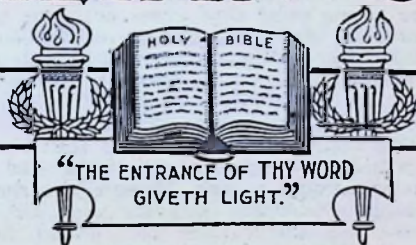


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## Our Hope Rests on Facts

THE hope of eternal life does not rest only on scientific or philosophical reasoning, but on the certain facts of history. There is such simplicity in God's method of making divine knowledge clear to humble men and women that the people who are wise in worldly scholarship consider the gospel story to be foolish. But, while the theories of men come and go, the simple story of Jesus Christ goes on, reaching greater numbers throughout the world. Thus the foolishness of God confounds those wise in the knowledge of this world's vanity.

God demonstrated great truth in acts that common people could see and understand. God brought divine truth to the level of the everyday life of human beings. Facts were so presented by God to man that only if he were proud or perverted would a man deny them.

THE fact of God's *being* was removed from the realm of uncertainty when "the Word became flesh" and dwelt amongst us. "Show us the Father and we shall be satisfied?" one man demanded of Jesus. The reply was simple. Proof of the truth of the reply gave immediate satisfaction to the humble and sincere enquirer. "He that hath seen me," said Jesus, "hath seen the Father." That person who stood in a body of flesh before the disciples revealed to men the fact that God exists. Thus we have no need to delve into philosophy to gain proof of God's existence. We need only to go to Christ and consider him and we shall find the most convincing argument to support the fact of God. God was made manifest in the flesh common to man. God became a fact of history, and therefore cannot be explained away.

THE second great truth men needed to learn concerns the way they ought to live. The Lord did not leave us in any doubt as

to the principles essential for daily living. These truths were not given in philosophical or technical terms, but were expressed in simple words and in homely stories. However, it was not by the teaching in words alone that the lessons became known to people. Jesus demonstrated the truth in the acts of a body of flesh. He went about doing good. He set no value on material things. He sought to do only the will of the Father. He did not count his life to be the most valuable of treasures. He saw that there was a time when it was necessary to sacrifice one's interests and life to save others.

The life of service is the life that counts.

The truth of that principle was revealed to men in the perfect life of Christ in the flesh, and in the agony of a crucified body on Calvary. Divine truth—the truth concerning the way of life—became an undisputed fact of history. The way of the cross, therefore, has become real, and we cannot deny it. It reminds us constantly of the need to venture out and to live sacrificially.



THERE may be anxiety on our part to know what God is. Is God a despotic power? Is God an unrelenting judge? We may argue such points, but we shall get little satisfaction from our reasonings. One truth in God's nature has been made clear to us. We know him to be a God of love. We are told that "God is love." This love of God has also been demonstrated in an actual fact of history that cannot be ignored. As Jesus said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Since "God was in Christ" we see the cross as a divine drama setting out in bodily acts the passionate love of the Godhead. In response to that love revealed in history multitudes sing A. M. Toplady's lines:

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The cleft rock which inspired the hymn, "Rock of Ages."

# "Risen, As He Said"

G. P. Pittman

IN recent years it has been suggested by some writers that after the death and burial of Jesus, the body of our Lord may have been secretly removed by his enemies and hidden somewhere or other until it decomposed. The motive for its removal, they say, was the fear lest the disciples of Jesus should begin to visit the tomb to do honor to the remains of their Master, and so the fame of Jesus would increase with the years instead of dying with his death.

But the removal of the body was the last thing the enemies of Jesus would have thought of doing. According to the New Testament records (and we have no others), the day after the death of Jesus "the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."

From this we see what the priests were afraid of. They were not afraid that the disciples would come in numbers to visit the tomb out of respect to the memory of Jesus. They were afraid that the disciples would come and steal the body and spread a rumor that Jesus had risen from the dead according to his own predictions, of which they had heard. Now if the enemies of Jesus had themselves removed the body, they would have helped to start the very rumor which they wished to prevent. The disciples would have said at once, "The tomb is empty, the body is gone, our Master's word has been fulfilled; he has risen from the dead." Surely the clever and crafty scribes and Pharisees would hardly have done such a stupid thing as that.

Further, it has often been pointed out that if the enemies of Jesus were in possession of the body, as soon as the stories of the resurrection began to circulate in Jerusalem, they would have brought out the body and said to the people, "His disciples are saying that he is risen from the dead. See, here is the body; we ourselves removed it from the tomb; he is quite dead, as you can see for yourselves."

Even if the flesh had begun to decompose, there would have been enough of it for a long time in that climate to enable the Jews to identify it by the marks of the nails in hands and feet, the spear-wound in his side, and other signs. It should be remembered also that dead bodies in Palestine were put in caves or tombs, where decomposition would be delayed a long time. In the case of Jesus the body had been wrapped in fine linen, with a hundred pounds weight of myrrh and aloes, which would help to preserve the body.

We may therefore be sure that the enemies of Jesus did not take the body away from the tomb. But we are also certain that the friends of Jesus did not get possession of the body and place it somewhere else. To say nothing of the guards on watch, and the seal on the stone, what would they gain by taking the body away? What would be their motive in doing so? To assert that

he was risen from the dead would be impossible to men as honest as they were. If there is one thing that comes out more than another in the stories of the resurrection, it is the plain, artless, unsophisticated character of the disciples. They did not understand that Jesus would rise. They thought he was dead and done with, once for all. There was nothing subtle or designing about their minds. They had no plans for the future, and no ideas concerning a risen Messiah who should establish a spiritual kingdom over all the earth. All their hopes had proved false. They decided to go back to their former occupations. It was most difficult for Jesus to convince them that he had risen. He had to show them the wounds in his hands, feet and side, and even invite them to put their fingers into the wounds. He had to say to them, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish and of a honeycomb. And he took it and did eat before them."

It is admitted by all that a change of some sort had come over the body of Jesus. It was able to appear and disappear, and to pass through closed doors, and we are told that "some doubted" when they saw him. But all this bears the impress of truth and probability. Such changes were not to be wondered at in connection with One who had risen from the dead, and would shortly ascend to heaven.

An intermediate condition between the body of the earthly life, and that of the heavenly state as shown in John's vision of Christ on Patmos, is surely not unreasonable.

The theory of a spiritual, as opposed to a physical resurrection of Jesus, is out of the question, for the survival of the spirit after death is not a resurrection. When our friends die, we believe their spirits live on, but we do not speak of them as having risen from the dead. The objection to a physical miracle in the case of Jesus is of course only a phase of the unbelief that rejects all miracles as being impossible. That is an assumption of omniscience that most of us hesitate to adopt. Further, if a spirit should return and walk and talk with people on earth, that also would be a miracle. In order then to avoid the miraculous, we must reject all the appearances of Jesus to his disciples, whether we look upon them as physical or spiritual.

Again, to speak of spiritual appearances is a contradiction in terms, for spirits do not appear. An appearance is a thing seen, and spirits are not seen.

It all comes down to this, that we have to choose between facts and opinions. The opinions of even the cleverest men are after all only their opinions, and always fallible. Over against these are the facts recorded in the New Testament, the plain statements of Jesus and his apostles—"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." The resurrection of Jesus proves that there is a future life. Socrates, when about to drink the cup of poison, could only say, "The hour of departure has arrived, and we go our ways, I to die, and you to live. Which is better God only knows." But the New Testament says, Jesus rose from the dead, and so will all those who love him. And our resurrection bodies, according to Paul, will not be corruptible, dishonored, weak, natural bodies, but incorruptible, glorious, powerful and spiritual vehicles of the immortal spirit.

## The Risen Christuz of Galilee



It is not lilies, it is not song,  
Though these 'tis true to the  
church belong;  
It is not prayer and it is not praise,  
Though these are seemly on Easter days.  
It is not vestment, nor pomp, nor art,  
But the risen Saviour within the heart.

It is not bells that triumphant ring,  
Nor scripture lesson of Christ the King,  
It is not sermon, nor any rite,  
Nor organ music, nor candles bright,  
But clearer sight have the eyes that see  
The risen Christuz of Galilee.

Though it is churches, and it is creeds,  
There is something more that the sad  
world needs,  
When death takes toll, and the crosses  
tell  
Of those; the gallant, who fighting fell;  
The only comfort for weary men  
Is the Christ who died and who lives  
again.

—Lalla Mitchell Thornton, in "Christian Evangelist."

