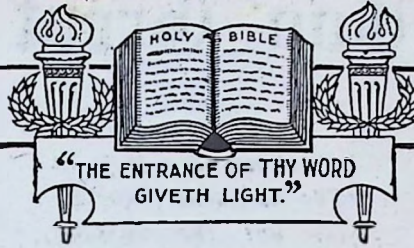


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## Worshipping at the Lord's Table

"AS we have already remarked, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, as appears from Justin Martyr, was still held to constitute an essential part of divine worship on every Sunday; and the whole church partook of the communion after they had joined in the Amen of the preceding prayer. The deacons carried the bread and wine to every one present, in order. It was held necessary that all the Christians in the place should, by participating in the communion, maintain their union with the Lord and his church." These words come from Dr. A. Neander's history of the Christian church, and are based upon a quotation from the works of Justin Martyr. Writing of this service Justin Martyr said, "There is brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water, and he taking them gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe through the name of the Son and the Holy Ghost, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at his hands. And when he has concluded the prayer and thanksgiving all the people present express their assent by saying Amen. And when the president has given thanks and all the people have expressed their assent, those who are called by us deacons give to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced." We may add to that statement the conclusions reached by Dr. Mosheim on the type of service followed by the Christians of the first century. Writing, in his Ecclesiastical History, of Christians gathering for worship, he said, "In these assemblies the holy scriptures were publicly read, and for that purpose were divided into certain portions or lessons. This part of divine service was followed by a brief exhortation to the people. The prayers, which formed a considerable part of the public worship, were introduced at the conclusion of these discourses. To these were added certain hymns, which were sung, not by the whole assembly, but by persons appointed for that purpose, during the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the feasts of charity. Such were the essential parts of divine worship which were observed in all Christian churches, though perhaps the method and order in which they were performed were not the same in all."

The simple service of the early Christians included then—(1) The reading of set portions of scripture; (2) An exhortation or sermon; (3) Prayers; (4) Hymn singing; and (5) The Lord's Supper. The order varied in the different centres, but the main parts of the worship service were essentially the same.

The elaborate ritual, so much like the ancient temple ceremonies, was added at a later period when there had been a departure from the simple New Testament ways. To capture again the message conveyed by the Lord's Supper, we must return to the dignified New Testament simplicity of the service so that the symbolic truths in the breaking of bread and of the drinking of the cup may be fully appreciated.

### Reading the Scriptures

The purpose of reading scripture at the service is to permit the Lord to speak to the worshippers. This can be done when human tastes and inclinations are put aside

of greater advantage than the reading of fragmentary verses from here and there in the Bible.

A reading ought to be clear and direct, and without elaborate elocutionary effort, but read after due study and preparation. Those appointed to read ought to regard their duty as a sacred trust and make worthy and prayerful efforts to understand the message they are to present. When the readings are effective and followed attentively a blessing comes upon the worshippers.

### The Exhortation

When people gather to worship the Lord, they are not concerned so much with what



The Last Supper.

and full preference is given to the word of the Lord. If only those passages are read that suit a special occasion or the sermon for the day, then many of the great, and not so well-known portions, of scripture are neglected. Again if passages are chosen for the occasions they are not read for their own sake so much as for their suitability to fit another purpose. God has a message for his people, and those who conduct worship service ought to permit the Lord to speak in his own way and to give his own message to the people. The sermon, we suggest, must suit the word of God rather than the passages of scripture fit the sermon. There is value, then, in the reading of the great books of the Bible in consecutive lessons. God's message in a whole book can thus be brought before the people. That surely is

men have to say as to what God has said, and thus will say, in this or that situation. The word of the Lord is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. So what God has said to men of other days is just what he will say to-morrow and to-day. The preacher by searching the scripture rather than the works of men, and by finding the divine message, is under obligation to give it out to the people. If the preacher is well prepared he will be able to convey within twenty minutes a suitable and virile lesson that will have an application to the needs of the people. Human theories and opinions about any subject are out of place in the worship service. There are enough great truths in God's word to pass on to men and women to keep a preacher busy all his life. If the preacher makes

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IT is computed that upwards of three thousand lives of Christ have been written. A whole library that is, and no mean library at that, could be stocked with lives of Christ and with nothing else. Is there a more astonishing fact in the whole range of biography than this? It reminds us of that sublime flourish with which the fourth gospel finishes; the bit about all the world being too small to hold all the books that might be written about the Christ. Let us set down just a few of the many reflections to which due consideration of this remarkable fact gives rise.

Bearing in mind the further point that this great total, so far from making the pile complete, is added to every year, and apparently on an increasing scale withal; that, although we cannot prove it, probably this total far exceeds the number of lives written about any other of the great personalities of history; that, further, this is not merely or primarily a matter of sentimental loyalty, but of hard business, for as much as works of this type usually demand laborious research and protracted toil on the part of the author and shrewd calculation on the part of the publisher; it would seem to be beyond doubt that of all men who have ever lived, alike for the interest he awakens and the fascination he excites, Jesus of Nazareth stands indubitably first.

#### And More to Come

Paul coined the phrase—at first sight it must be confessed the apparently exaggerated phrase; exaggerated at least if taken at all literally—"the unsearchable riches of Christ." This memorable phrase it is that recurs to our minds as we ponder over what has actually happened. As knowledge increases Christ does not shrink or date, he rather grows. There is reason also to anticipate that when the Son of Man is proclaimed in all the great lands and populations, and when that is, his personality is interpreted through the national genius of India, China and Africa as now it is predominantly interpreted through the European ethos, a wealth of meaning and a profundity of significance even yet unsuspected may be revealed.

Most of us have not, in all probability, read even a meagre one per cent. of this mammoth total of lives. But even so, most of us have studied enough of them to bring to our notice another and not less remarkable fact. I mean the astonishing extent and degree of their diversity. All use the same data, but no two see the same figure nor paint the same portrait. There is an apocalyptic Christ, a Christ scientist, a socialist Christ, a high church Christ, a liberal Christ, and a great many others as well. This means, or so it would appear, not merely that these authors are reading themselves into their subject, but also that the subject is profound and massive beyond any man's power to grasp the whole.

Schweitzer, an authority on this matter, having reviewed many at least of the German lives and added also a distinguished if controversial one of his own, tells us that some of these biographies of Christ have been inspired, not by devotion, but by hatred, and even that some of the best accounts have been written from that point of view. This seems to confirm what has often been remarked, that though dead these two thousand years Jesus yet speaks—yes, and yet judges, too; judges us who read about him; judges us and compels us to take sides; forces us to acknowledge that we are for him or that we are against him. And it does something else. It falsifies that comforting sentiment that we needs must love the highest when we see it. Alas, the matter is more complicated than that, and we have got to see it and admit it and take it into account. Long ago a furious mob bellowed "Crucify"; recently a great modern nation yelled "Crucify"; and where will that cry be raised next?

# The Galilean Too Great

*D. W. Langridge, M.A., in  
"The Christian World,"  
sets out the varying  
phases of the character  
and purpose of Christ.*



"Behold the Man!"

Such are a few of the simpler reflections to which this remarkable fact of sacred biography gives rise. To many of us it is singularly impressive. We must not flatter ourselves, however, that it will prove to be impressive to all. Quite the contrary. Some folk there are who feel that books are, after all, a mighty poor substitute for life, and that this total of three thousand about which we seem to be making such a fuss, although remarkable in one way, is nevertheless still academic, armchair, scholastic and bespectacled kind of stuff, whereas what appeals to them and what impresses them is the red and reeking stuff of real living; deeds, actions and actual massive things happening in the world. Well, let us add a few considerations along that line also. Let us submit something of what this greater Christ has achieved in the world; not the Man Jesus, but the Christ Spirit, this ethical, spiritual and human value of the Christ.

