. He took a deep personal interest in every student. No toil or time were too much if he could help them to success in their studies. His eagerness to serve seemed boundless right to the end. Wherever his students are found "J.S.T." was quoted, appreciated, loved. His chief joy was to follow the activities of his students as they went out into all parts of the world to preach the Word. As a member of the college faculty he alinto all parts of the world to preach the Word. He rejoiced in their victories and sympathised

with those who bore heavy burdens.

He loved the Glen Iris valley, its trees, winding stream, open spaces, bird-songs, but most of all the college in the glen. When he retired he wrote to the Board of Management thanking the members for the privilege of service. the members for the privilege of service. In his early days at college he wrote: "It is easy to see that the college is inspiring its students to move the world to its highest destiny." They are flower and fruit of a goodly planting, blossoming and ripening to fulfil a fragrant purpose." And at the end of his course he prayed for his students: "Almighty God, make us all we ought to be, fit us for all we ought to do."

The funeral services at his home and the Burwood Cemetery were conducted by W. D. Marshall, minister of the Burwood Presbyterian Church, and Principal E. L. Williams. Our sympathy is with his sorrowing sister.

"So when a good man dies, For years beyond his ken, The light he leaves behind him shines Along the paths of men."



WOMEN'S FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

The secretary of our Women's Federal Conference, Mrs. E. Wickham, announces: "The tentative date for Women's Federal Conference in Melbourne is Thursday, July 31, 1952. The Women's Federal Executive is busy planning for that day, and anticipate having a very large attendance." It is not too early to make plans to attend.

EXECUTIVE NOTES.

Victoria.

There were 90 ladies present at the August meeting, over which Mrs. Withers presided. The devotional meditation was written by Mrs.

Stirling, of Yarrawonga, and read by Mrs. Wickham. The guest speaker was W. Wigney. Reports were made by the Missionary Department, Overseas Committee, Hospital Committee and Social Service. Mission Band contributions to date are £191.

In the absence of Mrs. Boxhall, the president, the July meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Watkins

led a helpful devotional period.

Executive funds will benefit by approximately \$10, as a result of an American Tea held at the home of Mrs. Holt.

Three new Mission Bands have been formed in Tasmania since conference. Material has been purchased and distributed for the making of 88 garments for aboriginal missions.

New South Wales.

Mrs. Colin Saxby was leader and Mrs. P. Verco, soloist, in the devotional session at the meeting on August 3. The president, Mrs. Greenhalgh, welcomed Mrs. A. W. Stuart, wife of the secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who gave an interesting address on her recent visit to the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Mrs. Frost has kindly undertaken the duties of catering superintendent. Miss K. Verco, of Bordertown, S.A., was a visitor.

South Australia.

There was an attendance of 94 delegates at the meeting on August 2, when Mrs. C. Verco, who has recently returned from a trip abroad, spoke of the guides they had whilst away, and led the thoughts of those present to the "Greater Guide.

Guide."

The young women's group at Glenelg has entertained migrants from Finsbury Camp, and Mrs. McQueen reported visiting migrant camps. Reports from Home, Overseas and Dorcas Committees were received, and Miss Mann announced that she had the list of clothing requirements for the Aborigine Missions. Mrs. Green spoke of the work of the National Council of Women.

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At the June meeting, when 76 members answered the roll-call, the members of the Hospital Committee, led by the superintendent, Mrs. Cooper, had charge of the devotional session.

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Mrs. Palmer was elected Overseas Superintendent, and reports were given on the various phases of auxiliary activities. Miss Maiden was farewelled as she was leaving for Brisbane. The president, Mrs. Seaby, conducted the devotional session at the July meeting, and Mrs. Armstrong was soloist. The treasurer's statement showed a balance of £283/1/7. Reports were given by the superintendents of the various control were given by the superintendents of the various departments, and Mrs. J. K. Robinson reported on the forthcoming Conference of United Council of Christian Women.

INTERSTATE

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

Discipleship

Correen Nutt, Prospect, S.A. Correen Nutt, Prospect, S.A.
Marlene Springgay, Prospect, S.A.
Norma Polley, Prospect, S.A.
Peter Hanson, Forestville, S.A.
Mrs. Potter, Fairfield, Vic.
John Archer Fairfield, Vic.
Doug. Belot, Hurstbridge, Vic.
Mr. Belot, Hurstbridge, Vic.
Tom Clift, Reservoir, Vic.
Mrs. Canavan, Mt. Evelyn, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. John Wladysuik, Geelong, Vic. Mr. George Wladysuik, Geelong, Vic. Mr. Bogulslew Wladysuik, Geelong, Vic. Mr. Bengamin Wladysuik, Geelong, Vic. Miss Winks, Rockdale, N.S.W. Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker, Ringwood, Vic. Lorna Rose, Reservoir, Vic.

