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"And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you"—Luke 22: 19, 20.

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*Take heed therefore unto your-
selves, and to all the flock, over the
which the Holy Spirit hath made
you overseers, to feed the church of
God, which he hath purchased with
his own blood.—Acts 20: 28.*

(Selected by officers, church of
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THOUGHT STIMULUS.

*They who abstain from strong
drinks of all kinds are not only
amongst the most industrious and
useful, but are also amongst the
healthiest and the happiest of man-
kind.—Sir B. W. Richardson.*

(Selected by C. P. Hughes,
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In the Sanctuary

MY CHURCH

My church to me means life;
The more abundant life, enlarged, full-grown;
Unchanging in a swiftly moving age
When hope has flown.

My church to me means love;
An all-embracing love, secure, serene,
With hands outstretched to help the passing throng;
With self unseen.

My church to me means rest;
A quiet, peaceful rest, calm and complete;
Unbroken by the din of worldly strife;
The soul's retreat.



My church to me means home;
A happy, cheerful home, within whose walls
An undivided circle kneels in prayer,
As evening falls.

My church to me means God;
An understanding God who loves his own;
Who woos the sinful and consoles the saint,
When tempest blown.

My church to me means Christ;
A sympathetic Christ, with boundless love,
Who will not rest until each wayward child
Is safe above.

My church to me means hope;
A never-failing hope when night descends,
For in that hour it lights the evening lamp
And comfort sends.

My church to me means faith;
Triumphant faith, that clears the cluttered way
Toward that City where for us awaits
Eternal day.

—George W. Wiseman.



(To which a preacher, while endorsing all above,
yet adds these lines)—

My church to me means work;
Ungrudged but tiring work, whose heavy toll
Of heart and home, of time and mind and strength
Sore tests my soul.

My church to me means cares;
Such cares as crush man's spirit till he learns
The patient strength of Christ, the love of men—
Then his heart burns!

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Love's Symphony

EDITORIAL

Thousands sat spellbound by the magic of the world's divinest music, greatly played. Every member of the orchestra seemed swayed by a mastery other than his own to bring the best from his instrument, as all combined in a rising crescendo of inspired triumph that almost brought the audience from their seats. Then the strings alone took up the melody. So warm and vivid was their playing that the composer's genius laid its spell irresistibly upon the heart of all. Softly their melody died away, and out of the hush was born the song of one instrument playing the loveliest air of all. The hearers settled back in their seats, the tension gone. But the magic of the music was still there, all the more warm and intimate because now it was a lone violin which sang its way into the soul.

I hear a symphony like that when I turn the pages of the New Testament and read again the story of the Man of Galilee. I see him walking the crowded ways of Palestine until he came to the lonely path of the cross, and I think, "He did all this, he said all this, that he might show crushed and beaten men the fulness of the love of God." His life, his death, his resurrection were Divine Love's symphony. I hear him say to Nicodemus: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3: 16), and it seems as if I hear through the words the pulsing grandeur of all the instruments of heaven's glory, bringing me awed and humble, and only faintly understanding, to the footstool of his majesty. After that it is like the quieter beauty of the strings to hear Paul say: "Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." (Eph. 5: 25.) That is nearer our understanding. But there is something more warm and intimate still—the cry of Paul the man: "He loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2: 20). These are three eternal movements in Divine Love's symphony.

"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"

Jesus faced the narrowed vision of his race with a startling claim: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring." (John 10: 16.) "Other sheep"! If gloomy Tiberius, emperor of Rome and master of the world, had heard those words and understood that he was one of those "other sheep" whom the Galilean had come to save, his lip would have curled in derision. So the sceptics of every age have derided the fantastic thought of there being a God who could love the whole world in this way. Mere dreamstuff, they say. But what is the alternative? Are we to dismiss God from the universe altogether, or talk barrenly of some First Principle or Ultimate Reality, or of some Being who has wound up the world and left it to run down to its inevitable doom? "What is the use," cried Thomas Hardy, "of all your prayers, you praying people, when you have nothing better to pray to than

The dreaming, dark, dumb Thing
That turns the handle of this idle show?"

In Hardy was a hopelessness which made his "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" say that this, among all the worlds that swim in space, is the blighted one. And there the Christian would agree with him. But that is not all; it is a world beloved of God, and whatever we may one day learn of other larger worlds in teeming space, the Christian faith affirms that into *this* world came "God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." (2 Cor. 5: 19.) Always there rings out in the darkest hour the thrilling majesty of Jesus' words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son!" There are times when we need to hear afresh that great cry. But I am glad that we have also the beauty of

"CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH"

Very tender is the Gospel portrait of one who, with the world on his heart, was human enough to love passionately those imperfect men who were the nucleus of his church. Even through their failures his devotion held constant. So it was with Paul. If his Master had no illusions about the world, Paul certainly had none about the church in whose service he met discouragement, bitterness, ingratitude, open sin. Yet he could still write that "Christ loved the church"; could still believe that one day it would be "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing . . . holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5: 27.) It almost broke his heart, but he believed in it, and the passing years saw only increased love, unflagging zeal.

Was love and loyalty like his only in vain? Has the church failed? I know there are dark pages in her history that betray the ideals of her Master, but I know others made immortal by a spirit which, counting not the cost, braved the world and conquered it. I know, too, that the world-wide church to-day, conscious of her failings, is seeking to speak a vital word to this generation—and that word is Christ. It is easy to criticise the church. It is a far harder thing to love it in self-forgetting service, as Christ and Paul both did. For the church still remains the only body in the world that can bring a saving message to needy men and women; that can awake within their hearts the wonder of this other cry of Paul's—

"HE LOVED ME"

If "freezing reason" scorns the thought that God sent his "only begotten Son" to die for this one world among the mightier spheres, it openly mocks this conviction that God loves each being in a teeming world of humans. But that was Jesus' faith. "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things," he said. (Matt. 6: 32.) Both before and after the cross Jesus showed a love which sought out individuals like the man born blind, Mary of Magdala, Peter and Thomas; and men who had known that kind of Saviour knew unshakeably that Divine Love meant God in Christ and Christ in them, the hope of glory; caring for them, coming again.

Does reason maintain this kind of faith cannot survive in a world like ours? But it *has*! It wins its victories still in lives as tortured as that of the Polish Jew who came one day during the war to hear Dr. Farmer preach on love. He told him afterwards of his own terrible experiences. In his bitterest hour he heard the message of the cross and Jesus' love for him. He said to Dr. Farmer: "As I looked upon that Man upon the cross; as I heard him pray, 'Father, forgive them,' I knew that I must make up my mind once and for all, and either take my stand beside him in his strong love and strong undefeated faith in God, or else fall finally into a bottomless pit of bitterness and hatred and despair." He chose, and the glory of it changed his life. "He loved me and gave himself for me."

Yes, reason may not understand one note in all the mighty symphony of Love Divine. But faith knows the wonder of it. Pascal was right in saying that reason has done its noblest work when she has led the soul to the boundary of a country which she herself cannot enter; then faith carries on. To-day, as always, it is this faith which demands that no avenue of human need be left untouched by men to whom this symphony is real; for whom, like Paul, there can be no rest from service while such a love overmasters us. "We love, because he first loved us." (1 John 4: 19.)

Weather is a topical subject. In this article, Meteorologist BRUCE MASON, of the Adelaide Weather Bureau, suggests an appreciation of some of the scripture passages dealing with this subject. Mr. Mason served in the Meteorological Department of the R.A.A.F. during war years at such places as the New Hebrides, Port Moresby-New Guinea, Darwin, and the Islands.

