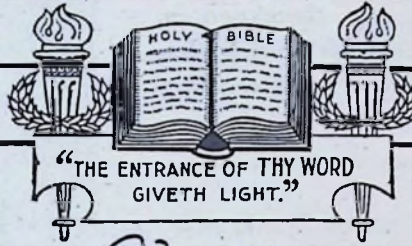


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Realistic Approach to Unity

IN Great Britain various religious communions form an association named the Free Church Federal Council. The Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church are not identified with this co-operative effort. Having made considerable progress toward union within this federation of churches, there are some zealous representatives who naturally want to go further. Therefore a Commission on Closer Co-operation was set up to investigate the possibilities of taking further steps toward union. The report of the commission was given "general approval" by the Free Church Federal Council, and it was agreed to send the new proposals to the constituent bodies of the council for consideration.

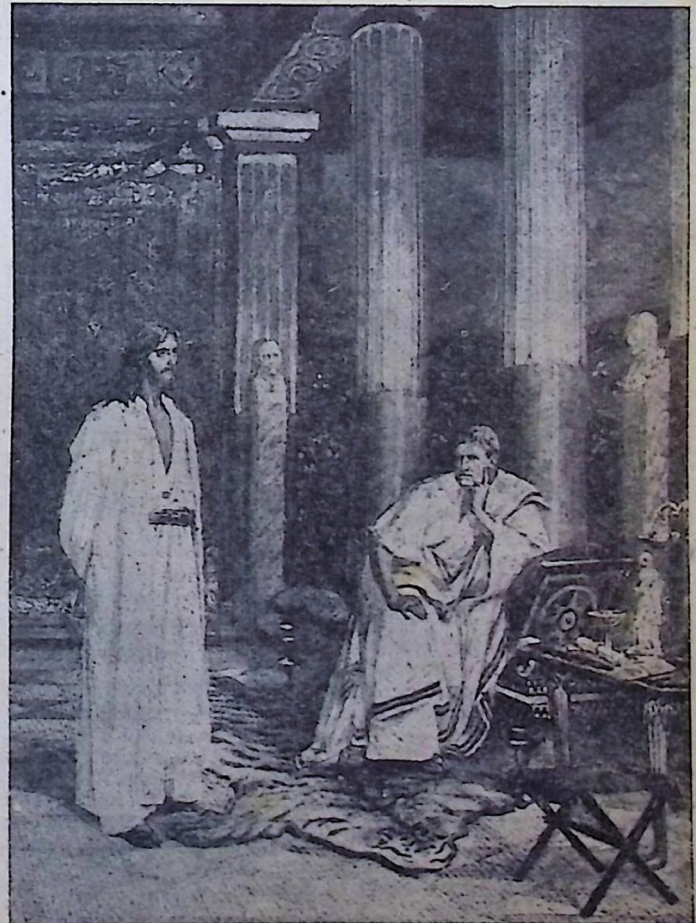
The Union Committee of Churches of Christ in Great Britain studied the report and found difficulty in accepting a proposal that would have far-reaching consequences if adopted. The commission's report urged that there should be among other things "freedom of transfer of all in full membership from one church to another."

WHILE this transfer of membership from one church to another is most desirable and needful if Christian union is to be gained, it cannot be practised with full sincerity while there are fundamental differences over vital truths of New Testament Christianity. The place of Christian baptism in such proposals raises several essential facts that must be faced. It must be recognised that we are concerned with more than an outward sign or formal immersion in water. Christian baptism demands an intelligent and conscious surrender of will to Christ. This raises the ordinance above the level of magical rites, and places emphasis upon the surrender of the human will to the holy and righteous will of the Lord. So long as religious groups endorse infant sprinkling or pouring, and thereby suggest that there is something significant in the rite apart from the personal surrender of life, those who seek to follow the teaching of the New Testament will not be able to entertain the suggestion of a general and free transfer of membership. The reply of the Union Committee of British Churches of Christ made this clear. "Churches of Christ have no open-membership churches," it stated. "Such churches stand to witness to the conviction that faith and penitence are necessary pre-requisites of baptism. They could not compromise at the central point of their witness. Nothing can be gained, either, for churches practising believer's baptism, by glossing over the witness of the latter."

TO make hurried and careless inferences from this firm stand as some have, suggesting that we "un-church" all who do not, as yet, see the truth of the New Testament, is to misunderstand the historic teaching of the Restoration Movement. While claiming to be churches of Christ only, we do not state

we are the only churches of Christ. So long as we are assured of New Testament support for the doctrine we preach (and Christian scholarship of the ages confirms that it is apostolic and true), we must, in the interest of the ultimate unity of the church, stand fast and be loyal to this gospel. Infant sprinkling, etc., is a departure from the ways of the early church and has helped to cause division. While the rites of sprinkling and pouring bring people into a divided church—a church separated from the truth—the practising of Christian baptism—the immersion of repentant believers—helps to restore the

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"What is truth?" Pilate asked Jesus. When men set human opinions above divine truth division follows and weakens church and society.

Speaking With Tongues

WE propose now briefly to examine two passages upon which claimants to miraculous powers rely for their authority.

(a) Mark 16: 17, 18, "These signs shall follow them that believe," is relied on to prove that such miracles should be evident among believers to-day. Does it not say "them that believe" without distinguishing between New Testament believers and believers of a later period? We reply: Actually, this passage (which we are prepared to accept as perfectly authentic; let others who will hide behind the plea that it forms no part of the inspired Word) merely limits the reception of these gifts to Christian people. Not unbelievers but "them that believe" would receive such gifts. But as to which believers, the verses quoted are silent.

Other scriptures clarify the point showing, as we have seen, that they were received by the laying on of apostolic hands. Jesus did not say, "Every believer would receive such gifts." An illustration is in order: We may say that Australians enjoy the benefits of a vast and open country, fragrant and fertile. It is no disproof of such a statement to point out that there are probably thousands of Australians, city dwellers for the most part, who have no opportunity of enjoying the large fertile areas of our land. The statement was never intended to imply that every Australian could do this. Nor, as other scriptures show, did Jesus intend to imply that every believer would receive miraculous gifts. His word did not fail, certain believers in apostolic days did receive, as he promised, such gifts. Here is a dilemma for those who take the contrary part: If Jesus meant that every believer would receive apostolic gifts, he did not speak the truth, for thousands of believers have not received such gifts. But if Jesus did not mean his word to apply to every believer, we are justified in limiting it to apostolic days. Now, either Jesus did, or he did not, mean his words to apply to every believer, therefore either he did not speak the truth, or we are justified in limiting the application of his promise to New Testament times. Finally it is worthy of notice that the promised "signs" of Mark 16: 17, 18 were fulfilled in apostolic days. Note them: casting out evil spirits (Acts 8: 7), tongues (1 Cor. 12: 10), self-preservation (Acts 28: 3-6), healing (Acts 8: 7).

(b) We notice next 1 Cor. 12 and 14. Here the list of miraculous endowments is more extensive. In 1 Cor. 12: 4-11, no less than eight gifts are mentioned: the word of wisdom (compare John 16: 13); word of knowledge (compare 1 Cor. 2: 13); faith (compare Matt. 17: 19, 20); healing; working of miracles (compare Acts 13: 8-11); prophecy (compare Acts 11: 27); discerning of spirits, tongues. Of these, attention is mostly directed to the last named, some claiming this gift to be "spiritual language unknown to man, uttered in ecstasy." We draw attention to the following facts: The word "unknown" as printed in italics in our English version, indicating that it is not found in the original Greek, but that the translators deemed its addition to the text necessary to the sense of the scripture. That they were mistaken in this is seen when we remember that the word "tongues" (*glossa*) is used, as often with us, simply in the sense of "languages." The gift of "unknown tongues" therefore becomes simply the gift of "languages"—not angelic tongues nor ecstatic utterances, but "foreign" languages, not learned by the speaker, but ministered to him by the Spirit. That this is the meaning of this scripture is proved by a study of Acts 2:

In this second study on miraculous gifts, K. A. Macnaughtan, Victorian evangelist, presents interesting facts.

The Gospel Translated into Many Tongues. Bible Stall in Spain.



4-11, "They began to speak with other tongues (*glossa*) . . . and there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven . . . every man heard them speak in his own language" (the word here is (*dialektos*) . . . are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in his own tongue (*dialektos*) wherein we were born? . . . we do hear them speak in our tongues (*glossa*) : . . ." From the above it is evident that "tongue" and "language" are used interchangeably and, too, that the gift of "tongues" the apostles received was a gift of foreign languages. If it is to be contended that the tongues (*glossa*) of 1 Cor. 12: 14 are of a different nature, the onus of proof is on the one so contending.