Marriage

Dawn Miller to Ron Fenwick, Prospect, S. A.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. R. M. Wadsworth, South Auburn, N.S.W. Mrs. B. Gillett, Semaphore, S.A.
Mrs. A. M. Taylor, Semaphore, S.A.
Mrs. M. Cameron, Yarrawonga, Vic.
Mrs. McInnes, Reservoir, Vic.

Queensland

Mt. Walker.—Two young men from Bible school were baptised into Christ and received into fellowship on July 15. On July 26 L. Kissock, of B. and F. Bible Society, visited church and natural color sound film was shown on "Sons of Night." During Mr. Vanham's absence on Aug. 12, F. Smith took service. Mr. Davidson, of Ma Ma Creek, is guest speaker for September mission. New coat of paint has improved appearance of chapel.

Tasmania

Invermay.—R. M. Wilson has commenced ministry with church; his messages have been most inspiring and helpful. Attendances at gospel services are improving. Church meets on Wednesday evenings for prayer and Bible study. Thanks are expressed to members of Margaret-st. and Sandhill churches for their past help.

Devonport .- Mr. Denholme, of Bethany Boys' Home, spoke of that work on Aug. 26. Other speakers during August were H. Bruton, R. Pitt, R. Higgs and C. Burtt. Visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Mundy (Dover) and Mr. Price (Brighton, Vic.). Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Richardson are again enjoying fellowship after

Western Australia

Fremantle.—On Aug. 3 social evening was held to conclude "talent scheme" which had been in operation for three months to build up Manse no operation for three months to build up Manse Fund. Talents were returned amounting to £106/10/. Girls played a basketball match against a South Perth team on Aug. 11. This was followed by a youth tea. On Aug. 12 I.C.E. observed "Orange and Flower" day. A visit was paid to patients in Fremantle Hospital. On same afternoon six Fremantle members were visited. Visiting speaker during month was L. H. Park, conference president.

New South Wales

South Auburn.-Services are not largely at-South Auburn.—Services are not largely attended, but progress has been made. On Aug. 12 a young woman made her confession. As it was youth night E. Davies assisted E. W. Taylor with service. Several have been laid aside through illness. C.E. workers did their share for C.E. convention held in Sydney recently. Auxiliaries continue to progress, E. W. Taylor continues to give messages. Outpost work at Sefton Chester Hill continues to post work at Sefton Chester Hill continues to progress under guidance of R. T. Hickin and staff of faithful workers.

Rockdale.-On Aug. 19 Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were welcomed back after illness. A. Cust, of Chatswood, gave the gospel message. Several members are still ill. At Y.P.S.C.E. fellowship tea, J. Henderson was speaker. On Aug. 26 Victorian youth director, L. A. Trezise, brought

Beverly Hills.—Church enjoyed fellowship with Miss J. Moore (Goodwood, S.A.) and Miss A. Moore (Devonport, Tas.). Church C.E. Societies took part in some meetings and in choirs. Ladies' Guild combined with C.E. members in catering for official table at delegates' welcome on Aug. 2. Sickness is very prevalent, and affecting attendance. During the month morning speakers included Mr. Jelds (Bexley North) and Mr. Younghusband (Auburn South) Mr. Holloway of Hobart, was preasent. South). Mr. Holloway, of Hobart, was preacher at evening service on Aug. 26. On Aug. 29 church and C.E. combined to give Winnie Dickson, Gladys Kerr and Barbara Hansen a social prior to their weddings, and suitable gifts were presented.