# Centenary Greetings From the Mother Country

IT is a great thing that you in Australia should be celebrating this year the centenary of the founding of the first church of Christ in Adelaide and on your continent. In doing this, you will not forget the homeland from which the faith was first brought to you, and we in the homeland look across oceans and continents towards you, and are proud of your great achievements. That heroic figure, Thomas Magarey, learnt the things he brought you from those who had learnt them within my own island. Here in the city of Edinburgh in 1842 the first conference of churches of Christ had been held, when it was reported that 50 churches were in existence with a membership of 1300. Some of these churches had already been in existence for nearly half a century when the conference met, but they had hardly been aware of each other's existence, though they had been pleading for the same thing, a return to apostolic Christianity. In 1842 organised work began, and from that time on has been continued. It was from Great Britain that Thomas Magarey went out and, after a short stay in New Zealand, reached your shores in 1836. Think of the courage it must have taken for this man in a strange land to stand alone and to declare the truth that was in him! Though he had not been within the full stream of "the Restoration Movement" in my own country, he had learnt about it from one who had, during his stay in New Zealand, and to Australia he carried the torch, and in the "Scotch Baptist" church did not fail to make his witness felt. From that small beginning has sprung your great enterprise of to-day.

To-day, churches of Christ are "on the map," and in putting them there you in Australia have played a major part. Your history is full of names of great men and women of whom we have a right to be justly proud. We in the old country, who have made nothing like the same progress, look with pride upon your achievements. I have in my study a book which I prize. It is your "Jubilee History," and I often glance through it and sometimes "dig into" it, and never without profit. Since then you have gone ahead by leaps and bounds. To-day your voice is heard, not only in your own land by preachers and the Press, but on the mission field, and in the deliberations of the world church. It is only the ignorant in the field of church matters who do not know of churches of Christ and their witness.

What of the next one hundred years? That depends on you, on whether you have the courage and faith of the pioneers. From time to time there have been some amongst us who have declared that "our plea" is outworn. It is in no sense outworn. The great aims which were set forth in 1909 in Thomas Campbell's "A Declaration and Address," and later elaborated in the writings of Alexander Campbell, are as pertinent to-day as they were in the day they were uttered. Moreover, the world of independent scholarship has more and more confirmed their findings. It is true that we need to express these things in the language of our own day, and I hope we are going to be courageous in doing this and not stick merely to traditional habits of thought and expression. What are these things? As I see the matter, they include the following:

1. That the visible church on earth is one. It is a primary duty of all Christians to restore that visible unity. We must work for it and pray for it. This means that no single community can claim to be the one true church (as Rome does). We are all in schism though some may be nearer the true pattern than others.

Principal Wm. Robinson, M.A., D.D.

2. That the standard by which the church must be judged is that of the apostolic church of the New Testament. This does not mean that there is no room for development (what Alexander Campbell called "expediency"), but development must be according to pattern.

3. That the following of Christ means *personal decision*, involving faith in him as Lord and Saviour, repentance, and baptism, which is no empty rite, but conveys what it symbolises. This means that both infant baptism and aspersion are perversions of original Christianity.

4. That Christian worship centres in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Space would fail me to tell how items 3 and 4 have been vindicated over and over again by scholars of every church during the past century.

5. That the church is a "fellowship" in which true brotherhood is manifested, and that whatever organisation becomes necessary, it must never degenerate into a *legal* corporation.

6. That Christianity is corporate in its nature. To be a Christian means to be a member of the church which is the body of Christ.

7. That, though a special ministry is necessary in the church, it derives its office from Christ *through* the church, which alone has the true priesthood in him who is the one High Priest, and makes all members of his church priests unto God.

These are great things which our forefathers gave to us, and they are as valid to-day as they were when they first gave them, because they are grounded in the word of God. I hope that in the coming years you will cherish them and go on to speak the truth in love.

## A Seed Plot of Religious Education

BRIGHTON, VICTORIA

IN August of last year, thirty young married people met at the invitation of their preacher, and enthusiastically agreed to the formation of a Young Marrieds Club, holding monthly meetings in the homes of members. The Brighton preacher confesses that he has long wished to have the opportunity of making this experiment, and the results prove the idea an excellent one.

The meetings are open to all young married people of the church and their friends, and already a number of couples who were on the fringe of the church or quite outside it have been brought into active church attendance. The meetings are informal, include supper provided by those attending, and pursue some studies chosen by the group. The first studies undertaken were on "Child Psychology," and out of the discussion arose the suggestion for the establishment of a week-day kindergarten.

Many difficulties had to be faced, but the aid of the government pre-school experts, the Free Kindergarten Union, and similar interests was enlisted, and the problems were finally ironed out. The kindergarten began operations the first week in March of this year with a capacity enrolment of thirty and a lengthy waiting list which is still increasing. Children from 2½ to 5 years of age are catered

for for three hours each morning, under the guidance of a trained kindergarten college graduate, with the voluntary assistance of one mother per day. Half of the children are from church homes.

The church officers entered enthusiastically into support of the project, sensing the importance of the service to be rendered to the community; they also gave practical help in giving the use of the church hall for a nominal rent, and provided a loan of £50 to secure initial equipment. Application has been made for a Government grant, which it is expected will provide £120 of the £200 per annum estimated expenditure; the balance will come from donations and money-raising efforts by the Young Marrieds Club, which continues to be the committee of management. When the Government grant is made the kindergarten will cease to charge any fees, and become a free service to the community.

Benefits? Any qualified educationist knows the very high value placed to-day upon pre-school education; parents appreciate highly the service the church is rendering; children are being given the church-centred habits we shall be so anxious to develop in them later on; new homes are being contacted by the church in the most favorable circumstances.

## Our Hope Rests on Facts

(Continued from front page.)

"While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee."

THE great truth that God desires to save men from death is not left in the uncertain realm of human speculation, but has been demonstrated, like other great truths, in the certain realm of history. The ground for hope in a future life rests on the truth revealed in Christ, and has been demonstrated by him in a great physical and bodily act—an act of vital historical significance. Just as God's revelation of his being was manifest in the physical body of Christ, and the way of life was shown to men in the bodily deeds of Jesus of Nazareth, and the love of God

was demonstrated in the crucified flesh of the Son of man, so the hope of life to come was made sure in the physical resurrection of the Lord of life. Here is an event of history that assures men that the grave is not the goal. Fact not theory proves Jesus to be the resurrection and the life. The fact of the resurrection gives us the hope that, because he lives, we, too, shall live. So we sing with Charles Wesley:

"Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise,  
Christ hath opened Paradise."

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# Youth Work in China

THE Archbishop of Sydney has recently returned from a visit to China and India. Having spent ten years in China, he knows the country, especially that of West China. Most of his experience was gained in the Province of our own work—Szechwan. After being away for twelve years, he sees remarkable progress, despite the war years. For an extract of an address given over the national stations, we are indebted to the A.B.M. review.

"Wherever we went, youth preponderated and its need was being catered for. For instance, despite the war, I found the Szechwan Provincial University moved to a new and commodious site outside the city walls of Chengtu and six of the twenty-four magnificent buildings planned already erected. Here 6000 students were in attendance, and gave me the most cordial of welcomes as we talked about past and future, and what was required to build a new nation now. The Minister for Education in Szechwan told me how in the last six years the pupils in the schools under his control had increased from 1½ millions to 3,600,000, and despite war budgets, a sufficient amount had been allowed for him for the extra accommodation required. Foreigners are welcomed and desired as members of the staffs of colleges and university, and missionary friends were constantly telling me that the most encouraging response at the present time came from the student class.

"Twelve years ago it was difficult for Christian schools to carry on, because of government regulations restricting the freedom of religious teaching. There is an entirely different attitude to-day. Twelve miles from Chungking I was taken to visit a large private school conducted by a Chinese Christian at his own expense. He established it at the summer resort frequented by members of the government and other officials. I was impressed to see in the Assembly Hall in large Chinese characters, across the back of the platform, 'Christ Jesus' came into the world to save sinners.' Each pupil has a Bible and uses it. I asked to what families the children belonged, and heard a list read of well-known Chinese names, indicating that here were being educated the children of many of the most powerful families in modern China. The school was planning to move to Nanking when the government moves there. I talked with many students, sons and daughters of my friends, and their friends, and the conversation was often of the scholarships being offered in America and England. I told them how near Australia had become through air communication, and that we represented British traditions in the Pacific. They asked if scholarships would be available for them at our universities also.