Witnessing Winds

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and, thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit.—John 3: 8.

A beautiful old canticle of the Anglican church has been suggested as "the special prayer of all meteorologists":

"O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord.
O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord.
O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord.
O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord.
O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord.
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever."

Practically every meteorological phenomenon of note is mentioned there. To the Hebrews, both in their nomad days and after they had settled down in the Holy Land, the weather would have been of supreme importance, and hence we are not at all surprised that there are many references to it in the Bible in all its phases. Let us look, then, at some of these references and see their significance.

Before studying the climate of any country, one should first have a good look at the map, and in Palestine this is particularly necessary, for the topography plays an important part. It is only 150 miles from north to south, and lies in the corresponding northern latitude to the central and lower northern agricultural areas of South Australia. There are four natural divisions—the coastal plain (mild climate), hill country (Jerusalem at height of 2500 ft. enjoys same mean temperature as Adelaide), Jordan Valley (steamy summers, stormy winters), and Trans-Jordan (variable day-time temperatures, cold at night, with little rain).

Keeping this in mind, let us refer to some passages of scripture.

1. Winds.

Jesus . . . "When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is." (Luke 12: 54.)

As in Southern Australia, the westerly winds are the chief rain-bearers, and Jesus indicates that he is well aware of their familiarity with this sign of coming showers, and points a salient lesson home to his hearers.

Easterly winds have the reverse effect. Coming in off the desert country, they are hot, and dry, and dusty. In the Bible they usually denote devastation. (See Gen. 41: 23; Psa. 48: 7; Hos. 13: 15.)

One kindly act of the east wind is reported in Exodus 14: 21, when the children of Israel escaped the pursuing Egyptian army: "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."

The south wind was another hot wind, coming from the desert country to the south. Jesus knew his weather when he said, "And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, there will be heat; and it cometh to pass." (Luke 12: 55.)

The writer of Proverbs was apparently somewhat careful when he spoke about the north wind, for what he said is translated in the text as "a north wind driveth away rain," while the alternative marginal rendering is "the

north wind bringeth forth rain." Winds of the westerly side of north do bring rains, while a north-easterly is dry; just as our south westerlies are often associated with rain, while rain does not often fall with our south easterlies.

When people felt the vigorous stirring of the Spirit at Pentecost, they described it as "a sound, as of a rushing, mighty wind."

2. Rain.

The references to rain are many. We have such passages as Deut. 11: 14; Job 5: 10; Matt. 5: 45; Heb. 8: 7. Have you ever had the ceaseless drip, drip, drip of a rainy day annoy you? Apparently the writer of Proverbs was affected in this way, and wrote: "A continual dripping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike."

There are several references to the former and the latter rains. April to September are dry months, but in October and November come the first rains from the west, when the ground can be broken and the seed can be sown. The rain continues through December, January and February, January being the wettest month with some 62 ins. at Jerusalem, and in March the latter rains come to fill out the grain. It is no wonder that the "sound of the abundance of rain" was sweet in the ears of the farmers. In hilly country, one naturally expects occasionally, very heavy downpours of the type we call cloudbursts. It is worth comparing Luke 6: 47-49 and Matthew 7: 24-29. Luke was a non-Jew, who lived at Antioch, and it is doubtful whether he had ever seen such a storm, and his description reads: "And when the flood arose the stream beat vehemently upon that house and could not shake it." Matthew, however, lived near the lake and had doubtless seen many such sudden floods, for he writes, "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Do you recall the story of Sisera? (Judges 5.) While the Israelites, at Deborah's bidding, kept well up in the hills, Sisera gathered his Canaanites together in the brook Kishon. Normally the Kishon is just a wide, dry wadi, but it can come down in very sudden flood, and this must have been what happened then, for we read: "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon."

Some of the attempts to make rain by flying above the clouds and seeding them with dry ice or other chemicals have been successful, but only under special conditions. Jeremiah 14: 22 asks: "Who can give rain? Some false god of the pagans? Can the skies send down showers? Is it not thou, Eternal One, our God? And so we wait for thee, who doest all." (Moffatt.)

3. Dew.

Dew, frost, thunder and lightning all receive a mention in scripture. Genesis 27: 28; Job 38: 28; Hosea 6: 4; Isa. 8: 4. Dews are very heavy, and in dry spells are often sufficient to keep the crops moving. Hence the interest of the people in dew, and its use by the prophets as a symbol of the ever-present gentle blessings of God.

In our weather maps you have probably noticed the appearance of lines on the map

called fronts. A cold front is simply the scientific name for a cool change which sweeps in from the west. During the last days of a heat wave, you will see a long, low bank of clouds appear in the west, with the thought in your mind perhaps: "Here comes a change with the blessing of rain." After Elijah's dramatic clash with the prophets of Baal, he said to King Ahab: "Go back, eat and drink, for I hear the sound of a downpour." There was then no visible sign, and the servant reported to the praying Elijah six times before, on the seventh look he cried out: "A cloud is rising yonder out of the sea, as small as a man's hand." Soon the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and heavy rain fell. (See 1 Kings 18: 41-45.) Surely this is one of the earliest descriptions which we have of the arrival of a cold front.

Hallelujah. Praise the Eternal from the heavens, praise him in the heights, praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his hosts, praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all stars of light, praise him, heaven of heavens, ye waters higher than the heavens! Let them praise the Eternal's name; for he commanded and they were created, he fixed them fast for evermore, he set them boundaries they should never pass. Praise the Eternal from the earth, ye depths of ocean and ye waterspouts, lightning and hail and snow and ice, storms carrying out his will.—Psalm 148: 1-8 (Moffatt).



Overseas News

Dean and Mrs. O. L. Shelton, after visiting churches in England and Scotland, and attending the annual conference, sailed in the "Queen Mary" for New York. They are full of admiration for the way in which the British churches, with their limited resources, are meeting the challenge of these days.

One of the decisions taken at conference had to do with the suggestion to adopt delegate voting in the business sessions. The Central Council, finding the majority of the churches were not in favor of the suggestion, recommended that no change be made.

Overdale correspondence course for the winter will be concerned with the special witness of churches of Christ. Text books will be Dr. W. Robinson's, "What Churches of Christ Stand For," and the recently published, "Baptists and Disciples of Christ," by Roberts-Thomson.

The death has taken place of H. Langton, a past president of conference, and for many years a member of the missionary committee, on whose behalf he went to Africa in 1933.

—G. J. Hammond.



In connection with the World Convention, R. Ennis will visit and speak at the South Australian Conference commencing Sept. 12. Mr. Ennis is to preach at Grote-st., the church of his boyhood, on Conference Sunday night.

Fifty Years Ago

Excerpts from "The Australian Christian" of
SEPTEMBER 12, 1901.

Editor: A. B. Maston.

The Curse of Inebriety.—The Annual Conference of the Victorian Alliance held last week had under consideration the proposition that the Federal Capital of the Commonwealth (when its site is decided) should adopt prohibition as the permanent law of the district. Though the probability of securing such a triumph may be doubted, it is unquestionable that the attempt has more in its favor at the present time than it will when vested interests have entrenched themselves and made their removal a matter of serious difficulty. . . . One of the first things needful in order to make prohibition a probability of the future is the awakening of the churches. Perhaps one of the first signs of that will be a universal recognition of the fact that a *maker of drunkards* is not eligible for membership in any Christian church. (*The Leader.*)

Vic. H.M. News.—A. W. Connor has during the past month continued his work in the Horsham district, combining gospel and temperance work. T. H. Scambler is in the Echuca district; H. Leng has gone his usual preaching round in the Kaniva district. Temperance meetings were held at Yanac-a-Yanac and Wamponny, eight pledges being taken at the former place and five at the latter. The gospel meetings have been well attended at Yanac-a-Yanac, and additions are looked for. At Kaniva one has been added by faith and baptism.