South Australia

Hindmarsh.-Work in church and auxiliaries continues happily. There have been several cases of serious sickness including G. Russell. Members of auxiliaries gave preacher and his wife a surprise evening on their 40th wedding anniversary, and a presentation of a travelling rug was made. Ladies served supper, and bride and bridegroom cut the wedding cake. C.E. Society visited Mile End recently and conducted meeting. Prospect.—Church anniversary services commenced on Aug. 12. At morning service A. Anderson was visiting speaker and male quartette gave special item. Among visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Stanthorn, of Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Anderson, of Maylands, S.A. Singing of Williamstown male choir was enjoyed by all at P.S.A., and J. Cain, of Queenstown, was guest speaker. Evening service led by S. Patching completed a successful day. Choir assisted by past members sang special numbers and a Bible school girl made good confession. Anniversary meetings continued on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Anderson showed two iteresting films of New Hebrides mission, and on Aug. 19 with a church social. Two more Bible school scholars decided for Christ at gospel meeting on Aug. 20, Mr. Patching being speaker.

Forestville.—Well-attended services on Aug. 12 were an inspiration. After evening service at "friendly hour," Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Harper were welcomed home after twelve months in England and Continent on travelling scholarship. Afternoon Bible school enjoyed flannelgraph talk from Mr. Paddick, of Temperance Alliance. On Aug. 11 Y.P.F. enjoyed evening with aborigines at Colebrook Home and left gifts of sweets and groceries. Lance Anderson presented nature and travel films at Y.P.F. on Aug. 13. Mr. Russell has preached at all services during-August.

Nailsworth.—Miss E. Helps was given farewell on Aug. 16 with gift of groceries for Indian mission. At Ladies' Guild anniversary on Aug. 21, Miss Dix, just returned from China, was speaker. Men's Club visited Golden Crust Bakery on Aug. 21. B.S. anniversary was held on Aug. 19, 23 and 26, children singing under Ken Henley. A. Rebbeck, superintendent, presided at all meetings, speakers being N. Kingston, A. W. C. Candy and A. J. Fisher. Prizes were distributed at concert on Aug. 23. An impressive service was communion on Aug. 26, when junior members of church sat in front seats and received a special message. Aged Mrs. C. Ellis, of North Walkerville, was injured seriously in a motor accident and is in hospital.

Dulwich.—Annual church business meeting was held on Aug. 15. During year several crusade aims were accomplished and all youth sections are in active work. Mr. Cave moved to Bendigo and Geoff Whiting, of W.A., accepted position of minister. On Aug. 18 new manse was opened, and in spite of wet afternoon about 100 were present. Over £67 was taken at a trading table and free will offerings. Credit is due to Lance Brume for his work in connection with this building. One who was baptised on Aug. 12 was received into fellowship on Aug. 19.

Murray Bridge.—On Aug. 15 annual business meeting was held and all reports showed marked progress, 20 being added by faith and obedience. Preacher's salary has been increased. £26 was donated to foreign missions and manse debt reduced by £150. Owing to illhealth Don Dix resigned from Bible school, and Mr. Swincer was appointed superintendent. Mrs. Campbell resigned from kindergarten and Megg McAllister was appointed supt. On Aug. 26 two ladies were received into fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blenkiron were visitors from Lameroo. Mr. Dix and Mr. Eisemann were delegates to C.E. Convention in Sydney. Mr. Filmer's addresses are appreciated.

Kilburn.—About 30 older scholars of B.S. were entertained at tea on Aug. 26, when a programme of strip films and community hymn singing was arranged. Young folk remained for youth gospel service, when Dean Hamilton and Rodney Stone assisted. N. Kingston delivered gospel message. David Pritchard is again attending services, but Mr. Rutland is still sick. Cottonville church presented a pulpit to Kilburn. Les Milne is song-leader for gospel services

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Average number to break bread for past two months is 115. F.M. offering closed at £175. A young man made his decision at gospel service on Aug. 19. Mrs. Angell has been called to Sydney. Miss Leedham attended National C.E. Convention. Table tennis A (red) team is top of association. Don Mortimer, on vacation from C.O.B., helped in gospel service on Aug. 26. Inter-state visitors have encouraged with their fellowship during August.

Kadina.—August has been revival month, with helpful meetings. On Aug. 4, 22 from Berri district were entertained with lunch and a three-hour tour of district. Basket tea was followed by singspirational meeting. A civic welcome was given by the mayor and mayoress. Services on Aug. 5 were taken by these brethren. Jubilee year church anniversary services were held on Aug. 12 with messages from R. Ewers. Tea meeting on 14th was followed by spiritual meeting. I.C.E. took active part in gospel service on Youth Sunday. Several other visitors have been present.

Fullarton.—Judith Warland, polio patient in hospital, appreciated visit of two officers when together they partook of Lord's Supper. In absence of B. W. Manning at Merredin, W.A., speakers have been E. Humphrey Hall and Dr. Harold Steward.