"Szechuan had never been invaded by the Japanese, only bombed by them. It has unusual fertility, so that there is always an abundant supply of rice and green vegetables as well as of meat. Refugees have poured in from all over central and eastern China, having lost all their property. Resources during the war years have been taxed severely. The currency has become chaotic. The government expects taxes to be paid in rice not in coin, and teachers in government employ are also paid in rice. For most people this has meant the greatest stringency. The cost of living has doubled every four months. Most people have been unable to replace worn-out clothing or to do more than eke out a bare existence. But on the other hand, Chinese from all parts of China have been brought together as never before, and there are no barriers due to caste or language. Tired they were after all they had been through, but they were full of confidence in their capacity to face the future. The war had brought many of them for the first time in touch with the outside world. I remember my astonishment when one Chinese friend, who had always lived in a remote country place, told me how his eldest son was at that time in America, and his second son in India, both in the Chinese Air Force. There is waiting a greater field for business expansion, for China needs wool and wheat and manufactured goods, and her plans for reconstruction are on a vast scale.

"In Chungking, before we left, we lunched with Madame Chiang at the Generalissimo's residence. She still shows signs of the severe nervous trouble which kept her for so long as an invalid in America. The Generalissimo has grown greatly in prestige and capacity with the years. A foreign diplomatist who knows him intimately told me that in the last two years he had come to regard him as one

of the greatest men he had met. His friends fear that he is too gentle with his opponents, for the need of unity in China is of fundamental urgency. He is above all a man of principle, and as he extends the area of his government's control, he is at the same time seeing that it is established upon the strongest moral foundations. He has no hesitation in letting it be seen that he seeks to be a Christian in faith and in practice."

## FEDERAL FINANCES

FOR March ending 1945, £9225 was received for general purposes; at the same date 1946, £9040. Known monies on hand in States and other amounts received late would bring the total to March ending 1946 to approximately £9300. It is somewhat remarkable how average income has been maintained at about the same level month by month. If we



Chaplain J. O. Methven, Preacher of the church at Castlemaine, Vic., who has been mentioned in despatches for distinguished service in the South-west Pacific area.



Chungking Provincial University.

Education is making great headway and increases daily. Educated youth will have a big share in China's future, and the fact that numbers of them are Christians will help considerably.

could keep our outlay at an even monthly average all would be well. This seems absolutely impossible. In April remittance monies for the return fares of Dr. Michael and family were forwarded. These fares will be at the high rate ruling. When Dr. Michael leaves for home, he will come on to the Indian field expenses. Neither Dr. Michael's fares nor salary was allowed for in the record high budget for India. Can we lift the average monthly income during April-May-June? If so we should balance our budget. If not, then our splendid achievement of balancing our budget for several years will receive a setback.

## Revivals

REVIVALS are earnestly desired and prayed for by some, and vigorously condemned by others. What is the truth of the matter? We fear people are often thinking of the non-essentials rather than the essentials of a revival; of the thrill, the excitement, the occasional excess, rather than the revitalising of religion, which is the only real revival of religion.

Sometimes there has been excitement at revivals, but there is excitement at boat races, football matches, grand operas, and weddings, and we do not, therefore, condemn these things. In a revival there is something to be excited about. Let us not think, however, that there is anything standardised or stereotyped in revivals. God does not repeat himself, and it is a tragedy to try to bring back methods or beliefs, or modes of speech, which the world has outgrown. Springtime is an annual revival in nature. Nature bursts forth in new life, energy and beauty. The world is filled with gladness and song. A revival is springtime in the soul. Everywhere the people are giving extraordinary attention to the deepest things. The spiritual life of a community bursts forth in fresh vigor and beauty. The song of gladness is on many lips. In a genuine revival we always see—(1) Much prayer, (2) A new interest in Bible study, (3) A spirit of joy and fellowship, (4) Outstanding leadership, (5) Marvellous transformations of character, (6) Far-reaching social results. Each revival carries us a step nearer to the Christian Social Order.—Torphichen, "The Messenger."

# Religion and Citizenship

Queensland news-letter from P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A.

THE Queensland Methodist Conference holds annually a citizenship rally in the city hall. Each year the meeting has grown in numbers and interest. One of the speakers this year was R. J. F. Boyer, M.A. (chairman of Broadcasting Commission), who said that in his opinion there was not the same healthy spirit existing between different sections and communities that there was a decade or so ago. We need to become more spacious in our thinking. The Christian spirit is the cement binding society together. Without this there is not enough to hold us together. He believed there were enough Christians in 1939 to prevent a second world war if they had been true to their witness. It is not enough to select a few choice souls and subscribe some money to send them out as missionaries. Every Christian must be a missionary of the cross. The other speaker was Chaplain Cyril Alcorn, M.A., B.D., who, believing that Darwin will become the front door to Australia, has offered his services as a missionary there to develop a Christian community.

Both speakers emphasised that we must think of ourselves, not only as citizens of Australia and of the Empire, but of the world, and above all of the kingdom of God.

## Caloundra 1947

What promises to be a good thing for the Queensland brotherhood and a boon to our young people is the purchase of a camp site at Caloundra—a coming seaside resort on the north coast, 70 miles from Brisbane. It is planned to hold the next youth camp there in 1947. H. E. Greenwood is touring the State enlisting interest in the project. It is estimated that £1200 will be required to make the site all that it should be.

We hear that communists in the north have

their youth organisations in full swing. The Christian church must pay close attention to the development of its youth work.

## Dishonorable Trading

"It is quite obvious that selfish and unscrupulous persons are getting away with the most blatant forms of dishonorable trading, and that this unchecked breaking of our laws is gradually but surely undermining the morale of the community," said Mr. C. G. Sweetman, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sweetman pointed out that people who took part in black marketing were making a rod for their own backs by encouraging inflation, which, if not soon checked, would descend like an avalanche on the very ones who were helping to bring it about. The pity of it was that innocent and law-abiding citizens would suffer the same fate.

## The Voice of Societies

The secretaries of the State branches of the British and Foreign Bible Society have met in Brisbane to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the federation of their work. Ann-st. and Albion churches were privileged to receive inspiring messages from Russell Baker. The home secretary (W. J. Platt) reminded us of how the people of Persia, Mexico, India, China, Brazil and other countries are learning to read and write for the first time in their history, and how vitally important it is that we give them the Bible.

The Society of Friends has issued a statement that as the first step towards disarmament all men should be freed from military conscription. Atomic power should be used for providing material necessities of life, and armament manufacture and international cartels and monopolies should be brought under international control.

## J. C. Ferdinand Pittman



THERE passed from the earth life on April 6 John Charles Ferdinand Pittman, who for almost 56 years had been a full-time preacher of the Word.

Born at Fulham, London, England, in 1869, Ferdinand came to Australia when about 18 years of age with his father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pittman, and his brothers and sister. He soon began work in the Sunday school at Prahran, where his father was the preacher. His first sermon was preached in the St. Kilda chapel from the text, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And that theme of redemptive grace was the burden of his preaching throughout his career.

The full-time ministry of the gospel was entered when he was about 21 years of age. Brunswick was his first field, and there six happy and useful years were spent. Most of his ministry has been in Victoria; but he did spend a short time in Queensland; visited Great Britain and the United States in 1909, attending the great convention in Pittsburgh that year, and ministering with one of the churches in the Pittsburgh area for some time. He was a chaplain during the war of 1914-

1918, making two trips abroad. But perhaps his most outstanding work was the ten years' ministry with the church at Robert-st., Hindmarsh, South Australia. The church there has a building seating 650 people, and at the time of Mr. Pittman's ministry there was a large and flourishing Sunday school and a church membership of over 500. Hundreds of people assembled every Lord's day to hear the word of life proclaimed by Mr. Pittman, and many were won to Jesus Christ.

Ferdinand Pittman was a faithful preacher, loyal to the truth and fervent in proclaiming the great evangel. He was a good pastor, and so losses by revision of roll were small in the fields in which he labored. He was a successful soul-winner. During all his years he was a lover of peace. The writer cannot recall one instance of Mr. Pittman being involved in a church dispute, and in conferences, even when discussions became heated, he would calmly keep his seat, not that he had no convictions, but he felt that the servant of God should not wrangle nor strive. He was a brother beloved; no word of condemnation has been heard by the writer of him.

Truly he walked with God, and is not, for God has taken him. He will be missed, especially by the Chelsea church, with which his last days of ministry were spent. He is the type of man we badly need, and we pray that God will raise up more such as he.