#### Christ and Democracy

Democracy—it will, I hope, be allowed that that at least is an issue real, practical and positive enough; an issue about which for centuries parliaments have been summoned and dissolved; for which men have suffered indignity, ostracism, martyrdom; about which pamphlets and books in measureless profusion have been written, to make experiments in which ancient regimes have been convulsed by revolution and new republics founded, and finally to make the world safe for which two global wars have been waged. The essence and genius of this business of democracy is the conviction that man, man as such, the ordinary man, all ordinary men, are in themselves, and because they are men, of inviolable dignity, worth and value. Whence came such an idea as this, where did mankind learn it? The answer is, partly from Hellas, but

mainly from Galilee. Democracy is the Spirit of Christ interpreted into political language and institution and written large across the world. Unknown to most of the combatants themselves, adulterated and mixed up with inferior stuff and side issues, all our contemporary uproar and riot is in essence the clang and clatter of that sword which Jesus said he came to bring.

#### The Missionary War

The word missionary chills and bores some folk. In itself, however, it registers one of the most remarkable and one of the most romantic facts in all history; a fiery campaign against all odds and all opposition, waged century after century, to carry the name and cry the fame of one Man and make known that name and that fame to every man. With scarcely imaginable risk, travail, hardship and sacrifice, Paul labored to civilise the Roman world, Ulphilas the Goths, Wilfred the South Saxons, Boniface the Germans, Carey the Indians, Chalmers the Polynesians, Livingstone the Africans. And to-day, deriving from and inspired by the same dynamic, the charm and fascination of Christ, this campaign is better organised, more adequately financed, admitted to be of greater urgency, on a vaster scale and of more triumphant success than ever before. Increasingly the name and the fame of Christ.

Science: that is the magic, the all-prevailing word, the typically modern thing, the disinterested and determined search for truth destined to triumph over and supplant all superstitions, religions, illusions, and other phenomena of this twilight. They used actually to take sides and talk about science versus religion, as though they were rivals and enemies, and perhaps to-day some of the more shallow and the more timid amongst the brethren keep it up even yet. The utterly fearless and calmly confident search for the truth and investigation of everything is the very Spirit of Christ. Nay it is his explicit command and testament: Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Modern science, often abused, often adulterated and often prostituted though it may be, is in itself the late but perfect flowering of the Spirit of Jesus.

The fact then, of those three thousand and outside the library, democracy, civilisation and science, testify to the lonely and superb grandeur of Christ. To sum it up in one sentence; personality is the greatest thing in life, and Christ is the greatest thing in personality. He is the supreme fact of human life, the wonder of the world. As who should visit Assisi, eat in their cafes, buy in their shops, ride about in their buses, do business in their banks, and depart with never so much as a thought, never even one word of inquiry about Francis, the chief glory of that town—so are many, all too many, of the sons of men. Jesus is the meaning and Jesus the flower and glory of human life, but who, walking about and observing us, would ever think so? I suppose it is that the Galilean is actually too great for us.

Would'st thou walk with Jesus closely,  
Hold communion sweet?  
Follow in the blessed footprints  
Of his pierced feet?  
Then break loose from all that hinders,  
Let his interests be  
First in all things, thus with gladness  
He will walk with thee.

—Laura A. B. Snow.

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# An Adequate Evangelism

EVER since the great English Methodist preacher coined the phrase, "Evangelise or perish," its echoes have been found amongst Christian peoples the world around. Early in our history we discovered the fact that restoration of the faith and practice of New Testament Christianity demanded a virile evangelism. The full-blooded evangelism of the New Testament is the need of the hour. Stanley Jones, in "The Christ of Every Road," said that queer people have queered Pentecost, and that the word needs to be redeemed and its first meaning restored. Similarly the word evangelism has been used in so restricted a sense that the term needs redeeming. The evangelism of the New Testament church had a twofold objective—individual and social; its method was threefold—corporate evangelism, personal evangelism and what we might call special evangelism. These three methods each operated in both individual and social fields.

## The Corporate Witness

Perhaps to-day we do not sufficiently recognise the value of the corporate witness of the church. Apart from anything said by preacher or member, there is a value in the witness of the church. Many individuals who were attracted first by the fellowship and family spirit in the early church, were won to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. The Christians loved one another, and the quality of their corporate life was a challenge to the outsider. If to-day we recognise the value of the corporate witness, we will seek to develop the fellowship of the church and to cater for the needs of all sections within her ranks. Our boys' clubs, girls' clubs, men's fellowships, women's activities and children's auxiliaries will be regarded as having a very definite and valuable place in the evangelistic work of the church. We do not mean that these activities shall be fields for evangelism; they have often been regarded as recruiting grounds for the church, but that is not their highest function; their real function is in the provision of Christian fellowship and in catering for the needs of the members. The work accomplished will be noticed and will commend the church, but the real evangelism is in the work accomplished within the auxiliary.

In the social field, too, the corporate witness is valuable. Our social service institutions are part of our evangelism. In our relationship with other sections of the Christian church we can show a Christian spirit and can witness in industrial, national and international realms to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church needs to show the principle of Jesus Christ as applied to every-day problems. We can show that he can make the wilderness and the solitary place glad, and that through him the deserts can blossom as the rose.

## The Personal Witness

Andrew first found his brother Simon. In the New Testament church the members were all evangelists. Our own movement grew because members were keen enough to urge others to come with them to meetings. After a conference address a couple of years ago, scores of folk came and told the writer of humble Christian people whose kindly interest had brought them within hearing of the gospel message. If readers will let their minds go back to their own first contact with the gospel message, most will recall some one whose love and help led them to the church

where Christ was found. We need to recapture the personal evangelism which characterised the New Testament church and which our fathers sought to restore.

*L. E. Snow, B.A., of Mildura,  
Victoria, discusses ways in  
which the message of Christ  
may be presented to men and  
women in this modern age.*

But personal evangelism does not consist only in pointing men to the Saviour. Just as the individual needs a Saviour, so does society. The church member will need to take an interest in the social, economic, political and international questions of his day. Many will need to take a leading part in civic and national fields, and do it as part of their evangelism. Every influence will need to be exerted to give the world the gospel which is God's power to all as well as to each. The present challenge is an enormous one. To-day we see ideals, systems and ways of life breaking up. The world is in the melting-pot, and herein lies our opportunity. The moulds into which civilisation will finally settle are not yet formed. The Christian voice must be heard and Christian principles presented if the new era is to be saved from a hell worse than

anything Milton imagined in "Paradise Lost" or Dante pictured in his "Inferno." To match this hour evangelism, in its fullest and most powerful methods, will be required.

## The Special Witness

What we term special evangelism has been emphasised amongst us. Our preachers were often called evangelists, and many still are so called. The evangelistic work of the minister is important; it should not be regarded as being of only one type. Not all can preach as Peter did at Pentecost, and even Peter did not confine himself to that one type of evangelism. The preacher of to-day needs a message which he can give out and live out. Personally we feel that the most important part of our evangelism is carried out in the State schools as we tell the message and way of life of Jesus Christ to the children. Much of the work of the preacher will be connected with the building up of a corporate witness; some of it will be connected with Sunday schools; an important part will be in the building up of the church on a Sunday morning in his exhortations. His pastoral work amongst his regular members will be evangelistic. These few references are not meant to exhaust the channels through which the evangelist will present his good news. He will need to challenge the evils of his day, he will need to be constructive in his thinking on current problems all as part of his evangelism. He will need to use the pulpit, the press, the radio, his special missions and his personal contacts to bring men face to face with Jesus Christ and to bring Jesus Christ into the affairs of men.

Is it too much to expect the Christian church to restore this threefold evangelism and apply it to the needs of each and the needs of all?

# At the Lord's Table

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the Bible his companion and strives to understand the whole volume of books, he will capture his congregation and give them spiritual food. It is a self-evident truth that, as the complete message of the Bible is understood more effectively, so the various parts of the scriptures become enlightened and full of meaning.

The exhortation may be based often on the set reading lesson. It is amazing what suitable sermons can be built up on such a foundation. Men need God's word to guide them through life, and a preacher must strive to convey to the congregation the clear truths revealed to the inspired writers. In this way he labors for all time and not just for the brief span of this mortal life.