H. Leng.

A Curious Point of View.—A subscriber asks: "Is there any wrong in having races at Sunday school picnics? Is there any likelihood of it giving the children as they grow into youth a desire for athletic sports, foot-racing, etc.?" These are largely matters of judgment. Our view of it is that all this kind of thing had better be avoided. We think it a pity that our boys and girls should have their first lessons in racing at the Sunday school. (*Here and There.*)

Beginnings of "Pure Words."—In this issue we give a sample page of the proposed Sunday school paper, "Pure Words." Complete samples have been sent out to all our schools in Australasia, and we ask for a kindly consideration of the matter.

Hagger Mission at Castlemaine, Vic.—It began on Aug. 18 and continued for fifteen nights. The church in Castlemaine has been thoroughly aroused, and its future is brighter than it has been for many a day. The two sister churches—Castlemaine and Barker's Creek—have been drawn closer together than they have been for years. A presentation was made to Mr. Hagger by two young sisters—Daisy Spicer and Ethel Jermyn. Mr. Hagger was completely taken by surprise, and, considering the somewhat embarrassing circumstances, made a neat speech in response.

Minister's Musings

SUNDAY.—There were some strangers at church this evening. That ought not to be news, but it is, and will continue to be so, I'm afraid, while there are so many folk like Mrs. Hay, who told me this morning (as though it were unusual—which it isn't!) that she and the family couldn't attend to-night as they were having visitors for tea. It was a tonic after that to learn that two of to-night's strangers were friends of the Lathams who had invited them to church when they dropped in unexpectedly this afternoon. But the Hays far outnumber the Lathams. Why? That's something we'll have to correct if our plans for the year of evangelism are to be really "earthed." Thinking of strangers in church reminds me of one night near the close of my student preaching days. The appearance of three strangers in our small ranks spurred me on to preach with added ardor. Somehow they looked as if they needed it. They stood seemingly unmoved during the invitation hymn, but I felt a little more hopeful when they lingered behind obviously wishing to speak to me. When we were alone they introduced themselves; alas for my fervid evangelism! They were the secretary and two officers from another Melbourne church, looking for a new preacher! At least I had not done what another preacher in similar circumstances did. Blissfully unconscious of the identity of his visitors, he announced as his text: "Art thou he that should come, or look we for another?" But that experience certainly taught me never to accept the double-edged saying: "You can tell a Christian by the look on his face!"

MONDAY.—The Crusade Tea and Discussion night at Lygon-st. meant two and a half hours well spent. Not only did Mrs. Lowrey and her ladies treat us as sumptuously as ever, but Reg. Enniss, as chairman of the Crusade committee, presented a clear and challenging programme for the 1952 year of evangelism. Special mention was made of the small churches which do not have a full-time preacher; to make sure that these would not be omitted in the plans for a mission in every church, preachers are being asked to be ready, if needed, to conduct two missions during 1952. I was especially pleased with the suggestion to call on some of our able consecrated businessmen to conduct some of the missions. It was under one such man that, as a lad, I made my decision to follow Christ, and I know other preachers who, like myself, value those all-too-rare times when, as ordinary worshippers, they receive the Word of Life from such men. I understand that the Victorian crusade plans are to be shared with other States. Most satisfying part of the night for me was the train journey home with our church secretary and assistant-secretary. They talked eagerly of the plans and of what we could do.

TUESDAY.—Tom Lake suffered a relapse to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Lake and Rita were summoned to the hospital, and there were some very anxious hours before he rallied and they were able to leave. I called at the hospital when Mr. and Mrs. Lake were seeing the doctors, and Rita turned on me rather fiercely when I tried to speak a few words of comfort. "I won't want to see you or the church again if Tom dies," she said. "Do you know where we were going on the night of the accident? To a missionary meeting! And to make it worse the car that knocked him down belonged to a Chinese businessman!" There was more in the same bitter strain as though she thought it all just a mocking jest of cruel fate that a lad who had dreamed of serving as a missionary in another land should lie at the point of death because of a foreigner. But the hard

face softened when the Lakes came back with better news. As I watched her go instinctively to Mrs. Lake's arms I thought: "There's more in this girl than I realised. She doesn't know herself how much there is."

WEDNESDAY.—Andrew Lake rang me with the good news that the specialist now felt confident that, after pulling through yesterday's crisis, Tom will not only live but also have no danger of mental trouble. I was so buoyed up with the news that I even remained good-humored with smug Mrs. Carruthers who, from the comfort of her lounge chair in an ill-ventilated room, talked of "the terrible state of the world," saying as she settled back further into the cushions: "What gets me down is this terrible spirit of unrest." Ugh!

THURSDAY.—Some tasks took me into the city's rush to-day. With school holidays now on, mothers and children were everywhere. Some were enjoying themselves, but others—well, red faces and tired wails told their own story. I was glad to slip into the Public Library for a few minutes. G. Johnstone Jeffery's book, "The Grace Wherein We Stand," attracted me. I saw enough of these 1948 Warrack lectures on preaching to appreciate the thought of the writer—and also to think some angry things about one earlier reader who had left his underlinings in ink here and there. Even some readers of religious books have a streak of vandalism in them, apparently, when it comes to handling books that aren't their own. One section that had escaped his markings arrested me: "To plunge into the maelstrom of the day trusting to chance impulses in ourselves and favoring conditions outside of us is to presume we can do God's work without God, and there is no presumption greater than that." I'm glad the Crusade and Literature Committees are emphasising the need of devotional literature in the home. When pressure of work eases the quiet time out of our day something vital to our whole well-being is lost.

FRIDAY.—That rushed end-of-the-week feeling pursued me all through the day. To-night I stared rather ruefully at the provisional list of the week's visits which I had drawn up hopefully on Monday. Will there ever come a week when all that seems possible on Monday is really achieved by Saturday? Of course, some things which I hadn't planned have been done, and, when I reflect on it, some of them at least were more important than items on my neat little schedule. I believe in disciplining my time, but not in "strait-jacketing" it. If a man is so dominated by a time-sheet that he becomes blind to the impromptus of God, to the opportunities that lie in the unexpected, he robs his days of color, humanity, and certainly of humor! How many of our Lord's human interest stories and healings were his quick response to a passing incident, an urgent need! He knew where he was going—"I come to do thy will, O God"—but the doing of that will lay as much in the unexpected as in the carefully planned. I think there's a sermon idea there! Anyway, as I go about my visiting I try to remember the warning in the story of one slave to his own time table who entered the home of a very poor and lonely woman, and immediately looked at his watch, saying: "I see I can only give you seven minutes." "Aweel," retorted the lady, with true Scotch spirit, "if that is a' ye needna sit down."

SATURDAY.—I have been busy on sermon preparation, with these words of Prof. Tindal on the desk in front of me. "Paul is the father of all preachers who use 'finally, my brethren' as an indication that they have found their second wind."

HERE AND THERE

The Melbourne Town Hall has been booked for the week-day sessions of the World Convention, Aug. 5-10, 1952, the Lower Town Hall for social and refreshment services, and reception rooms for committee work.

