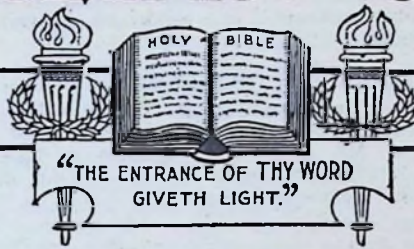


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## Thou Art the Man!

*F. B. Burt, preacher of church at Prahran, Victoria, makes  
plea for a renewed interest in the proclamation of the gospel.*

IT is an astonishing thing that the average man, when he is brought face to face with some responsibility, will almost always look for an easy way out.

Away back in the Old Testament we have the story of Jonah. To most of us, perhaps, the most outstanding feature of that story is the incident concerning Jonah and the great fish, but really that is not important at all. The most important thing in the story of Jonah is that the message of God's redeeming love for the sinful people of Nineveh and God's plans for the salvation of those people were almost shipwrecked because one man tried to evade his responsibility.

Here in the story of Jonah we see a man called to a special task seeking an easy way out. Called of God to go and preach to the sinful people of Nineveh, Jonah was overawed by the immensity of the task. He did not believe he was the man for the job; he questioned his own capabilities, and deciding it was too difficult and too dangerous for him, he found a ship going in the opposite direction, and took passage on that ship and turned away "to escape from the presence of the Lord."

A man called of God to a special task fleeing in the opposite direction trying to evade the issue! But are we in a position to judge Jonah's action? We live in a land here in Australia which, in the sight of God, is a pagan land. We face the same situation to-day with our cities of sin and ignorance and indifference. Our ears are filled with the tramping of millions of marching feet—the march of the godless—and God's dreams for the salvation of our land are wrapped up in your life and in mine.

The people we associate with day after day need desperately the message of salvation. They have drifted away from God; great multitudes of Australians are not "gospel hardened"—they are gospel ignorant. There are people living within a few hundred yards of all of our churches who have never heard the gospel. These people are our responsibility. To this task God is calling us. Are there any Jonahs among us? Are any looking for an easy way out? Will any soul be lost because of your silence?

The second striking thing in this story is that a messenger of God was unconcerned in a desperate situation. Great seas were sweeping over the vessel, experienced seamen were confused and afraid, hope seemed gone, each

man was calling on his own particular pagan gods to save him, and in this desperate situation, with men crying out for salvation, Jonah, the messenger of God, was unconcerned. He had gone down below and was asleep. The one man whose God could save was asleep!

"And the shipmaster came unto him and said, What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise, call upon thy God; if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

A saving God whose servant slept!

Can we plead "not guilty" to the same charge to-day? Are we concerned about the souls of men? Do we care whether they perish or not? "Of course"—we hotly protest—"we are concerned; we do care." But is that the truth? Does the average attendance of church members at the gospel service suggest that we are really concerned about the souls of men? If we took a vote regarding the continuation of our gospel service none would vote against it, yet every Sunday night the greater part of our membership vote very emphatically against it by their absence. Or does the support given to the prayer life of the church to-day suggest an unbounded enthusiasm for the souls of men? You may as well take the generator out of the powerhouse and expect your light to still function, as to take away the prayer-power and expect the church to remain a saving, redeeming force in the world.

To-day men and nations are marching the wide roadways to hell. Everywhere is to be found a story of defeat, and failure, and frustration, and despair. Tens of thousands caught helplessly in this flood are being swept away before our eyes, out beyond our dim horizon's line to a Christless eternity. Where will it all end? Is it nothing to you?

"What meanest thou, O sleeper? . . . Arise and call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us that we perish not."

The sin over which most of us will stumble on the judgment day will be the sin of indifference. We will not be judged on our church attendance, or on how much we know, or on what we believe, but on what we have done!

The last thought suggested by this story is that a man and his message saved a nation. When Jonah saw that he could not escape from God, he returned to Nineveh and preached the word of God in that city of sin; the people repented at the preaching of Jonah, turned from their sin and returned unto the Lord. A man and his message saved

the Ninevites from destruction. Because the people listened to the words of Jonah and turned away from their wicked ways to serve the living God, "God repented of the evil which he said he would do unto them and he did it not."

To-day it is the Christian gospel alone that can save our country and our people. On that we are all agreed, but what are we doing about it? The question we each must honestly and frankly ask himself is: "Does the Christianity which finds expression in my life offer much hope for the world?"

We have to recognise that the Christianity which is the hope of the world is not the sort so often seen around us and in us to-day. The Christianity which is the hope of the world is not some abstract thing. It is a vital, living, life-changing force that can be seen in action in your life and in mine. You will never convince men that your religion can make them any different until they can see it is making a difference to you.

The Christianity which changes the world is the kind we see in a Paul, in a Luther, in a Wesley, and in a Boston. In 1707, when Thomas Boston began to preach at a little parish in Scotland, the moral and spiritual condition of his people was so bad that, for a time, he had to refuse them the communion. Yet in five years Boston had transformed that place to such an extent that he had to call in two other ministers to assist him. What happened two hundred years ago in Scotland can, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, happen here in Australia to-day. However bad conditions are to-day, they are not as bad as those of Boston's day. What he did, we by the grace of God can do to-day.

Or think of England in Wesley's day. John Richard Green, in his "Short History of the English People," commenting on the conditions in England at that time, says: "Everyone laughs if one talks of religion. Of the prominent statesmen of the times, the greater part were unbelievers in any form of religion, and distinguished for the grossness and immorality of their lives. Purity and fidelity to the marriage vow were sneered out of fashion. There were no police, and great mobs of London and Birmingham burnt houses, flung open prisons, and sacked and pillaged at will. In the streets of London gin-shops invited every passer-by to get drunk for a penny or dead drunk for twopence." Into these frightful moral, social and religious conditions came John Wesley, and climbing upon his horse, he set the English countryside ablaze with the story of God's redeeming love. However bad things are to-day, they were worse in Wesley's day. The churches had closed their doors, religion was openly sneered out of house and home, national life had decayed, and England was on the brink of a bloody civil revolution. Just across the En-

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# Victorian Conference

*R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed., reports on the various sessions  
and meetings of the first peace-time conference for six years.*

THE 81st annual conference, under the chairmanship of A. W. Cleland, commenced on Thursday evening, April 18, in Lygon-st. chapel.

In his presidential address, Mr. Cleland showed that we are living in a difficult time—world unrest, industrial strife, materialistic and humanistic philosophy. But the times of difficulty present a challenge to the church, and the note of optimism can be struck in the truth of history—that the church has done its best work in times of crisis.

A centenary feature was presented. T. Hagger, with the aid of lantern slides, spoke of "A Vision that Made History."

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The churches have added 575 by faith and obedience, 374 by letter, 30 formerly immersed, and 58 by restoration—a total of 1037.

The following losses are recorded: 350 by letter, 111 by death, 699 by revision of roll—a total of 1160. Net decrease for the year, 123. Church membership now stands at 12,069.

The Bible schools have 9518 scholars and 1491 teachers. There has been a net loss of 287 scholars and 61 teachers. During the year 321 scholars have been added to the churches.

A helpful discussion followed the presentation of the clause concerning statistics, and several weaknesses in the statistical sheet were disclosed. A motion was carried, requesting the Executive Committee to revise the method of drawing up and presenting the sheet for conference.

As in former years, conference has been represented on a number of important institutions, including State, Federal, and World alliances.

The work of the Chaplaincy Committee continued during the year. With the coming of peace, most of the chaplains have returned to their churches.

The committee appointed to implement a resolution of last conference re organising a men's society in the churches, reported that some twenty churches had taken action in the matter.

An Australian section of the World's Council of Churches has been established. Churches of Christ sent delegates from the various States to a preparatory conference held in Sydney. A recommendation from the executive to affiliate with the council was included in the report.

R. Enniss spoke to the clause on "new sites." He explained the working of the Housing Commission in relation to church building sites. Sites have been selected at Heidelberg, Moorabbin and Ashburton. Money will be needed to meet obligations. A recommendation was therefore included in the report:

"That 'The Properties Corporation' be entrusted with the selection and purchase of sites for church purposes after collaboration with the Home Missionary Committee and the nearest church and/or officers' association or district conference, and that it be authorised to make an appeal for funds for this purpose in conjunction with the annual offering of 'The Corporation.'"

The section including this recommendation was adopted.

An addendum to the report paid tribute to W. Gale, who for 19 years acted as secretary to the Executive Committee.

The committee dealing with preachers' disabilities finished its work. It was resolved that

the committee be re-established in view of certain changes in conditions governing pensions.

## INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING PRESIDENT

On Friday afternoon B. J. Combridge was introduced as president. After a brief response, Mr. Combridge presented a Bible to the retiring president. A. W. Cleland made suitable acknowledgment.

The incoming president delivered an address on the theme, "Implementing the Christian Conviction." A principle relating to human activities has three elements—a task to perform, an instrument to be used, and a power to energise. The task to be performed is the redemption of the world; the instrument is the church; the energising power is the Holy Spirit. Proclaiming the fundamental convictions of the faith concerning God, man, the Saviour, the church must realise (1) that she is the chosen instrument of God to bring redemption to humanity; (2) the need for recovering the individual emphasis in preaching; (3) the implications of the Christian message in relation to social, national and international evils.