And so we say, "Good-night, Ferdinand Pittman, good-night. We'll meet again in the morning in the presence of the King."—Thos. Hagger.

## Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

## "RESTORATION AND/OR UNITY"

THE movement towards closer union among the churches forming the Free Church Federal Council in Great Britain is one of many encouraging union developments of our day. The attitude of our own movement towards it, as revealed in your editorial of March 6, is most discouraging.

Our writing thus is no hurried or careless reaction based on a misunderstanding of our historic position of which you write, "but while claiming to be churches of Christ only we do not state we are the only churches of Christ." True, we do not state that we are the only churches of Christ, but what is more serious, we act as if we were when we hold that there are such differences between these other churches of Christ and our churches that we cannot agree to receive their members into fellowship. Let us by all means place the emphasis on personal surrender of life, but let us not forget that there can be an "intelligent and conscious surrender to Christ" without the rite of baptism as we understand it. It is this personal surrender to Christ that is the uniting bond. Some of those we admit, though immersed, may not have made as complete a surrender to Christ as some we exclude because they have not been immersed.

Baptism is a small part of what is involved in surrender to Christ, but we make it the major part.

It appears as if the pivot of our movement is not Christian union but a particular emphasis on the rite of baptism. Hence we have less affinity with a person who has a passionate yearning for the union of the followers of Christ than we have with a person who sees eye to eye with us on baptism, though he be pharisaically exclusive in his attitude towards the members of other churches of Christ.—H. A. G. Clark, Morotai.

THE answer to Mr. Graham's question in his letter under the above caption ("A.C." 3/4/46) is given by Mr. Hagger in the latter's article on "Yesterday's Vision" in the same issue: "... how diligently and lovingly should we make known the gospel, *plead for the simple faith and practice of the New Testament church, and seek the unity of all God's people by restoring that faith and practice* ..." In other words: If we have restoration, we have unity. Further, unless we do have as our "primary object" the desire "to be right," we may as well accept the ever-open invitation of the church of Rome for all Christians to "unite" in one big body whose "primary object" may be "unity for the sake of unity." This would appear to be the logical result of Mr. Graham's attitude towards so-called unity.—Thos. W. Smith, East Malvern, Vic.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE TO H. M. CLIPSTONE

AT North Richmond chapel, on April 14, at 7 p.m., an in memoriam service to late H. M. Clipstone was conducted by J. E. Allan, assisted by J. I. Mudford and A. W. Cleland. Many friends gathered to honor our late brother, and during service many references were made to his life of Christian service, the influence of which has been felt in many spheres of brotherhood activity.

# Here and There

We learn that A. E. Forbes is still very ill at his home, Spring-st., Black Rock, Vic. We are sure many remember our brother in prayer.

We received the following telegram on April 10: "Hinrichsen-Morris had great final meeting Monday night Marrickville (N.S.W.); five more decisions, total over fifty; offering four hundred and four pounds."

At Chelsea, Vic., a note of sadness attended fine Bible school anniversary services on Apr. 7 and 14 by reason of the passing of the beloved preacher, J. C. F. Pittman. The children wore black and white rosettes as a mark of respect.

On Mar. 30, at Mitcham, Vic., a sale of gifts was held, when £25 was raised towards heaters for church building. In evening a social was held. On April 13 the C.E. held an evening, when about 45 young people, some visitors from other societies, spent a happy time, and other 32/- was added to heater fund. Church attendance has improved slightly.

S. E. Matthews has commenced third year with Whyalla church, S.A. On March 31 the State evangelist, G. T. Fitzgerald, was speaker at both services, and Vernon and Allan Berry, who recently confessed Christ, were baptised. A church paper issued monthly, which is creating interest amongst members, has been commenced at no cost to church. Much interest is shown in midweek prayer meeting in a study of book of Daniel.

At East Kew, Vic., on Mar. 24 and 31, Sunday school held anniversary, when a great time of fellowship was held and children sang hymns of praise. Despite limited accommodation, total attendance for meetings was over 1200. Speakers were S. Nichols, Les Brooker (2), C. Robinson, R. Muller and the local preacher, Mr. Wigney. There were two confessions. On April 7 Mr. Wigney spoke at both services. In evening two young women confessed Christ.

Annual business meeting of Dunolly (Vic.) Ladies' Guild showed keen interest. Mrs. H. Flett was re-elected president, Mrs. M. Beasy secretary. Mrs. J. Chennells treasurer. Junior Guild opened after some months' holidays, the young girls helping to make sand-tray articles. Lord's day meetings are well attended, J. Mackenzie giving interesting addresses. Over 80 journeyed to Laanecoorie on April 8 for an enjoyable Sunday school picnic. Bet Bet joined school in afternoon. Under leadership of Mr. Mackenzie a boys' club has been commenced. Good meetings of Y.P.S.C.E. are held each Sunday morning.

Eastern Suburban (Melbourne) Youth Fellowship held a sports day in Deepdene Park on Saturday, April 6, when a good gathering was present. The programme of events, arranged by R. Johnstone, assisted by a committee, commenced at 2.30. After the first 14 events there was a short interval, during which photos were taken. There was keen competition as the last races were run, Balwyn church defeating Box Hill by only 3 points, and Hartwell running 3rd. Ken Sturgess, president of the Fellowship, presented the cup to F. Evans on behalf of Balwyn, after which prizes were given to those who won the various races.

After a brief illness, J. C. F. Pittman, preacher of the church at Chelsea, Vic., died in a private hospital at Brighton early on Saturday, April 6. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday. C. L. Lang conducted a service at the Hampton chapel, at which W. Gale represented the brotherhood in prayer, and T. Hagger paid a tribute which we print on another page. At the Burwood cemetery a representative company assembled, and after the service read by Mr. Lang prayer was offered by R. L. Williams, president of the preachers' association. We join in sympathy with the bereaved, and in appreciation of the ser-

vices of Mr. Pittman, which included the conduct of our Home Circle and Family Altar in the "Australian Christian" over many years.

Under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the world-famous missionaries and travellers, Miss Mildred Cable and the Misses Francesca and Eva French, will arrive in Victoria from London on April 26 to conduct a series of meetings throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand.

At Springvale, Vic., on Apr. 3, there was record gathering of 28 at prayer meeting, and on April 7 a record of 86 at gospel service; Mrs. Bond was soloist. Young people's choir rendered an item at gospel service on April 14. A pleasing feature is the number of new faces being welcomed. J. K. Bond is commencing a J.C.E. Society.

At conclusion of gospel service at West Preston, Vic., on Mar. 31, two young men made the good confession. On Apr. 2 a social evening was tendered Yvonne Murdoch and Mr. White prior to their marriage on April 6. Presentations were made on behalf of P.B.P. and church members. Arrangements are in hand to commence a K.S.P. Mr. Ferguson is still in hospital and Mr. Brown, sen., is confined to bed through illness. In absence of Mr. Withers on holidays, speakers at the worship service have been Mr. Turnham and Mr. Fisher (of college). Gospel services have been led by Mr. Hart. Keen interest is displayed in work of Bible school.

Following on a resolution passed at the last South-western District Conference, Vic., to give all possible aid to the church at Meredith, D. R. Stirling, of Latrobe-terrace, Geelong, recently completed a week's visitation there to see what could be done to revive the work. He was accompanied by his wife and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodda. The latter supplied a caravan which was used for accommodation. Mr. Stirling found the field unyielding and difficult. However, his efforts were repaid on the Sunday, when one young man confessed Christ. A pleasing feature was the arrival of two car-loads of people from the church at Peel-st., Ballarat.

Mildura church (Vic.) expresses sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. F. Knyvett and family in death of F/O M. Knyvett in Melbourne following operation. Many friends and relatives, unable to attend funeral in Melbourne, took opportunity of attending a memorial service held in chapel on March 31. Prior to enlisting with R.A.A.F., Murray was church organist. Recently a collection for food for Britain appeal realised £25. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 24, Mr. Chivell, of Dareton, being speaker in morning and L. Snow in evening. Choir rendered an appropriate anthem on 25th. All goods were sold, and total from sales and offering amounted to £23. E. Benham is out of hospital and recuperating whilst on holiday. Lois Beasy is making good progress following operation.

## MISSION TO ABORIGINES

BRETHREN in Western Australia are giving excellent service to advance Federal aborigines mission work at Norseman, W.A. On April 13, twelve country brethren from Naremben, Bruce Rock and Mukinbudin gathered under leadership of Mr. Stan Dale at Merredin, and successfully dismantled and railed a large military hospital power-house, which is to become an excellent church and school building at Norseman.