Semaphore.—A weekly prayer meeting is being held in manse. On Aug. 7 Mrs. Edwards was speaker at Mission Band. 41st anniversary of church was held on Aug. 12. C. Schwab was speaker in morning and Theo. Edwards in evening. Choir rendered special anthems. Debt on manse has been liquidated. On Aug. 14 Salvation Army band and choristers provided programme at public meeting, and offering was given to work. Kindergarten department gave a demonstration on Aug. 26 led by Miss G. Taylor. Boys' Brigade took part in annual drill competition. Church parade of clubs was held on Aug. 12.

Victoria

Oakleigh.—K. Patterson has presented a series of addresses on the witness of churches of Christ. B. J. Combridge, representing Home Missionary Department, was speaker at morning service on Aug. 5. 95 people attended social evening on Aug. 11 in home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barnett, when £26 was received for Clayton land purchase fund.

West Preston.—Many members have suffered illness during past weeks including Mrs. Holden and Mr. Mathews who is still in hospital. Miss A. Trotter is also in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Keats and R. McKenzie are attending worship again after serious illnesses. Y.W.F. entertained Men's Society at a social evening. Mr. Abercrombie addressed morning meeting on Aug. 12.

South Yarra.—Surrey Hills C.E. Society met with Cliff-st. on Aug. 31 and took devotional part of meeting, then two societies spent social time together. During month helpers at midweek meeting were Mr. Martin. college student, Peter Pitts, and Ray Palmer. Mr. C. W. Rogers, Anglican minister, visited C.E. on Aug. 7 and gave interesting message. At young people's Fellowship tea on Aug. 5, John Robinson, of Campaigners, was guest speaker. Messages were given by Mr. Brittain and G. Powell, college students, at morning and evening services, Aug. 5. Football club has reached semi-finals in church competitions. Offering for food for India was taken on Aug. 12. Ladies' Guild held afternoon on July 31 at home of Mrs. R. Walters to raise funds for new curtains for vestry. On Aug. 19 Mr. Kimber changed platforms with Mr. Gilmore at Montrose. After Men's Fellowship tea on Aug. 20, they visited the bell chamber at St. Paul's. A social, musi-

cal hour was held at home of A. Searle after evening service on Aug. 19.

Echuca.—In connection with Education Week Roy Holmes, of Technical College, gave address at morning service on Aug. 12. Building was crowded with children for a church parade, when Mr. Hargreaves gave address. At social evening on Aug. 15, opportunity was taken to farewell Albert Thompson who has rendered valuable service to church and organisations. Presentations of a travelling rug and clock were made on behalf of church and youth fellowship. A number of visitors have had fellowship with church lately, including Paul Payne, who gave morning address on Aug. 19. Interested folk in town have formed a group to give second advent witness.

Caulfield (Bambrard.).—Progressive work continues under leadership of W. W. Saunders. Average attendance for breaking of bread for past two months has been 183. Annual thanksgiving offering reached £130; food for India £35; over £100 to overseas work and Social Service offering is over £50. T. Pugsley has been welcomed home from his tour with "Sun" Youth Contingent. Church choir continues to cheer patients of Caulfield Convalescent Home each month with a special singing ministry. P.B.P. are having a successful basketball season. T. Thomas (elder) has returned home from hospital. Fellowship was recently enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell, from Queensland. Members are taking services at Christian Guest Home during August. H. Arms, a church elder, has been serving North Richmond in an interim ministry and is now helping at Swanston-st.

Horsham.—Good spirit prevails in all departments. Young people put on a concert and raised £23 for Sunday school. Concert was repeated at Haven and Warracknabeal. Two training classes are being held in circuit, one at Haven and other at Dimboola under leadership of Mr. Cremin. Junior choir has been formed under control of Mrs. Short. Tennis club has entered B and C grade teams in coming competitions. F.M. offering amounted to £136.

Haven.—Miss E. Hamilton and J. Klauss were married on Aug. 4; Mr. Cremin officiated. This being the first marriage in the chapel, they received a Bible to mark the occasion. Horsham young people presented concert and raised £7/8/-. Training class under leadership of Mr. Cremin is interesting and helpful.