## Prayers

If public prayers are to express the feelings, thoughts and hopes of the worshippers, then they must be suitable to the time, place and purpose for which they are included in the service. The opening prayer is associated with the call to worship, and must lead the worshippers into the presence of God, pleading for his guidance in all that is undertaken on his behalf in the service. A brief prayer can be most effective, if it is directed to the Lord in well-chosen words.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the bread and the wine ought to be to the point. They ought to bring to mind the Lord and his sacrifice on our behalf. Since they are prayers of thanksgiving, they ought not be confused with petitions and requests not related to the Lord's Supper. Many services are spoiled by long statements and repetitions in prayers not related to the purpose for which they

are called. With a little forethought and preparation those called upon to offer thanks at the table of the Lord could offer effective and varied prayers. In this way they will avoid those vain repetitions which the Lord condemned.

Prayers of the church from the beginning have been given a place in church worship. It is no easy task to speak on behalf of a congregation. The one chosen to pray ought to be in a position to appreciate the problems of the local church and to know something of the needs of the people. Naturally elders or evangelists are able to speak most representatively of all church members, calling to mind the sick, the tempted, the worried, the young and the old, and the vast mission work at home and abroad.

## Music

Those charged with the responsibility of selecting hymns and tunes serve best when they have made complete and suitable preparations before the service commences. All music selected ought to harmonise with the dignity and purpose of the service. The emphasis on music must not be so pronounced that it is noticeable. In other words, nothing in it ought to draw away the attention from the spirit of worship. To select the right hymn for the correct place in a service is an art. In hymn books some guidance is given and suggestions offered. There are hymns suitable for the opening and closing of a service, some for praise and thanksgiving, and others for the Lord's Supper. Let us take the time and trouble to plan a service well and effectively, making use of the most suitable hymns and music available.



# Glorious Rains in India

THE hearts of our Indian missionaries have been gladdened by copious falls of rain. This has put joy into the hearts of man and beast. Miss E. Vawser tells of the relief experienced at Shrigonda: "Yesterday we had a very heavy storm, and it has been raining all night steadily. For one hour yesterday afternoon, the rain teemed down and the bauked up water broke through the bunds. It is wonderful. Now the people will be able to sow their fields. We are so thankful to God who has given us a sufficient supply of water all through. The girls went out in the rain and bathed in the storm. They had not had a proper bath in clean water for weeks. They revelled in the clean fresh water as it fell. Sunday though it was, they collected water in all the vessels they could put their hands on, and bathed and washed clothes to their hearts' content. It was a terrific storm, but the fact that there was clean water made them do things they had never done before, and I let them do as they liked, for the relief was overwhelming. All night long we have had the soft falling showers and the earth is swamped. Birds, trees and plants of all descriptions are doing their best to show gratitude. The difference overnight is a miracle of nature. Rain is God's gift to us all. It is marvellous." The old well at Shrigonda now has water and should save the daily carting of supplies, and there is anticipation that the new well will soon be in use. It is of interest to record that whilst many were having showers of blessing during the Centenary Conference in Adelaide, and hearts went out in sympathy and love to our missionaries, showers of blessing were falling on the parched soil of India.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS IN INDIA

ANNUAL meetings have been held and good reports presented. As bulk mail cannot be sent by air, full reports cannot be given as yet. Some transfers have been made. Sister Win. Walker and Miss Kath Taylor have moved to Dhond, where their services will make a valuable addition to the staff despite the fact that much of their time must be devoted to language study.

"Miss Walker has now commenced her work at Dhond, and we are very glad indeed to have her here. She is supposed to be on half-time, but already she realises that the need is so great that she is putting in considerably more than half-time. To-day the hospital is absolutely full; and yet, since commencing this letter, I have had to send the ambulance to bring another maternity case to hospital. We'll have to find some place somewhere. Several patients are on the floor now, as we do not have enough beds for all the patients. Still another, an Anglo-Indian patient, will be coming in for maternity later in the evening. We can't refuse them, but it strains our capacity to the utmost."—G. H. Oldfield.

## NEW WORKERS ANNOUNCED

THE Centenary Federal Conference was a great event, for it brought together a greater number of missionaries and missionaries-elect than on any previous occasion. Missionaries present on furlough were Miss Cameron, Miss Foreman and Dr. Michael. Our younger churches were represented by Hariba Waghmodi from India, representing the many hundreds who have been won to Christ in "Our India." The new workers announced were Daryl Cartmel, who will leave for India early in the new year, and Mr. Ron Saunders and Miss Alice Barton, who will leave for the Islands as soon as the way opens for them to leave. Lack of accommodation will hold these workers for a time.

## MR. AND MRS. H. FINGER RETURN

EARLY in September Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger returned to their work in the Islands. Anticipated supplies were not available when these workers left, so many of our immediate post-war plans will be postponed. This is a



Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger.

great disappointment to our missionaries. Because building requirements have been withheld, accommodation will still be limited and will in all probability delay the sending of reinforcements in the near future.

## Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

### STARVING THE MIND OF YOUTH

THE minds of many youth are starved, and we are not blameless. Minds as well as bodies need to be nourished. What the mind is, the individual is. The intake of the mind is very important. A great company of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 18 years come under our care. Have churches of Christ made any serious attempt to create a literature at the level of their years and interest with a Christian content in it? Young adults are hungry for literature that interests. They read books of fiction, newspapers and magazines, many of which are inferior. They depend on us to confront them with a literature that is definitely Christian. The Christian Youth Fellowship, study manual and youth magazine, aims to make up for this deficiency in our service to youth.

It is pathetic that so few churches make any serious attempt to nourish the minds of young adults through wholesome literature. We would protest vigorously if our young people were starved physically, but are unconcerned about spiritual starvation.

It is likely that the minds needing the nourishment desire it least. This places a responsibility on seniors to enterprise in placing such a magazine in the hands of young people. In most instances, it will need the encouragement of officers or the organisation of school staff to cause youth to become regular subscribers.

## "DISFIGURED" AND "TRANSFIGURED"

LEPERS have a deep experience of darkness, and for that very reason their thanksgiving for the light of God's love in Christ is all the more real. Indeed, they find reason to be sincerely thankful where some of us, so much more fortunate, would only find occasion for complaint, and in at least one home the patients have definitely risen to the conception of the *ashram* ideal because, sheltered as they are from many of the troubles which afflict their fellow-countrymen in these hard times, they feel that they ought to offer to God a richer tribute of worship and a deeper thankfulness for his goodness. In the course of my own visits to Christ's church among the lepers I have again and again been struck by the sincerity and power of the leper's prayer, and I have never forgotten the occasion when I heard the leper church sing an Indian version of those familiar words, which then came to my ears with added force and new meaning: "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers." Think of that song of praise on the lips of your leper brethren and sisters, many of them disfigured in body, but transfigured in spirit.—Selected.

## INTEREST IN OTHERS

LOW-MINDED men are occupied solely with their own affairs, but noble-minded men take special interest in the affairs of others. The submarine fire drinks up the ocean, to fill its insatiable interior; the rain cloud, that it may relieve the drought of the earth, burnt up by the hot season.—Bhartrihari.



If viewed as matter of nourishment, officers will find it easy to make a personal canvass and encourage youth to become regular subscribers. The C.Y.F. is three in one. It is a book of studies, daily devotions and discussions on life situations. The C.Y.F. is issued quarterly, and may be ordered through schools or direct from Austral Publishing Company at 1/- per copy.

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# John Inglis Wright

**A**FTER a brief illness following failing health, our brother, Mr. Wright, passed from this life on Friday, Aug. 16, at his home in Morningson, Dunedin, N.Z.

No man was more active as a business man, a citizen and a Christian than our departed brother. His was a life-long association with the Restoration Movement in which he was recognised as one of the N.Z. brotherhood's outstanding leaders.