## OUR CENTENARY THEME

On Friday afternoon two addresses were given upon themes related to the Restoration Movement.

W. S. Lowe spoke upon "The Christian Union Movement." He related our own movement to the great world-wide movements acting today. He urged that we must get into line with the world movement, in order to make the contribution which we can give.

L. E. Snow spoke on the subject, "Authority and Liberty." He claimed that the supreme authority is Jesus Christ, and that we can find the mind of Christ in the New Testament record.

## HOME MISSIONS

At the home missionary demonstration on Friday evening there was a fine gathering. W. Gale welcomed delegates and visitors. Greetings were brought from the Women's Conference by Mrs. Cleland. Cheques from the Women's Mission Bands were presented—£305/1/- for home missions; £244 for overseas missions; £61/1/- for the College of the Bible. G. Mitchell responded to the greeting and expressed thanks for the cheques.

J. McG. Abercrombie gave an address in which he reviewed the principles and prospects of the Restoration Movement. Thus the offering was introduced. In response the sum of £100 in cash and promises was received. This sum was made up to £177/5/- by the following day.

W. W. Saunders gave an address on the subject, "The Church's Foundational Function." The basic function of the church is the presentation of the gospel of Christ as Saviour. That this is true can be made clear from consideration of God's love manifested in the cross of Christ, of man's need of a Saviour, and of the nature of the church.

W. Gale presented the report of the committee. The report showed that there had been many staff changes during the year. Special missions were held in several centres by K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders, and a new tent was secured. Several brethren testified to the value of the missions.

In October last a mid-year fellowship conference was held in the city of Melbourne.

New work is contemplated in Gippsland. A

definite request for help has come from the brethren at Morwell and Warragul.

Receipts for the year amounted to £4325/11/-; payments and transfers totalled £4091/7/3. A credit of £498/12/8 was brought forward from last year. The credit balance in the general fund at January 31, 1946, is £732/16/5. The annual offering reached an all-time record. The total, to the closing of books, was £1537/6/5.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report of the committee was presented by J. E. Allan. V. L. Gole dealt with the financial aspect. Total income amounted to £4064/9/3. The annual offering was an all-time record—£2252/12/2.

Mrs. Bolduan, recently returned from India, spoke of work in a typical Indian village, especially among the low-caste population.

Dr. Messent, Federal president, dealt specially with the medical work at Dhond, and spoke of plans for further developments in hospital equipment.

At the Saturday evening session, R. C. Bolduan spoke of "Our India." He said that the name applied to our field, indicated not so much possession as responsibility. The work was slow, and the increase in church membership was only a fraction of the increase in population. Yet there was a great opportunity, especially among the people despised and outcaste, and it was possible to visualise the time when there would be a church in every village of "Our India."

A. Anderson, Federal secretary, gave an address upon the theme, "The Descent of God." The message was based on the text, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." Man's great need was to know God in Christ. Reconciliation of man to man could only come after man's reconciliation to God. The speaker included in his message a review of our work in presenting the gospel of reconciliation.

The offering amounted to £176 in cash and promises.

R. L. Williams, chairman of the State committee, moved that greetings of this conference be sent to workers on the field.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

B. F. Huntsman, president of the Young People's Committee, presented the report. This showed that there were 321 additions to the church from the school during the year. There was a loss of 61 teachers and 287 scholars. The present enrolment of teachers is 1491, and scholars 9518.

The year commenced with a credit in general fund of £111/10/9. The annual offering was a record—£1089/17/10. The year closed with a debit balance of £310/3/5 in the general fund.

There were 1115 entrants to the annual scripture examinations. 34 received prizes, 119 honors, 239 merits, 421 passes.

A new publication—"Christian Youth Fellowship"—had been produced in connection with Austral Graded Lessons.

A university students' fellowship sponsored by the department held three successful functions.

A youth workers' efficiency course was conducted in four centres. A teachers' open forum was also held in four centres.

Easter youth convention and youth week were purposeful events. A great rally of 1200 young people was held on Nov. 3.

Considerable progress was made in the development of camp sites. Two camps for juniors, two for leaders, and two for young



people were held, involving a staff of 38 and total registration of 370. A camp study, "The Church in a New Century," was chosen to serve centennial interests.

The Endeavor statistics revealed that 119 societies were functioning—51 junior, 24 intermediate, 44 young people's societies. £216/9/2 was contributed for the C.E. ward at the Christian Guest Home Hospital.

W. Hibburt, the organiser, with the aid of charts showed the many and varied activities of youth work. A strong plea was made for further development.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

W. H. Clay presented the report. He referred to the fact that for the first time a lady—Mrs. Gill—was elected to the office of president of the committee.

The report told of the appointment of F. E. Buckingham as field representative of the Christian Fellowship Association. Reference was also made to the entrance of W. T. Atkin upon his work as associate secretary.

New properties have been secured. A building at present let as a grammar school has been purchased with the intention of using it as a children's home. Another property in the same district has been purchased for conversion into a hospital.

The department published a number of pamphlets dealing with the liquor question and the Fellowship Association.

R. A. Strongman spoke to the financial report. Total receipts for the department (including £158 for Food for Britain Appeal) were £2545/11/7. The Christian Fellowship Association received £1450/2/2.

The following resolutions relating to social questions were carried:—

This conference, while conscious of the prevailing international unrest due to mistrust, suspicion, racial discrimination and intense nationalism, expresses its thanks to God for the creation of the "United Nations," prays for its success, and at the same time, expresses its desire that our own representatives to this body shall exert their powers at all times to make war both unnecessary and impossible.

That this conference warns the people of our nation, and their leaders in particular, that the persistent flouting of the laws of God is resulting in the moral decadence of the nation as a whole, and its people as individuals. Measures which contravene the sanctity of the Lord's day, and which encourage and result in the extension of gambling and drunkenness, we believe are opposed to the teachings of Christ. As a conference of Christian believers, we plead for a recognition on the part of the people and their leaders of the indispensable foundations of Christian character to the well-being and stability of our national life.

This conference, believing the liquor traffic to be the most immoral, unsocial and un-economic free agent in the community, reaffirms its uncompromising attitude towards it, and urges the government to restore local option to the people, thus giving each locality the right to determine for itself whether or not licences shall continue within its boundaries.

This conference, in view of the world shortage of food, urges the Commonwealth and State governments to take immediate steps to restrict the use of sugar and such foods as are used in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors and luxuries, so that the greatest possible amount of food shall be available for export.

That this conference recognises the Local Option Alliance as the spearhead of the

church's attack on the liquor traffic, and recommends all churches to give full support to the work of the Alliance.

That this conference is convinced that six o'clock closing of liquor bars is effective in reducing drinking and attendant evils, and demands that before any later hour of closing is permitted a referendum of the electors shall be taken.

#### LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The following extract from the report will indicate the chief activities during the year:—

"During the year the committee has been seeking to build up funds to enable it to undertake progressive work as soon as conditions make it possible. In response to the appeal suggested at last conference, 32 churches contributed £38/19/4 and an individual promise of £10 was fulfilled. Thanks are extended to all who helped. Donations from churches which have not yet responded would be welcomed by committee. At present work is being done on a pictorial tract. This will be an experiment in presenting doctrinal truths by means of the eye-gate. Since the cost of this new venture will be considerable, and we are still in debt to the Austral Co. for previous publications, we hesitate to undertake new work unless we can get increased income."

Speaking to the report, several brethren urged the desirability of getting suitable literature into the homes of the people, especially in country districts.

A resolution was passed, "That this conference commends the work of the Literature Committee, and recommends that the conference executive take into consideration means and methods of distribution."

#### PROPERTIES CORPORATION

R. Enniss, secretary and treasurer of the corporation, presented the report. It was stated that almost every church had reduced its indebtedness. Reduction of interest had been of great help in some cases. Inquiries concerning manse had been received from several churches. Some steps have been taken in this matter. Difficulty has been experienced in getting permits to build church property.

Receipts, including repayments by churches and loans made, totalled £10,892/12/7, including the balance brought forward. The net cash balance is £1066/3/3.

#### COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

Dr. W. A. Kemp, chairman of the Board of Management, spoke of several improvements made in the college property, especially in relation to kitchen and bathroom arrangements. The board is contemplating other developments in relation to special courses of lectures.

#### PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

The report included reference to district conferences and youth rallies at which the subject of Christian unity was discussed.

A meeting was held in Sydney on July 22, 1943, when representatives of all Protestant churches met together as a provisional council to draw up a constitution for an Australian National Christian Council. We were represented at this by W. S. Lowe.

Literary activities included the securing of copies of A. L. Haddon's book, "The Coming of the World Church," and the publication of a brochure entitled "The Church of the New Century," written by F. T. Morgan.

#### ABORIGINES MISSION

C. L. Lang presented the report, which covered work at Norseman and Carnarvon in Western Australia, and at Fitzroy in Victoria. Efforts were made to provide a hostel at which natives could stay when in Perth. These have not been successful as yet, but considera-

tion is being given to a native reserve which will be suitable for the purpose.

A resolution supporting the claim of aborigines to full citizen rights was carried.

#### VARIOUS

At the preachers' session on Thursday afternoon, April 18, R. L. Williams presided. Dr. A. C. Garnett gave the address upon the subject, "The Creation of the Religious Life." C. G. Taylor is the new president of the association.