The Wilkie Thomson family, en route by car to Malvern-Caulfield church, Victoria, from Wagga, New South Wales, had the misfortune to be forced off the road into a ditch. The occupants were badly shaken and the car considerably damaged. However, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Thomson and their two daughters were able to attend the planned welcome meeting on Aug. 17 and were warmly greeted. Speakers from neighboring churches included F. Youens, F. E. Buckingham and W. W. Saunders; the latter, as president-elect of conference, gave a brotherhood welcome. There were various speakers for auxiliaries. Mrs. Cooper represented women's department and secretary R. P. Clark spoke on behalf of church. J. Holloway presided. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson suitably responded, and a happy social hour followed. Mrs. Thomson has been specially welcomed by women's department and elected president. Meetings are improving and church is looking forward to a time of progress under leadership of its new minister.

Brighton church, Vic., reports seventeen new subscribers to "The Australian Christian" following special address on our national weekly on Sept. 9. A similar proportionate increase throughout the Commonwealth, as preachers and officers of every church lead in subscription drives, could help defeat the steeply rising costs. Has your church acted yet?

There was the largest meeting to date at the Hinrichsen-Perry mission, Merredin, W.A., on Sept. 2. Five more decisions brought the total to 71.

Women's Mission Bands of Victorian country churches, who have parcels of clothing to send to our native mission stations at Carnarvon and Norseman, W.A., are thanked and asked to send them by post or rail to W. Wigney, 7 Churchill-st., Kew, Vic.

We note with pleasure that, following the end-of-August Council elections in Melbourne, Dr. W. A. Kemp has been elected mayor of Box Hill, Vic. As a councillor, Dr. Kemp has always maintained a fine Christian witness. He also serves the brotherhood well, being, among other things, chairman of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible, and a director of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.

In the passing of Robert Burns, 92, on Sept. 3, South Australia lost its longest-term journalist, and churches of Christ a most loyal and devoted worker. He was president of S.A. churches of Christ in 1907-8, and served as an elder of Unley church for more than 30 years. He was apprenticed to the printing trade in 1872; worked on the "Register" for 44 years, being editor 1922-28; after which, at his own wish, he took up light duties on the "Advertiser" until just after the war.

We are indebted to Bruce Burn, preacher, of Naracoorte church, S.A., for forwarding Bruce Mason's interesting article on "Witnessing Winds."

On Aug. 11 the deacons of Warrnambool church, Vic., decided to inform the Home Missionary Committee that the church would no longer require the committee's much appreciated financial help. We rejoice with the brethren as the church becomes self-supporting.

The 53rd anniversary of Subiaco church, W.A.,

was celebrated on Sept. 2. Past members assisted in the morning service, O. Fieldus, of Fremantle, presiding. Pioneers' service was held at night with E. Nelson presiding. Two foundation members, T. Hutchison (who assisted in the evening service) and Mrs. Payne, were present. The only other surviving foundation member is Dr. A. J. Saunders, of Victoria, who was remembered in the services. R. Raymond delivered appropriate addresses. Interstate visitors in J. Oswald Sanders, K. A. Jones, and S. E. Riches have spoken at recent meetings. The recently-revived Men's Fellowship appreciated a lecture by Mr. Thrum on India and Ceylon.

The annual social of the South Australian Ministers' Wives' Association was held at Grote-st. on Aug. 24. Secretary L. J. Stirling reports a very enjoyable night for the 60 present. President Mrs. G. Mathieson and Mr. Mathieson were in charge of a programme which included games, a duet by Mrs. and Mr. Candy, a solo by Marlene Bartlett, a musical dialogue by Jim and Leita Bartlett, and two sketches by the Stirling girls. Flowers were presented to Mrs. and Mr. Shipway in honor of their fortieth wedding anniversary. A. W. C. Candy closed the evening with devotions.

A Temple Day thanksgiving tea was held in the Swan Hill chapel, Vic., on Aug. 31. R. M. Streader (sec.) read greetings from those unable to attend, and G. Chislett, president of N.D. Conference, spoke on behalf of isolated members. R. Banks, preacher, welcomed all present. The Ultima-Woorinen and the district executive were represented and further greetings given by G. A. Mott and J. Leech. Items were rendered by Alison Malone, Laraine Banks and Mrs. R. Thomas, with chorus-singing led by E. Mott. Home mission sec., B. J. Combridge, was the special speaker. The tea-table thank-offering reached £100.

E. H. Randall, preacher of Maidstone church, Vic., has been appointed vice-president of the Council of Churches in Victoria.

The B. and F. Bible Society Auxiliary at Hawthorn, Vic., has organised a fine two-day Exhibition, to be opened by the Mayor at the Hawthorn Town Hall on Monday, Sept. 17. An advertisement in this issue supplies details. Personal guides will conduct groups through the Exhibition. H. M. Arrowsmith will speak Monday night, while on Tuesday evening a children's World Pageant will be featured. Color movie films will be shown both evenings. Afternoon tea will be available during afternoon sessions.

The World Convention finance committee acknowledges with thanks receipt of £1 from a lady in Perth, W.A.

The Temperance Committee of Victorian Women's Conference maintains aggressive educational programme amongst young people. A page in "Skyways" offers teaching and establishes a fellowship that leads to correspondence. An increased number of pledges was received through free copies to various schools. 20,000 blotters indicating the peril of the highways through strong drink are being circulated to Victorian schools. This committee ventures in faith well beyond its meagre funds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bond and family began their ministry with the Wembley church, W.A., on Aug. 5. A combined State and Wembley welcome was attended by 150. Representative speakers warmly greeted the guests of the evening who had recently concluded a fruitful ministry at Springvale, Vic. Meetings during August have maintained a high standard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Morris, of Brighton, Vic., are due to return from overseas on Sept. 22. Jesse Bader, in a recent column of "The Christian-Evangelist" wrote appreciatively of meeting them and sharing their keen interest in all church activities.

Missionary News

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

MONSTER CONFERENCE GATHERINGS, AOBA.

For the first time in the history of our island churches, people from the three islands (Aoba-Pentecost-Maewo) gathered for four days at Ndui-Ndui for a time of inspiration, fellowship, and for the discussion of future work. Mr. Harold Finger, who had a large part in the planning for these gatherings, supplies our information.

"The fulfilment of one of our long-cherished hopes and plans eventuated this week, Aug. 14 to 18, and proved to be more profitable than anticipated. It was the first gathering of its kind, and we certainly hope the commencement of greater things for the kingdom of God.

"For many years we have planned to gather together representatives from every church and village throughout our islands, Maewo, Pentecost and Aoba, to discuss various matters of interest to all, and for times of social fellowship, worship and praise. One might almost be tempted to call the gathering 'conference,' but it was more than that. Many difficulties were to be overcome, the main one being transport. To gather hundreds of people from other islands and isolated villages on Aoba entails a lot of work with small launches, but with the mission launch 'Grace' and native owned craft, same was accomplished, and, thanks be to God, without any mishap whatsoever. The sea is not always kind. Approximately one hundred and twenty people were brought from Maewo, two hundred and fifty from Longana-Lombaha districts, and a total of nine from Pentecost. Pentecost representation was small because of a hitch in transport, when a native-owned launch which was to have brought others failed to arrive from Malakula in time to bring people to Aoba.