The above conclusion is further confirmed by a consideration of that which Paul has to say to the Corinthians in connection with this gift. Note verse 4 of 1 Cor. 14: "He that speaketh in a tongue edifieth himself; verse 28, "Let him speak to himself and to God." Here is a definite indication that the "tongue" was a foreign language, understood by the one who had received the gift, but unintelligible to others without an interpreter. For how could a man "edify" (build up) himself and "speak to himself," in ecstatic utterances which conveyed no meaning or sense to his mind? It may be replied that the Spirit can pray even though there is no understanding of what is said, for Paul says (1 Cor. 14: 14), "If I pray in an unknown tongue (without interpretation) my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful." That, however, is missing the point; Paul means that his "understanding" is unfruitful, not as regards himself, but those who hear his words, who cannot know what is said without an interpreter. It applies to the others in the churches: see verse 5, "Except he interpret that the church may receive edifying." The Twentieth Century New Testament gives the sense of verse 14 exactly: "My intellect is helping no one."

(To be concluded.)

Federal College of the Bible

THE college commenced its 40th year on Wednesday, Feb. 20, with an informal session at the college at 9.30 o'clock. There were several visitors present when the principal, E. L. Williams, took the chair. Among these were several former students. In addition to the usual official welcomes, greetings were extended by Dr. A. C. Garnett, of U.S.A., and the presidents of the State conferences, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cleland. New students were introduced and welcomed—four men and five women; and also the new teacher of elocution, R. L. Williams.

The public inaugural session was held in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday, Feb. 25, when, in

spite of cyclone and torrential rain the building was filled to about two-thirds of capacity with a representative company. Dr. W. A. Kemp, chairman of the board, presided, and welcomed new students and teacher. He mentioned that the students numbered 47 this year, of whom 10 are women. He referred to improvements effected at the college this year, especially in kitchen appointments. He expressed the board's pleasure at having Mrs. R. L. Arnold as matron, and welcomed her assistant, Miss M. E. Payne.

J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, brought a timely message on the office, work and authority of the preacher, in which he stressed the New Testament ideal in contrast with humanly devised schemes of control. He urged the practical value of the Master's plan for to-day, and presented to the students a plea for zeal and steadfast allegiance to the call for service and for a recognition of the urgency of evangelism. Dr. A. C. Garnett led in prayer, and A. W. Cleland read the scripture lesson.

Combined choirs of Cheltenham and Parkdale churches, led by W. R. Fielder, sang the anthems, "Sun of My Soul," "Hark, Hark, My Soul," and "I will Feed My Flock" in a delightful manner, and T. Cuddy sang "Beloved, Love One Another" to the pleasure of the congregation.

E. L. Williams, principal, presented cheques as scholarship awards to the following:—L. C. McCallum Memorial, R. S. A. McLean; M. S. Noble Memorial, Miss A. M. Barton, B.A.; F. G. Dunn Memorial, K. J. Patterson; Old Boys' Club, R. H. Hillier; F. M. Ludbrook Memorial, R. W. Saunders; Miss E. F. Winter Memorial, Miss J. G. Waterman; Miss E. C. Hovey Memorial, Miss M. E. McDonald; Wm. Grindrod Memorial, G. W. Barnett. Awards under the Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rofe Settlement were made to 12 former students who are continuing at universities: F. B. Alcorn, C. B. Cartmel, K. J. Patterson, V. Quayle, F. T. Morgan, R. W. Graham, L. G. Johnson, S. Neighbour, D. H. Pike, E. W. Roffey, E. R. Sherman, C. H. J. Wright. Prizes for the essay competition dealing with the subject of Christian unity sponsored by J. E. Austin were awarded also: First prize, R. W. Graham; second, F. B. Alcorn; third, A. G. MacDonald.

Prior to the inaugural session, Lygon-st. church entertained college board, faculty and students to a welcome tea, providing a period of rich fellowship. C. G. Taylor presided; and in response to the welcome, greetings were expressed by Dr. W. A. Kemp, E. L. Williams, Dr. A. C. Garnett, and W. E. Fisher. Miss F. M. Cowper sang two solos. A. W. Cleland expressed thanks of the company to sisters of Lygon-st. for catering.—F.T.S.

It is every man's duty to discipline and guide himself with God's help. Guided by the good example and good works of others, we must yet rely mainly on our own efforts.—S. Smiles.

Missionary Leaders Visit Japan

TOWARDS the end of 1945, a deputation of Protestant church leaders were to visit Japan to consult with representatives of the Japanese Christian Community on the common tasks of the churches. They were assured of a welcome by Japanese Christian leaders, and went with the full approval of President Truman. The President, writing to Dr. Horton just prior to the departure of the delegation, said:—

"I am happy to know that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America will send a deputation to Japan for the purpose of conferring with Japanese Christians. In my opinion, if Japan is to evolve into a peaceful nation, with an international as against a nationalistic outlook, she must understand and appreciate the religious forces of the world. As General MacArthur so well stated following the surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945, 'The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronise with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.' Your deputation should in a large measure aid in solving this fundamental problem facing Japan."

According to Dr. Horton the primary purpose of the visit is to renew spiritual fellowship with Japanese Christians "as a first step toward re-establishing unity among Christians of the East and West and toward healing the divisions caused by the war." He explained that the visit had been approved by the executive bodies of the Federal Council and the Foreign Missions Conference, which have a combined constituency of more than twenty-seven million Protestants. The deputation of American church remained in Japan for about three weeks. During that time a number of conferences with Japanese Christian leaders were held. Dr. Horton pointed out that in 1940 there were 1,931 Protestant churches in Japan with an aggregate membership of 233,463, also 412 Christian schools, from kindergarten through university, with a total enrolment of 51,412 students. "The influence of these churches and institutions," he said, "is disproportionately larger than their numbers indicate." [Reference to this visit appeared in last issue, and a brief report of results was given.]

INCIDENT IN GIRLS' HOME

LITTLE touches of generosity and thoughtfulness are often shown by the boys and girls in our homes. Life has been such a hard and bitter thing for most of them that a re-

action might come in the opposite direction and the children become selfish rather than otherwise. Over the years, however, we have found that those who are being helped, and are maybe a little more fortunate than the others, are willing to share their "riches" with others. Miss Vawser, who now has charge of the girls' home, writes about one of our small girls: "To-day, a child who had earned 6 annas (9d.) over a period of some months, brought 8d. to me and asked if she could have some cloth to make her wee sister something for Christmas. This girlie is only about nine years herself. She had only spent one half-penny on sweets in all these weeks. I was so touched, I asked Sitabai to make two dresses, one for the wee sister, and one for the girl herself. The 8d. would buy the gift for the sister, and her generosity would be rewarded by a new dress for herself."

Our supporters will be glad to know that the influence of the homes has been great over the years; and if they only saw the changed lives, would feel that they have been abundantly repaid for their support.

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REALISTIC APPROACH TO UNITY

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unity of the church. Christians will not become united by ignoring significant New Testament truths; to follow short-cut plans will only bring confusion. The Union Committee of Churches of Christ in Great Britain appreciate this fact and said "The recognition of each other's churchmanship is one matter, a glorious achievement, but the admission to membership in any one church (denomination) by ignoring the conditions of membership which it conscientiously holds (rightly or wrongly) can lead to nothing but confusion, certainly not to a unity worth having."

While it is needful to co-operate and encourage closer fellowship with all who love the Lord Jesus, nothing is gained by a sentimental attitude that ignores the truth. We find there is a growing appreciation for the ideals of the Restoration Movement. Remember we do not lose respect while we present in love the truth of the New Testament.

When you find yourself overpowered, as it were, by melancholy, the best way is to do something kind to somebody or other.—J. Keble.

Neglect of Social Obligations

Will H. Clay.

WHILE it is admitted there is no social gospel, it is also admitted that the gospel has a social emphasis. It is this emphasis that has been neglected. The twentieth century will be distinguished in that it was in this period that the church began to realise that she had a mission to the bodies as well as the souls of men. Had she realised this centuries earlier the French Revolution would not have occurred and it is equally certain that the first and second world wars would not have been fought. It is doubtful whether the church will be sufficiently awake to prevent the third. Churches are slow to read the signs of the times. Forms and ceremonies have not the hold on the people they formerly had. The world is looking for something it can interpret in everyday language; in other words, it is demanding to see Jesus in action. It wants to see him in industry and in all human relations.