The youth conference held at the College of the Bible on Good Friday sent greetings to the Victorian general conference, and pledged themselves to loyalty to Christ. A response was sent.

During conference sessions, musical items were provided by Miss Iris Atkin, Clarence Smith, Camberwell church choir and Doncaster Quartette Party. Miss Pittman was organist at sessions held in Lygon-st. chapel.

#### CONFERENCE SERMON

S. Neighbour, preaching on afternoon of Easter Sunday in Independent Church, on "The Creative Church," said that the church as the body of Christ must perforce be creative in the world. Our Lord prayed for the unity of his followers to meet the needs of the world. The church is constituted of free beings, human, and for reason prone to follow conflicting aims. As a result there is a divided church. As early as 1809 Thomas Campbell had declared, "The church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one." We are encouraged by, and must encourage every genuine move for the unity of all God's people. Not unity in uniformity, but unity in diversity is our aim. Such a unity can only be found in the recognition of the Lordship of Christ. The recognition of the Lordship of Christ means that if and when there is a clash of loyalties between my loyalty to Christ and my loyalty to any group to which I belong, my first loyalty must be to Christ. Loyalty to Christ must have for the Christian pre-eminence over loyalty to family or nation. Such a loyalty to Christ has been witnessed in Norway during the Nazi occupation when bishops and the big majority of ministers of the Norwegian church resigned benefices, salaries, homes and securities, declaring "When the government tolerates violence and injustice, and brings pressure to bear upon the souls of men, then the church is the guardian of conscience." The creative church will not divide the gospel into competing individual and social elements, but will proclaim that moral and social reform can only be guaranteed upon the basis of individual yielding to the Lordship of Christ. Once individuals have yielded to Christ as Lord, they will discover that Christianity has social and economic implications. This is a day of opportunity for the proclaiming of a great Christian message which if applied would solve all personal, social, economic and international problems.

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President.—B. J. Combridge.  
Past President.—A. W. Cleland.  
President-Elect.—J. Holloway.  
Secretary.—R. Enniss.  
Treasurer.—G. W. Mitchell.  
Assistant Secretary.—Miss F. Haines.

Executive Committee of Conference.—The above officers of conference and one representative of and from each committee in control of a conference department.

Home Missionary Committee.—The officers of conference, as above, together with the following: J. McG. Abercrombie, R. F. Geyer, A. E. Hurren, C. L. Lang, F. N. Lee, G. L. Murray, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., J. A. Wilkie and E. L. Williams, M.A. (Three further members will later be co-opted.)

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# The Sovereign God

**CALL** to Worship.—"O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 16.

Prayer.—Lord, thy glory fills the heavens, and the earth is full of thy praise. Thou art the Creator of all things, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. All nature praises thee, and so incline our hearts unto thee. Help us to see thee in the beauty that surrounds us, and in all that thou hast provided. Bestow upon us the cheerful heart that accepts with thankfulness the mercies of thy love. Amen.

Responsive Reading.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 9 (page 673).—The All-knowing God.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 12.

Scripture Reading.—Job 12: 13-23.

## THE SOVEREIGN GOD

**J**OB'S friends came to see him in his misery and suffering. They gave their sympathy, then their criticism, virtually telling him that it served him right, and that his suffering was brought about by his own evil ways.

Unable to explain his suffering, yet knowing his innocence of great evil. Job finds comfort in his knowledge of God's supreme power; his sovereignty over all. So he speaks of God's wisdom, strength and understanding—how he "breaketh down," "shutteth up," "withholdeth," "sendeth," "leadeth," "destroyeth." Then, thinking of himself and his humble part in God's great plan, he says, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Such was Job's faith in a day when very little was known about God. It puts many of us to shame in our day.

Have we ever thought that it is necessary for God to be a sovereign being? He created the world, and is therefore responsible for it and its inhabitants. To this end he must establish laws by which man must live as well as principles of life to govern everything that has life and growth. When men break God's laws, it is only to be expected that suffering is brought either upon themselves or others. If God were to abrogate his laws in favor of a few, there would soon be chaos. So we have the explanation of much suffering.

Coming to the life of our Lord, we find that same sovereign will in his contact with men. It is heard in his statement of the purpose of his coming to the earth—"I am come that ye might have life"; felt in his kingly invitation and offer of help—"Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest"; and seen in his last direct command to men—"Go ye . . . and preach the gospel."

Through his sovereign will and word, we know that even if suffering be our lot through the sin of ourselves or others, he will redeem us if we trust in him completely. It was this very thing on which Job himself relied, for he said, "He shall be my salvation."

Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Home Mission Notes.

Address: "Serving Their Church."

Overseas Letter.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 430.

Benediction.

(The programme and devotional meditation for this month have been prepared by Mrs. C. P. Hughes, of Hobart, Tasmania.)

## EXECUTIVE NOTES

**Tasmania.**—The monthly executive meeting was held on Tuesday, April 2. The president, Mrs. Hughes, led devotional session, and Sister Jessie, of the City Mission, gave an address.

The forthcoming conference at Easter was discussed and final arrangements made. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Boxhall and benediction by the president.

**Queensland.**—To allow members to attend farewell to Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson, and Lady Wilson, given by National Council of Women on April 4, monthly meeting of Women's Conference Auxiliary was held at Ann-st. on Wednesday, April 3. Cyclonic weather was raging. Fourteen sisters braved the elements, two having come from Ipswich to lead devotions. F. T. Saunders, of College of Bible, spent a short time at meeting.

**Victoria.**—At monthly meeting on April 5, devotions were led by Mrs. Washfold. Visitors included Mrs. Ellis, of W.A., and Miss M. Hiron, of Auckland, N.Z. Acting upon a suggestion from secretary of Women's Services Club, proceeds from sale of effects at club, which realised about £100, were to be handed to United Church Board Hostel Committee to be used by their chaplains now working in Japan. As a result of self-denial effort to raise money for Indian orphans appeal, amount collected since last meeting was £172/13/8. The following resolution, to be sent to Prime Minister, was carried unanimously: "That two women representatives be sent from Australia to the peace table conference."

**South Australia.**—Monthly meeting of the Sisters' Auxiliary was held at Grote-st. on April 5. Attendance was 89; 62 delegates. Mrs. Russell led devotional session and Mrs. Burns was soloist. Following items from reports presented are: Treasurer: Home missions, in hand, £37/11/5; overseas, £36/10/10; general fund, £9/16/6; Federal women's missionary fund, £48/15/5; centenary fund, £18/7/8; catering fund, £9/11/4. Home Mission Superintendent: Mrs. C. Verco, amount collected for three months, £8/11/7. Overseas Superintendent: Mrs. A. L. Read, during March, visited northern conference at Balaklava; Edwardstown and Maylands. On April 3, at Aldgate church, Miss Cameron was speaker. Prayer Meeting superintendent reported five meetings held, and Hospital superintendent 179 visits paid for past quarter. Gifts of fruit, flowers, eggs, cakes and jam, and jug covers, were distributed, as well as 237 books. Mrs. L. C. McCallum read names of those who had, during March, received the home-call, and Mrs. Verco led in prayer for bereaved. Mrs. Cornelius closed with prayer.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**T**HE few reports which have come to hand of the World Day of Prayer held on March 8 show, on the whole, increased interest and participation in this world-wide observance.

**Victoria.**—Central meetings were held at Scots Church. In morning Mrs. Lt.-Col. Dale, of Salvation Army, led service, and Mrs. Brean gave the address. At lunch-time service, Mrs. P. W. Steel, vice-president of Women's Inter-Church Council, took charge and gave two five-minute talks. Mrs. Arthur J. Lewis, president of World Day of Prayer committee, led afternoon service, and Mrs. Halkyard, M.A., Dip.Ed., missionary to India, gave the address. In comparison with other years, attendance at central meetings was not

so large, due to policy of decentralising meetings. However, many more women over State participated this year—some 8000 in 152 groups.

**New South Wales.**—City meeting was addressed by Mrs. Mowll, wife of Archbishop of Sydney who, with her husband, had recently visited China. In her address she appealed for prayer for Madame Chiang Kai-shek who, she said, was a very gifted woman, with great responsibilities, and faithful to her Master who is also our Master. Country meetings report a good spirit, and co-operation between churches; but in some cases smaller attendances than in previous years. Largest meeting for day was at Murwillumbah, which had largest attendance last year. Speakers went from city to several suburban meetings and to other cities and country towns. Offerings this year are to be given for Christian literature, and Bibles, through National Missionary Council and British and Foreign Bible Society.

**Queensland.**—On Friday, March 8, the women of united churches of Brisbane met in Baptist Tabernacle to observe women's World Day of Prayer. Both sessions were presided over by Mrs. Hunt, president of Congregational Union. Theme for day was, "The things that make for our peace." About 80 to 100 women attended morning session, when prayers relative to theme were offered and Mrs. Brigadier Taylour, of Salvation Army, gave a fine address entitled "The Message of the Clock-tower." A basket luncheon was held, tea being provided by Baptist women. At afternoon session Mrs. Hills, State president of W.C.T.U., was speaker. Offerings, amounting in all to £10, were taken at both sessions for British and Foreign Bible Society.

## WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

**T**HE New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council has decided to open a hostel for girl first offenders. Many of the girls coming before the courts are victims of circumstances, and through such a hostel would have an opportunity to "make good." A committee, with Mrs. Bowle, B.A., as hon. organising secretary, has been appointed to look for a property and to make plans for carrying out the scheme.