On Tuesday, April 2, farmers of Naremben district assembled with loads of hay and cut a truck of chaff valued at £60, contributing also cost of rail freight to Norseman. The brotherhood's thanks have been extended to both teams for consecrated contributions.

## BORDERTOWN AND KANIVA DISTRICTS CONFERENCE, MARCH 10-13, 1946

AT the conference at Kaniva, Vic., there were noteworthy visitors, and a good representation from over the border, as well as visitors from Western Australia.

The speaker was C. J. Robinson. His willingness to help and the co-operation of the Hartwell church are appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Finger, who have been known and respected by the Kaniva people for some time, will be more so since their informative contributions to conference at the youth session.

Sunday sessions were well attended, there being well over 100 present at each service. Mr. Earle presided at the Wednesday morning session, which was distinguished by the season of silent prayers. The youth session incorporated a number of young people, who addressed prepared questions to Mr. and Mrs. Finger. In the absence of the president, E. P. Verco, the vice-president, D. Welsh, conducted the business session. Mr. Baker, in presenting the Bordertown report, spoke of the robust church at Wamboony—the mother church of the circuit. Mr. Earle reported that over £840 had been given for brotherhood enterprises. The obituary report, presented by Mr. Baker, referred to deaths of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jacobs, daughter of Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Vivian, and Mrs. McDonald.

D. Welsh was elected president, H. Tilly vice-president and R. Goldsworthy secretary. It is hoped that the next conference will be held at Naracoorte.

## MACNAUGHTAN-SAUNDERS MISSION, BALWYN, VICTORIA

FOR the past six weeks at Balwyn, Vic., interest has been aroused by the Macnaughtan-Saunders mission. The teaching and preaching of missionaries have helped the church. Distinctive literature has been on sale at tent each night.

On Sunday evenings the marquee has been packed, extra seating being necessary. Total confessions to date number 30. Attendances at worship services of church have grown weekly. On Sunday, April 7, seven were welcomed into fellowship; 137 broke bread.

On April 14, 160 broke bread during day, seven were received into membership; at night the tent was packed and two decided for Christ. Two monthly meetings of the Men's Brotherhood have been held in the marquee, Mr. Macnaughtan delivering special messages. The Women's Mission Band and Women's Auxiliary meetings have been held each month with increased attendances.

## ADDRESSES

R. Hunter (secretary and treasurer Murrabit and Kerang isolated members).—P.O., Murrabit, Vic.

K. J. Patterson (preacher Ivanhoe church, Vic.).—218 Waterdale-rd., Ivanhoe, N.21.

F. B. Stow (preacher Strathalbyn church, S.A.).—South-terrace, Strathalbyn. Phone 98.

G. R. Thomas (secretary Swan Hill church, Vic.).—Coronation-ave., Swan Hill.

C. Cole (preacher Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic.).—40 Gerald-st., Murrumbidgee, S.E.9. Phone, UM1248.

## MITCHAM CHURCH.

Helpers are invited to a working bee on Saturday, April 27, morning and afternoon, to paint the church buildings.

—R. Wilkie, Secretary. WU1224.

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Hobart.**—There are splendid attendances at Lord's day meetings. C. P. Hughes conducted broadcast service at West Hobart on morning of March 31; K. Tuck, of Baptist Tabernacle, occupied Collins-st. pulpit. Miss Porter, representative of Bible Union, was speaker at Mission Band Fellowship tea on March 18. Monthly Band of Hope meeting took form of Bible cricket match on April 1; about 20 attended. Miss I. Hughes is on a visit to Melbourne and Sydney.

**West Hobart.**—Morning service on March 31 was broadcast, C. P. Hughes, of Collins-st. church, being speaker. Soloist was Miss D. MacQueeney. Attendance at Bible school was 74, including 23 kinders. A training class, under leadership of J. Woolley and Miss Pridmore, is being held after school for prospective teachers. T. Street was speaker at well-attended gospel service, at conclusion of which Ruth and Hugh Street confessed Christ. There were good meetings on April 7, B. J. Golder speaking in morning and T. Street at night. At close of Bible school, tea for teachers and senior scholars was held. There were 17 young people at gospel service. Miss N. Woolley was soloist. Mrs. T. Lillye was away through sickness. Mrs. B. J. Golder is greatly improved after operation.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—Newly-formed Young People's Fellowship had first meeting at manse. Frank Clark is secretary. On morning of March 31 the service was broadcast. Sympathy was extended to E. R. Berry, whose mother was called home. J. K. Robinson gave an informative talk. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. L. Thornhill contributed a solo. Mr. Robinson was preacher. On morning of April 7 visitors included W. J. Marshman (Owen, S.A.). A talk by O. Fieldus helped all. At 7.30 p.m. a young lady and a girl were baptised. A duet was rendered by Misses R. Black and J. Simmons, of Subiaco. Members of International Order of Good Templars attended for annual church service. Mrs. Scott, Grand Chaplain of order, read passages of scripture. J. K. Robinson preached.

**Wembley Park.**—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on March 24 and 31. Attendances were excellent. First Sunday was devoted to senior school, and A. McRobert's illustrated story, told at afternoon session, was appreciated. Mr. Whiting spoke in evening, when scholars again sang under baton of Mr. Ware. Kinders, under leadership of Mrs. Stevens, provided programme on afternoon of 31st. Mrs. Silverlock, from Wembley State school, delighted with her story. Scholars' tea, followed by annual demonstration, was held on 27th. Items were given by scholars, and Will Paget gave an interesting talk. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, from Kalgoorlie, and Mrs. Swaine, from Maylands, have been received into membership.

**Subiaco.**—On March 17 the last of a series of welcome home returned men teas was held, followed by a special men's service. On March 24 three confessed Christ, and with another were baptised on 31st. These three and five (by transfer) were welcomed into membership on April 7. An evening offering in aid of Food for Britain yielded over £11. A young married women's club has been formed with Mrs. Colin Reid president. Girls' Club recently conducted a community concert, and the I.C.E. a party. Senior Boys' Club, successful in

match against Methodist boys, lost to men of church on March 30. Y.P.S.C.E. held combined fellowship with Claremont on April 5.

**Harvey.**—Youth Fellowship Club spent a happy day at the coast. On May 17 a collection for Woorooloo Sanatorium was taken. On Mar. 19 annual business meeting was held. A special collection was taken for building fund. With regret the church accepted Mr. Bamford's resignation. He and his family are leaving for New Zealand. At conclusion of Mr. Bamford's address three young girls stepped out—Bene Harris, Shirley Burrows, Pat Cinnetti. On March 30 a number journeyed to Bunbury to discuss Seventh Day religion and our own position. Guild annual meeting was held on March 20. Mrs. Alf Stanford, jun., was elected president in place of Mrs. Bamford, who carried on the work ably. Chapel cleaning is still undertaken by sisters. Church welcomes back Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Agas, who left Harvey for a time. On March 27 an evening was tendered to Evelyn Rowley and Bert Taylor prior to their marriage. During supper a presentation was made.

## Queensland

**Charters Towers.**—Whilst without a permanent preacher, church has been helped by Messrs. Coward, Hammond, Morris (Baptist) and other speakers. Mrs. McKewen has been received into fellowship by transfer from Gympie. Mr. and Mrs. F. Hammond were visitors for a few weeks.

**Mackay.**—Mr. Greenwood was visitor for weekend April 6 and 7. On Saturday evening lantern slides of youth camp at Pialba were shown to an appreciative audience. Mr. Millar spoke at morning service on 7th. Fellowship tea preceded evening service, at which Mr. Greenwood was speaker. Young people took part in this service. One Bible school scholar made her confession. Mr. Hunt, Victoria, has been among visitors.

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—Services have been well maintained. R. Baker, of B. & F. Bible Society, was speaker on March 10. A splendid meeting of Men's Fellowship was held on March 14; 25 brethren present. F. T. Saunders, of College of Bible, addressed meetings. Six of the brethren present attended the college. Mr. Greenwood gave a show of films taken during Christmas camp which was enjoyed. Deacons are planning with help of other societies visitation to shut-in members, and others to correspond with all isolated brethren. Mr. Boettcher (conference president) was speaker on March 31.