The Housing Problem

This problem is not altogether one for the politician. The church has not interested herself in the homes of the people. Churches of Christ, except in few instances, have not even provided a home for their servants. Is this due to lack of foresight or a failure to recognise responsibility? Perhaps both. Even from a business point of view this provision is a wise one. Preachers feel pardonably humiliated in approaching estate agents for a home. The appeal of the many homeless for even the most modest home is pathetic. The family unit is the basis of our community life upon which the morals and life of the nation depend. As such the housing problem is one which directly concerns the church.

The Food Problem

Just how far the church is responsible for the many millions who are dying of starvation it is hard to say. However, she has closed her ears to the cry of the underprivileged peoples of the world in former years, and has made but a feeble protest against conditions which have perpetuated these wrongs. The church of Jesus Christ cannot ignore national sins or the sins of society without invoking the divine displeasure.

What Can the Church Do to Avert a Third World War?

This is the subject of the discussion which will be led by Professor H. A. Woodruff, following a dinner which will be prepared by our women in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, on Monday, March 11. Men and women are invited, and seats may be reserved by tickets which are available at the Social Service Office for 2/-. Only 200 tickets are available.

The Liquor Question

Only four churches have responded to our request to give us the opinion of the officers' boards of our churches with regard to the arguments presented in the booklet, "The Liquor Question." Will defaulting churches please advise? So far, the opinions expressed have been unanimously favorable to Local Option as opposed to any form of public control.

"Right through the Bible there is abundant evidence that this life is not easy for the Christian, but a fiery trial of tribulation."

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Religious Procession, Japan.

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Annual festival held in honor of the Shoguns, who had a controlling power in Japan for 700 years and were virtually the sole power for 250 years. Its modern revival caused the Pacific conflict. With the downfall of this military power, will Christ's teaching reach the masses of Japan.



Here and There

A. Anderson, Federal F.M. secretary, reports that mail from the New Hebrides tells of twenty-two baptisms on Christmas day.

We have received the following message from New South Wales: "Hinrichsen-Morris had magnificent meeting Marrickville, Sunday night (Feb. 24); marquee crowded out, many standing; one man decided.—Thomas."

On March 3 Mrs. C. R. Burdeu died. Deepest sympathy is extended to our brother, C. R. Burdeu. Throughout the Commonwealth, these faithful disciples are remembered and honored for their unselfish service in the kingdom of God.

A social evening was held on Feb. 18 at Fairfield, Vic., to welcome Mr. Fitzgerald and family. A presentation was made to Mrs. Cliff Northeast in appreciation of long and faithful service at organ. For month of February numbers at evening meetings have more than doubled. On March 3, Railways Institute Fellowship conducted evening meeting, about 80 being present. Miss W. Lee and Miss J. Jones were soloists. A very enjoyable and profitable evening was brought to a close with singing around piano, followed by a cup of tea.

J. I. Mudford completed a happy interim ministry at Hartwell, Vic., on Jan. 13. Splendid addresses have been given by Mr. Robinson since he resumed. A devotional service and musical evening took place in honor of members of Services on Feb. 6. As a token of appreciation Mr. Mudford was presented with books. Mr. Piper has taken over leadership of Y.P.S.C.E., which has planned an excellent programme. Bible school is enthusiastically engaged in an efficiency campaign. Splendid attendances are maintained in all branches of work.

On Jan. 30 the church at Northcote, Vic., welcomed its new preacher (W. G. Graham), his wife and family. Dr. Hinrichsen was chairman. Mr. Cleland (conference president) represented brotherhood; Mr. Jones (Presbyterian) local preachers' fraternal. Dr. Hinrichsen spoke on behalf of church members. Speeches were interspersed with two anthems by choir; cornet solos by Mr. Foletta, and vocal solos by Mrs. Foletta. Glenda Collings (kinders) presented Mrs. Graham with a bouquet of flowers and a basket of fruit. Mr. Anderson (church secretary) presented key of chapel to Mr. Graham. At close supper was served by members of P.B.P. and K.S.P.

Attendances at Black Rock, Vic., during February were good, and included a number of visitors. Sympathy of church is extended to relatives of Mrs. Fraser, who died on Feb. 21 after a long illness. At close of G. P. Pittman's address at gospel meeting on Feb. 24, a young woman and a young man made the good confession. Opening meeting for year of Ladies' Guild took form of a basket picnic in Botanic Gardens on Feb. 28. It was a time of helpful fellowship, and year's work of the guild was discussed. J. Holloway gave a helpful address at morning service on March 3. All auxiliaries are working well after vacation. Sunday school anniversary practice has commenced.

There have been seven confessions recently at Horsham, Vic. All have been immersed and received into the church. On Feb. 24, 125 broke bread. There was a well attended gospel service, when C. W. Jackel gave a chart address. Bible school had 107 present. Merle Stokes and Ada Baker were tendered an evening prior to marriage. Mrs. R. Stokes was welcomed, and received gifts in recognition of her marriage. Jacob Becker, an early member, has removed to Ballarat. He has been a devout Christian witness. Church has been giving preaching service to Minyip, Warracknabeal, Dimboola and Stawell. On Feb. 17, a car-load of Hall's Gap campers conducted both services and assisted in Haven and Horsham Bible school. Eight people attended young people's camp.

Kevin Hinrichsen, son of Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen, of Northcote, Vic., at the age of 21 years, has completed his medical course at the Melbourne University.

Increased attendances at gospel services at Springvale, Vic., are gratifying, there being 80 present on Feb. 17. Offering for aborigine fund totalled £7/9/6. Mr. Burns, from college, conducted both services on Feb. 24, J. K. Bond being on holidays. Young people's auxiliaries have re-commenced activities. Prayer meeting is well attended.

At Cheltenham, Vic., annual thankoffering has reached approximately £42. This is towards aim of church re "living link" missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith. Tennis Club has won premiership in summer competition. Church is happy to have Trevor Robinson, from Wellington, N.Z., assisting in church and school work. Trevor has entered the College of the Bible as a student.

After many years of unselfish service as preacher, H. M. Clipstone died on March 4. Our brother was amongst the first students to enter the College of the Bible, commencing when the college was at Rathdown-st., Carlton. Coming from Western Australia he gave faithful service to churches in Victoria. He served at Castlemaine, Shepparton, Geelong, Bambra-rd., Caulfield, and was preacher at North Richmond at time of his death. Deepest sympathy is offered Mrs. Clipstone and other relatives.

At Ballarat (York-st.), Vic., meetings are well attended since holidays, morning meetings being especially encouraging. Peter French on evening of Feb. 17 sang an appreciated solo. Mr. and Mrs. Vautier have been on holidays. Messrs. Methven and Benson have helped with addresses. Endeavor societies have re-commenced for year. Bible school enjoyed a combined picnic with other churches of Christ schools at Wilson's Reservoir on Feb. 23. There were 105 at school on Feb. 24, best for year. Four returned Service personnel were welcomed at a social evening on Feb. 25. A second tennis court is almost completed.

The Federal Executive Committee has been very busy making plans for centenary conference to be held in Adelaide from Sept. 3 to 8. Representatives of churches in America, Great Britain, New Zealand and the various States are planned to have a part in an interesting programme which we hope to give in full in next issue. Brethren throughout the Commonwealth are planning to have a share in this great event. We hope it will prove an occasion to inspire the churches to press on with the task of spreading the plea of the Restoration Movement to every vital centre in Australia.

A group of young people of the church at Kaniva, Vic., had profitable fellowship at Hall's Gap. A presentation was made to Miss Betty Goldsworthy prior to her departure for professional training. Church annual meeting was held on Feb. 22. Work is maintained in all departments. Finances are healthy, but a slight decline was revealed in school enrolments and in church membership owing to death and removals. Harvest festival services were held on March 3. Special addresses were delivered by Mr. W. Crouch and Mr. Earl. Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger were present on furlough. Church Extension offering to date is £11.

During January Messrs. Ritchie, Austin and Knee gave morning addresses at Ormond, Vic., and at gospel services W. W. McDowell preached. Meetings have been well attended. Brethren of church have been conducting prayer meetings. During February the following gave addresses:—A. W. Stephenson, F. E. Buckingham, A. Ferguson, R. Enniss, D. Thomas R. P. Morris (jnr.), C. Young, Stiles Heath and Reg. Fullerton. Choir sang well on Sunday nights under baton of K. Austin. J. Ritchie has been leading C.E. Work of Bible school is in great heart. Members are waiting to give J. K. Martin and family

a welcome. On March 2, men of church held a working bee, tidied church grounds and put in more shrubs. Ladies' Aid and Mission Band meetings have commenced for year.