## Obituary

### Mrs. Hannah Arklis Thoday

**I**N the sudden and unexpected home-call of Mrs. H. A. Thoday on March 30, at the age of 74, the church at Kadina, S.A., has lost a member highly respected for her sterling Christian character. Our sister was received into fellowship by letter of transfer from the Baptist church, Jamestown, S.A., in 1901, and had been in continuous membership ever since. For the past few years she had been in indifferent health, and was thus often prevented from attending the services of the church which she loved. Mrs. Thoday was a wide reader, and also possessed an excellent knowledge of the scriptures. Her husband predeceased her about two years ago. She leaves behind her two sons, Eric and Ivan, and four daughters, Aileen, Jessie (Mrs. Glenn), Dorrie (Mrs. Proudlock), and Joyce (Mrs. Maunder). After a short service in the home of her daughter (Mrs. Proudlock), with whom she lived, and in the presence of many friends and sympathisers, our sister was laid to rest in the Kadina cemetery, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. To her sons and daughters the church extends sincere Christian sympathy in their great loss.—G.R.



# Here and There

The visit of Sir William and Lady Dobbie to Australia has aroused great interest. Their Christian witness is much appreciated.

To present as soon as possible reports of conferences, we are holding over some of the special features, including the popular magazine section for young people. This will appear again next month.

The Melbourne City Mission will hold its 91st annual public meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 3 p.m., in the reception room of the Melbourne Town Hall. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne will be the chairman. All interested in the vital work of the mission are invited to attend.

Mrs. Melba Beard, formerly Miss Maston, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Maston, died on April 13 at Sydney. The death of our sister removes the last tie with the original Maston family. To her son, H. Maston Beard, of Sydney University, we offer deepest sympathy.

On the evening of April 28, a memorial service was held in Chelsea chapel, Vic., in honor of its late preacher, J. C. F. Pittman. T. Hagger conducted, and in the course of his sermon paid tribute to the life of Mr. Pittman as a faithful preacher of the gospel. R. Ennis also took part in the service, and appropriate solos were sung by Mrs. Gourlay and Mr. Cuddy.

The annual meeting of the South-eastern District Officers' Association (Melbourne) was held at Carnegie chapel on Friday, April 26, with over 50 men in attendance. The following were elected office-bearers: J. K. Bond, president; J. K. Martin and A. J. Thomas, vice-presidents; A. H. Fergus, secretary; C. Warmbrunn, assistant secretary and treasurer. The programme took the form of a "Huckle Hour" on the subject, "Are Churches of Christ Fully Carrying Out the Restoration Plea?" C. Cole (deputising at short notice for R. L. Williams on account of illness) and A. W. Stephenson spoke on the subject, and then had a busy time answering questions. Opinion was expressed that it was the most profitable evening arranged by the association.

The Victorian Young People's Department centennial demonstration in Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday, April 24, attracted an audience of 3000. The department credits the outstanding success of the occasion to the splendid co-operation of a team of leaders who accepted the responsibility of preparing the five scenes in the pageant and the loyalty of each member in the cast of 150. The students of the Federal College of the Bible distinguished themselves in reproduction of the Pentecost scene. Mr. E. Peters carried the full responsibility of training and conducting the choir of 200 voices. The department is unable personally to thank all involved, and requests that those concerned will accept the department's gratitude per medium of this paper.

At Brighton, Vic., large attendances were a feature of meetings on April 28. Total number of communicants was highest for six months. C. L. Lang was morning speaker. A memorial service to the late Arthur Forbes was held in afternoon. 175 people gathered to pay tribute to the memory of one who conducted two very successful ministries with Brighton church. 75 young people from district churches assembled for first anniversary of South Suburban District Youth Fellowship. After tea A. A. Hughes led in a provocative discussion. Anzac service in evening was attended by a large number of ex-Service members, and special singing was given by choir. Recently Mrs. Chas. Gelling and Mrs. R. J. Ball have been received into fellowship. C.E. has been re-formed recently, and caters for many returned Service members.

Church at Gardenvale, Vic., has welcomed into fellowship Mr. and Mrs. Smith, from Brighton. Among recent visitors were the mother, father and sister of the preacher, Mr. Anderson. Mission Band anniversary was held on April 4, when Mr. Bolduan gave an interesting talk, and musical items were rendered by H. Long and S. Davey, of the college. Young people attended a district fellowship tea on April 28. Temple Day was observed by church that day, when Mr. Wiltshire, from Parkdale, gave an inspiring address.

The chapel at Berwick, Vic., was filled on evening of April 7, when young people, camped there in connection with Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship, took charge of meeting. R. L. Williams gave the address. Intermediate C.E. recently celebrated second anniversary. Endeavorers from suburban societies joining in fellowship. Don Thomas gave a helpful address to Endeavorers at a special evening service. Members had fellowship with many visitors at Easter services, also with Ken Meyer, who was home on leave recently.

At Fairfield, Vic., a conference of Sunday school teachers was held on April 13 to discuss modern methods of approach. A helpful afternoon and evening were spent on presentation of "Poster Work and Its Possibilities," "Bible Club Methods," and "Flannelgraph." Each speaker was allowed forty minutes to present the method, and twenty minutes were allowed for discussion. At evening demonstration the chapel was filled with enthusiastic workers. Thirty-five sat to basket tea. At morning and evening service on Easter Sunday, Mr. Stirling, of Geelong, was preacher. At evening service on 28th, Robert Edgar, of Mission to Lepers, gave a lecture on the work in India. Clive Butler, ex-R.A.A.F., has been welcomed home.

At Warragul, Vic., Ladies' Guild held a stall on April 18 with satisfactory results. Well attended services were held on April 28, isolated members' day. Mr. Holloway, of Malvern-Caulfield church, spoke in morning and at a special afternoon service; Mr. Gale was speaker in evening. An offering was taken up in morning towards full-time preacher fund, amount taken being £52 (not closed). Solos were rendered by Miss Betty Waters and Angus McConchie, from Malvern. During afternoon a quartette was rendered. At afternoon service Mr. Gale gave books presented by Ladies' Guild to returned Servicemen, George Handley, Allen Pederson, A. McDonald and M. R. Byard; also to Jim Francis, whose father made the supreme sacrifice. Evening meeting was well attended.

Ladies' class at Northcote, Vic., recently made a presentation of handbag, gloves and a spray of flowers to Mrs. Hinrichsen, retiring president. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have been received into membership. Men at a working bee made a vast improvement to the exterior of the recently acquired manse. W. T. Atkin has been appointed to the eldership. The church congratulates Grace Arnold on having passed her final nurses' examination. Cricket team were runners-up in final match. Y.W.L. has been commenced in conjunction with the gospel service. Dr. Garnett addressed church Easter Sunday morning, W. Graham presiding. Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Massey, and Alan Mackay have returned home from hospital after operations. Mr. Robinson is home from Caulfield Military Hospital. Mrs. Miers is in hospital. Many are laid aside with sickness. The average attendance for month for breaking of bread was 170, and at the evening service 130. Mrs. and M. Lawson, A. Arnott, N. Brown and W. Huggan are now on the teaching staff of school.

# Tribute to A. E. Forbes

IN the early dawn of Good Friday morning, Chaplain Colonel Arthur E. Forbes, D.C.M., answered the home-call of his Lord. After just over a year of suffering and weakness, he quietly "fell on sleep in Jesus."

Mr. Forbes, after being retired from chaplaincy work with the Army, went to the ministry of the Hamilton (Vic.) church, but had only twelve months of service there when he was stricken down with an acute heart attack. The doctor despaired of his life, but he rallied, and it was thought that he would be able in a few months' time to preach again. But it was not to be. Suddenly his condition became worse, and it was realised that he had preached his last sermon. He was brought to Melbourne, where he and Mrs. Forbes could be near their three daughters and their families. Only those nearest to him knew how bravely and without complaining he bore the suffering of his long illness.

His was a remarkable life. He served as a bugler under General Plumer during the Boer War. At Koster River the boy bugler ran, under heavy fire, with ammunition to relieve a party of Australians who had been ambushed and whose ammunition had run out. His action saved the situation and many lives. He was awarded the D.C.M. for his bravery, and the citizens of Brisbane, on his return, showed their appreciation. Through the first Governor-General of Australia (Lord Hopetoun) they presented him with a purse of 63 sovereigns and a silver-mounted bugle similar to the bugle presented by Queen Victoria to Bugler Dunn.

He went to Scotland, where he studied for the ministry of preaching. Coming back, he took up pioneering work amongst the shearers, cane-cutters and miners in outback Queensland. He held pastorates amongst churches of Christ in Queensland, N.S.W., Victoria and South Australia.

From the church at Belmore, N.S.W., he went as chaplain to the first world war. He served as chaplain in camps up to the second world war, when he was called as Chaplain-Colonel to full-time service with the Army. He was a man's man, and men trusted and confided in him. His ministry amongst the soldiers was indeed a rich one.

Although he had but a year's ministry at Hamilton, he had become loved and respected, not only in the church, but throughout the town. Associating with the business men there one became conscious of the widespread interest and sympathy with Mr. Forbes in his illness. He was elected secretary of the Ministers' Fraternal, and when he was laid aside the ministers of Hamilton offered to help by conducting services for him. After he came to Melbourne, the numerous telephone inquiries from professional and business men, as well as private residents in Hamilton, proved the worth of his service for the Lord in the town.