**Gympie-Monkland.**—During absence of A. J. Fisher on leave, services have been well maintained at both centres. Visiting speakers who helped during this period were H. E. Greenwood and J. Larsen, who each spent a weekend in district. Mr. Greenwood was also present one Wednesday night to give a showing of films illustrative of youth work of Y.P.D. E. Trudgian, J. Kernick and J. McLellan, from local church, also rendered assistance by preaching at services. F. T. Saunders, of Federal College of the Bible, was present during one week, and addressed services both at Monkland and Gympie. Rossmount C.E. held some good meetings during month.

**Roma.**—On April 6 the Endeavorers held tea to welcome Mr. McAllister, missionary from Brazil. Mr. McAllister spoke at morning service on 7th. At a recent meeting of Ladies' Guild, following were elected: President, Mrs. A. Munday; secretary, Mrs. E. J. McIntosh; treasurer, Mrs. R. W. G. Pitman; organist, Mrs. M. Lines. A presentation was recently made to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Neil, who have left and taken membership at Boondall; also to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family, who have transferred to Swanston-st., Melbourne. Mrs. Gray

and family have also left to reside in Brisbane. The continued illness of Mr. Shrader, who is in General Hospital, Brisbane, is regretted.

**Rockhampton.**—F. T. Saunders was present on March 24, and spoke at both services, also at Moongan in afternoon. All services were well attended, and the addresses were appreciated. At Moongan, a married man and woman made the good confession and were baptised at Rockhampton on March 31, together with a young girl from Bible school, who confessed Christ three weeks previously. On March 31, 83 broke bread for day, this being largest number for many months. At gospel service Len and Ron Maycock, from Bible school, made the good confession. Sister S. Jones is out of hospital and back in fellowship. L. Stokes was received into fellowship on March 24 on transfer from Gympie.

## South Australia

**Fullarton.**—At monthly special service, male choir rendered two fine gospel messages. Chapel was full, and at close of address Ron Barnes, returned Service man, husband of the esteemed organist, made the good confession. Every officer was present at monthly meeting to pray and plan for work.

**Forestville.**—A happy and enthusiastic day was spent under leadership of G. R. Stirling, who conducted all three services, giving stirring addresses outlining needs of youth. Afternoon Bible school attendance reached 159 (kinders 59). Scholars were interested in Mr. Stirling's methods. School was followed by teachers' conference and tea. Gospel service was conducted by Mr. Stirling with Ray Stevens (late R.A.A.F.) assisting. A young people's choir led by G. Clarke provided excellent music. A youth committee has been formed.

**Stirling East.**—On March 17 harvest thanksgiving services were held. J. Hindman delivered a fine address. G. M. Cox, late of Whyalla, spoke in evening. Goods were taken to Children's Hospital, Adelaide. J. Hindman, preacher of church, is settling to service, and doing good work among the young people. He has recommenced a Bible school which has been in abeyance for some weeks. Young People's Fellowship Society has entered into bowls contests with local teams. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cox and daughter, late of Whyalla, were received into fellowship on April 7.

**Kilburn.**—Second services in Progressive Hall on April 7 were well attended; 36 present at 10 a.m. Bible school and 28 at 11 a.m. gospel and communion service. School is being supervised by A. E. Brown, with Mrs. Brown pianist. Other helpers are Mrs. R. G. Peacock, Mrs. Brown and Miss G. Bartlett (kindergarten), and Mrs. Brown (sen.), J. Pritchard and R. G. Peacock (junior and intermediate departments). Application has been made to Progressive Hall committee for use of part of main hall as well as smaller rear hall, in order to cater for rapidly growing kindergarten. Cradle roll has 11 babies enrolled. Mr. Brown's address at gospel service was well received. Keen interest is displayed in district as result of initial services.

**Strathalbyn.**—Anniversary services were held on Feb. 24. Mr. Stow gave the address to church, and choir rendered items. A youth workers' conference was held March 9 and 10. Mr. Stirling visited all departments. His talks and demonstrations encouraged and helped all youth leaders. Church has secured a house for preacher. Mr. Stow has accepted invitation to three years' ministry, and after brief holiday recommenced on March 17. Harvest festival was held on 24th. In morning Mrs. Stow sang a solo, and in evening Sisters E. Bartlett and V. Garwood a duet. Gifts were taken to local hospital. During month church enjoyed fellowship with visitors. On March 24 T. Butler, from Maylands, presided, and on 31st T. Hamilton, from Bordertown, was speaker. Mr. Stow conducted evening service, and with Mr. Grosvenor sang a duet.

**Nailsworth.**—At conclusion of Mr. Manning's address on March 31, a young man confessed Christ. Endeavor Society is holding special studies under leadership of H. P. Manning. Fortnightly song services are held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steward. Opportunity was taken to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Dale, who have left for eastern States. The church will miss these willing workers. Many members are away through ill-health. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have their baby daughter ill in Children's Hospital.

**Cottonville.**—On March 31 the 50th Sunday school anniversary commenced with excellent services. R. Burrows, missionary from Bolivia, was speaker, with R. Butler, from China, in afternoon. Mr. Brooke gave an address which, with all the choir pieces, had "The Shepherd" as theme. Kindergarten children gave a good account of themselves on April 3. On second Sunday, S. Millar, preacher of Flinders-st. Baptist church, was speaker in morning, H. G. Norris in afternoon, and Mr. Brooke again in evening. Bible school demonstration on April 10 was a fine meeting. Singing throughout, with A. A. Glastonbury conductor, excelled. Mr. Stirling addressed church on March 27 in preparation for campaign to be held at end of May. Average weekly offering for March was highest for many years—£10/4/9. Leila Jackson and Peter Western were married by Mr. Brooke on April 4. 23 ladies were present at auxiliary on March 27, when Mrs. Rowland Butler was speaker. On April 1 the Preachers' Fraternal met Dr. A. C. Garnett at Cottonville in an all-day conference. John Fisher and ladies of church provided luncheon. F. C. Western has been attending services, and is still improving in health.

**Unley.**—Mr. Norris has been giving pre-Easter sermons. Services are well attended. Dr. A. C. Garnett spoke to a well-filled chapel on morning of March 31. Some members also heard Dr. Garnett at Commonwealth Club luncheon at Adelaide town hall. At prayer meeting on March 27, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Southwell spoke on their work in Borneo and experiences while interned in Japanese camps. Christian Youth Fellowship enjoyed a moonlight hike on March 26. Aborigines annual offering amounted to £26/19/6, compared with £20/4/6 last year. Southern Suburban C.E. Union held a rally at Unley Methodist Church. Mr. Norris was speaker at junior session in afternoon. Evening speakers were H. W. Hovenden and S. Millar. Incoming president, A. H. Betteridge, was introduced. On morning of April 3, chapel was crowded with children from Unley school. Church officers have granted use of building for this purpose for two occasions in each term. Night service of April 7 commenced with a baptism. Mr. Norris gave last of pre-Easter addresses. Considerable enthusiasm is shown by leader and lads of Junior Boys' Club. Several members of Senior Club take it in turns to assist with floor work. Several church officers visited club, and said programme showed careful planning by leader, Stan Hockley.

## New South Wales

**Marrickville.**—"Back to God" campaign ended on April 1 with inspiring thanksgiving service, over £400 being received in cash and promises. Church has been strengthened in faith and numbers, and thanks are extended to Messrs. Hinrichsen and Morris for their consecrated service. Crowded services were held on April 7, Mr. Thomas being speaker for day. Opportunity was taken to welcome Clive Maxwell, returned from New Guinea, and to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Neil Monson, who are taking up residence in Melbourne.

**Broken Hill.**—On March 31 H. E. Paddick was speaker at Wills-st. at 11, and W. Harris at Wolfram-st., and Mr. Paddick conducted gospel service at Wolfram-st. Largest attendance at Wills-st. was result of increased Junior Endeavor gathering and Young Worshipers' League in

communion service. Children are responding splendidly to this new work. A number of teachers and workers of both schools met at manse on April 29 for first study circle, when an hour was spent in study and discussion of "How to Study and Teach the Bible" led by Mr. Paddick; then an hour of social fellowship and supper concluded a profitable evening. These are planned for every six weeks.

**South Auburn.**—During March, attendances improved. On 10th Mr. Younghusband gave morning address, and E. Davis preached at night. At evening services for a while returned Servicemen are being asked to give a ten-minute testimony of what Christ was to them on service. On March 24 ex-Serviceman R. T. Hickin, and on March 31 ex-Serviceman Ern Hollier, gave witness. On April 7 there were visiting speakers—P. Retchford, of Merewether, at 11 a.m., and H. Eager, of Gilgandra, at 7 p.m. E. Davis, the preacher, had a busy time presiding over conference sessions. Bible school, C.E.'s and Y.P.C., along with Dorcas sisters, are working to liquidate building debt. On March 11 Dorcas and Y.P.C. had a screening of travel and industry by Vacuum Oil Co.