"Two meeting and kai-kai houses have been in the course of erection for the last two years. One is a long wooden structure with an iron roof, and the other is an American Qansut hut. Both houses were worked for on Santo by numbers of men, and dismantled and transported to Aoba for re-erection. Some men have worked hard to erect same, and every thanks is due to them. This occasion was used to open them officially.

"Saturday the 'Grace' went to Pentecost for some representatives, and a bullock for the kai-kai, and upon returning left immediately for Maewo for more people and more bullocks. The other launches transported more people from Monday to Wednesday, and when hundreds of visitors crowded into the Ndui-Ndui district the place began to take on a new look. It was really encouraging to see so many faces from afar.

"On Tuesday morning a service was held in the long wooden building at Nanako. A number of men addressed the meeting inside the building, and when closed all present were fed in relays of one hundred adults.

"At 3 p.m. another meeting was held in the Qansut hut, this likewise being officially opened for future use. These people have a firm belief in 'officially' opening a building, and it is a profitable custom. In Australia we do similarly. At this meeting about twenty-six men were appointed to special duties relating to the work of the church, and after an address about the needs of faithfulness and courage, prayer was offered on their behalf. Many speakers addressed the meeting which closed just before dusk. Again all present were fed in relays under artificial lighting, the first occasion such has been done."—Harold J. Finger.

(To be continued.)

State Newsreel

R. W. Graham, Qld.

Social Service.

The first anniversary of the Christian Guest Home was observed on Aug. 4. A large group of people welcomed Miss Nancy Maiden as the new matron. Twelve brethren, the present maximum number, are in residence. C. H. J. Wright is home chaplain.

The annual social service rally was addressed by T. Rees Thomas (City Congregational), who took as his subject, "The Church in an Industrial Society." Incidentally, Mr. Thomas is setting up "Divorce Anonymous" on the lines of "Alcoholics Anonymous," to help re-establish broken homes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clay were in port for a couple of days last week on their way north, and we had opportunity to meet them. Confidentially, I am all in favor of a little social service work on the Barrier Reef in August!

Kedron opened its new manse on July 22. The old property was sold for £2000, and the new bought for £2400 and is partly furnished. J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, was one of the visitors who spoke at the service of dedication.

C. A. Latimer has resigned from Annerley after a ministry of three years, during the latter part of which he has also been Y.P.D. organiser. Mr. Latimer has given liberal service on many brotherhood committees.

Ron. Wilson goes to Drumcondra from Gympie. During his four years there he has been Y.P.D. camp study leader, and he will be greatly missed from our Queensland work. J. B. Grant has taken up broadcasting with 4GY Gympie, and is helping the church in preaching for the time being.

Metropolitan conference held its annual meeting at Hawthorne, W. Giezendanner being the speaker. It was not because of that but because he is a leader in all progressive co-operative work in our State, that he was elected president. J. W. Clothier kept our railways moving for many years, and now, in retirement, he is working as hard and as long keeping the church's witness moving—forward. He is the new secretary.

Ann-st. has entered upon a £5000 building extension programme. It is intended to provide larger and better Sunday school and social hall facilities. Building is expected to commence early next year.

Houses.—The Housing Minister returned from overseas on Aug. 19 with contracts for 2000 more prefabricated homes for Queensland. He claims that in completed contracts for the import of overseas houses and skilled building workers, we are now in a better position than any other State.

The "Courier-Mail" (20/8/51) told how Mr. Hilton went along to Wilhelmshaven, Germany, to see the first of the 1000 timber prefabricated houses being built there for Queensland. When he arrived the house was all assembled and on public display. And—queued around it were thousands of house-hungry Germans, to whom it looked like a little bit of heaven. They had just shuffled along to look at it before it was shipped away. It was a sight you wouldn't forget easily, said Mr. Hilton.

Temperance.—The Queensland Temperance League has entered upon a State-wide campaign for signatures to petitions to be presented to Parliament praying for amendments to the Liquor Acts to provide for local option polls, and a referendum on liquor trading hours. We do not have local option and liquor closing hour is 10 p.m.

INTERSTATE

C H U R C H N E W S

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

Discipleship

Victor Holt, Wambo Creek, Qld.
Clifford Holt, Wambo Creek, Qld.
Betty Holt, Wambo Creek, Qld.
Norman Flett, Wambo Creek, Qld.
Mrs. Eastman, Dalby, Qld.
Rhonda Carson, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Sybil Merrin, Surrey Hills, Vic.

Membership

Peter Hansen, Forestville, S.A.
Donald Hurburgh, Launceston, Tas.
Peter Arnott, Launceston, Tas.
Mr. Corbell, Mile End, S.A.
Miss N. Maiden, Albion, Qld.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Stafford, Nailsworth, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Turnham, Balwyn, Vic.
Valerie Turnham, Balwyn, Vic.
Joan Turnham, Balwyn, Vic.
Doreen Turnham, Balwyn, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Subiaco, W.A.
Shirley Isle, Subiaco, W.A.

Marriage

Ruth Chapple to Ian Mansell, Mildura, Vic.
Elma Billingham to Colin Bowser, Taree, N.S.W.
Rita Langford to Ray Mitchell, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Brenda Mary McKinlay to Jame Gerald Burger, Mt. Compass, S.A.
Joyce Hardham to Des Nelson, Blackburn, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mr. A. J. Chislett, Mildura, Vic.
Mrs. Osborne, Kilburn, S.A.
T. Court, Whyalla, S.A.
O. W. Turner, Earlwood, N.S.W.
S. C. Flett, Wambo Creek, Qld.

Queensland

Albion.—125 attended morning worship on Aug. 26 when Mr. Wright presented plans for visitation campaign. Chaplain L. G. Crisp, recently returned from Singapore, gave address at gospel service. Young people have commenced monthly meetings at manse for Bible study. Forty-five attended youth fellowship tea on Aug. 28. A round-table discussion on "Stewardship of Money" followed by games and items completed evening's programme.

Wambo Sixteen Mile Circuit.—Special meetings were held over week-end of Aug. 26, and Lloyd E. Jones was guest speaker. 135 people gathered for C.E. rally on Friday night, and over 80 for the Chinchilla service on Sunday night. All other meetings were well attended. Chapel in

Chinchilla is under construction, and should be opened by end of September.

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—All averages for August showed increases on July figures. Men's Fellowship invited ladies to their August meeting, when A. J. McAdam was speaker and showed films of recent trip to England. Men's Fellowship was host to the Men's Fellowships of Launceston on Aug. 27, when musical items and films concluded with supper. R. M. Wilson spoke on Aug. 12, Mr. Luff being at Invermay. Junior C.E. Society gained banner for best attendance at recent district C.E. rally; eight members also received certificates for C.E. examination work. Cottage prayer meetings continue with good attendances. Sister Win. Walker was farewelled by church on Aug. 27 as she shortly returns to Indian mission field. A. E. Heard, president of Bethany hostel committee, addressed church on Aug. 26. B. Crowden and M. Coombs (C.O.B.) took charge of gospel service on Sept. 2. Church purchased a motor car for use of preacher.

New South Wales

Earlwood.—On Aug. 19 and 26. A. Hinrichsen spoke morning and evening. Many folk are still on sick list, but attendances are only slightly below average. Boys' Club membership is now over 50. Girls' Club and Endeavor societies are also working well. Sympathy is expressed to N. H. Matthews, Mrs. Turner and Ron, in recent loss of loved ones. At gospel service on Sept. 9, G. Burns (conference president) spoke.

Taree.—On Aug. 26 K. W. Barton brought morning address, and B. G. Corlett conducted and spoke at evening service.