The funeral left the Brighton (Vic.) church, where he had ministered for nine years, after a service on the Saturday morning of Easter for the New Cheltenham Cemetery, where Thos. Hagger, conducting the service at the grave, spoke of the touching and definite testimony of faith in his risen Lord Mr. Forbes had given in the presence of our preachers who had visited him a few days before his death. It was a benediction they would never forget.

The sympathy of the churches is extended to Mrs. Forbes, their three daughters, Edna (Mrs. J. Charlesworth), Iris (Mrs. F. Sanquinetti) and Gloria (Mrs. G. Pocknee), and the sons-in-law, in their hour of sorrow.—Harold B. Robbins.

## BROADCAST SERVICE

3BO at 11 a.m. from Bendigo, Vic. Preacher, G. M. Mathieson.

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# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Devonport.**—Rex Bullimore, Hobart, was speaker on morning of March 31. On April 3, Endeavorers were pleased with a lantern lecture by Mr. Cornwall on Malayan Mission. Membership of C.E. has increased to 22. Indian famine relief offering was £13/7/6. In absence of Mr. Grainger at Launceston conference, F. T. Burtl spoke at both services on April 21.

**West Hobart.**—There were very good attendances on April 14, B. Golder and J. Woolley conducting services. Attendances on 21st were small, some members being on holiday, and some at conference at Launceston. Speakers were T. Street and B. J. Golder. Visitors included Mrs Butler (Hartwell, Vic.). G. E. Ashlin conducted Bible school in absence of superintendent.

**Hobart (Collins-st.).**—There were four confessions during April. G. O. Tease was speaker morning and evening on 20th, his Easter addresses being appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and a number of members visited Launceston for conference. Miss Cameron, on furlough from India, was speaker at Women's Mission Band on afternoon of April 23. Mrs. Staples has been called to Sydney on account of her sailor son's illness. He is improving.

## Western Australia

**Victoria Park.**—Attendances during month were good, particularly each Thursday evening at prayer meetings. This gathering, attendance at which averaged 22, has developed into an adult Bible school led by the preacher, Mr. Elliott, in studies on "The Church Christ Built." Church was pleased to receive an exhortation from J. K. Robinson, of Lake-st. church, on March 24. During April Mr. Elliott dealt with special gospel themes leading to Easter. Preceding a large gospel service a welcome home tea to members of Forces was arranged on April 7, and 20 Service men were among the 60 who participated. Auxiliaries of church are making good progress.

**Perth.**—On morning of April 14, Mrs. L. Riley and Barbara Makeham were welcomed into membership. J. K. Robinson gave an informative talk. Good wishes were extended to Mrs. Joy Nelson, who leaves shortly for Colorado, U.S.A. Church welcomed Mrs. Payne after her visit to eastern States. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Robinson was preacher. On April 16 Young People's Fellowship had a hike and camp-fire meeting. On morning of April 21 visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell (Malayan Evangelical Mission), and V. Cozens (New Zealand). A. C. Thurrowgood (Bunbury) gave a helpful Easter message. Evening service was broadcast. A duet was rendered by Mrs. C. Ewers and Miss Griffiths. J. K. Robinson preached.

**Fremantle.**—J. Gordon is not likely to commence his ministry until late in May. Meanwhile meetings are encouraging, and Robin West and John Sagers have made the good confession; Robin was baptised on April 14. Increasing attendances reward Mr. Vawser's efforts at gospel meetings. "Living Link" financial effort has reached £146. Mrs. Grace Cole and Barbara have removed to Stoneville, and Miss Thelma Verco has left for Adelaide. Maggie Connelly is in St. Helen's Hospital, and Mrs. Lindsay is still in Fremantle Hospital. Church expresses sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Taylor and family in loss of their son and brother Laurie (2/4th M.G. Bn.), now officially presumed to have died at Singapore on Feb. 9,

1942. Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on April 16 took form of lantern lecture on work of Syrian Mission. Church wishes joy to Reg. H. Mason and Elsie M. Mieschel (Shepparton, Vic.), who have been married.

**Kalgoorlie.**—On evening of March 24 three were baptised, and on morning of 31st these brethren were received into church along with another sister. Church has enjoyed fellowship of visitors, among whom was Mrs. Haddon Johnson, of Nedlands, who sang a solo. All auxiliaries are in healthy condition. Gospel meetings are well attended. Mr. Fitch and his choir have completed four years of broadcasting. Bible school is leading in increase and attendance campaign; 215 present on April 7.

**Inglewood.**—On March 31 two girls from Lawley Ladies' College confessed Christ. Tennis club held a social, when appreciation was expressed to those who reconditioned courts. April 7 marked commencement of another year of service with E. R. Sherman. One of the teachers had her 21st anniversary, and it was 21 years since Bible school was commenced. Sunday prior to anniversary 159 were present. Mrs. Mercer, who has charge of 84 juniors, was serving in school 21 years ago. Anniversary was up to standard, with J. Fewster conducting singing. In afternoon A. McRoberts presented texts to juniors. This helped to introduce him for "Happy Hour," held each day during following week with average of 176. On Tuesday evening F. Fewster was speaker. At annual meeting it was decided to purchase property adjoining chapel as preacher's residence. Ladies' Guild has had an active year collecting and making garments.

## Queensland

**Zillmere.**—Interest is reviving and will continue, as a more concentrated effort is being made. A Youth Fellowship and a Ladies' Fellowship have commenced. Bible school has been given attention, especially kindergarten.

**Gympie.**—On April 12 C.E. combined with Baptist C.E. in an enjoyable evening. Good services were held on April 14. At night four who had made the good confession were immersed. Several members attended conference in Brisbane; others participated in C.E. convention held at Gympie during Easter.

**Ma Ma Creek.**—A largely attended meeting at Grantham viewed films and slides exhibited by H. E. Greenwood on April 10 in interests of youth. F. T. Saunders addressed meeting at West Haldon on 14th, and preached at Ma Ma Creek in evening. Good meetings are held by Band of Hope. Endeavorers are helped by new members and efficiency contest.

**Charters Towers.**—On March 24 W. Howie was morning speaker and W. Peres preached at night. Visit of F. T. Saunders was appreciated on March 28. Mr. Dallinger (Townsville) conducted all services on March 31. On April 3 an induction service to Mr. Buckley was conducted by Mr. Greenwood (conference secretary), assisted by Mr. Dallinger. This was followed by an enjoyable picture evening conducted by Mr. Greenwood. Mr. Buckley commenced his ministry with church on April 7.

**Boondall.**—Because of the laying of an excellent foundation by a few faithful workers over past few years, coming of a full-time preacher has meant a great deal. Attendances at both Lord's day services and offerings have increased. Anniversary services, with attendance of 90 on prize-giving night, were an encouragement. On April 14 a young lady from the Bible class was baptised. Several transfers of membership during past months have also given encouragement, as has number of visitors to gospel services.

**Boonah.**—E. Hart has concluded a fortnight's mission at Silverdale, with John Christensen song-leader. There were two decisions, and two baptised believers have also linked up with church. At baptismal service on final night building was crowded, many being unable to gain a seat. Plans are made for Mr. Hart to hold a mission at Rockhampton from May 5 to 19. T. Jenner, of Rosewood church, spoke at gospel service on April 7. C. Jenner on 14th, and Mr. Keith (Boonah Baptist) on 21st.

## South Australia

**Kilburn.**—Meetings on April 21 were well attended, 30 being at 10 a.m. Bible school, including three new scholars. Mrs. B. Mann has been added to teaching staff. 15 babies are now on cradle roll. 34 attended gospel and communion service, when Mr. Brown told a story to newly-formed Young Worshipers' League under leadership of Mrs. Whelan, and gave an appreciated address to church.

**Prospect.**—Members of youth movement attended Easter camp at Gawler. R. Vincent addressed gatherings on Saturday and Sunday. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed. S. Riches exhorted church on morning of April 21. Many visitors were present. Mrs. Furler (Victoria) was at service. Mrs. H. Davey was welcomed into fellowship from Subiaco. R. Vincent led gospel service. There were good attendances at both services.

**Ungarra.**—Church and auxiliaries continue in good heart. Ungarra, with other churches of Tumby Bay circuit, is enjoying fellowship and ministry of M. T. Lawrie. G. R. Stirling visited church and delivered a helpful address. At annual church business meeting all retiring officers were re-elected, A. Pugsley and A. Lawrie continuing as secretary and treasurer respectively. Church members have been supporting mission at Pt. Lincoln by P. R. Baker as much as they are able owing to distance, and much spiritual help has been the outcome.

**Hindmarsh.**—Two have been received recently by faith and obedience, and another made confession on April 21. Easter services were well attended. Choir sang anthems and Murray Wilton a solo. Mrs. Labram was called home on April 16. She was a member at Hindmarsh for more than 60 years, and very faithful in service of church, Sunday school and Dorcas Society. Reference was also made by J. E. Shipway to passing of Ferdinand Pittman, whose ministry of ten years proved a great blessing to church and town.