Born in 1861, he was at the age of 15, baptised with his father and mother in the old Brown-st. (now Shawlands) church of Christ, Glasgow. Coming from the Reformed Presbyterian church, several of his direct descendants were martyred as Covenanters. At the age of 16, he and the family removed to London, and as there was no church of Christ in the district, they took up membership with Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and for some years sat under the great British preacher. After a time Mr. Wright came to N.Z., and upon settling in Dunedin became an early member of the Tabernacle, and for many years rendered yeoman service to the cause of New Testament Christianity both in Dunedin and throughout the Dominion. He was instrumental in commencing the brotherhood's foreign missionary work, and for 27 years was organiser and secretary. Our brother was one of the promoters and first chairman of the Glen Leith Bible College, and was for many years, almost to the time of his death, chairman of the Church Extension and Property Trust Board. On several occasions he occupied with marked distinction the position of conference president. For 40 years he was chairman of the Ramabai Mukti Mission Council, and in appreciation of his work, he was made a life-member of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Taking up residence in the suburb of Morningson, Mr. Wright was associated with that church for nearly 40 years, and was an honored member at his death.

The activities of Mr. Wright were not confined to the church, for he was a pioneer of the advertising profession in this country, commencing business in Dunedin in 1906, and after the conversion of the business into a limited liability company in 1931, he occupied the position of chairman until his passing. He was highly esteemed throughout N.Z. by his business associates, and for many years was a leading citizen in the city. He was also one of the formation members of the firm of Whitcombe and Tombs.

As a citizen he was founder of the Otago Extension League, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross organiser. He was a Fellow of the Victorian Institute, London.

Books were his chief friends, and during



J. Inglis Wright.

## Japanese Australian Relations

Dr. Charles I. McLaren.

**G**ENERAL MACARTHUR'S permission for the resumption of whaling activities in the Antarctic by the Japanese has aroused a considerable amount of protest in Australia. It is not unnatural after all that has happened that such bitter feelings should express themselves in exclusion of Japanese enterprise in these waters. Also, it is to be admitted that, apart from the aftermath of war, there had been criticism of Japanese pre-war whaling methods. All will admit that there should be safeguards against practices calculated to ruin the whaling industry by Japanese or any other.

There are larger issues at stake in this whole question which deeply affect Australia's future.

I am convinced that the church and Christian people are called upon to make their own special contribution so that passion and selfishness shall not be allowed to determine national policies.

There are issues involved far greater than whether permission for this industry or that is to be granted.

What is to be the main trend of this country's future attitude to Japan? Is it

that Japan is to be kept in permanent impoverishment?

Japan's propaganda before the war—utterly convincing to her own people and surprisingly effective abroad—was of over population, banned emigration and trade barriers. I can think of no method better calculated to revive all Japan's phobias and aggression than demonstration that she is to be denied opportunity of tolerable national subsistence.

At the present time, in the minds of many disillusioned Japanese, a tide of resentment is running against their own former military rulers; there is even, in spite of cities reduced to ashes by bombing, gratitude to the foreign power which has delivered them from their own militarists.

If there were no higher motive, self-interest suggests that we do not miss an opportunity for a new Japan.

I am not writing against the propriety of justice, even retributive justice, in international affairs. I do suggest that it is for the church to oppose national policies calculated to encourage Japan to resume aggression as the only means of national livelihood.

It is for the church to offer constructive policies to our statesmen; and most of all it is for the church to give demonstration, through her missionaries and her members, of goodwill—if need be sacrificial, self-giving Christian goodwill—to the Japanese people.

his early days he read a book a night. He possessed a valuable library, and was a keen student, his special researches being in the field of comparative religions.

Mr. Wright was an extremely versatile man; his influence was felt in literature both secular and sacred, for he made many contributions to the N.Z. and "Australian Christian," and wrote extensively for world-wide secular magazines. He possessed musical talents of no mean order, and was both a choirmaster and organist.

The brotherhood both in N.Z. and abroad will mourn the passing of this outstanding Christian gentleman.

Mr. Wright is survived by Mrs. Wright, who is 88, and one daughter, Miss Mary Wright, of Dunedin, and three sons, Mr. J. L. Stewart Wright, of Invercargill; Mr. Ronald Wright, Morven; and Mr. Wallace Wright, Invercargill. During the first world war two sons gave their lives. We extend to the relatives of Mr. Wright our deepest sympathy in their great loss, but know that heaven is the richer for his passing.

The service from the house was conducted by Lloyd E. Jones, minister of St. Andrew-st. church, assisted by Archdeacon Hamblett and Thomas Miller, M.A., and at the Anderson's Bay Cemetery by Mr. Jones.

At a largely-attended memorial service in the Morningson church on Sunday, Sept. 8, Mr. Jones paid tribute to the life of this grand Christian, and described him as one who could well be called "Defender of the Faith."—Lloyd E. Jones.

## Beware of Contempt

Thomas Hagger.

**I**N Matthew 18: 10 the Great Teacher warned against treating with scorn or contempt the "little ones" who believe in him. The Pharisees, the men who thought themselves superior to others, were guilty of this. And Jesus would have his disciples shun it.

The follower of Christ should refrain from indulgence in contempt for a man's head, for treating him and talking of him as an idiot. He should refrain from indulging in contempt for a man's heart or character, for treating him and speaking of him as a scoundrel.

In the world the young often have contempt for their elders and talk of them as old fogys; the educated often entertain contempt for those less educated and talk of them as ignorant; the wealthy often have contempt for the poor; the employer often has contempt for the workmen and speaks of them as hands; the white man often has contempt for the colored and uses contemptuous terms when speaking of them; the spiritual often entertains contempt for those less spiritual and speaks of them as worldly. But no matter by whom it is shown, or to whom, it is un-Christian. To sit in "the seat of the scornful" and despise our fellowmen is not to sit "in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," nor to show the spirit of Jesus towards our fellows.

The passage of scripture before us suggests that we must not treat the most humble followers of Christ with contempt because a special guardianship of angels has been appointed for them.

The only view to take of our fellows is God's view—one man is as precious as another. The poor man is as precious as the rich, the workman is as precious as the capitalist, the black man is as precious as the white. Without this view we cannot be God-like. And without this view we endanger the peace and well-being of the world.

Let us then pray—Great Teacher, free us from all feelings of superiority, from all feelings of contempt for others, and help us to appreciate all men and so be like thee.



# Here and There

The following telegram reached us on Oct. 7:—"Wilson-Greenhalgh Dubbo mission, N.S.W., entered second week with encouraging meetings on Sunday after successful first week.—Eager."

Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Ararat, Vic., continues. Delegations from Ballarat, Horsham, Dimboola and Stawell are appreciated. "Happy Hours" for boys and girls are well attended. The gospel is faithfully presented in word and song.

Would churches having members isolated south of the Bordertown district in the south-east of South Australia please send the names and addresses of such members to the church secretary at Naracoorte, S.A. (K. H. Foster, Box 65, Naracoorte, S.A.), with a view to contacting and organising for extension work in the south-east?

C. P. Hughes, who has been preacher of the church at Collins-st., Hobart, Tas., for over three years, tendered his resignation to church on Sunday, Sept. 29, to take effect from January next. He has accepted the position of general secretary to the South Australian Temperance Alliance. During his ministry at Hobart there have been a large number of additions to church, and all meetings have been consistently well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will go with the best wishes of all.

T. Hagger writes: "The Victorian Conference Literature Committee has placed the brotherhood under another debt by issuing a pictorial booklet which sets forth the coming into Christ and the rendering of service in Christ characteristic of New Testament Christianity. It was prepared by W. J. Thomson, who has done an excellent job, as did those who arranged for and provided the pictures. The publication should secure a wide circulation, and should accomplish much good. It sells for 3d. per copy, or 2/6 per dozen."

With the death of Mrs. Lennox on Sept. 19, the church at Coburg, Vic., lost a pioneer member. Sympathy is extended to P. Lennox and daughter in their sorrow. On Sept. 20 a concert by Coburg West Girls' Choir was enjoyed. On Sept. 22 Mr. Deutcher gave an appreciated film night, "Barabbas" and "First Easter." Mr. James, of Forestville, S.A., had fellowship with church on two Sundays last month. Average number breaking bread for month was 92. There are splendid attendances at morning meetings. Interest generally is gratifying.