Mosman.—On Aug. 22 midweek fellowship had slightly increased attendance. On August 26 Mr. Hardiman, of Ashfield, exhorted the church. Young people enjoyed fellowship tea and message from Ron Hillier (West Australian youth director). Mr. Hillier also gave gospel message. Commencing on Aug. 26, with Trevor Morris and Frederick Levett, visiting English evangelists, a combined mission was held in Methodist church, with all churches in Mosman co-operating. Travel pictures were shown prior to each meeting. On Sept. 2 Men's Fellowship Tea was held with representatives from Mosman Baptists, Burwood and North Sydney brethren taking part, and A. W. Stephenson, principal of Woolwich Bible College, was speaker.

South Australia

Forestville.—W. A. Russell preached at splendid meetings on Aug. 26. Janet Allan is home on leave from Strathfield Bible College. On Aug. 29, 180 attended Bible school re-union when scriptural and scientific talkie film was shown. Geoffrey F. Whillas gave introductory message. Fellowship at supper concluded a memorable occasion. Auxiliary leaders gave encouraging reports and the work generally is

healthy. On Aug. 25 Boys' Club went to Nairne for three-day camp. Each church family has been issued with devotional book of daily readings to assist in prayer and Bible study at home.

Kilburn.—Mr. O'Donnell is a welcome addition to officers' board. Mr. Basham has consented to lead a Y.W.L. on Sunday nights. Bible school enrolled five new scholars on Sept. 2. N. Kingston spoke at both services.

Whyalla.—P. Whitmore, from Tumby Bay, was speaker at B.S. anniversary services on Aug. 26 and 28. 128 children took part in singing on Aug. 26. 74 attended scholars' tea on Aug. 28, prior to meeting addressed by Mr. Whitmore, who also presented prizes. School is in good heart with average attendance for year of 110 each Sunday. Visitors include Mr. and Mrs. McKell; Sister J. Dixon, from Cowandilla; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Upper Sturt. After many working bees, tennis club has finished surfacing court. All auxiliaries are progressing. Mid-weekly meetings are continued in different members' homes.

Fullarton.—B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 2. At morning service Albert Anderson (Federal F.M. secretary) preached. In afternoon school, under leadership of Peter Mau, sang splendidly; special items were given by kinder department, and prizes were distributed. Alex. Brown (C.S.S.M.) gave illustrated talk to children. At evening meeting Mr. Brown gave illustrated address.

Cottonville.—S. Beck and C. Schwab spoke on Sept. 2, while preacher was at Broken Hill. 31 attended I.C.E. meeting on Sept. 2. Mrs. Mortimer and Mrs. Western are progressing. Mesdames Roberts and Caldicott have been ill. Hilda Shearing, Helen McDonald and Helen Bartlett are also recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Briant and two daughters, of Whyalla, were recent visitors.

Mile End.—At W.M.B. annual meeting on Aug. 29, Mrs. Fullford gave talk on her travels in Palestine. Mr. Marshall is continuing to give helpful addresses. Average attendance for month was 160. Several visitors have been welcomed. Soloists have been W. Philp and M. Lewis. Y.P.S.C.E. had a visit from Hindmarsh society. Young people participated in S.A. Youth Dept. Royal Show march.

Nailsworth.—Basketball team held a squash on Aug. 28, when members from teams met during the season attended. Men's Fellowship Club observed Father's Day on Sept. 2 with a fellowship tea at 4.30. C. Stock, of the Biblical Research Society, speaking on "Jewish Evangelism." At 7 p.m. men's choir sang at gospel service, and A. Danckops, a Latvian pastor, preached. Mr. Fisher baptised a S.S. scholar at beginning of service. On Sept. 3 Mr. Fisher addressed the Congregational Union kindergarten teachers on use of cut-outs for illustration.

Mt. Compass.—Church is grateful to visiting and local brethren who have assisted with preaching since departure of Mr. and Mrs. Burns. Annual C.E. rally, with good attendances, was held on Aug. 4. Speakers were Mr. Roberts and Dr. Harold Steward. W. R. C. Bell, representing Aborigines Dept., gave lantern lecture on missions at Carnarvon and Norseman to combined C.E. and Ladies' Auxiliary on Aug. 21. Ladies' Auxiliary is making patchwork rugs for these missions. Miss Dix, of C.I.M., addressed church on Sept. 2, and also spoke at Ladies' Auxiliary meeting on Sept. 3. Annual overseas offering reached £123/4/-, an all-time record. Church is feeling loss of many members by removal, latest being G. A. Anderson, who has been resident in district for many years.

Victoria

Reservoir.—Anniversary services were held on July 29. R. E. Burns addressed morning re-

union service and P.S.A. speaker was Les. Lofts (a past preacher). Over 70 gathered for reunion tea, when memories of early days were reviewed. Gospel address was delivered by K. J. Patterson, and a married man made his confession. Musical programme was rendered by Mrs. Betty Quaife and Don McDonald. New appointments are Mrs. Bagot (Good Companions), Bill Whittaker (social service), Nell Hannah ("Christian" agent) and Mrs. Notman as a deaconess. On Aug. 24 W. Peeler showed sacred film in aid of furnishing fund. R. E. Burns after almost five years' ministry, has accepted unanimous call for a further term of three years.

Brighton.—C. E. Hemsley has been on danger list at Alfred Hospital since Aug. 17. W. Russell is home from hospital and making progress. Elder E. Baker and Mrs. Baker have been missed through ill-health. A group of young people presented three psychology plays to appreciative audience on Aug. 13. Dedication service for new officers was conducted by minister, C. G. Taylor, on Aug. 12. Six churches have co-operated in Leadership Training School classes, held weekly in chapel.

Williamstown.—Improved attendances continue at Sunday services and the auxiliaries continue in interest. A record offering totalled over £35 one Sunday recently. Officers are heartened by continued weekly increase. Women of church are now assisting Mr. McKenzie in evening services.

Mt. Evelyn.—Permit has been granted to erect building costing £1500. Properties Corporation has granted a loan of £1000. One man loaned £100 free of interest for three years and two other families' gifts were £25 and £20. A special effort to raise funds is being made by building fund boxes.

Middle Park.—Interest in meetings is being maintained under combined services of L. Armstrong and P. French. Among sick members are Mrs. Spokes and Mrs. Johnstone. On Sept. 2 church renewed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Benson, of Tasmania.

Blackburn.—At kitchen tea for Joyce Hardlam and Des Nielson on Aug. 27, presentations were made from B.S. and clubs. Sept. 2 was an every-member-present day at worship service and over 80 attended. Fellowship meetings are being held in homes of church members. Tuition is being given at meetings for those who intend doing visitation work prior to coming mission. B.S. is in good condition, and enthusiastic about efficiency campaign. Many teachers attend teacher training courses at Ringwood. Church continues to appreciate work by Mr. Neighbour.

Gardenvale.—Attendance at both services on Sept. 2 was best for many months. Following monthly fellowship tea, a special B. & F. Bible Society service was held, with film depicting gospel work in Japan. Recent special offerings were: B. & F. B.S., £3/10/- and social service, £4/16/-. Mrs. Romrill and Mrs. Lunn are both sick.

Northcote.—Attendances over past month average 145 breaking bread and 115 at gospel service. W. G. Graham continues his good work. Record offering for social service was £100 and £35 was given for Coburg church rebuilding. Special offering for Pascoe Vale church's land purchase was £15/5/-. Girls' basketball team was beaten in grand final and No. 1 tennis team won semi-final. Kindergarten held a special cradle roll service.