W. Gale writes: "On Feb. 24 a very delightful meeting was held with the brethren at Morwell, Vic. It was really more than that—it was a gathering of brethren from the northern parts of Gippsland. They came in cars from around Sale, from Coalville and from around Warragul, to meet with those in Morwell. The occasion of such a representative group was the visit of our keen and vital presidents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cleland, who were accompanied by Mr. Roy Kemp who some years ago resided in Gippsland, and the home mission secretary. After morning service all sat down to dinner together, and then constituted themselves a business meeting to consider the work in Gippsland. A committee representing the churches at Morwell and Warragul was appointed, and these brethren will shortly meet at Warragul under chairmanship of the conference president, who will journey there for the occasion. These lines are being written on the day that the new home mission tent is being erected at Balwyn—the mission with K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders commences on March 3."

Valedictory

ON February 8 a unique occasion in the history of the church at Fremantle, W.A., and probably in the brotherhood of Western Australia, partook of the nature of a "double event." C. W. Hunt was farewelled after a four years' ministry to become port chaplain of the British Sailors' Society and superintendent of the Sailors' Rest, Fremantle. This brought to a close thirty years of continuous full-time ministry among churches of Christ, many years of which had been spent in W.A., at Kalgoorlie, Cottesloe, Inglewood, the Wheat-Belt Circuit, and Fremantle. For a period he was organising secretary for W.A. and was also a president of the conference of churches in W.A. S. G. Taylor was also farewelled after 43 years as a member of the Fremantle church, including 35 years as an officer, and 12 years secretary, to be the full-time preacher of church at Claremont, W.A. Mesdames Ladner and Blencowe and Miss Williams delighted the large gathering with musical items, and A. M. Bell, O. Fieldus, W. Nightingale and L. Sullivan, representing various phases of Christian work, spoke their appreciation of the character and labors of guests. H. Cole (secretary), on behalf of church, presented both brethren with beautiful radio arm chairs, and to the wife of each a suitable cushion. After responses by Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, a social hour fitly rounded off this unique event.

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Tasmania

Kellevie.—During college vacation E. W. Heard spent a fortnight with church. His work, especially with Bible school, was appreciated. On evening of Feb. 5 Ron Saunders, of the College of the Bible, gave an inspiring address, to a well attended meeting, on work in New Hebrides. During past fortnight H. E. R. Steele, of Invermay, has been conducting a mission here. Members were inspired by his helpful addresses.

Devonport.—During past few weeks several visitors have met with church. Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Burton were received into fellowship by letter of transfer from Essendon, Vic. Newly-formed C.E. Society held first consecration meeting on Feb. 20 with 14 present. On Feb. 22 the Sunday school held picnic at Port Sorrell; about 100 including parents and friends made the journey. Mr. Grainger continues to give helpful addresses.

West Hobart.—On Feb. 17 R. V. Amos preached farewell addresses to two very well attended gatherings. Two Bible school scholars made the good confession at gospel service, and Beverley Hawtree was baptised. Soloist was Miss D. MacQueeney. Attendances on Feb. 24 were good, T. Street conducting all services. D. Tease is home on leave. Four young people who were immersed on 20th were received into fellowship. All offerings for day were donated to Aborigines Mission. J. C. Woolley has taken charge of Bible school; there was one new scholar.

Western Australia

Inglewood.—E. Sherman has conducted services at Morley Park, which is a few miles further out and connected by bus service to Perth. A tennis club has been formed with V. Beames, president, and R. Hancock, secretary. There was a good attendance for opening day. Ladies' Guild arranged a river trip to harbour; church members and friends had a delightful afternoon and happy fellowship. A. Hanks was recently discharged from R.A.A.F., and has assisted as president.

Wembley Park.—Young people held a social on Feb. 4 prior to commencing activities for year. Midweek meeting on Feb. 7 took form of a social evening, when opportunity was taken to welcome home George Cugley, who has been released from Army. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Hortin, Patricia and Peter in the passing of Mr. Hortin. Mr. and Mrs. Grist are home again after holiday in Eastern States, and Wilf. Paget has returned from Islands. Mrs. Cartwright is in Bethesda Hospital.

Kalgoorlie.—Now that schools have resumed after vacation, bringing back many members and their families who had spent holidays at coast, church reports increased attendances. Gospel service is attracting visitors, the preacher, H. Fitch, speaking on plea of churches of Christ. Bible school is growing after holidays, when numbers drop from around 200 to a little over 100. Increase and attendance campaign begins early in March. Sisters of church have bought new carpets for chapel, result of efforts for many months. Junior and Intermediate C.E. are again meeting as separate societies, having combined during Christmas period.

Perth.—Dorcas Society had a happy social hour at manse. Good wishes followed a gift from sisters of church to Mrs. Payne just before her departure for a holiday in Melbourne. Young Women's Fellowship held first meeting for this year. Officers elected; President, Mrs. J. K. Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. G. Ewers;

secretary, Mrs. N. Millar; assistant secretary, Mrs. L. Owen; treasurer, Mrs. C. Cook; librarian, Mrs. Fyfe; pianists, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. W. J. Yeomans. Bible school had enjoyable picnic at Mosman's Bay on Feb. 16. On morning of Feb. 17 visitors included L. Gole (North Fitzroy, Vic.). A talk by J. K. Robinson encouraged all. The 7.30 p.m. service was broadcast. Mrs. K. Campbell rendered a solo; Mr. Robinson preached.

Fremantle.—Y.P.S.C.E. on Feb. 5 had a successful re-opening evening, when "Young Campaigners" from Perth conducted meeting. Geo. Raitt (R.A.A.F.), from England, and Roy Vanstan, from New Guinea, are among recently returned members. A kitchen evening was held on Feb. 6 in honor of Miss Kath. Pritchard prior to her marriage with Mr. Chas. Banks on Feb. 16. A happy occasion was combined picnic of Sunday schools of Fremantle, N. Fremantle and Palmyra, at Point Walter, on Australia Day. Church has engaged services of James Gordon, now of Northam church, to serve Fremantle church on termination of his present engagement. H. Vawser will conduct gospel services from March 3 onward till Mr. Gordon commences. Recent elections have resulted in appointment of following elders:—H. Cole, O. Fieldus and F. Vanstan; and deacons, E. Cole, W. Robertson, C. Siggers, R. Thomson, F. Verco and H. Verco. "Livink Link" effort to end of January had reached £125.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Services for week were well attended. Attendance during Feb. 17 was 107. Among visitors were Mrs. Andersen and 15 members of L.O.L. A message in song was brought by Sister S. Haaman at evening service.

Albion.—Auxiliaries' reports were presented on Feb. 6, second night of annual business meeting. Girls' and boys' clubs held a combined social on Feb. 14 to open year's activities; Harry Horn was presented with a Bible in appreciation of his five years' leadership of club.

Gympie-Monkland.—Both schools have again reported new scholars and are meeting with increased interest using "Growing Garden" chart. Endeavorers journeyed to Kia Ora on Feb. 23 to participate in district C.E. rally. On Feb. 20 a re-union tea was held, when several returned Servicemen were welcomed. J. Kernick exhorted at both churches on Feb. 24. At night the father of some of our active Endeavorers made good confession.

South Australia

Flinders Park.—The church is holding a prayer and Bible study circle every Wednesday evening, and instructive addresses of F. Hollams are appreciated. Congratulations are extended to Muriel Richardson and Don Aird on their marriage. Jeann Cameller was baptised on Feb. 21, following her confession of faith a few weeks ago. Church is having new conveniences built and deep drainage installed. Endeavorers held a picnic at Gorge on Feb. 23. Church had fellowship with Gordon Clark, home on leave from Islands. Church sympathises with Don Aird in sickness following accident, also with Keith Webb, seriously ill at Northfield Hospital.

Nallsworth.—Bible school is making good progress. Two young men from Bible class have confessed Christ, and both were baptised and received into church. School is starting an increase campaign. Offering on Feb. 10 for aborigines mission was £9/10/-. Meetings are encouraging, particularly evening services; many strangers are attending and enjoying fellowship. Mr. Manning's topics for February have been a series of questions. D. Lawrie was speaker on morning of Feb. 24. In evening Mr.

Manning conducted a youth service, when several young men took part. Miss Rilda Perriam was soloist. Mrs. Baird was present after undergoing an operation in hospital. At close of Mr. Manning's address a young lady confessed Christ.

Semaphore.—Tennis club held annual picnic at Marino on Jan. 28. A visit from Croydon brotherhood took place on Feb. 4, when 53 men were present. Mr. Lawrie gave the address, male quartette rendered items, and local brethren provided supper. During absence of W. L. Ewers on holiday, the church is grateful to the following speakers on Feb. 10 and 17: A. Samuels, S. Riches, J. C. Stanley. S. Riches gave a lantern lecture on Feb. 12 dealing with work among lepers; over £5 was given toward that mission. Church appreciates help given by Mrs. Petherbridge and Mrs. Bywaters during absence of organist, Miss Taylor, who is still in hospital. A large number of Service personnel have received discharge and are again meeting and working with church.