Maidstone.—S.S. anniversary services were greatly appreciated, with singing led by W. Cousins. Speakers were Ross Lloyd, L. E. Brooker, K. Alexander and E. H. Randall. At concert on Aug. 22 each class gave items. Kinders under leadership of Joyce Coxhead and Lorraine Randall were a special feature. On Aug. 12 E. Randall exchanged pulpits with A. Hurren. Men of Footscray-Maidstone at a working bee on Aug. 11 dug foundations for manse. Church has offered to subsidise preacher's salary to extent of £2. per week. Average attendance at Lord's Table each week is 43. At combined business meeting with Footscray, following Maidstone officers were elected: Deacons, K. Clencie, E. Matthews, E. Squires, A. Pfeifer; deaconesses, Mesdames Clencie, Hounsel, Kirby, Matthews, Pfeifer, Randall, Squires; organists, V. Waters and Lorraine Randall; agent for "Christian," M. Wakefield.

North Essendon.—Youth Week was concluded with two services in which following young people assisted: Pat Hall, Harold Frith, Jim Todd (scripture readings), Misses J. Hilbrick and B. Sell (vocal), and Miss Mildred Potts (organist), and paper on discipleship. Junior choir of over 30 singers assisted. On Aug. 7 a "Here, There and Everywhere" function took young folk to homes of Messrs. Fox, Funston and Burns. A social evening was held on Aug. 11. A tea for young people between 10 and 14 years was held on Aug. 12 at chapel. Young Women's

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 12 (Wednesday).-The members of the Victorian General Dorcas will meet in the Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. Any sister interested is invited to attend. Please note change of date this month.

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Fellowship meeting took form of a jumble sale and millinery afternoon. Members made hats, paraded in them, then sold them. Don Burns and Miss Norma Harrison were guests at recent P.B.P. meeting. Many members attended Moreland chapel for training classes, under auspices of Victorian Crusade Committee. Quarterly dis-trict prayer meeting was held at Essendon chapel on Aug. 15, when members of Newmarket church conducted service.

Fairfield .- During mission on Aug. 19 to 26, with W. Jackel as speaker, a series of special meetings were conducted, and six young lives were rededicated, four decided for Christ and many hearts were deeply stirred. Miss Lundell and Mrs. Leslie conducted a week's mission for school children. 107 children were reached, and over 45 made a decision to follow Christ.

Wattle Park.—On Aug. 5 kinder and school anniversary was held at Burwood, when W. W. Saunders spoke. Bright singing and items were a feature led by E. Salisbury and Mrs. A. Ashley (kinder supt.). Y.W.F. held their Ashley (kinder supt.). Y.W.F. held their anniversary on Aug. 17. Mrs. Shea addressed gathering of 100 ladies. Games and supper completed a successful evening. Church is in good heart and appreciation is expressed to all who help by their messages.

Ascot Vale.—Young people of Newmarket and Ascot Vale held a "get-together tea" at Ascot Vale on Aug. 5, when Miss Thora Bennett was speaker. Morning meetings have been keeping about average over last month. Evening meetings are improving in attendance. Mr. Gross is delivering fine addresses. Restoration Move-ment addresses were most instructive and helpful. Mrs. Wittock is making a satisfactory re-covery after her operation. Church forwarded birthday greetings to Mrs. Greenwood on her 84th birthday.

Drumcondra.—Mrs. Busbridge, who recently returned from abroad, gave talk at Ladies' Aid birthday on Aug. 15. On Aug. 19 speakers were G. Batty and Mr. Rawlings. Boys' and girls' clubs have united and are meeting as Junior Endeavor with an average attendance of 17. At 26th church anniversary on Aug. 26, Mr. Lee, representing Victorian conference, gave morning address. A greeting from Mr. Pigdon was read. Mr. McDonald, from Latrobe-terr., spoke at gospel service.

Geelong.—On Aug. 19 a family from Poland were received into fellowship. In evening Max Byard rededicated his life to Christ. Church rejoices to have George Tor as living link on Pentecost Island. Mr. Anderson spoke at both services. At evening service choir rendered two items and Elaine Smail sang a solo. Mr. Barnes is improving and Mrs. Neville and Mrs. McIntosh were present after illness.

Maryborough.—Attendances are maintaining good average. Church tendered Marge Backway surprise party on attaining her majority. Members welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wellington and daughters. W. Greenwood continues to give faithful service. Ron Sawell is in Heidelbarg. faithful service. Ron Sewell is in Heidelberg Military Hospital. S. Lunn has renewed fellowship after long illness. During absence of Mr. Greenwood on vacation, services were taken by I. Living and Mr. Drake. Choir is great asset to meetings.