The busy life of the Victorian Home Mission office was interrupted by B. F. Huntsman, chairman of the Young People's Department, who on behalf of the members of the department presented Miss F. Haines with a desk clock in recognition of voluntary service she had rendered since the department's location in the home mission office. Miss Haines belongs to the unobtrusive faithful. Her efficiency and continuity of service have won for her high esteem throughout the Victorian brotherhood. This expression of gratitude will delight her wide circle of friends who know her true worth.

At Gore-st., Fitzroy, Vic., aborigines mission on Sunday, Sept. 15, the service was taken by young men of the mission. Harold Buck read the scripture and Stewart Murray gave the address. On Sept. 22 Doug Nichols took the service. On Sept. 29 members from North Fitzroy church conducted. Miss Nancy Haigh gave her testimony, Les Warren gave a short talk, and Percy Foster gave the address. A duet was rendered by Nancy and Joan Haigh. There was a large attendance of footballers present, who stayed to after-church song service. Solos were rendered, also gum-leaf items. As the boys would be going back to their home-town, good-bye was said to them.

On afternoon of Sept. 17 at St. Kilda, Vic., "Happy Hour" weekly meetings for children began. Blotters were distributed to State school children and 70 to 80 were present and enrolled. R. J. Anderson, from Bentleigh, showed talkies and cartoons. Good attendances are reported for each week. Tennis club has entered two teams for summer competitions. No. 2 team played Parkdale for winter premiership but was defeated. On Sept. 15 A. L. Finger was morning speaker. Six members of Men's Fellowship sang at evening service. A social was held at chapel on Sept. 21. On Oct. 2 Mrs. L. Nuske, of Metropolitan Gas Co., gave a cooking demonstration at chapel in afternoon. Church congratulates Mrs. Dall on reaching the age of 87 years. She is still able to attend worship services.

Echuca church, Vic., was encouraged by a visit from Mr. Combridge, conference president, and his wife on Oct. 1. Representatives from all churches, the Press and Borough Council, brought greetings. The address was appreciated by all. Services have been better attended, and at one there were visitors from capital cities of W.A., S.A. and Victoria. The preacher, L. Dudley, brought back accounts of Federal Conference. A large parcel of clothing was gathered for UNRRA appeal. Mrs. Rosendale held an afternoon for celebration of 25th wedding anniversary of one of the officers, Mr. Darlow, and his wife. Silver presents were given to them from members. Mrs. Horne held a social gathering at her home and raised about £4 for Ladies' Auxiliary. Ladies attended a united guild afternoon at Presbyterian church. Half-yearly business meeting of church was held, and reports were healthy. The manse, being inconvenient, is to be moved and modernised and resold and a hall built in its place. Later a new manse will be built on a large block church recently purchased. Finances are good, and members were encouraged by reports. Church is striving for more co-operation between Protestant churches of town, and meeting with some encouragement. Recently a ministers' fraternal was formed.

## BIBLE COLLEGE, WOOLWICH, N.S.W.

Second Term Examinations, 1946.

Those mentioned in the lists below secured 80 per cent. of marks or over and thus gained Honors. The names are in order of merit.

Old Testament.—J. Luff, F. Craig, G. Filmer, E. Taylor, A. Caldicott, B. Munro. Two others passed.

New Testament.—J. Luff, F. Craig, A. Caldicott, E. Taylor. Four others passed.

Homiletics I.—F. Craig, G. Filmer, E. Taylor. Three others passed.

Homiletics II.—J. Luff, A. Caldicott. One other passed.

Homiletics III.—L. Dewberry, J. Luff, J. Moran. Four others passed.

Church History II.—J. Luff, P. Flint, A. Caldicott, A. Norling. Three others passed.

Religious Education.—E. Taylor, J. Luff, F. Craig, G. Filmer. Four others passed.

Evangelism.—J. Luff, G. Filmer, F. Craig, A. Caldicott, B. Munro, E. Taylor, H. Burkhead, M. Olsen.

Missions.—P. Flint, J. Luff, A. Caldicott, L. Dewberry, J. Moran, A. Norling, V. Parker.

Apologetics.—A. Norling. One other passed.

Logic.—A. Norling, P. Flint.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—Two passed.

Restoration Movement.—J. Luff, L. Dewberry, A. Caldicott, A. Norling, P. Flint, J. Moran, V. Parker.

Preparatory Greek.—E. Taylor, B. Munro, H. Burkhead, G. Filmer. One other passed.

New Testament Greek.—A. Caldicott, F. Craig. Three others passed.  
Ancient History.—F. Craig. Six others passed.—H. J. Patterson, M.A. (Principal).

## BIRTHS

HARMER (Thorpe).—At Horsham Base Hospital on Sept. 30, to Evelyn and Wes—a daughter (Elizabeth Gael). Both well.

MELLORS (nee Hazel Green).—At Port Pirie (S.A.), on Sept. 18, to Hazel and John—a son (William John Percival).

STAFFORD.—To Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Stafford, a son—Colin David, on Oct. 4, at Moira Hospital, Sandringham.

## DEATH

SHARP.—On Oct. 1, at Tara hospital, after a brief illness (cancer), William John, son of the late David and Martha Sharp, loving husband of Annie Elizabeth, loving father of Laura (Mrs. W. L. Barrett, Box 12, Tara), loving granddad of Grace and May. Aged 73 years. "Until the day dawn, and shadows flee away."

## IN MEMORIAM

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# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Mole Creek.**—On Sept. 15 Mr. Griffiths, of Launceston, visited Caveside-Mole Creek district and conducted services. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephens.

**West Hobart.**—Attendances during September were mostly good. Speakers included B. Golder, J. Woolley, H. England, E. Ashlin, H. W. Street, J. Park. The church has lost Mrs. N. H. Cooper, one of its staunchest members, who has gone to Melbourne to live. Mrs. Ashlin and Mrs. MacQueeney were present at Federal Conference in Adelaide, and have now returned. At annual business meeting Malcolm Davis was elected church secretary, following resignation of B. J. Golder. In recent Federal examinations Miss Pridmore gained State prize in Div. 11; N. Beechey gained State and Federal prize in Div. 8, and R. Davis a State prize in same division. Anniversary practice under R. Lillye is progressing.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—Sept. 29 was church's 56th anniversary. There were large attendances. In morning greetings were read from several unable to be present because of distance. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Mann (Unley, S.A.). A talk by J. W. Gordon (Fremantle) helped all. At night Miss E. Griffiths contributed a solo. J. K. Robinson preached.

**Subiaco.**—On Sept. 1, fifty Bible school teachers and young people, having had tea together, were addressed by Miss R. Brewar, B.Sc., concerning Scripture Union. A number have joined, and Miss B. McIlwraith has been appointed agent. On Sept. 6, sixty attended Bible schools demonstration, and learnt that 30 of 32 passed in scripture examination, six receiving State awards. Some scholars also presented the dialogue, "True Greatness." I.C.E. held an enjoyable social on Sept. 14, with Nedlands society as guests. Boys met those of Nedlands again the following Wednesday at basketball. Strip films were first used in an evening service on Sept. 8, when Mr. Raymond preached. On Sept. 15 Mr. and Mrs. H. Vawser (recently of Narrogin) were welcomed into membership. On Sept. 22 one made the good confession. On Sept. 29 H. Elliot addressed church in morning; R. Raymond preached at night. Preceding evening meeting, Y.P.S.C.E. held first of a series of open-air meetings. J.C.E. enjoyed a visit to a Methodist society in morning. During September Ladies' Aid presented church with a carpet-sweeper. Five church members attended and have returned from Federal Conference; C. M. Nelson commenced training S.S. for anniversary. P. Armstrong has been appointed a deacon.