Col. Light Gardens.—Special meetings held in connection with tent mission, and after mission meetings held in chapel, have concluded. Splendid work was done by G. T. Fitzgerald. Five people publicly owned Jesus as Lord; these have been baptised, and four have been received into fellowship. Church has been helped and inspired. Gifts were made to Mr. Fitzgerald as leader, and to Mrs. R. Hauber as pianist for the special meetings. Bible school makes progress, average attendance approximating 65; numbers are increasing; teachers are being added; and a junior Bible class has been formed under leadership of Mr. Redman. School held picnic on Feb. 23, at Hazelwood Park, Bunside, 100 or more were present, and all were delighted with the outing. On night of Feb. 10 three men came to help in absence of the preacher. They sang two hymns; one read scripture; one told children's story; the other preached. Some of Service men of church are back, among them W. Woodrofe, Bob Spencer, Graham Dodgson and Hilary Phillips.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On Feb. 17 Mr. Beiler spoke at both meetings, morning service being broadcast. Miss G. Mossop sang a solo, and choir an anthem. At quarterly church social on Feb. 20, work of ladies of church was featured. Miss W. Thorpe sang a solo, and Miss L. Brake gave a violin item. A Bible quizz was enjoyed, and refreshments were served. Prior to this service a mother and son came for baptism from Port Augusta. Their confession was taken, and they were baptised straightway, and later received the right hand of fellowship. The mother returned to Port Augusta, and her son left next morning for Duntroon Military College, Canberra. On Saturday afternoon Ladies' Mission Band held a floral function, when a band of lady singers from Burnside provided a musical programme. Goods were on sale; proceeds will add to L.M.B. fund. On Feb. 24 Mr. Beiler delivered appreciated addresses. In morning Mrs. Alison was received by letter from Prospect, and Mr. Scowan from Beulah-rd. Several members are very sick. Church extends sympathy to young members Ron, Walter and Ken. Bradley, also to Mr. Bradley, in home-call of a loving mother and wife after brief illness.

Berri, Winkle and Moorook Circuit.—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marshall commenced their ministry with churches of circuit on Feb. 3. A public welcome on Feb. 2 was attended by S.A. conference president, K. A. Jones, and a party of brethren from Maylands, who came to extend welcome on behalf of S.A. brotherhood. A large number of members and friends from Berri and Winkle attended inaugural meetings of Mr. Marshall on Feb. 3. K. A. Jones presided at morning service at Berri, with which members from Winkle combined for induction of new preacher. The right hand of fellowship was extended on behalf of church by L. A. Chapple, chairman of diaconate and elder of church, to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. They and the conference delegation attended Moorook service at 3 p.m., when the preacher was introduced to members meeting

at that end of the circuit, after which city brethren resumed their journey home. At a combined gospel service on Feb. 10, with over 80 present, a splendid address was given by Mr. Marshall, and five lads of Bible school and C.E. made the good confession. Officers of churches at Berri and Winkie have pledged whole-hearted support to the preacher, who has already created a favorable impression.

Flinders Park.—Meetings are well attended. A young woman who recently confessed Christ has been baptised. George Frost and Gordon Clark have returned home from the Forces. Keith Webb was called home on Feb. 27 after a short illness. Sympathy is extended by the church to his family.

Edwardstown West.—On Feb. 24 a brother made the good confession. Bible school harvest thanksgiving proved a happy occasion, made additionally so by increase of 23 new scholars, result of personal canvass of district. An all-time attendance record was established with 155 scholars. Ladies' Sunshine Circle held annual picnic at Bridgewater on Feb. 28. Endeavor societies and clubs are functioning efficiently.

Kensington Park (Benlah-rd.).—The church has farewelled Mr. Wilson, who throughout last year served as minister. There has been much quiet work done that will help the new preacher, Mr. Cartmel, who was welcomed on Feb. 28. Mr. Wilson had the joy of seeing three young persons confess Christ. Mr. Hoffman, Sunday school superintendent, is back, all the better for his operation; but his assistant, Gerald Simpson, after six months of bed and plaster jackets, following accident, has only just got to sitting-up stage.

Hindmarsh.—Mrs. E. Ratcliffe was baptised and received into church on Feb. 17. Miss Joy Chappell has left to enter the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic. Thos. Flint, in hospital, is making progress following operation. Mrs. Labram is now in a rest home at College Park. Health of Mrs. Snook has improved. Thos. Prideaux, 96 years of age, was called to rest on Feb. 9. He was one of the pioneer brethren of Hindmarsh, and possibly the oldest resident in the district. A mystery hike was held on Feb. 15. This led to grounds at homestead of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brooker, at Seaton Park. A happy evening was spent on the lawns; 120 attended. At annual meeting of church on Feb. 20, reports proved that good progress had been made. Treasurer revealed that for general purposes £1097/3/3½ had been given. There was credit balance in this fund of £427/16/11. There was also a credit in renovation fund of £120. For centennial appeal £235 had been given. Cash in hand for memorial year fund was £355, with further promises of £97. £10 weekly had been given for brotherhood work. Officers were elected for following year. Supper was served by ladies.

York.—On Jan. 26 a farewell was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. G. Rootes and Miss W. Owens. Ladies' Guild made a presentation to Mrs. Rootes as a token of esteem for service rendered as leader. Presentations were also made from church, Bible school and auxiliaries. On Feb. 27 Mr. Rootes gave farewell addresses, terminating a happy ministry. On Feb. 3 L. G. Johnson commenced with church. Colin McKelvie was received by letter from Mile End. At night there was singing by young people, and Mrs. G. Glastonbury sang a solo. Helpful addresses were given during day by Mr. Johnson. Visitors included Mr. Cartmel and Mr. and Mrs. H. Watkins, from Victoria. A public welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on Feb. 13. This was also an induction service. K. Jones, president of conference, presided. Speakers were R. E. Mossop; G. Bartlett (president of Men's Fellowship of Port Line Group); C. Schwab (H.M. secretary). A helpful and inspiring service was followed by supper and social fellowship. Mr. Stein is home after being in hospital for some time, and is making good progress. Mr. and Mrs. Horsell and Sister Williams have been sick and unable to attend services.

New South Wales

Bexley North.—On Feb. 10 G. Hardimon, of Tempe, addressed church. Bible school continues use of projector for hymns, choruses and pictures. A series on "Pilgrim's Progress" is being used to great effect. On Feb. 16, over 100 travelled to Gunnamatta Bay on train for annual picnic. J. Henderson is conducting a training course for junior and prospective teachers for Bible school and kindergarten.

Penshurst.—After brief illness Mr. Moran resumed ministry on Feb. 3. On Feb. 16 two young people of church, Miss Betty Byrnes and Mr. W. Broady, were married. At close of meeting on Feb. 17 one young married woman took her stand for Christ. Church auxiliaries are working steadily, and a new scholar drive, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" has been commenced. Church feels indebted to efforts of G. H. Eager, sen., as superintendent. The school is now working for anniversary. Church business meeting was held on Feb. 25.

Gilgandra.—Meetings have been well maintained. All auxiliaries have commenced activities for year. Two new ones have been formed—Y.W.L. under co-leadership of Misses Ellen Tilley and Alice Burrell; and Junior Club (boys). Senior Boys' Club has been formed into a K.S.P. Club with following executive:—G. H. Eager (chaplain), L. Burrell (chancellor), W. Hodgekiss (vice-chancellor), A. Hodgekiss (scribe) and B. Walker (purser). In J.C.E. over past two weeks eleven new members have been enrolled. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors. Members are considering plans for pioneering work into surrounding district. School is practising for anniversary.

Kingsford.—At annual meeting on Feb. 19 reports were excellent; fine work is being done by auxiliaries. Treasurer showed £603/1/10 received for all purposes, £114/16/5 being for brotherhood work; credit balance, £165; church building free of debt. L. G. Read accepted another twelve months' engagement as part-time preacher. Church has decided to work on a five year plan, and it is hoped before the first year is out to have 120 at worship, 120 at gospel meeting and 150 in Bible school, increased numbers at prayer meeting, boys' and girls' clubs. All present officers were re-elected, secretary for 28th term. John Rodger was elected an elder, and Mrs. Agnew was added to deaconesses. Four of the young men gave their lives in the war (Fred Bruce, Cecil O'Brien, Roy Sullivan and Will Ledger).