Dareton.—Services have been well attended. Christian Endeavorers took part in gospel service on Aug. 12. Peter Waters each Sunday morning uses his truck to bring children from new settlement into Sunday school. On Aug.
19 Dareton folk went to Merbein for a combined service, speaker being F. N. Lee, conference president, after which a basket tea was enjoyed. Church extends sympathy to Chislett family, also to Mr. Watts on death of his father.

Ringwood.-Home-coming day services were held on Aug. 26. Speakers were J. Wiltshire, D. Nicholls and A. Cameron. All services

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLCOX.—A tribute of love in remembrance of our dearly loved sister and aunt, Genevieve, who passed away Aug. 31, 1950. You left a beautiful memory.

-Inserted by her loving sister and brother-inlaw, Connie and Bert, and family.

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-Inserted by her son, John, daughter-in-iaw Gladys, and grandchildren Florence, Margaret and Meryl.

DEATHS.

SUNDERLAND .- On Aug. 20, at private hospital, James Henry, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Ruth (Kitty), fond son-in-law of Alice Haywood, loved brother-in-law of Al. and Fred, Em. Cliff and Elsie.

O Christ 'tis for thee,
For thy coming we wait;
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
O trump of the angel! oh voice of the Lord! Blessed hope, blessed rest for my soul!

—Inserted by Al. and F. Hancock.

SUNDERLAND .- On Aug. 20, at private hospital, James Henry, former member of South Melbourne and Carnegie churches, beloved hus-band of Catherine Sunderland (Haywood). Sweet remembrance. -9 Burke-rd., East Malvern.

COWIE.-Isabella, wife of the late Charles Cowie, Berwick, and loved mother of Nellie (Mrs. Wood), Jack, Gordon, Rose (Mrs. Jones), Phyllis (Mrs. Bartlett), Leslie, Grace (Mrs. Cain) and Jean (Mrs. Kimpton). In God's care.

CHISLETT.-On Aug. 21, at Mildura Base Hospital, Arthur J. Chislett, aged 79 years, beloved husband of Emma C. Chislett, of 4 Kurrajong-ave., Mildura. Entered into rest.

LUDBROOK .- On Aug. 19, at Canberra, Wallis Verco Ludbrook, beloved son of Florence Ada Ludbrook, of Adelaide, and the late Albert Milton Ludbrook; loved brother of Evelyn, Mary and John, and brother-in-law of Lance Brune and Hilda Ludbrook. Aged 47 years. The remains were laid to rest in Canberra Cemetery on August 21.

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Sept. 16, afternoon, 3, speaker, T. Fitzgerald. Evening, 7, L. Brooker.

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Sun., Sept. 9, 11 a.m., C. Bowser. 7.15 p.m., A. Hinrichsen.

Wed., Sept. 12, 7.45 p.m., Annual Business Meeting.

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Obituary

Mrs. Mary Cameron.

Our sister passed away to be with her Lord on Aug. 16 at the ripe old age of 88. She had endeared herself to the members of the Yarrawonga church, Vic., as well as to a host of other friends. She was a foundation member of the church here, having confessed her faith publicly at the tent mission conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen and Mr. Pratt 26 years ago. Her daughter, Mrs. Miller, also became a member of the church at the same time, but passed away two years ago. Our sister was a member of our Ladies' Guild and also the Mission Band, and while she was able was a loyal supporter of both, taking a keen interest in the work of the Lord both at home and overseas. Until failing health prevented it she was a regular attendant at the services of the church. On Aug. 18, the writer conducted a service in the Yarrawonga chapel, and later at the Mulwala cemetery, where a large company of relatives and friends paid their last respects. To the relatives the church at Yarrawonga extends loving Christian sympathy in the glorious hope of resurrection by Christ Jesus our Lord.—D.R.S.

Haddon Wycliff Johnston.

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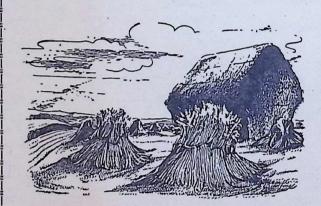
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Peter Boak.