**North Sydney.**—Annual business meeting of church revealed work in united state and some progress made. Average contributions for all purposes exceeded £15/15/- per week. Messrs. Flegg and G. Brown were added to deacons, and W. Brydon was made a life officer in recognition of 37 years as treasurer. Visitors during conference included Mr. and Mrs. More, of Prospect, S.A.; Miss Hughes, of Hobart; Miss Brown, of Camberwell, Vic. Ira Raymond, of Subiaco, W.A., is meeting with church as he pursues his studies at Public Library. Church has sent several parcels of food to Britain and to members of churches of Christ. These will be sent regularly. Grateful replies have been received. On April 13 church officers and wives entertained young people of church at a launch picnic on harbor.

**Wollongong.**—Bible school anniversary attracted large crowds. Mr. Candy used flannel-graph with gratifying success. On March 31 Beth Main made her stand for Christ, and on April 7 five men confessed Christ. Sixty attended a camp-fire testimony meeting in the hills at Appin, near by home of Mrs. Wyndham Jones; there were many reconsecrations. "Happy Hour" for children is conducted every Wednesday after school. Church has enjoyed fellowship with Mrs. Wakely, of Sudan United Mission, and W/O R. Witherwick, recovering after serious accident. An adult Bible class is operating satisfactorily. Ladies' birthday afternoon was conducted in hall on April 9, when 35 were present. Mission Band continues to work steadily. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shipp, away on holiday, hope to return in better health. Efforts are being made to extend work to Port Kembla. Mr. and Mrs. R. Middlemass have volunteered to pioneer an open-air Sunday school. R. Williams and D. Medlow have begun a C.E. society in home of a member.

## Victoria

**Ararat.**—On March 27 the annual business meeting was held. All officers with one exception were re-elected. On March 30 the Bible school had its picnic. On March 31 Mr. Mudford was speaker for day. Mr. and Mrs. Gason, from Geelong, and Mr. Sellwood, from Colac, were received into fellowship by transfer.

**Thornbury.**—A welcome home to Servicemen was held in church hall on March 30. Men's Society provided programme and decorations, whilst Ladies' Guild attended to supper. Mr. Stewart extended welcome to Servicemen, and responses were given by members of Army, Navy and Air Force. Evening was an outstanding success, and hall was filled to capacity. On March 31, Local Option Alliance brought a message which was delivered by F. Lee. Offering for this work reached £40. Men's Society held a picture night in the chapel on April 6,

which will help their effort in debt reduction drive.

**Stawell.**—Annual business meeting was held on Feb. 28. All in office were re-elected. Mr. Mudford and Mr. Herd have given helpful service throughout past month. Bible school and kinders held picnic at Hall's Gap on March 23. Harvest thanksgiving was held on March 24. All proceeds were given for food for Britain, including assortment of tinned foods. Christian Endeavor and prayer meetings are well attended; numbers increasing.

**Maryborough.**—Church is enjoying services of Mr. Young. Mrs. Thomas was called home on March 6. Bruce Burns, of college, conducted services on March 24. Half-yearly business meeting on March 20 showed finances good. Officers elected: Elders, Mr. Hill (treasurer), Mr. Living, Mr. Parnell; deacons, R. Branton, A. Bursill, J. Duncan, J. Ley, S. Lunn (secretary), H. Walters (reporter), N. Weeks. Bible school picnic was held on March 16; harvest festival on March 24, proceeds in aid of food for Britain appeal. On March 30 Mary Morrisson was married to David Backway. Mr. Young conducted ceremony.

**Echuca.**—A fellowship tea was held on Mar. 3, when returned Servicemen were welcomed. On March 6 Ladies' Auxiliary had first meeting for year. Mrs. Rosendale was re-elected president for seventh consecutive year; Mrs. Hartvigsen secretary; and Mrs. Charley treasurer. On March 13, W.C.T.U. recommenced. Harvest festival was held on March 17, with large attendances. The following evening, goods were sold and proceeds distributed to needy families of church. On Mar. 19 the annual business meeting was held, when officers elected for ensuing two years were: Messrs. Rosendale (secretary five consecutive years), Merle (assistant), Turner and Beyer. Messrs. Dusting, McGregor and Darlowe still have one year to serve. All auxiliaries gave healthy reports. Secretary spoke of future plans. A valuable block of land had been purchased, and later the manse would be shifted on to it. On March 20 Mission Band recommenced. On 21st an evening was held at Mrs. Hartvigsen's, at which £7/10/- was raised for church work. On 30th, Sunday school picnic took place at Bowers' Bend with about 90 parents and children present. One of the young men of the church, Alan Dusting, was married to Beatrice Dawson on March 23.

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## BIRTHS

**EWERS.**—On April 2, to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ewers, nee Dora Woollett—a son (Phillip John).

**THICKINS.**—On April 4, to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Thickins—the gift of a baby son (Graeme Richard). Mother and baby well.

**WHITMORE.**—To Percy and Lil, on April 9—a daughter (Muriel Gladys).

## MARRIAGE

**ANDERSON-BRIMBLE.**—The wedding of Lavinia Merle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson, "Lavma," 69 Clarence-st., West Geelong, to F. G. Brimble, ex-R.A.A.F., returned, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Brimble, Norwood, South Australia, was solemnised on March 23 at church of Christ, Latrobe-terrace, Geelong.

## DEATH

**PITTMAN.**—On April 6, at private hospital, Brighton, John Charles Ferdinand Pittman, loving husband of late Edna; father of late Clarence; father-in-law of Avis; brother of Ernest (Hart, S.A.), Percy, Sidney, Ettie, Douglas, Archie (dec.) and Randall. Preacher of church of Christ, Chelsea. "Asleep in Jesus."

## IN MEMORIAM

**CHAPMAN.**—A tribute of love to the memory of my dear mother, Jane Chapman, who closed this life at Stawell, April 12, 1945. "He giveth his beloved sleep."

—Inserted by her daughter Amy (Mrs. Arnold Sheppard), Dandenong.

**HOLLOWAY.**—A tribute of love and esteem to Mrs. Holloway, passed away at Hampton, April 12, 1945; life-long friend of the Buckingham family, "Bangalore," Emma-st., Caulfield.

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There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part—no, never,  
On the resurrection morn."

**NEWMAN.**—In loving memory of my dear husband George, who passed away April 25, 1943.

God understands our sorrow,  
He sees the falling tear,  
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—Inserted by Ada Newman, 20 Henderson-st., South Melbourne.

**WATERS.**—In loving memory of our dear brother, Ted, and loved uncle of little Douglas, who passed to higher service on April 2, 1944.

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Monday, April 22.—Conference Picnic. All day at Wattle Park.

7.30 p.m., Lygon-st. church, Christian Endeavor Demonstration. Speaker, Dr. H. G. Scholesfield.

Tuesday, April 23—

5.30 p.m., Lygon-st. school hall, College of the Bible Old Boys' Club Re-union.

7.45 p.m., Lygon-st. church, Social Service Demonstration. Speaker, Dr. A. C. Garnett.

Wednesday, April 24, 8 p.m., Great Town Hall Young People's Rally.

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Thursday, May 2, 8 p.m., Baptist Church, Koo-yong-rd., Armadale.

Sunday, May 5—

11 a.m., St. John's Church of England, Toorak.

3 p.m., Wesley Church P.S.A.—Miss Cable.

7 p.m., Wesley Church—Miss F. French.

Monday, May 6, 8 p.m., Baptist Church, Collins-st.

Tuesday, May 7—3 p.m., Town Hall, Northcote—Miss French.

2.30 p.m., St. Mark's Church of England, Camberwell—Miss Cable.

## HARTWELL 25th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

MAY 4, 8 p.m., Youth Rally.

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MAY 7, 2.30 p.m., Special Women's Mission Band Meeting.

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## Victorian News — Continued

**Hamilton.**—The marriage of Joan Smith and Ben Kennett was celebrated on March 23. Both are very popular, and have been active in Bible school and church work. Two from Portland church were baptised on March 24. A welcome home social was tendered to R. Avent, S. Butcher, E. and G. Gamble, and E. and R. Porter, recently discharged.