Taree.—Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith, of Naremburn, W.A., to which field T. D. Maiden will return after interim ministry in this district. On morning of Feb. 17, I. Smith presided, and R. Blackburn, superintendent of Boys' Home, Pendle Hills, gave addresses to congregation; he also spoke to church at Wingham. In the afternoon Mrs. Blackburn (matron of home) gave an interesting talk to Bible school. T. D. Maiden conducted a helpful service at night. During day Bruce Munro visited church. Formerly associated with Taree Bible school, he will enter Woolwich Bible College. T. D. Maiden gave morning and evening addresses at Taree on Feb. 24, and E. J. Saxby spoke at Wingham. Church and Bible school await visit of R. Greenhalgh (youth director), who will conduct "Happy Hour" meetings and an evangelistic effort at early date.

Victoria

Kyneton.—H. A. Saunders, of Footscray, gave appreciated addresses at end of January. Miss I. McKay, of Mitcham, and Mrs. G. Andrews, of Drummond, were received into local membership. P. Whitmore is doing good visitation work. Midweek prayer meetings have been resumed under leadership of local brethren. A splendid welcome home social was tendered to several returned Service members on Feb. 23. Solos were enjoyed from Mr. Pelling, of Brighton, on Feb. 24.

Emerald.—On Feb. 24 Miss Adelaide Hill, of China Inland Mission, was speaker for day. She related some of her experiences during 30 years in China.

Warrnambool.—On Feb. 24 a new pulpit, cost of which was subscribed by congregation, was installed in church building. Men's Society met later in day and listened to an interesting travel talk by W/O C. R. Le Couteur, R.A.A.F. Recent visitors to church included Miss Lucy Costelloe, who assisted with a solo. Mr. and Mrs. N. Loader have returned to live in Warrnambool. Eric Jenkins is here on leave. W. McConnell recently spoke at morning service. Following resignation of Mrs. Bryant as kindergarten leader, Mrs. Petterd is giving valuable assistance as leader.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Mr. Wilkie spoke on morning of Feb. 24, and at a youth service in evening speaker was J. Lang, superintendent of Youth Centre. Collection in aid of that institution was £2/1/-. At church business meeting on Feb. 27, plans for forward move were made by church with aim of obtaining a full-time preacher early next year. A contributory scheme of church finance was decided upon. J. Hearn and R. Davies were added to deacons, J. Taylor resigning owing to pressure of work. J. Lacy has been elected treasurer in place of W. Hearn, who resigned for business reasons.

Balwyn.—Work in all activities has been resumed. A married lady made the good confession at close of Mr. Hurren's address on evening of Feb. 10, and was baptised on evening of 17th. Average attendance at Lord's Table for February was 115. Mr. Wright, of Blackburn, addressed church on Feb. 17. Miss L. Orr, of Sandhill, Launceston, had fellowship with church. On Feb. 24, over 100 young people sat to tea in schoolroom. Mr. Banks, of Doncaster, gave a timely talk. Gospel service, preceded by service of song, was conducted by young people. K. Patterson, of Ivanhoe, gave an interesting talk. Miss Clark, of Box Hill, was soloist.

Gardenvale.—On Feb. 3 Mr. Shaw commenced as associate preacher with Mr. Anderson in Gardenvale-Bentleigh circuit. He was welcomed on behalf of church by Mr. Tippet. Mr. Shaw conducted gospel service, at which a girls' choir sang and Miss B. Tippet and Maurice Keatch rendered a duet. At gospel meeting on Feb. 10 young people of Endeavor and Bible school sang special hymns. Miss Joan Mott was soloist. At conclusion of Mr. Anderson's address a Bible school scholar, Roy Briggs, made the good confession. South Suburban District Youth Fellowship enjoyed a boat trip on the river on Feb. 16. At a well attended meeting on Feb. 24 Mr. Duff-Forbes gave an inspiring illustrated address regarding the Jews and Palestine.

Drumcondra.—Bible school attendances are very satisfactory. On Feb. 17, school took charge of "Sunday School of the Air" programme from 3GL. Visitors on Feb. 24 included Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and daughter, from Wagga, N.S.W. Annual business meeting was held on Feb. 21. On March 3 Church Extension offering was received. C.E. Society is functioning well, bright and interesting programmes are helpful, and over 1000 stamps have been collected for missionary work. On Feb. 2 Geelong Christian Endeavor Day was celebrated by a hike to Highton with rally following. Members of church are grateful to Mr. Pratt, who is doing week-end service with church. His untiring visitation and interesting addresses are an inspiration.

Hamilton.—At church anniversary, held on Feb. 10, large congregations were present at both services. A brief resume of history of church was presented to members, and greetings were received from all past preachers, and from Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Waters. Mrs.

T. H. Hadden and B. Kennett have been received by transfer. A senior Bible school scholar has made her confession. Women's Mission Band had large attendance for first meeting for year. C.E. Society is functioning well, and had about 20 young people from Warrnambool visit them. T. V. Weir, of Warrnambool, gave a devotional address which was appreciated. C.M.S. held meeting on Feb. 13, when Messrs. Witham and Bannam spoke on firefighting methods. Three new members were reported.

Wangaratta.—On Feb. 21 a kitchen tea was held to honor Miss Minnie Pressley, an enjoyable time being spent. J. Whittaker was chairman, G. Jackel spoke on behalf of church, Miss C. Ashmead, Bible school; I. Jackel and Mrs. W. Wakefield also spoke words of thanks to Miss Pressley for her services to church since its commencement. On Feb. 23 Miss M. Pressley and Mr. F. Macintosh were married, W. Wakefield officiating. The church has enjoyed fellowship with Miss Noel Hingston, from Belmore, and J. Barry during past two weeks. Miss Hingston sang a solo at gospel service Feb. 17, and Mrs. A. Jackel on 10th. Annual meeting of Ladies' Guild was held on Feb. 20. Mrs. W. Wakefield was re-elected president; Mrs. K. Jackel, secretary; Mesdames G. Jackel and E. Kershaw, vice-presidents; Mrs. Scott-Brown, pianist. Mrs. G. Jackel is an inmate of Wangaratta Hospital.

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH 17 and 19.—First anniversary Moorooduc church (nine miles from Frankston). Lord's Day evening at 7.30, Thomas Hagger preacher. Special singing. Tuesday evening at 8, W. Gale speaker. Good programme. Come and rejoice with us.

BROADCAST SERVICE

MARCH 24.—Albion church, Qld., will broadcast morning service over national network.

DEATHS

BURDEU.—Beloved wife of Clive Reginald and the mother of Raymond and Beryl (Mrs. Wiltshire), at Vaulcuse Private Hospital, March 3.

WARDEN.—On Feb. 26, at Rochester, David M. Warden, dearly loved husband of Nellie (for 49 years), loving father of Jean (Mrs. Hillier) and Wall, Swan Hill; Alf, returned P.O.W., and Vera, Swan Hill; Les and Sylvia, Blackburn; dear grandpa of Ron (College of Bible), David and Alan Hillier, Barry Warden, R.A.N., and baby Robyn Warden, Blackburn. Greatly missed. Loved by all. "Thy will be done."
—His loving wife and family.

IN MEMORIAM

BLACKWELL.—In loving memory of Ormond, who passed away March 4, 1938, dearly loved son of Frank and late Eva Blackwell.

"Not gone from memory or from love,
But to their Father's home above."
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PEDERSEN.—In loving memory of our darling little Bruce, who passed away on Feb. 24, 1939.
"Safe in the arms of Jesus."

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MARCH 21:

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CHURCH OF CHRIST, PARKDALE

SPECIAL SERVICES

MARCH 24, 11 a.m., Preacher, J. Wiltshire;
Subject: "The New Testament Church
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MARCH 31, Sunday School Anniversary. 11 a.m.,
J. Wiltshire; 3 p.m., Don Thomas;
7 p.m., J. Wiltshire; Subject: "A Little
Child Shall Lead."

APRIL 7, Church Anniversary. 11 a.m., J. Wiltshire;
Subject: "The Invincible Church";
3 p.m., F. Morgan; 7 p.m., J. Wiltshire;
Subject: "The Imperishable Name."

68th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY,

Raleigh-st., Footscray, Vic.,

SUNDAY, APRIL 7.

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3 p.m., P.S.A., Mr. Cyril J. Walklate.

7 p.m., Mr. Denzil C. Ritchie.

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7 p.m., C. J. Robinson.