Warracknabeal.—B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 2, when Mr. Bolduan was speaker. Miss L. Rogers has been elected secretary of S.S. and Faye Joyce a teacher in kindergarten. Horsham concert party gave concert in Baptist Hall in aid of S.S. funds. Ladies purchased

electric urn for church hall. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Joyce and Mrs. Millstrod on death of their father in Mildura. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield are doing good work throughout circuit. Mrs. Evans is recovering.

Mildura.—Radio Sunday school has enrolled almost 700, and appreciation has been expressed from numerous sources. Over 50 girls from district churches commenced annual camp on Sept. 4, under leadership of I. J. Chivell, C. L. Lang and M. D. Keatch. Church enjoyed fellowship of several visitors recently. Women of church raised £12 as profit from jumble sale recently.

Carnegie.—Church has been greatly helped by messages of C. Cole during two months' interim ministry which concluded on Aug. 26. Girls' gymnasium club paraded at evening service, and Winifred Lee was soloist. Mr. and Mrs. E. Eaton have left for holiday in W.A. Leadership training classes commenced on Aug. 26, continuing for six weeks.

Surrey Hills.—There have been two confessions during recent weeks. Explorer Club held dedication service, which took form of father and son night; speaker was R. Horman, of Y.M.C.A. W. F. Newham is club leader. C. Young, hospital chaplain, gave address at youth tea. Overseas offering was £58. Nurses' Home at Murrumbidgee will benefit from concert arranged by Ladies' Guild.

Red Cliffs.—F. N. Lee, conference president, was speaker at morning service and I. J. Chivell at night on Aug. 19. Elvie Milne has returned from N.Z.; Mr. and Mrs. Lang have returned from Melbourne. Mr. Lang gave special addresses for Bible Sunday. Members have done seasonal work on vines, and have earned £85. C.E. held social on Aug. 30. Ladies went to Mission Band birthday at Merbein on Aug. 28.

Maidstone.—114 attended evening service on Aug. 26, when Loyal Orange Lodge held church parade. E. Randall presented message. S.S. concert takings were £14/10/-. Recent visitors were Mr. Meyer (Berwick) and Mr. Carey (Ballarat). Mrs. Conlon met in fellowship after period of ill-health. Other sick members are F. Matthews, M. Wakefield, Marilyn Wakefield, T. Hampton, and Mrs. Oliver.

Cheltenham.—Social service offering was £34. During absence of preacher at Warracknabeal on Sept. 2, F. Funston, representing L.O.A., spoke at 11 a.m., and V. D. Wallington at gospel service. R. Kemp and family have moved to Elwood.

Red Hill.—On Aug. 19 monthly food for India appeal was taken. Recent visitors include Mrs. Brown and family (North Fitzroy), Mr. and Mrs. Seal (West Preston). At gospel meeting on Aug. 26, monthly social service offering was taken. Several Y.P.S.C.E. members attended rally at Frankston on Aug. 31. 30 ladies attended "bring a gift and buy a gift" meeting of W.M.B. on Aug. 30. On Sept. 2 W. Atkin showed slides at after meeting. Cathie Andrew (Y.W.L.) is now recovering after operation. Mr. Longthorp gives helpful messages.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—W.M. Band office-bearers elected are Mesdames Brooke, Atkinson, Demeral, Saunders and Baker. D. Smith and B. Ferris, S.A., have been visitors. During Mr. Brooke's absence at Ballarat, messages have been given by Messrs. Enniss, Jones, Oldfield, Westwood. During the month attendances have been smaller.

Morwell.—On Aug. 26 Mr. Heyward, of B. and F. Bible Society, gave address on Bible translation. With help of preacher, J. Shaw, church services are now being held in home of Reg. Hilbrick, South-st., Moe. Prayer meetings have commenced at manse and 10 were present on Aug. 29. Social service offering of £7 was double amount of last year.

IN MEMORIAM.

TAYLOR (Samuel).—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who passed away Aug. 28, 1945.

Sweet are the memories silently kept
Of one we love and shall never forget.
—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

WATSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Ernest Edward, who passed away Sept. 11, 1948. "Till he that dwelleth in Light unapproachable shall break the clouds with his coming."
—Inserted by his widow.

POWELL.—Treasured memories of my husband and our father (Walter Arthur), passed away Sept. 5, 1950.

Loving memories, treasured ever,
Of happy times we spent together.
—Inserted by his loving wife, Ina, and family.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

PADEY-HALL.—The marriage of Loris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hall, 36 Williams-st., Box Hill, to Reginald, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Padey, Caulfield, will be celebrated at church of Christ, Court-st., Box Hill, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 4.30 p.m., Mr. G. Fitzgerald officiating.

SILVER WEDDING.

PADEY-HALL.—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Padey have much pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated, by the late H. M. Clipstone, at the church of Christ, Castlemaine, on Sept. 18, 1926. Present address, 1 Takapuna-st., Caulfield.

ENGAGEMENT.

WARD-SMITH-JENNER.—Cynthia Coral, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jenner, of Sydney (formerly of Brisbane), to Peter Francis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward-Smith, of 9 Charles-st., Greenwich, Sydney.

BIRTH.

CAMERON (Washbourne).—On Sept. 5, at St. George's, to Dorothy and Cliff; a son (Neil Clifford). Both well.

COMING EVENT.

SEPT. 14 (Friday).—Victorian Central Board of C.M.S. announce a concert in Lygon-st. chapel. Items by members of affiliated societies. Tickets: adults 2/-, children 1/-. Proceeds for Young People's Department.

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Hands Across the Sea

(A HYMN FOR SEPTEMBER—No. 215, Sept. 23.)

On the British side of the Atlantic, Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-77), baronet, scholar, musician and composer, poet, hymnologist, editor and vicar of Monkland, Hertfordshire; on the American side, William Bullock (1798-1874), former naval lieutenant engaged on the survey of Newfoundland, but so touched with conditions he saw that he resigned; 32 years a missionary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and ultimately dean of Halifax, Nova Scotia, . . . but what is the contact between them?

In 1854, Bullock published a little volume called "Songs of the Church"—hymns he had written, expressly intended for use by isolated Christians in new countries. Included amongst these were lines for "the third Sunday after Epiphany" headed with the text: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house" (Psalm 26: 8), commencing with "We love the place, O God," and containing some very familiar lines and thoughts.

Six years later, Baker, engaged on his monumental task of editing "Hymns Ancient and Modern"—and drawing on a variety of sources and enlisting a notable band of collaborators in the course of it—came on Bullock's verses and published them with considerable modification.

Both men naturally wrote from the Anglican point of view, but we can sincerely unite with them in singing of our love for "the place wherein God's honor dwells," "the house of prayer" and "the word of life."

An analysis of the hymn as our book presents it shows only 3 of the first 8 lines to be exactly as Bullock wrote them; five embody Baker's revisions—in all cases minor, usually of a single word. Beyond verse 2, the lines are entirely Baker's. As if these revisions were insufficient, Godfrey Thring replaced Baker's lines on the word of life with a verse of at least equal grace and tenderness:

"We love thy holy word—
The lamp thou gav'st to guide
All wanderers home, O Lord,
Home to their Father's side."

Thus worthily do the Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Monkland, Hertfordshire, of nearly a century ago have part in the worship of Australian churches of Christ to-day!—F.J.F.