**Fremantle.**—Prior to their departure for holiday in Eastern States, Mr. and Mrs. O. Fieldus were guests at a fellowship gathering. For many years they have been a tower of strength to the work in Fremantle. Each was recipient of a gift expressing appreciation and good wishes of church. Rose Hall has been received into membership after baptism. Temperance Sunday was observed. On Bible Society Sunday an evening offering was received for B. & F. Bible Society. A parents' and scholars' social evening was held on Sept. 20, when shield won by Fremantle Bible school was presented, and acknowledged by superintendent, F. A. Verco. Occasion was taken to acknowledge with a gift the many years' faithful service of Mrs. A. Cooper as a teacher; and likewise work of Ray Stenhouse

while a member of school staff. Junior and Y.P.C.E. societies participated in activities of Orange and Flower Sunday. Living Link Fund for May-August period reached £59. Miss Ruth Connelly is greatly missed, especially by North Fremantle Bible school, of which she is superintendent, illness necessitating her entrance to St. Helen's Hospital. Joseph Way Hin, a Chinese brother, and for many years a highly respected resident of Fremantle, recently passed away at 72 years of age. He was baptised by S. G. Taylor over 25 years ago. He had been associated with Christian work among Chinese people in both Fremantle and Perth.

## Queenland

**Ma Ma Creek.**—Young people presented a missionary programme at gospel service on Sept. 29. Money from boxes and offering constituted a record. Women's Mission Band is preparing articles for overseas missions. Gospel services are being conducted fortnightly at Grantham.

**Albion.**—During preacher's absence at Federal Conference, Messrs. Williams, Voss, Laney and H. G. Payne took services. R. M. Wilson addressed church on Sept. 15 and F. E. Alcorn on 22nd. At Mission Band meeting on Sept. 12, Miss Cunningham gave an address on work of Sudan Mission. Debt on church manse has been cleared. Forty members have responded to first call of League of 500 on behalf of Goodwood.

**Bundaberg.**—Services on Sept. 15 and 22 were well attended; 183 gathered for worship, and many visitors were present. Mr. Dallinger gave a short address at an open-air service in connection with "come to church" campaign. Mrs. Dallinger conducted a lantern lecture on 22nd in S.S. hall, in aid of Children's Day. Church is appealing for food for Britain and different items for UNRRA. Soloist for evening of Sept. 15 was W. DeOberitz.

**Roma.**—On Sept. 5 Mr. Burgin, of Ipswich, officiated at wedding of Doreen Brumpton and Cyril Coomber. Owing to generosity of church at Ipswich, Mr. Burgin was released for a week and conducted services on Sept. 8, giving helpful addresses. Service at night was broadcast. Mr. Miller took charge of gospel service on Sept. 22. On 29th Mr. Shakespeare, of B. & F. Bible Society, spoke in morning, and night service was conducted entirely by members of C.E., John Ellerby, of Brisbane, giving a fine address. The church is glad to have fellowship with Mrs. Richardson and family, who have come to reside in Roma. Bible school is conducting a rally, and both sides are enthusiastic.

**Gympie District.**—Monkland C.E. held a successful social evening on Sept. 18, in aid of ceiling fund. Monkland school is leading in contest with Gympie. Mrs. Baldry, a baptised believer, was recently welcomed at Monkland, and C. O'Hanlon, recently baptised at Gympie, was welcomed there. On Sept. 29 there was a baptismal service at Gympie, at close of which another young man confessed Christ. Rossmount C.E. conducted a church service on Sept. 29, the whole service being led by Endeavorers, addresses being given by Miss M. Sorenson and A. Buchanan. On Sept. 22 Mr. Fisher's resignation was placed before the church and received, to take effect at end of year, when six years' happy ministry will be completed. Mr. Fisher intends returning to south, and will be leaving Gympie about Dec. 16. Church was grieved at sudden death of P. Kehl on Sept. 16. A few months ago he was baptised and welcomed into church, and since then has continued faithfully, attending whenever health permitted. On Sept. 15 he was present at both services and seemed in normal health, but following day he fell asleep. A

large gathering assembled at the grave as a token of esteem. Church expresses sympathy to the sorrowing family.

## South Australia

**Prospect.**—Bible school anniversary services were continued on Sept. 29. In morning C. Schwab addressed church. In afternoon Mr. Burrow gave an interesting talk to children, and kindergarten received prizes. At night R. Vincent gave a helpful address. Special singing was rendered by scholars. Good work has been recorded in all departments through year.

**Kilburn.**—45 attended morning Bible school on Sept. 29. 11 a.m. service was conducted by members from Unley church. T. James presided, and E. Liddicoat and A. Brook read scripture lessons. 35 were present, and A. E. Brown's address was appreciated. Much sickness is evident in district. A. E. Brown had a week's severe illness, and Mrs. A. E. Brown and children have also been sick.

**Cowandilla.**—With deep regret the death of Frank Rushworth is reported. Until he joined the Air Force he had been a faithful member of local church. He died on Sept. 25, and was buried on Friday, Sept. 27. Sympathy is extended to all loved ones. Mr. Wilson is maintaining a good work at evening services. Sunday school has a new teacher in Walter Arnold. Youth auxiliaries are in good heart and working well.

**Dulwich.**—Meetings continue on up-grade. During Centenary and State conferences fellowship was enjoyed with visitors from N.S.W., W.A. and Victoria. Mr. Williams, of Victoria, addressed church in morning and Albany Bell, of W.A., preached at night. Both addresses were enjoyed. On recent Sunday evenings two boys from Bible school have decided for Christ, and they have been received into the church. H. Cave has accepted a further term of service with church. Community after-service gathering for singing is a popular feature, especially with young people.

**Cottonville.**—On Sept. 21 Mr. Brooke was at Balaklava, and on evening of Sept. 28 at Glenelg. In his absence speakers were Messrs. Nicholls, Anderson and D. H. Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Butler are preparing to return to China. Intermediate C.E. visited Westbourne Park Methodist society on morning of Sept. 28. Mesdames Nicholls and Russell have been speakers at recent meetings of Ladies' Auxiliary. Nine rugs have been sent to India, and clothing to UNRRA, by the ladies. Attendances at all services have been maintained, while offerings continue upward trend, average weekly offering for September exceeding £10. Basketball club completed season; tennis club season has commenced.

**Long Plains-Avon-Owen.**—Appreciated Centenary Conference notes were given by N. G. Noble, circuit evangelist, at Long Plains and Owen. Lectures in circuit of Mr. Derbyshire (B. and F. Bible Society) were instructive. Dr. Trevor Turner, conference president, addressed Owen anniversary services on Sept. 22. Special business meeting of Owen church on Sept. 29 appointed Harold Freebain superintendent of Bible school, Lance Marshman vice-superintendent, and Valma Harkness secretary. Owing to uncertain health, Lance Marshman, who served as superintendent long and well, has sought temporary relief. Long Plains Ladies' Guild was held on Sept. 24, Mrs. Noble, president, in chair. Mrs. Mervyn Jenkin capably led the helpful programme which included sisters' conference reports from Mrs. M. Daniel, Mrs. R. Jenkin and Mrs. D. J. Daniel. Additional parcels for UNRRA have been received. Avon adult and school attendances are very good. A happy Youth Club hike, and pastiesupper, following business, was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carslake on Sept. 27; leader, Norman Clarke. Long Plains young people have given an enjoyed cottage programme at



home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Parker. Murray Daniel exhorted acceptably on Sept. 29, while circuit preacher was at Owen for day.

**Moorook.**—Mr. Marshall was detained at Berri on Sept. 29 because of a burial service of a local member, Mrs. Wilson. A. Chappell was preacher at gospel service. His address was appreciated.

**Glenelg.**—A number extended hospitality to interstate visitors to Federal conference, and many acquaintances were renewed. Visitors to church services were numerous. R. Enniss, from Melbourne, and E. L. Williams have been visiting speakers. On Sept. 22 a number of young men and women attended a united after Sunday school youth rally at Congregational church. A fine talk was given by Mr. Vogt, of Methodist Young People's Department. Football club held a wind-up banquet, when a social evening was enjoyed and trophies were presented. Sunday school anniversary services on Sept. 29 taxed seating capacity of building. Excerpts were rendered from "David the Shepherd Boy," with several soloists taking part. Speaker at each service was J. E. Brooke.