MAY 7, 2.30 p.m., Special Women's Mission Band
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7 p.m. (Adelaide Town Hall), Dr. Jesse Bader,
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Monday, Sept. 9, Youth Night.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, Pioneers' Night.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, Centenary Tea Meeting.
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"It's easy enough to be merry
When life goes along like a song;
But the man worth while
Is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong."

THE BETTER CHOICE

A GOOD voting story is related by Mr. Frank A. Boreham. On the day of a general election, Artemus Ward, it is related, entered a polling booth and began to look about in evident perplexity. The returning officer approached and offered to help him. "For whom do you desire to vote?" he asked. "I want to vote for Henry Clay," replied Artemus. "For Henry Clay?" exclaimed the astonished officer. "Why, Henry Clay has been dead for years." "Yes, I know," replied Artemus Ward, "but I'd rather vote for Henry Clay dead than for either of these men living." Boreham's moral is here: "Better be a dead hero than a living coward."

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TOPIC—"FILLED WITH MADNESS"

- Mar. 11—Psalm 13.
- " 12—Psalm 27.
- " 13—Psalm 71: 1-7.
- " 14—Psalm 74.
- " 15—Psalm 82.
- " 16—Rom. 12: 9-21.
- " 17—Isa. 42: 1-12; Luke 6: 1-19.

SUCH is described as the mental condition of the hypocritical Pharisees, whose hostility was now provoked, as on many other occasions, by our Lord's conduct and doctrine with regard to the Sabbath Day. "They were filled with madness"; or, as in the margin of the Revised Version, "foolishness." Pretending to be zealous for the law of Moses, their conduct proved that their hostility was aroused by a desire to secure the Saviour's death, as the three synoptic gospels testify. To this end they held consultation with the Herodians, who cared not for the Jewish, but rather the Roman law, conforming to Gentile customs and favoring the building of a temple for the worship of idols. Amid

the disputation Jesus remained perfectly calm, having right on his side; and even when angry, he sinned not. On the other hand the Pharisees were "filled with madness," for their consultation with the Herodians made it impossible for them to be angry and sin not.—J.C.F.P.

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CHURCH AND NATIONAL QUESTIONS

WHILST sharing A. A. Hughes' distress at the many social inequalities of the present day, I feel that it would be a mistake for the church to devote an important part of her energies to the solution of complex social and political problems. Her main duty is winning individuals for Christ; if it is God's will that she should have great success in this task, the social problems would disappear; social justice cannot be forced on a hostile world of men by a small minority of Christians. The small minority of Christians can only be increased by the church devoting all her energies to her allotted task; this line of action is the logical way of attacking the root cause of social injustice, and is preferable to any action directed at merely treating the symptoms.

At the same time, each Christian, by living the complete Christian life, is helping to bring good to all his fellow men.—R. H. Robinson, Caulfield, Vic.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAVA

I AM in full sympathy with the National Missionary Council's "Appeal for Intercession" for the persecuted Christians in Java ("A.C." 20/2/46), but think that something ought to be added to set the atrocities in their true perspective. The antagonism of Islam to the Christian community has its rise not only in the religious but also in the political-economic issues.

With regard to the latter, one need not condone these atrocities to point out that they are inevitable so long as the Christian enterprise is regarded by the Indonesians as alien, allied with Dutch imperialism, and opposed to the determination of a people to govern themselves.

Without this perspective such appeals too easily lend themselves to fostering support for the reimposition on the Indonesians of Dutch "law and order" under the guise of protecting the church in Java.—R. W. Graham, Boronia, Vic.

CHURCH AND NEXT WAR

THE possibility of another global war, a warfare of atomic bombs, is almost a daily theme of the newspapers, and every Christian should be asking himself, What part shall I play in it? The question of the Christian atti-

tude to war is one of the greatest importance to the whole church, but it is also a question which has been largely shelved during the two world wars of this age. Knowing that there are many Christians vitally concerned about the church's attitude to war, I shall be glad to get in touch with all who are interested in making an organised attack upon this very pressing problem.—S. H. Wattleworth, Exton, Tasmania.

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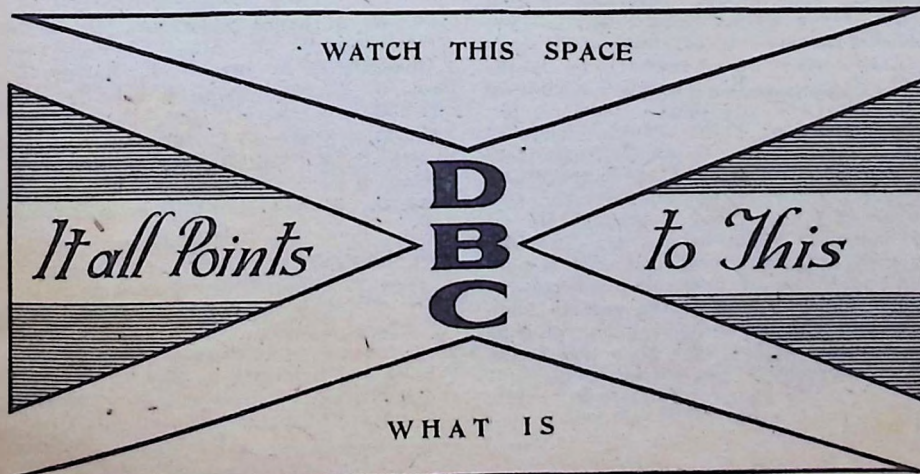
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GREAT URGES TO WORSHIP

IN his pastoral rounds in a North Coast town
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band and father of one family say to him, "The
wife and children may attend if they wish, but
you will never see me in church." Yet, within
a week, the man was in church, due to the
sudden death of his daughter.

A host of reasons have been given as to why
people go to church. One says, "Folk go from
a sense of duty. Duty to parental tradition,
to their better selves, to their children or the
community." Another declares, "Certain people
take pleasure in sentimental company and
circumstances. They take pleasure in the
dignity and embellishments of a church
service." Someone else says, "Because we
ourselves want to be better, and our
attendance may influence other persons, too.
Because of what the church has done and has
yet to do." Dr. Inch, of Scotland, submitted
three reasons why people go to church, thus:
"Church-going is a means of keeping up one's
spiritual education. It makes for brotherhood.
The biggest reason is the call of Christ and
his example." In his book, "The Significance
of Silence," Leslie D. Weatherhead says: "Here,
then, are four reasons why people come to
church. . . . The first—and by far the most im-
portant—is that you come to worship God. . . .
Second, people come to church to find forgive-
ness. . . . Third, men come to church to find
fellowship. . . . Lastly, people come to church
to find power—spiritual power for this diffi-
cult task of living."

That church-going and worship are not always
one and the same was evident recently in the
town of Cary, Illinois. A report tells of the
sudden interest of worldly persons in the ser-
mon-texts of the preachers. Some went to
church to hear them. But it was discovered
that the figures involved in announcements of
texts were being used for gambling purposes.

Surely there is something striking and de-
cisive in the way in which Jesus illuminates
the great urges to worship, whether in public
assembly or in private place. There is the
powerful and primitive urge of fear in the
presence of real peril. So men and women are
moved to worship, much as a menaced widow
went with her plea to the judge, "Avenge me
of mine adversary" (Luke 18: 3). And there
is One who is able to avenge them speedily.
Said Dr. Alexander Whyte, "I cannot tell you
the name of that widow's adversary in that
city. But if you do not know I will tell you
the name of the universal adversary of all God's
elect in this city. It is sin." There is the
urge of gratitude, such as impelled a cleansed
leper to return and give thanks (Luke 17: 16).
Has the proportion of the thankful improved
from that ratio of one to nine? Then there
is the urge of altruism and concern for others
which moves many to worship, like the man
who went off to get bread at midnight to set
before a hungry visitor (Luke 11: 6). Life
brings such unexpected challenges and respon-
sibilities as throw us upon the resources of
God. But highest of all is the urge to iden-
tify ourselves with the purposes and programme
of our heavenly Father; and when that is the
motive of our worship, we will be really want-
ing to pray: "Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come."
(Matt. 6: 9, 10).—G. J. Andrews.

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Peter Pan's Motto

IT is a very interesting fact that some of the people who have never lived, except in someone's imagination, like Alice, who went to Wonderland, and Anne, who lived in Green Gables, and Ivanhoe, and Oliver Twist, are much more real and alive than most of the people who have really lived. One of those invented people who is known to every boy and girl is Peter Pan. Of course, he never really lived as you live, but a clever man said the other day that Peter Pan walked the rolling roads of England for centuries before Barrie caught him and put him in a book. And you will remember that Peter Pan had a very fine motto—"Turn to the right and keep straight on till morning." That is a motto worth remembering and copying.