**Edwardstown West.**—On April 21 a Bible school girl confessed Christ at close of evening service, when four senior girls and a lad were immersed. April 14 was Bible school anniversary. Morning service was conducted by F. Cornelius. In afternoon 180 scholars entertained with special hymns delightfully rendered. D. Pike gave a pleasing and helpful address. In evening the address of Mr. Russell (Forestville) was appreciated. On following Tuesday evening, an excellent programme was presented, with distribution of prizes, and an offering for Adelaide Children's Hospital.

**Port Pirie.**—Mr. Pigdon took services on April 7 and 21. He visited Whyalla church on 14th in connection with C.E. rally there on April 13. C. W. McDonald spoke on morning of April 14, and evening service was in charge of J. Mellors. Sunday school scholars were treated to a sports afternoon, and tea shared together at Woodward Park on April 6, and an enjoyable time was spent by scholars and teachers. A happy afternoon was spent at Crystal Brook on Anzac Day by young people of church and teachers from public schools. Contacts were also made with brethren at Crystal Brook. Increase campaign in Bible school is going well. Mrs. Hunter is progressing after months of illness. Members hope that Muriel Hunter will soon be restored to health.



**Fullarton.**—Many unimmersed people witnessed a baptismal service, when a returned soldier and a nurse were immersed. Three young men gave fine testimonies. Good Friday "second coming" meetings were enthusiastic and well attended. Visitors came from more than 15 churches. F. Derbyshire sang in afternoon and male choir sang at night, when chapel was full. Easter Sunday night over 100 were in audience and 30 in choir. Mr. Manning gives monthly visits to Mt. Compass for visitation and Sunday services, returning in time for Fullarton evening service.

**Unley.**—Sunday school anniversary was held on April 14. A large audience gathered in morning to hear Mr. Stirling. In afternoon chapel was crowded to hear school choral items; kinders proved a great attraction. Singing gave evidence of good work by Wilf. Craddock, conductor. E. H. Watson (Unley Park Baptist church) held attention during his talk. On evening of April 7, W. Johnstone was baptised. This year he is president of Morialta Children's Home. Helen Colwill, a scholar in Mrs. Stevens' class, also made the good confession. Mrs. Prior celebrated her 83rd birthday on April 6. Chapel was crowded on evening of April 16, when scholars gave a six-scene pageant on life of the Master, culminating on morning after resurrection. Kinders sang sweetly; there were over 50 of them on platform.

**Balaklava.**—Morning services have been well attended, reaching high level on Easter Sunday. Special choir, under leadership of Mr. Warhurst, sang at gospel service. P. Warhurst has been received into membership. A social was tendered to four returned men on April 23. Welcome speeches were responded to by each. Triangle Club has formed a physical culture section with F. Pearl director and a committee as advisors and instructors. Mr. and Mrs. Pearl, sen., have left for Victoria for an extended holiday. Adelaide Plains C.E. Union held annual rally in chapel. A. Hutson was introduced as new president. A united Good Friday service was held in chapel at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Harrison, Methodist minister, conducted, and Mr. Hutson gave the address. Guild trading table at social in aid of a special fund realised £5/15/-. Northern District Conference Scholarship Fund annual offering realised about £4/10/-.

**Semaphore.**—Two young ladies have been baptised and received into fellowship. Attendances increased during month, with increase in offerings. A. G. Hinde was morning speaker on March 31. Miss M. Wood, of Youth Department, addressed school in afternoon, and W. L. Ewers preached at night. Men's Fellowship held an enjoyable sports night on April 1. Annual meeting of Women's Mission Band was held on April 2, when 55 ladies enjoyed address by Miss F. Cameron. Afternoon tea was served. Men of church and Fellowship formed a working bee on April 6 and 13 to renovate and paint inside and outside of hall. Afternoon tea was served by ladies. Easter addresses were given by W. L. Ewers on 21st, and special anthems by choir in evening. Sympathy of church is extended to husband and relatives in death of Mrs. Holliday, and to P. W. Brooker and family in death of his brother Arthur.

**Maylands.**—37th church anniversary was held on March 31, both services being excellently attended, and addresses of W. Ewers and H. R. Taylor of high standard. Choir rendered special music at both services. On April 3, anniversary was continued in form of a social. Small tokens of appreciation were presented to seven original members still in membership and attending church. In absence of K. Jones at Edwardstown on Apr. 7, A. Anderson was morning speaker, and in evening Mr. Jones preached. On April 13, from 3 p.m. till 9.30 p.m., a Bible school teachers' conference was held. G. R. Stirling was leader. On April 14, morning service was

broadcast. K. A. Jones delivered a fine address, and choir rendered special music. In evening members of Lenswood church joined with Maylands, when one of their number was baptised. This was also Easter service, and choir rendered Easter music. K. A. Jones was speaker. After church those present adjourned to lecture hall, where three members of Bible school repeated an Easter play which they had given in Bible school that afternoon. 293 were at school on April 14. Church offering for food relief in India was £22.

**Berri, Winkie, Moorook.**—Work has been stimulated by ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. Bible school reports increased attendances and new enrolments at Berri and Winkie. For scripture examinations a combined teachers' preparation class, led by Mr. Marshall, has been formed. At conclusion of a conference of teachers and youth workers, opportunity was taken to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morrell, whose work transfers them to Whyalla. Members were saddened by call to higher service of George Jarvis at Maylands. With his father, he was a pioneer of the cause at Berri. Expressions of sympathy were also tendered to Mrs. R. W. Marshall upon the passing of her sister in Victoria. C.E. at Winkie is attended by good numbers. Meetings alternately at Berri and Winkie will be held weekly in lieu of fortnightly meetings at Winkie only. Of five lads who responded to appeal of Mr. Marshall and made their confession at Berri, three have been received into membership. Two baptised believers, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Delbridge by letter have been welcomed into church at Berri. On April 7 Mr. Marshall spoke at Winkie morning and evening. Gospel addresses, aided by chart, are impressive. On April 14 the preacher spoke at Winkie at 11 a.m. and at Moorook for afternoon service, and preached at Berri at night. A party of members attended from Moorook and witnessed the baptism of Mrs. Lionel Swansbury at Berri.

**Adelaide (Grote-st.).**—Morning service on March 24 was broadcast. Dr. Garnett, one-time preacher of church, was speaker. Church was pleased to have fellowship with him and Mrs. Garnett. Mrs. R. Cotton was soloist. Kelvin Wight was welcomed home from service. Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on April 14. H. G. Norris, of Unley, was morning speaker. Gordon Stirling addressed scholars at 3 p.m., and Mr. Beiler was evening speaker. Each service was well attended. Scholars sang well at each service under baton of Miss Winnie Thorpe. Kinders pleased with items under Miss L. Downs. Mrs. Porteous was pianist and A. Mercer organist, Miss L. Brake and Miss I. Young violinists, and Mr. Norman 'cello. These services were continued on April 17, when scholars again rendered special singing, and prizes were distributed. Prior to anniversary a week of "Happy Hour" meetings took place at 4 p.m. each day in school hall conducted by Gordon Stirling. 3000 pamphlets had been distributed to children when leaving city schools. Meetings averaged 113; 60 children were contacted who do not attend any Bible school. It is hoped to augment S.S. attendance as a result of this effort. On Good Friday night choir under W. W. Watson rendered "Olivet to Calvary" to an appreciative congregation. Soloists were Mrs. D. R. McPhee, soprano; T. Willason, tenor; and S. Hunkin, bass. Miss G. Mossop was pianist and A. Glastonbury organist. Mr. Dick, of Wollington, N.Z., and Mr. Bryant, of Broken Hill, N.S.W., have been recent visitors.

## New South Wales

**Taree.**—Visiting speakers helped on March 31 and April 7 during absence of T. D. Maiden at State conference. On first Sunday, both addresses were given by Chaplain A. N. Horn. On morning of April 7, L. J. Lincoln (Baptist minister) gave the address, A. Hohnke speaking at night. Owing to illness of preacher on

April 14 Geo. Verco (Doonside), in district in connection with anniversary services at Wingham, addressed church. A. Hohnke spoke at night. T. D. Maiden gave both addresses on April 21. Visitors included a grandson of D. A. Ewers, who conducted a mission when present building was opened in 1907.

**Cessnock.**—Singers from Kurri recently assisted in gospel service. From four present four months ago, attendance reached forty. Bible School was resuscitated with two scholars and now has twenty enrolled. Preparations are being made for Hinrichsen-Morris mission later this year. During absence of P. J. Pond in Sydney, addresses were given by J. Orr and W. Davidson (Kurri).

**Auburn South.**—Sunday school anniversary was held on April 14 and 16 with enjoyable services. E. Davis spoke to church; at 3 p.m. C. Beale gave a flannelgraph talk; and at 7 p.m. Mr. Davis again spoke. On Tuesday R. Wakeley, of Burwood, gave an address. A. Webber presented awards and cups for best work, the cups being donated by Mr. Webber and won by Valerie Frost and Shirley Wadsworth (girls) and Arthur Frost (boys). Under baton of Mr. Collins, of Penshurst, who trained scholars, and assisted by orchestra of eleven players, anniversary harmony excelled. C.E., Y.P.C. and other auxiliaries are healthy, junior and senior football clubs are doing well. Two old members, Mr. Ruddle and Mrs. Arrowsmith, are sick. On Easter Sunday E. Davis was speaker.