Our earthly farewells have been said to P. Boak, the last but one on Oakleigh's active church roll, who was also a foundation member of 1916. The church owes much to his pioneering spirit and his devotion to Christ's cause. As treasurer and deacon, 1918-25, as builder of the chapel (he was a builder by trade; many homes in Oakleigh were raised under his direction), as property trustee and as a faithful worshipper, he served his God and his brethren. His home was often the venue of mid-week church meetings in the early days. Earlier church associations included attendance with his parents at the last century church at Clayton; also membership at Cheltenham and Swanstonst. Quiet industry, honesty and faith were the possessions of his soul, which we know has an eternal home in heaven, made not by man, but by God. We share with the loved ones this Christian hope.—K.J.P.

Joseph Fraser.

With the passing of Joseph Fraser, of Merewether, N.S.W., churches of Christ in Newcastle have lost one of the last remaining links with the pioneers of our work in this city. The deceased, who was 66 years of age, was the only surviving son of the late Joseph Fraser (sen.), also of Merewether, to whose staunch witness our district churches are so deeply indebted. Like his father before him, J. Fraser (jun.) was an earnest and enthusiastic believer in the principles of the Restoration Movement, and to this subject he had devoted over the years not a little reading and reflection.

His church associations were always close and strong. Originally in membership in Merewether, he subsequently held office in the Hamilton church. But from the inception of the work until the day of his death, he served the cause at Mayfield with customary fidelity, winning the esteem of his brethren, and the tribute of successive preachers whom he supported so sympathetically. He was not, in the general understanding of the term, a "platform man." For all that, he was "apt to teach," and Mayfield will miss his genial presence and steadying counsel. He was laid to rest in Sandgate Cemetery on Aug. 9, L. Dewberry, assisted by the writer, officiating. We gratefully acknowledge his fine contribution to the brotherhood he loved so well, and offer on behalf of all the district churches, sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Mary Fraser; son, Robert; daughters, Grace (Mrs. Prees), and Joan (Mrs. Chalker); and other members of the family.—L.G.R.

James Gindes.

The church in Hobart, Tas., lost one of its earliest members, in aged James Gindes, who



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passed away on Monday, Aug. 13. Mr. Gindes had been a member of the church for over 50 years, firstly at Collins-st., Hobart, and then as one of the foundation members of the West Hobart church. Of latter years illness and distance have prevented him attending services. However his interest in the work of the Lord was maintained over the years. His daughter, Mrs. M. Staples, is one of the most faithful members of Collins st. church, and the loving sympathy of the church is extended to her. We commend her and other loved ones to the One who can comfort and sustain "till the day dawns and the shadows flee away."—J.F.C.

Open Forum

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.).

FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

Are there not enough real saints of God (New Testament sense) among missionaries and Christian leaders of past ages and the present, in the Protestant communions, without lauding the praises of Francis of Assisi, soldier of the Pope and founder of the Franciscan order? South America was romanised by missionaries of this order, but how? Through persuasion and conversion to Christ? No, they came to the Indians with Missal in one hand and the sword Such has been the method of in the other. Rome's religious orders all down the ages. An R.C. woman said to me recently: "But many Protestant ministers pay tributes to our saints, and Thomas Aquinas." Rome has such a Rome has such a and Inomas Aquinas." Rome has such a political grip on Australia to-day because the word Protestant is seldom heard. People say in whispers, "We mustn't stir up strife," but remember that Thomas Aquinas said we are heretics. I sometimes wonder where is the true church for which the Protestant martyrs hereally gave their lives to give up feedlang. Bond, Caulfield North, Vic.

[We agree with our correspondent on the need for a strong Protestant witness to-day. However, Francis can hardly be blamed either for belonging to the only church he knew, or for the excesses of his followers. Our published article was simply concerned with his personal character and devotion to Christ, from which even Protestants may learn needed The next article in this series will deal with Martin Luther, the father of modern Protestantism.-Ed.]

THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINE.

The letter by Aline Murnane was certainly timely. This year the inauguration of the Commonwealth is being celebrated, but a definite part for the aborigine has not been provided. Here and there the 'original' inhabitants of Australia are recognised in a small way, but generally speaking, most people shrug their shoulders and show resentment when the word "aborigine" is mentioned.

I am in touch with a scholar who is teaching many aborigine children in the Oodnadatta district. He is preparing a grammar of the chief dialect spoken among the tribes. He states that he teaches and preaches to them in their own language.

That gentleman, Mr. R. M. Trudinger, states that there are between 200 and 300 separate languages among the aborigines, but Pitanntara

is mostly spoken.
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However, sir, I am glad that Aline Murnane advocated the emancipation of our black brethren.—A. W. Jinks.

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