## New South Wales

**Earlwood.**—Anniversary services commenced on Sept. 21 with a tea. Afterwards an open-air service was conducted by Woolwich evangelistic party, followed by an inspirational rally in chapel. E. C. Hinrichsen presided, and H. J. Patterson and Mr. Flint gave inspiring addresses. Mr. Lawrence sang a beautiful solo. On Sept. 22 special services were held. Mr. Corlett, of Belmore, spoke in morning and Mr. MacLean preached to a packed chapel at night. C.E.'s sang choruses. Officers were re-elected with addition of L. W. Smith at annual business meeting. £117 was raised for building fund.

**South Auburn.**—On Sept. 7, senior C.E. won shield for second year in succession. At C.E. annual sports for Parramatta district, South Auburn church boys' soccer club came fourth in finals for season. Church held 38th anniversary services on Sept. 14. 134 sat to tea, which was followed by open-air meeting, then community chorus singing. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Ladbroke, of Hurstville, gave a fine address. Meeting was presided over by conference vice-president, Mr. Morris. On Sept. 15, services were continued. Mr. Ackland gave morning address; R. T. Hickin gave an object lesson to school at 3 p.m., and Mr. Davis spoke at 7 p.m. Choir music and solos added harmony to happy services. On Sept. 22 W. Younghusband gave morning address, Mr. Davis preached at night. On Sept. 28, Dorcas sisters held fete in church grounds, when £51 was received for building debt liquidation fund. On Sept. 29 R. T. Hickin spoke in morning. Young people's club anniversary was observed at night. Stan Holyoak gave the address. Young people formed choir.

## Victoria

**Middle Park.**—Mr. Randall exhorted church on Sept. 29. A united gospel meeting was held at Baptist church, when Mr. Fisher delivered an earnest address. At morning meeting on Oct. 6, Mr. Fisher spoke on behalf of the college. Sympathy of church was expressed to A. Duncan in the loss of his wife.

**Berwick.**—During absence of Mr. Smith at conference in Adelaide, addresses by Mr. McDowell and Mr. Aurisch were appreciated. At morning service on Sept. 15, Mr. Smith gave a brief outline of conference. Mr. Smith continues to deliver uplifting addresses to members, who rejoice at his acceptance to continue with church for another term. Bible school anniversary practice has commenced under leadership of S. Hillbrick. E. W. Heard, of the college, gave interesting addresses to church on Sept. 22. Sickness keeps several members away. Chapel has been painted recently. Tennis club has been re-formed.

**Emerald.**—On Sept. 29 F. Elliott and party, from East Kew church, took Bible school and all church services, their visit proving an inspiration. Local members combined in lunch and tea at chapel. A proposal has been made to amalgamate with East Emerald church. Finances are flourishing. Balance sheet for annual meeting shows £505/4/8 cash balance. Church membership now is 17.

**West Preston.**—Excellent attendances with splendid meetings have been enjoyed. One young lady has been received by faith and baptism. Morning speakers have been Mr. Buckingham on social service activities; Mr. Gather and Mr. Alcorn on College of Bible interests. Mr. Withers has been the speaker at gospel services. Y.P.S.C.E. sponsored a recital by Mr. Stevens on Oct. 30. This was a popular and well-attended meeting.

**Hampton.**—S.S. anniversary has been celebrated with excellent attendances. On Sept. 29 speakers were C. L. Lang in morning, W. S. Lowe in afternoon and A. B. McDiarmid at night. The scholars under H. Maunders, and assisted by instrumentalists, sang well. On Oct. 6, speakers were L. A. Trezise in afternoon and C. L. Lang at night. Scholars again sang. Men's society held an interesting debate, at its meeting on Oct. 5, on influence of modern films on youth.

**Shepparton.**—On Sept. 28 J.C.E. combined with Baptist and Methodist societies in a rally held at Mooroopna. A hike was enjoyed by juniors. Miss Grimes was speaker at meeting which followed. On Sept. 28 Doris Newman was married to Eric Baker, D. H. Butler officiating. A. Ross addressed church on morning of Sept. 29; D. H. Butler spoke in evening. C.E. Society went to Kyabram on Sept. 30 for youth rally. Twelve members attended from Shepparton society.

**North Williamstown.**—Morning services have been helped by soloists and a male quartette. Sunday school anniversary services were well attended. Singing of children was under leadership of Arthur Haskell. Messrs. Crisp and J. Burns were speakers. A monthly "get together" in homes of members has been held by young people to aid Sunday school funds. Youth Fellowship has purchased a duplicating machine on which a monthly paper is being printed. A church library has also been begun. Mrs. Griffiths, sen., has had a stroke, but is gradually improving in health.

**Bendigo.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 29 and continued on Oct. 6. B. J. Combridge, conference president, and a former preacher of Bendigo church, spoke at all services on Sept. 29, giving special addresses to children afternoon and evening which were greatly appreciated. Special feature was singing by children, assisted by orchestra, under leadership of Cpl. T. Legg. On Oct. 2 anniversary was continued with tea and concert. An enjoyable programme was presented by kindergarten and S.S. scholars. Church extends congratulations to the preacher, G. Mathieson, on being elected president of State C.E. Union. Stan Gillam has returned home from hospital after six months' illness. Mrs. Costin has been discharged from hospital and is progressing favorably.

**Preston.**—F. N. Lee visited a meeting of men on Sept. 16, following on which a Church Men's Society was formed. Cricket Club has been re-formed. The marriage of Miss N. Lang to Mr. G. Sykes, was celebrated on Sept. 28, officiating minister being H. Swain (who married the bride's parents). A lad who was baptised on Sept. 22 was welcomed into church on following Sunday, on which day speakers were F. Combridge (East Kew) morning and W. Gray (Coburg) at night. Russell Clinton (East Preston) gave an appreciated address at prayer service on Oct. 3. A concert arranged by P.B.P. Club was held on Oct. 5, when a splendid programme was rendered to a good audience. F. Combridge was speaker at both services on Oct. 6, morning attendance being largest for some time.

**North Essendon.**—A thanksgiving tea was held on Oct. 5, when 74 adults sat to a splendid meal prepared by ladies of church. L. A. Trezise presided, and during meal thanksgiving offering was received. Treasurer announced an offering of £102, all of which was given at tea tables. A Junior C.E. has commenced and is growing in strength under care of Miss Hazel Skuce. L. A. Trezise was speaker on morning of Oct. 6. E. W. Roffey (South Yarra) preached at night.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Women's Mission Band held bright monthly meeting on Oct. 2. Mrs. E. L. Williams was speaker, and Mrs. C. G. Taylor soloist. Newly-formed Christian Men's Society held first general meeting on Oct. 5, when F. N. Lee addressed a good number of men. Among many visitors on Oct. 6 was Mrs. McKenzie, from England. C. G. Taylor was speaker at 11 and 3. R. Enniss preached at night. M. Howlett is back after long convalescence following operation. College offering was £23.

**Balwyn.**—Bible school anniversary services on Sept. 22 and 29 were well attended. Helpful and interesting talks were given by Messrs. Edgar, L. Brooker, A. E. Hurren and D. Wilson. Children sang well. All officers of school have been re-elected. Work amongst young people is encouraging; 193 scholars and teachers enrolled. A number of visitors attended services during last month, including some from Tasmania: Mr. and Mrs. Singleton (Queens-town), Mr. and Mrs. F. Ashlin (Geveeston), Miss H. Orr (Sandhill, Launceston). At annual business meeting of church, secretary reported church membership now 306; some 58 additions during year, and losses 12. Mac-naughtan and Saunders mission was a time of inspiration and instruction; 29 were added to church as outcome of effort. Mesdames Evans, sen., Barrow, Knight, Oliver, Race, J. Smith and N. J. Warmbrunn were appointed deaconesses. Church elected as its three elders J. E. Austin, N. J. Warmbrunn and L. P. Warmbrunn, who was also re-elected secretary. Messrs. Hogg, Patterson, Parsons, Soulsby, Stafford, Quirk, Sturgess, Tozer and Finlayson (treasurer). All reports by auxiliaries showed keen interest and good work accomplished. Action of church officers in purchase of a preacher's residence handy to chapel was endorsed. Sisters' assistance was acknowledged and appreciated. Mr. Hurren made some 700 visits during year. His consistency and spiritual help were features of his loyal service to church.