**Belmore.**—K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs held combined installation service on March 27, and anniversary on March 31, when Kappas took morning service with Cliff Taylor giving address, and Phis evening service, Arthur Morris preaching. Church football club held a social on March 30, when cups won during last year's competition were presented. Presentations were also made to president, N. Edwards, and Charlie Fishburn, who has since been married. Christian Endeavor annual concert and prize distribution on April 16 was a great success. A collection was taken in aid of Boys' Home. During conference week helpful addresses were delivered to church by Mr. Eager, from Gilgandra, and Mr. Maiden, from Taree, and fellowship was enjoyed with country visitors.

**Kingsford.**—Mr. Read gave helpful addresses on March 31. At night one was baptised. On evening of April 3, public installation of officers of K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs took place. On April 7 Mr. Maiden (Taree) gave morning address, when one young girl was received into fellowship. In place of regular prayer meeting on April 11, one of the meetings in connection with 51st anniversary of United Aborigines Mission was held. Mr. Wilson (Paddington) gave a helpful talk on morning of April 14. David Roger, also of Paddington, assisted at Sunday school. A service of remembrance was held at night for four young men who died during past war. Mr. Smith, ex-P.O.W., read scripture; another young ex-Serviceman gave an outline of the four boys' lives, whilst another placed a laurel wreath on a white cross in remembrance of them. Mr. Read gave an appropriate address.

**Lismore.**—Mr. Cunningham gives helpful addresses, and special meetings have been well attended. Y.P.S.C.E. held anniversary on April 7, speaker being Ron Wotherspoon, State Y.P. superintendent, who gave an illustrative address. Members of intermediate and junior societies gave items, and Miss Megan Savill, of Y.P. Society, sang a solo. The anniversary was continued on 9th. Mr. Allen, of Baptist church, gave the address, and Mr. Nibloe, district vice-president, inducted officers. Miss Thelma Wotherspoon sang a solo. Members



of other local societies were present. Gospel meeting on April 14 took form of a family night, and was well attended. Members assisted in service. Ladies held social afternoon at home of Mrs. Oakes. Mrs. T. Murray and Mr. Hancock have been patients in hospital following operations, and Mrs. Hancock is again in hospital. A number of visitors were present on Easter Sunday, when special services were held. Mrs. A. Rossiter was soloist at night.

**Lidcombe-Carramar.**—Work progresses favorably with attendances increasing at both services. A Bible school scholar was baptised at commencement of Wednesday evening prayer meeting at Lidcombe. Mr. Baker and Mr. Beale are conducting services helpfully at both centres. Ladies' Guild still conduct "Happy Hour" at Lidcombe. Mrs. Wong is improving, but unable yet to attend services. At Lidcombe on April 13 Carol Armstrong and Les Badger were married, Mr. Baker officiating. On April 17 a Christian Fellowship rally was held at Lidcombe. Visitors were present at evening service at Lidcombe on April 21. A soccer football club has been formed at Carramar.

## Victoria

**Shepparton.**—Easter services were held on April 14. Special singing was rendered by choir. A young lady made the good confession.

**Emerald.**—For Easter Sunday E. Squire Nicholson, of Local Option Alliance, was speaker for all services, which were well attended. Bible school and gospel service were wholly illustrated lantern services, pictures being beautiful and impressive.

**Haven.**—Services maintain good average attendance. Harvest festival was great success. All seats were occupied at both Lord's day services. At social held following night, gifts disposed of returned £9 towards proposed new chapel. A. R. Berry and C. Sherriff, from Horsham, are assisting, and C. W. Jackel is giving preaching service.

**Brunswick.**—On April 7 and 14 Bible school anniversary was held. Large number of visitors attended. Interesting addresses were given by T. Fitzgerald, S. Prentice, T. H. Crago, D. Wilson. H. Barnden conducted. One scholar made the confession. Mention was made of passing of J. C. F. Pittman, who labored several years with church. Inside of church building has been renovated.

**Reservoir.**—Visiting speakers at morning services have been B. J. Combridge on March 24 and C. Fletcher on April 7. On Easter Sunday T. Davey, of Portland, was speaker. Miss Pearl McInnes was welcomed, on her return after illness, on April 4. A youth council has been formed, and plans are being made for youth activities. Mr. Alcorn commenced a special series of morning addresses on Apr. 28.

**Rochester.**—Services are well attended. On Easter Sunday the building was almost full, and young people rendered two special songs. Solos were rendered by Miss Joyce Jackel and Mrs. Mansfield, of Cheltenham. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have returned from St. Arnaud. Mrs. Watson has returned, after many weeks of attention to her sister, who has been called home. Sympathies are with her and her loved ones.

**Moreland.**—Church has been inspired by coming of E. J. Miles as preacher. Mr. and Mrs. Miles, with their family, were publicly welcomed, and later met all church members at a social gathering. On the Lord's day, W. Gale presided and formally received Mr. and Mrs. Miles into fellowship at Moreland and the work of the ministry. Reports presented at church annual business meeting showed a definite move to accomplish greater things.

**Oakleigh.**—At a special meeting arranged by Women's Mission Band, Mrs. R. Bolduan was speaker, and £10 was contributed to Indian famine fund. On April 21 S. Neighbour was speaker at morning service, and A. Anderson, a former preacher, gave gospel address. Among workers in school with long records of service are Miss V. Carlos, 28 years a teacher and officer in kindergarten, and C. L. McGregor, 20 years superintendent of general school.

**Frankston-Moorooduc.**—A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed by 70 ladies at ninth birthday meeting of Women's Mission Band on April 11. Mrs. Hagger presided, and Mrs. Nankivell (Camberwell) gave a splendid talk. Ten other churches sent representatives, and greetings were given. Evening service on April 14 was a "mother and daughter" service. A ladies' choir sang, and several ladies took part. Mr. Hagger gave an appropriate address.

**Red Hill.**—On March 9 and 10 Mr. Hibburt visited Bible school anniversary and addressed all meetings. A good number of visitors met at morning meeting on March 17. In that evening a large party went to Moorooduc. Cecil Prossor was welcomed home at a church social on April 3. On April 7 a volunteer party of bayside churches conducted morning service. Stan Ryles has been giving bright messages. He was away ill on April 21. Path to chapel has been cemented.

**Ringwood.**—Mr. Davey and Mr. Quayle have addressed all services except on April 6, when Mr. Robinson spoke, both preachers being at youth camp at Berwick. Several young people also attended. On March 30, harvest thanksgiving services were held. All vegetables, fruit, etc., was sent to Oakleigh Guest Home. On April 21 Miss Queen Evans delighted at evening service with a solo. All auxiliaries are arranging evenings, etc., for effort to raise £75 by June 9 for church building fund. Young men's club had Don Thomas recently to tell of experiences whilst P.O.W. Newly-formed tennis club played and won first match recently.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—On April 21 B. J. Combridge (conference president-elect) was morning speaker. C. G. Taylor preached at night, and Miss W. Lee was soloist. Ladies of church provided many meals for visitors and others. On April 28 C. G. Taylor spoke at all services. Open air services were resumed in front of chapel at 6 p.m., when many gathered to hear gospel proclaimed over amplifier and loud speaker. D. Streader was soloist, and G. Berry speaker. J. Rankin has been transferred by Postal Department to Queensland for three months; he will be missed from the work. Mr. and Mrs. R. McColl have presented a new wreath for honor roll.

**Horsham.**—Interest has been well maintained. For some weeks morning services have averaged 140 and evening 100. 104 were present at Bible school on April 7. At gospel service on April 7, a young lady made the confession and was baptised following Lord's day. Women's Mission Band has good meetings. Building projects are to be put into operation as soon as suitable. Church gave a welcome home to Services personnel with banquet, thanksgiving service, concert and supper. The function was very successful. C. W. Jackel is giving a faithful ministry to church. Mr. Rogers, of Warracknabeal, addressed church on April 21 in absence of C. W. Jackel at conference.

**Camberwell.**—On April 8 a church picnic was held at Monbulk youth camp property; 70 members made the trip. On April 9 a welcome home social was held at Camberwell Town Hall for soldiers from church and their friends; about 130 were present. On April 14 pre-Easter services were held, with special music from choir. Visitors on April 21 included Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Messent and Phil, from Adelaide. Mr. Nankivell has given a series of addresses on words from the cross. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson and family have come to reside in district. Miss Clements,

who is still in hospital, is making good progress. Miss B. Brown, a member of long standing, passed away after a long illness.

**Black Rock.**—Bible school and kindergarten anniversary services on April 7 and 14 were of high standard and well attended. Singing of children, under training of Mr. Thomas, was of special merit. Speakers were J. G. Langton (Baptist), R. Muller, B. F. Huntsman and V. D. Wallington. Kindergarten prizes were distributed on April 7, and those of Bible school on April 14. Children's concert on April 16 was enjoyed by a large audience, Mrs. G. Holloway being responsible for arranging items. During evening a presentation was made to Florrie Mackie on behalf of church in view of her approaching marriage. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Blanchard in the loss of her husband; to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman in death of J. C. F. Pittman; and to Mrs. Forbes and family in the home-call of A. E. Forbes, whose addresses to church from time to time were inspiring.