**Merbein.**—At morning service on Feb. 24, Mr. Snow gave a helpful address. The church is grateful to him for service rendered here. On March 9 a successful social evening was held in honor of a number of church boys who have returned from military service. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on April 7. Morning address was given by R. Neville. Visiting speaker for evening was J. Chivell. Mrs. Chivell sang a solo. There were excellent attendances. Church is glad to have fellowship with Mrs. Cutts since she has returned to district. Tennis club has been reformed, and enthusiasm is shown.

**Footscray.**—Men of church held a working bee for chapel grounds on April 6. Church anniversary services were well attended. C. J. Walklate and D. C. Ritchie preached. Y.P. attended a youth social at Newmarket on April 6. S.S. picnic at Warrandyte on April 8 was enjoyed. Sympathy of church is expressed to Mrs. E. Blanchard in death of her husband. Girls' Club held installation service on April 10, when officers of State Chapter were present. A girls' basketball club has been formed. Church membership has been affected by removals from district. D. C. Ritchie is soon to commence his ministry at Brooklyn Park, S.A., after five years at Footscray.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Kindergarten and Bible school anniversary services on March 17, 24 and 31 were of high standard and well attended. Singing of children under J. Machin was inspiring. Speakers were Miss Kitson, L. A. Trezise, E. L. Williams and R. L. Williams. On March 31, 182 communed for day. On April 7 fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger, from New Hebrides. Mr. Finger spoke in morning, and R. Enniss preached at night, in absence of Mr. Williams at youth camp, Berwick. A number of members are sick. Mrs. Verity has returned home from hospital. Mr. Buckingham is still in hospital. Mrs. Murrell has been called to her reward. Whilst she has been shut in for many years, she was a splendid worker in early years of the work here. On April 7 a senior Bible class was formed at which H. Finger gave a helpful talk. Work generally is most encouraging under R. L. Williams' ministry.

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## Obituary

### Lawrence Broad

ON Nov. 16 last Lawrence Broad fell asleep in Jesus. Our brother had maintained a faithful witness for Christ ever since his baptism at Charters Towers by D. A. Ewers in 1887. He served the church as an elder, and at first with others, then by himself, maintained the preaching. In 1901 he left the Towers, and since then, with the exception of a holiday to England, he and his family have been isolated. Most of his life after leaving Charters Towers was spent at Port Douglas. Here our brother gave much time to helping the colored people to a knowledge of the Saviour. Every Lord's day the home at Port Douglas became, in a special sense, the Lord's house, for the Lord's table was set up and his wife, son and daughter joined in remembering the Lord. In 1945, Laurie, a lad of 16, accepted Christ, and was baptised in a pool on the property by H. Greenwood. So Lawrence Broad lived to see the third generation come into Christ. He passed home at the age of 82. He leaves a widow, a son, Stanley, and a daughter, Eva Boswell.

### Mrs. Josephine Cliff

AFTER an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Cliff passed quietly and peacefully from this life, at her home, Tumby Bay, on Feb. 20. With her husband she had resided in Tumby Bay for only twelve months, having come from Kimba, where she had lived for 23 years. Mrs. Cliff had been on the York church isolated roll, from which she was transferred to Tumby. She had also been in membership with the North Adelaide church. She took an active interest in the work of the W.C.T.U., and was president of the Kimba branch for several years. While of a retiring disposition, she lived a life of effective witness and usefulness for her Lord. She was laid to rest in Tumby Bay cemetery, the local preacher conducting the service at the graveside. Her husband, daughter (Mrs. W. J. Ebbs) and son (Harold) remain to mourn their loss, but with a sure and certain hope through the resurrection. The sorrowing ones are commended to God's loving care.—M.T.L.

### Murray Knyvett

THE death of Flying Officer Murray Knyvett in Melbourne on March 16 came as a sad shock to Mildura church and to many friends throughout our churches. He grew up in Mildura church, and from early years assisted in church services. He was church organist for some years prior to his enlistment in R.A.A.F. As a school teacher he showed much promise, and after returning from over four years' service in England with R.A.A.F., was preparing to re-enter the Victorian teaching service. He had not been well since his return from England last November, and in January went to Heidelberg Military Hospital. A big operation in March became necessary, and he did not recover. He is survived by a wife and child, who expect to leave England any

day to settle in Australia. A second child, about nine months old, predeceased him by only a few days. The church feels deeply for the English wife and also for the parents and family living in Mildura. Murray endeared himself to all, and showed fine Christian character, and with his dear ones we will share a great hope and some very rich memories.—L.E.S.



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## Indian Scene

TOWARDS the end of last year representatives of American, Australian and British churches of Christ of mid-India met in conference to discuss unity matters. The meeting marked a further stage in the consultations which have been carried on during the past few years.

## Weakness of Indian Church Union Scheme

During the day five addresses were given by representative speakers. "The Historical Background of the Restoration Movement" was the subject of the message by L. F. White (U.S.A.). T. H. Hill (U.S.A.) developed the theme, "Problems of Unity on Other than New Testament Basis," and pointed out the weaknesses of the two Indian church union schemes, north and south. He showed that these weaknesses originate largely in the attachment of the negotiating churches to traditions with which the New Testament has been overlaid.

## Immediate Issues for the New Testament Church in India

Speaking on this subject, H. R. Coventry (Australia) asked that action be taken along the following lines: (1) A monthly news-sheet circulating among the churches represented and others desiring to co-operate; (2) Preparation and dissemination of literature on the New Testament church among interested churches and groups; (3) The desirability for special evangelistic efforts in towns to which our members are migrating; and (4) Especially the formation of some kind of federation or alliance of churches of Christ in India as a means to a richer Christian fellowship, encouragement, mutual aid and joint action, but also in anticipation of possible restrictions on missionary co-operation in the future, when the church in India might be thrown more on its own resources.

## Some Decisions

The conference made some important decisions. It was felt that consultations should be continued. An interim committee of six, one each from the three missions and three conferences of churches represented, was appointed to plan for a further conference next year at the same time and place—Bilaspur. To this conference all interested bodies in addition to those present this year may be invited to consider further the issues raised. The committee consists of Dr. D. A. McGavran, S. M. Masih, J. C. Christie, C. B. Minze, S. P. Hiwale, H. R. Coventry (convener).

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### MUTUAL MINISTRY

IN the course of an address to men on "Some Aspects of Public Worship," Mr. Stanbury stated that, after considerable experience, both as a leader and a worshipper in churches of various communions, he retains a strong preference for the principle of the mutual ministry, whereby Christian brethren share in the conduct of a worship service. Among other good reasons for the preference are these: our large commitments require such team-work, it can be very good for the brethren, and it appears to be the New Testament pattern. "However," confessed the speaker, "many times I have changed my opinion temporarily; not when men of reasonable ability have done their best, but when men who could have rendered much better service have become careless and have neglected opportunities of development over the years."

Mr. Stanbury pleaded for a more definite appreciation of the great urges to worship, so that our services might not be actually an affront or a tragic disappointment to some of the deep needs with which people come to the house of the Lord. He stressed the importance of planning a balanced service, so that hymns and other worship material are not limited to a subjective level of self-expression and mutual entertainment. There must be a rise to a high objective level where worshippers are in touch of heart and mind with the living God.

"Some account needs to be taken," said the speaker, "of the various movements or attitudes involved in an adequate worship experience. These have been represented by a group of initials, ACTSS, signifying, Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Submission." Isaiah 6: 1-8 was cited as a scriptural guide to what is involved in an adequate experience. There is a sense of God's presence (1-4), a sense of one's sin (5), a sense of God's help and forgiveness (6, 7), and a surrender for service (8). In concluding, Mr. Stanbury recommended the holding of frequent training and refresher courses for all who have parts of leadership in public worship.

Taking part in the ensuing discussion, Mr. Linds put a strong case for scrapping the mutual ministry arrangement and the placing of worship leadership in the hands of some one person qualified for such duties by training and experience. He referred to various moods and circumstances in which people attend the Lord's house, and affirmed that in addition to sincerity, some understanding, ability and preparedness are looked for in the leader. Neither fumbling nor formalism is permissible in the service of the sanctuary. Mr. Linds concluded with a significant "Unless." "Men should not take parts of leadership in the Lord's house unless they are prepared by training and character to minister worthily." Mr. Fey voiced a very general sense of appreciation of those men in our churches who, not being specialists, yet give themselves with consecration and ability to reading, preaching, helping, presiding and prayer when the church worships.—G. J. Andrews.

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