Turn to the right does not mean just turning to the right hand but turning to the right way. That is the really important thing, and one thing which we have to remember is that no one was ever sorry for turning to the right way. People have often been sorry because they did not turn to the right way. One wonderful day Jesus met Saul of Tarsus down the Damascus road and said, "Saul, what dost thou wish me to do?" and received, in effect, the answer, "Turn to the right and keep straight on till morning." In the after days, when Paul told that story, he used to add, "I did as I was commanded. I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

The world is full of splendid stories of men and women who have heard the same command and who obeyed in the same fashion. Anthony Ashley, who was later to become Earl of Shaftesbury, heard that command while he was still a boy at Eton, and vowed that he would spend his life in helping poor people. Later on, he came again to the cross roads. He was asked to champion the cause of the children who worked cruelly long hours in the factories, and he scarcely knew which way to take. On the one side he would have hosts of friends, a pleasant, easy life; on the other hand he would lose his friends, have a lifetime of worry and care and no ease. He asked his wife what he should do. "Turn to the right and keep straight on," she said. "It is your duty, and the consequences we must

leave. Go forward and to victory!" So Earl Shaftesbury spent the rest of his days, helping the children and the poor and needy.

But not all those who turn to the right keep on to the end of the road. Peter turned aside from that road when he denied Jesus in the judgment hall, and he was never able to forgive himself afterwards. John Mark turned back, and deserted Paul and Barnabas when the road ahead threatened to be too dangerous and he was always sorry afterwards, but he turned round and got on to the



right road again and kept on till morning. If you have read "The Pilgrim's Progress" you know how often Christian was tempted to turn back, after he had turned to the right. Remember the lions on Hill Difficulty, and the fight with Apollyon in the Valley of Humiliation, for example. But he kept on and came to the Celestial City in the morning.

Some scientists say that copper is matter that was on the way to becoming gold but took a wrong turning and ended up as copper when, if it had kept on the right road, it would have been gold. How much was lost by not keeping on! But if we do keep on we shall see the morning break. "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Will you make Peter Pan's motto your own? "Turn to the right, the right way, and keep straight on till morning."—W. J. May.

Wallace the Worm

"The weak things of the world."—1 Cor. 1: 27 (R.V.).

A SHORT time ago when in Stirling I saw in a bookshop a book with the amusing title, "Wallace the Worm," Wallace, I imagine, with such a name would be a bold worm. Anyhow it was a suitable name for a worm in Stirling, where William Wallace won the Battle of Stirling Bridge. Although I've no idea what Wallace the worm's story was, there are one or two lessons worth learning about worms as a whole.

One thing to be learned, then, is not to despise the worm because it is on a lower level than we are. Sometimes we are inclined to scorn it as a creepy, crawling thing. Indeed one of the most insulting things we can say about any one is to call him or her "a worm." I'm not so sure that the insult isn't on occasion to the worm.

Recently, it is said, there was a meeting of the animals about this and such-like matters at which various resolutions were passed, and it was, for instance, unanimously agreed that the phrase "Fighting like wild beasts" should be altered to "Fighting like human beings." For, after all, the wild beasts' doings aren't half as bad as some of the deeds being done by men to-day. Similarly the worm isn't a miserable creature at all, not nearly as miserable as some of those who are sometimes called by its name.

As a matter of fact the apostle Peter long ago was taught a similar sort of lesson. Peter used to despise certain creatures till one day Peter dreamed a dream, for God sometimes gets truth through to us in that way. In the dream Peter saw something like an enormous sheet let down from above and in it all sorts of four-footed beasts of the earth and fowls of the air and creeping things, which Peter called common or unclean. Whereupon a voice seemed to say to him, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." And that surely applies to the worms that creep, and that God the Creator created as well as us.

And this is another lesson to learn, that worms though little may accomplish a lot. After all, the worm is one of the world's workers. A garden would soon be a bare and infertile place but for the

patient boring of the worms. It is the insignificant worm that loosens the soil and aerates it, that is, lets air in.

An American doctor, who was an enthusiastic gardener, experimented with worms to see whether they would enrich the soil and make his plants grow, and he found that his garden flourished as never before, and that the flowers were not nearly so much pestered by insects; whereupon he gave up his doctoring and started as an earthworm farmer instead. He began breeding millions of worms. He then sent them to farmers all over the States, many of whom are deeply grateful to this clever man, for when their land was worked out the lowly earthworm gave it new vitality and saved the day.

And, like the wonderful work of the little worm, it is often men and women of no great nature who have done glorious deeds and shared in history. David was only a stripling shepherd, but it was David, not the giant Goliath, who won the battle. Paul, it is believed, was a small man, but no single person accomplished a greater work for God. William Wilberforce was so tiny that they called him a "shrimp" and had to stand him on a table to see him above the crowd when he was speaking; but it was his brave work that set free thousands of slaves. And when Abraham Lincoln, who was lanky and tall, met Mrs. Stowe, who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," he looked with surprise at her and said, "Is this the little woman that made this big war?"—the Civil War by which the slaves in America were freed. Thus, like the insignificant worm, little folk may do a great work for God in his world, for frequently God has "chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the mighty."—"The Expository Times."



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Y O U T H S ' M A G A Z I N E

Stephen Cheek's Critics

AS a young preacher Stephen Cheek, who did so much for churches of Christ in Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland, over sixty years ago, met many opponents who criticised him because of some small slip in expression. In the little paper called "Truth in Love" which he edited, he told the following story:—

We once heard a man tell how, when a boy in England, he went reaping. Being his first year's attempt, he took unusual pains to do his work well.

A would-be overseer, upon inspecting the work, discovered a few ears of corn which had been dropped. Gathering them, he shook them before the youthful reaper, saying, "Come boy, come! What does this mean?" The timid lad replied, "Well sir, I have been careful; but I thought there were always a few ears left behind." "Oh, very well boy, I'm not complaining," replied the overseer, "only if I didn't say something about it, you'd think I didn't know anything."

Often have the candid overseer's words come to mind, when some modern wise-acre with a sage look has busied himself in raising objections, and "picking holes," which objections when thoroughly sifted have dwindled away into a substance so small as to be bound up in the overseer's words:—"If I didn't say something about it you'd think I didn't know anything."

Sometimes a critic sets up with very small capital.

HIGHEST DUTIES

ONE of Murillo's paintings in the Louvre pictures a kitchen filled with beautiful white-winged angels who are putting the kettle on to boil, carrying a pail of water, and doing the lowly work. It is a lovely symbol of the truth:

The highest duties oft are found
Lying on the lowest ground,
In hidden and unnoticed ways,
In household works, on common days.

And if it is true that every common task is great if performed in a great spirit, what are we to say of the work that directly concerns Christ's church? How glad and proud we should be to do even the least service for Christ.—H. E. Hewitt, "Christian World Pulpit."

LETTING LIGHT IN

RITA SNOWDEN writes in one of her charming books: "I cling with real affection to the idea of a saint given me by a little Quaker girl. She sat in a beautiful church. She had never been inside a beautiful church before, and when she sat as quiet as a mouse in her tall pew and asked what the lovely stained-glass window was, she was told it was a saint. She thought she had never seen anything so beautiful. She was silent. Now she knew what a saint was. A few days after, she was crossing the park with a friend when they saw an aged woman with flowers and a full basket going her way towards the pocket part of the village. "There was a saint if ever there was one," said the friend. And the little girl was puzzled. On Sunday a saint was a beautiful stained-glass window, and now it was an old woman. How could that be? She puckered up her brow in doubt. Then it came to her; in the next moment she added: "Oh, I know, a saint is someone who lets the light shine through."

MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE

1. Where did Elijah gain a victory over the prophets of Baal?
2. Where was the law given to Moses?
3. After Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn in the upper room at Jerusalem, to what mount did they go?
4. From what mountain did Moses see the Promised Land?
5. Where did Elijah hear the "still small voice"?
6. Near what mountain did Jesus ask a Samaritan woman for a drink of water?
7. Where was the temple built in Jerusalem?

ANSWERS.

1. Mount Gerizim. 7. Moriah.
2. Sinai. 5. Mount Olivet.
3. Mount Carmel. 6. Mount Gerizim.
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At Neighbor

HOW many neighbors have you? This child is one. There are many more like her living in lands not far North of Australia. Within a day's flying journey there are one thousand million neighbors. Many of these people are living in diseased and filthy towns. Most are not able to read or write intelligently. Large numbers are starving now. What dreadful sufferings torment their dark souls because they have not seen the light of Jesus Christ! None within the church can rest from Christian labors while so many are in such great need. Let us serve through any church organization in which we have a part and try to help these neighbors with physical and spiritual aid!