**Gardiner.**—R. Amos, en route to Chatswood, N.S.W., exhorted church on April 7. Mr. Bolduan preached at night, and on April 14 and 21 spoke at both services. At K.S.P. 2nd degree on April 9, W. J. Jungwirth, secretary to Premier, gave a lecture on "Regional Planning." E. F. Halkyard, returned Baptist missionary from India, spoke at Men's Fellowship tea on "Hidden Aspects of the Indian Situation." On April 10 a welcome and thanksgiving night was arranged in honor of members returned from war service. Mrs. Brough and Mr. Bolduan made speeches, Mr. Hagger led in thanksgiving prayer, and several "boys" expressed appreciation of help received from chaplain of K.S.P. club, H. Watkins, in letters written regularly to all members on service. Church football club commenced season with victory over last season's premier team. A. Anderson, of S.A., was speaker on morning of April 27, and Mr. Bolduan preached at night.

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LADGROVE (nee Keats).—To Myra and Laurie, on April 18, a son (Barry James).

FAULL (nee Harrison).—To Connie and Horace, on March 31, at St. Andrew's Hospital, East Melbourne—the gift of a daughter (Jennifer Anne).

TAYLOR.—At "Airlie" private hospital, on April 25, to Millie and Cliff, (Lygon-st.), a daughter (Wendy Laurel). Both well.

## DEATH

TAYLOR (WX8450 Pte. Frederic Lawrence, 2/4 M.G. Btn.).—In proud and ever-loving memory of Laurie, dearly beloved third son of Samuel George and Olive Taylor, of 8 Pilbarra-st., Fremantle; loved brother of Geoffrey, Clifford (Melbourne), Betty (Mrs. Butler, Geraldton), Kathleen (India) and Leonard; aged 22 years. Reported missing on Singapore from Feb. 9, 1942, and now officially presumed to be dead. Until the day break and the shadows flee away.

## IN MEMORIAM

HOBBS (nee Barnes).—A loving tribute to Olive, died Anzac Day, 1944. Loving mother of Halbert, A.I.F. (Moreland), daughter of C. Barnes, sister of Myrtle Piper, Hazel Manton and Wes Barnes. Sweet peace.

JOHNSON.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Clara Johnson, who left us May 10, 1945, to go to Jesus. "We cannot forget you, dear."—Inserted by Les., Joyce and Graham Johnson, 22 Main-st., York, S.A.

KENT.—Cpl. Clifford Vernon, missing Feb. 11, 1942, now presumed killed in action. Also a tribute to his signaller pals.

We shall meet him at the dawning of a never-ending day,  
Every trial will be ended and the crosses all laid by,

When we meet him with our Saviour in our home beyond the sky.

—Inserted by his loving wife Jean, and children Margaret and Barbara, Canberra.

KENT.—Cpl. Clifford Vernon.—A tribute to our friend and pal who has paid the supreme sacrifice for king and country. We shall ever remember his smiling face and sterling qualities.

—Elsie and Ted Staley, 24 Halley-ave., Camberwell.

LEGG.—In loving memory of my dear husband Jim, and our loving father, who passed away April 30, 1945.

"We shall sleep, but not for ever,  
There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part, no never,  
On the resurrection morn."

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

## THANKS

Mrs. H. M. Clipstone desires to thank all kind friends for floral tributes, telegrams, cards, letters and personal expressions of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Mr. T. Hagger and Mr. J. E. Allan for their services at church and graveside. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of sincere gratitude?  
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6.45 p.m., Mr. R. F. Geyer.

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3 p.m., Mr. B. Huntsman.

7 p.m., Mr. L. Crisp.

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3 p.m., Mr. F. Giles.

7 p.m., Mr. L. Crisp.

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MAY 12—

11 a.m., Mr. C. N. Burn.

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MAY 12.

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

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2.15 p.m., Conference Sermon, Dr. William Robinson, M.A., B.Sc., England.

7 p.m. (Adelaide Town Hall), Dr. Jesse Bader, America.

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Tuesday, Sept. 10, Pioneers' Night.

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## Thou Art the Man!

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God is calling for men, calling them to this same great task. Past us surges and rolls the restless sea of humanity. Before us stretch two roads; one leads to chaos and moral and spiritual destruction, the other leads to God and the triumph of his kingdom. The way along which the feet of thousands will pass for a generation to come may be decided by the stand that you take to-day.

Again, as of old, there rings out the challenge of God: "Whom shall we send and who will go for us?" There is not one of us as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who can with honor escape that challenge, for we know that, if we had the courage, if we were not so self-complacent and so easily satisfied with things as they are, we would rise up and answer, "Here am I, send me!"

To-day God is looking for a man, for a woman, through whom he can invade Australia. Just one would do—one earnest, consecrated, faithful man or woman who is willing to be used of God in the task of bringing his kingdom into this land. Where is that man? Who is that woman? I do not know. I cannot tell. But this I know:

It could be you. . . . It could be you.

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### RESTORATION AND UNITY

SINCE reading H. A. G. Clark's letter in the Open Forum of April 17, I have re-read your editorial of March 6 with an even deeper appreciation than when reading it previously. Your readers will not commonly think the stand taken by our British brethren for the teaching of the Lord and his apostles and that supported in your editorial will express a want of Christian charity towards the un-immersed who evince "an intelligent and conscious surrender to Christ." It was no easy thing for our brethren to declare themselves against open membership when the pressure of vaster numbers was against them. We cannot think that such courage comes of the "leaven of the Pharisees." It is the attitude of men who have a trust to keep, and who desire not only to be loyal to their Lord's revealed will, but faithful to sincere hearts in quest of that revelation. "Charity rejoiceth in the truth," not with any airs of superior excellence, but because the truth points the sure way to the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. We who have a trust committed to us, who realise the deep significance of the commission of our Lord as disclosed in Rom. 6, best meet the "person who has a passionate yearning for the union of the followers of Christ" by lovingly leading them into the fuller knowledge. Many sincere people have been the victims of less sincere leadership.—J. Wiltshire, Parkdale, Vic.

### A CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND TO LABOR REFORM

I HAVE read with much interest your leader, "A Christian Background to Labor Reform," in the March 27 issue. While fully recognising the paramount necessity for personal godliness, as an essential to any social reform, I think you will agree that, where workers seek reform in their industrial conditions, that need must have some basis.

This question, of course, has formed the subject of countless investigations, with little agreement in the conclusions of the investigators, and with less benefit to the workers. As possibly you know, some half-century ago an American Christian gentleman, Henry George, made a worldwide search for the primary cause of the troubles experienced by the average worker, and claimed to have found it. He located the trouble in the private ownership of land, whereby individuals were able to appropriate that unearned increment which arises from the presence and activities of people, instead of such wealth being returned to its rightful owners, the people who created it.

To prevent this practice becoming prevalent amongst the Israelites, Moses was divinely instructed that the land which they would shortly enter was to be the common heritage, and under no circumstances was any part to be sold. That commandment prohibited all speculation in land, and enabled every citizen to choose the site for his industry which he deemed most suitable, and without being under obligation to anyone. The annual rental was payable to the governing authority, and was practically its sole income.

This God-given law contains the elements which constitute the most vital reform from a labor viewpoint: (1) That every worker shall receive the full reward of his labor; and (2) That he will not have to support a privileged class (the land-owners), to live in comparative luxury at his expense. Until this primary reform is adopted, no matter what plans are implemented for the benefit of the worker, all such benefits will directly tend to the so-called "land-owner."—Chas. C. King, Bexley, N.S.W.

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Reading of Isaiah 40: 21-31 and Luke 9: 37-63 may move us to pray after this manner:

O God, we do earnestly desire to be made fit for thy kingdom. When we meditate upon thy might and majesty, we are aware of the mistakes and weaknesses of our discipleship. We deplore our helplessness where we should be strong to serve in the name of Christ. We are ashamed of our stupid pride and our failure to comprehend the way of the cross. We mark the baseness of our bigotry, our vindictiveness, our sickleness. So we wait upon thee, our Father, for we would partake of the power and grace of thy divine nature. Make us adequate for every phase of living, we pray, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hearing the word of God through attention to Psalm 72: 1-12 and Luke 10: 1-24, our hearts respond thus:

O God, we praise thee for our vision of thy kingly Son, who brings justice and liberty, refreshing and peace to common people; who, verily, is the helper of the helpless. We give thanks for all the promise and the progress of thy kingdom. We do crown Christ King and Lord of our lives. We give ourselves to his service in full assurance that he shall have dominion unto the ends of the earth. Amen.

Our mighty Lord, we have assembled at thy call, and we are alert to receive our commission as thou dost counsel us and make known thy will. Send us out to gather the living harvest from the fields where thou hast already labored. Send us out in such partnership as thou hast devised. Send us faith undaunted by any fearful odds. Send us as bearers of thy gift of peace, to the hearts and homes of the people. Send us so that we may startle the indifferent and give warning of the enormity of the sin of rejecting thy kingdom. We give thanks for the wondrous things which thou art permitting our eyes to see and our hearts to know through the counsel of Jesus. May we never betray thy gracious and revealing confidence. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Said Martin Luther: "When the people are not first instructed by God it is impossible to pray. Indeed, no one can pray aright by himself unless he preaches to himself beforehand. Through such preaching to oneself, the heart is moved and awakened to prayer. This is what happens in our churches. The voice of the holy preacher rings forth that the people may be instructed in God's will. After such preaching comes the prayer and thanksgiving." Let us find larger place for prayer which responds to our speaking Lord.—G. J. Andrews.

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