The Austral Printing and Publishing Company advises that copies of "History of British Churches of Christ" are now available at 8/6. paper cover (posted 9/1), cloth 10/6 (posted 11/3). All students of the Restoration Movement should secure a copy. It is the work of A. C. Watters, M.A., Ph.D., and published by School of Religion, Butler University, U.S.A. Dean E. Walker closes his preface with the commendation: "He draws a swift, sure picture, with a depth of understanding both of principles and men, which combine to give us an objective statement of rare worth."

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LADGROVE (nee Keats).—On Aug. 26, 1951, at Dandenong Hospital, Vic., to Myra and Laurie—a son (Jeffrey Louis); brother for Barry and Rodney.

NORTHCOTE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

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means literally "loosed as from the heart." It is interesting to note that this change was suggested by the Solomon Islanders themselves.

Another notable overseas churchman is due to visit Australia shortly. The Archbishop of York is planned to leave England toward the end of this month, en route to Australia, Fiji, New Guinea, Singapore and Malaya. He will be absent from England for about four months.

Children from Dr. Barnardo's Homes, England, have been amongst recent migrants to Australia. The Homes care for 7000 children. During June they admitted 130 boys and girls to the Homes, bringing the number of children welcomed this year through the "Ever-Open-Door" to 624.

Mrs. Bramwell Booth, in her ninetieth year, was recently able to address a crowded gathering in Clapton Congress Hall, at a "Festival of Britain" service. It was in this building that William Booth conducted the first official wedding ceremony according to Salvation Army ritual, when Florence Soper and Bramwell Booth became man and wife. Speaking of her first meeting with the Army, Mrs. Booth told how she listened, in the West End of London, to Catherine Booth, wife of the Founder, and heard a hymn with the refrain, "Oh, when shall my soul find her rest?" Though she did not know this at the time, the hymn had just been written by the one who was to become her husband. During the meeting on Sunday the story was told by an elderly Salvationist of a visit paid to her when she was undergoing a sentence in Holloway Prison. At that time Mrs. Booth was one of the first women prison-visitors, and as a result of her ministry, the whole way of life of the prisoner was changed, and she became a converted woman and an eager Salvation Army soldier.



Obituary

Florence Grace McInnes

On Aug. 7, Mrs. McInnes was called home at the age of 61, after several months' illness. She was a devoted worker in the Reservoir church, Vic. As Florence Weaver she joined the North Carlton church at the age of 17, being baptised by A. L. Gibson. She served as a faithful Bible school teacher and worker during the ministry of H. S. Peacock, and was married in the Rathdown-st. chapel to Wal. McInnes in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. McInnes worshipped at Northcote for a few years before

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becoming foundation members of the cause at Thornbury, 1921. With the opening of the Reservoir work near their home in 1933, they became foundation members also of that church to which they have given unstinted service. Mrs. McInnes served as president of the Ladies' Guild for ten years; president of Reservoir branch of W.C.T.U. for several years; and deaconess over a long period. Her Christian faith and fortitude during illness uplifted her visitors, and her interest in church work was keen to the last. The preacher, R. E. Burns, was assisted at the home by G. Grainger, and at the graveside by G. Hing (church elder). The large numbers present, as well as the many floral tributes from all sections of the community, testified to the esteem she had deservedly won. We commend Mr. McInnes, daughters Pearl (Mrs. Alcorn, of Sunshine, Vic.), Bette (Mrs. Francis, of Cheltenham), and son Horace (of Manly, N.S.W.) to the grace of God.—R. E. Burns.

S. C. Flett

On Aug. 18, Sutherland Calva Flett passed quietly to be with his Lord. With his passing the Wambo-Sixteen Mile circuit, Qld., lost another of its pioneers. Mr. Flett came to Queensland from Victoria with his family in 1908. He was among the first settlers in the Wambo Creek district near Chinchilla, being numbered with the pioneers who made the area the prosperous place it now is. He always had a real love for the church, and upon his arrival in the district his family met in their home for worship and breaking of bread. From this faithful beginning, shared with the late R. Davis and his family, the present circuit grew. Mr. Flett was noted for his friendly, quiet nature, and his life will ever be a challenge to faithfulness and love. His funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 19, the preacher of the circuit conducting both services. Mr. Flett is survived by one son, Edwin, and three daughters, Dora (Mrs. Harling), Lena (Mrs. G. Holt) and Margaret (Mrs. L. Holt). To these we extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of their loved one, but we would share in the joy of his triumph and the hope of meeting him again at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.—K.D.H.

O. W. Turner

O. W. Turner was called to higher service on Aug. 24, at the age of 54 years, following a stroke on the previous Sunday morning. He was very active in local and district church work at Earlwood, N.S.W., for many years, and quite recently had been assisting in repairs and painting to the local chapel. He will be very much missed because of his ability and willingness to preach the gospel or exhort the church, whenever and wherever required, frequently with little or no previous notice. His messages were always powerful, sincere and interesting. His love for the Master was manifest in all his activities.—W.L.C.

Emily S. Pitts

Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., lost another of its veteran members when on July 29 our sister fell asleep at the age of 84 in the home of her devoted daughter Elsie (Mrs. Spiers). She was a daughter of Mr. Long, who was a pioneer member and elder of the Peel-st. church. In her girlhood she made her decision for Christ and maintained her devotion to the Saviour throughout her long life. She could recall visits to Ballarat of the evangelist, Mr. Greenwood. After her marriage to Benjamin Pitts, they transferred membership to Dawson-st., where she showed a keen interest in women's activities. They brought up a family of one daughter and two sons. The loss of the elder son some years since was a great trial, but her Christian faith and fortitude were manifested in this sorrow and during the recent years of invalidism and the loss of her husband. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—J.A.W.

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Rose Mary Wadsworth.

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HONOR LIST, SECOND TERM.

Christian Doctrine.—E. F. Cook, P. Goodger, W. D. Howard, D. Mansell, N. Reese, W. R. Rugendyke, M. Smith. Four others passed.

New Testament.—D. Mansell, N. Reese, M. Smith, C. Wheat. Four others passed.

Old Testament.—G. L. Benjamin, D. Mansell, M. Smith. Five others passed.

Church History.—R. W. Beadle, P. Goodger, D. Mansell. Four others passed.

Religious Education.—G. L. Benjamin, Miss E. Lincoln, M. Smith, C. Wheat. One other passed.

Christian Ethics.—Six passed.

Comparative Religion.—D. Mansell, M. Smith, C. Wheat. Three others passed.

New Testament Greek.—R. W. Beadle, K. Fennell, W. R. Rugendyke, M. Smith. Five others passed.

Essays.—R. W. Beadle, E. F. Cook, P. Goodger, D. Mansell, N. Reese, M. Smith. Three others passed.

Ancient History.—Two passed.

Homiletics I.—Miss E. Lincoln, C. Wheat.

Homiletics II.—R. Hume, D. Mansell.

College Notes.

After one year's service as housekeeper, Miss Verco has been relieved of duties which she has filled splendidly. Miss Verco came to help out when the college could not secure a housekeeper. Her work is much appreciated by College Board and students. In response to an urgent call, Mrs. Agnew, of Kingsford, has undertaken the duties, and will commence at the beginning of the third term.

Visitors from every State have shown interest in the college. All have expressed praise for the beautiful setting of the buildings.

Good work has been maintained by the students in studies and church work. Seven men expect to complete their course at the end of this year.

Enquiries from prospective and new students are being received. Those who plan to enter college next year should contact the principal as soon as possible.

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