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## COMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 16 (Wednesday).**—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All sisters interested in this work are invited to attend.

## C.F.A.

Members of Christian Fellowship Association are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the association will take place in the Lygon-st. school hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1946. All members invited.

## MINISTERS' WIVES' ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the above will be held in the Swanston-st. lecture hall on Friday, Oct. 18, at 2.30 p.m.—J. Stewart, hon. sec.

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3 p.m., Mr. Syd Burman. Kindergarten prize-giving.

7 p.m., Mr. Mac Sandlands.

Oct. 20.—11 a.m., Mr. Charles Cole.

7 p.m., Mr. Charles Cole. Prize-giving night for senior grade.

Friday, Oct. 18.—8 p.m., a Series of Sacred Pictures will be presented by scholars and staff.

## MORELAND S.S. ANNIVERSARY.

October 13.—11 a.m., D. D. Munro; 3 p.m., R. Boiduan; 7 p.m., E. J. Miles.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.

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Oct. 13.—3 p.m., W. G. Graham.

7 p.m., E. D. Gill, B.A., B.D., Baptist Youth Director.

Oct. 20.—3 p.m., Ross A. Lloyd.

7 p.m., K. J. Patterson.

Oct. 25.—5.30 p.m., Scholars' Tea.

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Tuesday, Oct. 22—8 p.m., Auxiliary Service. Mr. A. Blake. Young People's Choir.

Thursday, Oct. 24—6.15 p.m., Home-coming Tea. 8 p.m., Home-coming Service. Mr. C. J. Robinson.

Sunday, Oct. 27—11 a.m., K.S.P. Club assisting at communion service.

7 p.m., Young People's Choir. Speaker at both services, Mr. B. J. Combridge.

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Oct. 27.—3 p.m., Mr. B. F. Huntsman.

7 p.m., Mr. E. Randall.

Annual Concert, Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20.

11 a.m., Mr. A. B. Withers.

5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., Mr. J. E. Searle.

Past members and friends will be cordially welcomed.

## BRUNSWICK CHURCH,

64TH ANNIVERSARY,

OCTOBER 27.

11 a.m., Mr. S. Russell Baker.

3 p.m., Mr. F. T. Saunders. Subject, "The Future of the Church."

North Suburban Conference Choir.

7 p.m., Hariba Waghmodi, B.A.

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3 p.m., Mr. J. Turner.

7 p.m., Mr. J. I. Mudford.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

11 a.m., Mr. W. A. Wigney.

3 p.m., Special Kindergarten Service.

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A HYMN FOR OCTOBER—No. 192, OCT. 20

ONCE and again we have mentioned William Cowper and John Newton and their association in the work of Newton's church at Olney in Buckinghamshire; to-day's note brings us to an unusual group of three hymns arising out of that ministry. A stage (perhaps unparalleled to-day!) was reached in the Olney work—the weekly prayer meeting became too large for the room then occupied. Newton made arrangements for the use of portion of a mansion belonging to the Earl of Dartmouth and writes in a letter: "We are going to remove our prayer-meeting to the Great Room in the 'Great House.' It is a noble place and holds 130 people comfortably. Pray for us that as he has now given us a Rehoboth and made room for us, he may be pleased to add to our numbers and make us fruitful."

Such an occasion surely warranted some departure from the usual practice of either Newton or Cowper writing a hymn for the Tuesday meeting, so both wrote—and wrote so worthily that both hymns survive, Cowper's as our No. 203 ("Jesus, where'er thy people meet") and four verses of Newton's original seven as our No. 198 ("Great Shepherd of thy people, hear"). One remarkable thing about these hymns is that, although initially prepared for a special occasion, they are so skillfully worded that they remain appropriate for occasions of worship nearly two centuries later. Indeed, no reader without prompting would notice that there were references to a special occasion.

It is not clear why Newton's hymn was revised and rearranged to form our No. 192 ("Again our earthly cares we leave") and then published by Thomas Cotterill 41 years after its original use on that memorable Tuesday, April 17, 1769. At this date and without reference to any copy of Cotterill's selections, it is also difficult to see why they should give such offence that, following publication of a later collection in 1819, some parishioners laid charges before the Archbishop of York, petitioning also "for the health of Thomas Cotterill's soul and the lawful reformation of his manners and excesses." It does say something, however, for both the dignity and the discretion of Cotterill that he withdrew the edition, submitted the following one for any revisions regarded as necessary by the Archbishop (who would normally have been trying the charges against him), and finally dedicated the edition "to the Most Reverend Edward, Lord Archbishop of York"—F.J.F.

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## Obituary

### Mrs. P. Lennox

THE Coburg church, Vic., has suffered a severe loss with the passing to higher service of Mrs. P. Lennox on Sept. 19, at the age of 69 years. As a girl, then Ida Wilhelmina Goetz, she was baptised at Berwick. She married Mr. Lennox 38 years ago. With the commencement of the Coburg church in 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Lennox were among the group of foundation members who transferred from the "mother" church, Moreland. All through the history of the church here they have both taken a major share of the responsibility. Of a particularly bright and cheerful disposition, our sister was a keen worker, gracious, kindly, sympathetic, practical, definite, loyal. Not only was she efficient herself, but with an enthusiasm that was catching, she inspired and encouraged others in every Christian work. During recent years her special avenue of service, apart from the Sunday meetings, has been the Women's Guild and Mission Band—until six months ago when sickness prevented her from taking an active part. The funeral service was conducted by the writer with the assistance of H. Swain in the home and of A. B. Withers at Fawkner cemetery. The Christian sympathy of the church is extended to the husband, and to the daughter, Mrs. P. Kemp.—A. R. Lloyd.

### William James Neil

ON Monday, Sept. 2, William James Neil passed from this life at the age of 77. He had been in membership with the church at Cheltenham, Vic., since Sept. 23, 1926, when he and Mrs. Neil were baptised by D. Wakeley. Mr. Neil served the church on the diaconate for about 15 years, and always adorned the gospel of Christ with a meek and quiet spirit. He was faithful in his support of the church in all its work. Had he lived another two years he and Mrs. Neil would have celebrated their golden wedding. To Mrs. Neil and her daughter we convey deep sympathy and commend them to God, the Father of all mercies.—V.C.S.

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In view of Australia's geographical position which inevitably commits her as a Pacific power, plus her proximity to the Asian mainland with its billion and a half inhabitants who are rapidly increasing in all the phases of what we claim for ourselves as self-respecting nationhood, this conference urges upon the Government to foster in every way possible in its policy of foreign relations a spirit of concord, goodwill and neighborliness. It respectfully suggests that if better understanding and peaceful relations are to be attained and maintained, the Government and people of Australia will have to erase the deeply embedded attitude of race prejudice that unfortunately lurks behind the Alien Immigration Act which has come to be popularly known as the White Australia Policy.

## THE MORALITY OF THE NATION

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.

## WORLD FOOD SHORTAGE

That this conference requests the Federal Government to ensure that Australia makes a maximum contribution towards relieving the world food shortage. Further, it urges a survey of the question of drastic cuts in foodstuffs which are being used in the production of luxuries and alcoholic liquor, and the possibility of lower consumption per head in Australia of foodstuffs more urgently needed elsewhere.

## LIQUOR

That this conference of churches of Christ of the Commonwealth of Australia records its conviction that the liquor traffic constitutes a serious menace to the life and well-being of the people and the nation, is uneconomic and non-moral, and is responsible for poverty, corruption, accidents, and crime, and should not be tolerated under any pretext.

Conference is of the opinion that the traffic played no small part in sabotaging the war effort, and was given by the Government an unwarranted priority which was inimical to the welfare of the fighting forces and the nation.

Conference urges all State Governments to grant local option to the people on a democratic basis, believing, not only that it is the right of the people, but also that it is the only just method of settling the issue, "Liquor or no liquor."

## TESTING ROCKET BOMBS

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